



Stone Celts Newsletter

October 2021 – November 2021

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DIRECTOR'S RAMBLINGS

The summer is winding down and the fall is great season for riding especially when the colors start to change. So continue riding and logging the miles for Ride 365. There are still a few rides on the calendar. The SCRC is looking for ideas and members for next year. The committee needs someone to step up and lead. This is a chapter committee and is always easy to point out thing or ask for things to be different so now is the time to step up and help out with leading the committee.

We still have no venue for the hayride so looks like that will be an event of the past. The planning for the Christmas party is in full swing, the DJ is lined up. Be sure to get your tickets at the next meeting or go by the dealer.

As the year rounds down, my time as the director is coming to an end. Being involved in a lot of functions and for 12 years, the last two years seems to have gone pretty quick. If you're interested in helping the chapter and doing some of the work then contact Connie and let her know.

Get out and ride log the miles and have fun.

Ron Wiley, Director
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OUR WEBSITE

Visit our chapter website
www.stoneceltshog.com
for calendar of events, event sign-up, ride plans, newsletters and much more.

EVENT SIGN-UP

For planning purposes, please ensure you go to the website and sign up for the rides/events...one name per line.

FACEBOOK

The chapter FB page is to be used only for the promotion of our chapter, dealership and other motorcycle related information, events and rides. Please do not post items for sale or anything unrelated to motorcycling. Members are encouraged to post or inquire about rides and motorcycling events.

DINNER RIDES

Dinner Rides held monthly on the Saturday following the Chapter Meeting. Kick stands up from the dealer at 5 pm. 50/50 tickets for sale at the dealership and will be drawn at the restaurant. Please bring exact change.



UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS



Due to COVID-19, upcoming events are TBD; keep an eye out for updates via Facebook and email.



October

- Oct 16 – ~~New Member Orientation/Lunch Ride~~
- Oct 16 – ~~Chapter Hayride Dinner Ride (Bretz Wildlife)~~
- Oct 20 – Chapter Meeting
- Oct 21 – SCRC 2022 Initial Planning Meeting
Committee Members Wanted!
- Oct 23 – Fall Colors Ride
- Oct 31 – Halloween



November

- Nov 7 – DST Ride
- Nov 17 – Chapter Meeting
- Nov 20 – Dinner Ride
- Nov 22 – Newsletter Inputs Due
- Nov 25 - Thanksgiving



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Donetta Calderon

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Don Petrillo

Theresa Petrillo

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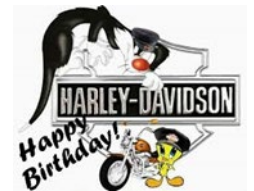
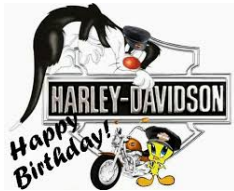
MEMBERSHIP



Welcome to Our New Members



Christopher Bub
Kevin Carpenter
Jordon Cobb
Sarah Cobb
Joseph Dluhy
Stephen Geiser
Jonathan McCree
Matthew Paul
Tristan Ramirez
Kevin Riffey



October

John Mikes – Oct 4
Don Petrillo – Oct 4
Andrew Colon – Oct 7
Dave Meehan – Oct 8
Thomas Bencin – Oct 12
Theresa Petrillo – Oct 12
Jackie Walker – Oct 14
Bill Kurtz – Oct 22
Bonnie Holas – Oct 25
Bill Beckemeyer – Oct 31

November

Matt Prescott – Nov 8
Jerry Gегelman – Nov 9
Marty Eckhard – Nov 12
Guyla Mawson – Nov 17
Christy Burrus – Nov 26

**If your birthday is missed, please get with the Membership Officer (Mike Holas/Shelly Wiley) to update spreadsheet.*



SAFETY



Question

September 15, 2021

Submitted by Mike Fair

Chapter Safety Officer

Question:

When riding where sand and gravel have collected on a paved road, you should:

Answers

- A. Downshift and use more throttle.
- B. Pull in the clutch.
- C. Use only the rear brake to slow down.
- D. Avoid sudden changes in speed or direction.

Answer:

D. Avoid sudden changes in speed or direction.

Explanation:

On slippery surfaces, including areas where sand and gravel collect, you should avoid making sudden changes in speed or direction. Use extra caution when riding on surfaces that provide little traction.



HISTORIAN



STURGIS

August 18, 2021

By Bill Beckemeyer

Chapter Historian

It has been known as the Black Hills Classic, the Jackpine Gypsies Rally and Races, the Black Hills Rally, and several other official or unofficial names. There's one word that sums it all up: **Sturgis**. It has become "The Mecca" of motorcycle rallies. The entire area surrounding the small town, of less than 7,000 people, is pumped up for the annual celebration. The event is very well organized, as Sturgis has been rally central for many years.

This all got started in 1936, when Clarence "Pappy" Hoel started a motorcycle club, the Jack Pine Gypsies. Two years later Pappy invited some friends and motorcycle racers to come to the area for races and other activities. The event got bigger and bigger each year, and it's now a must do destination for all bikers.

The rally was originally a 2-day event and then 7 days for years. In '87 it was changed again to what it is now — 10 days. The official 10-day celebration is somewhat of a misnomer, as bikes start trickling in several days before the start, and some stick around for a few days afterwards. The first time that I attended in the year 2000, there was a then record attendance of 633,000. That figure was surpassed in 2015 when 739,000 bikers took part.

The world-famous rally keeps right on rollin'. It's not just a tradition anymore; it's an institution. If you've had the experience of going to Sturgis, I don't have to tell you what it's like. If you've never been there, you need to go at least once. It's a part of your life that you'll never forget. **I haven't.**



Devil's Staircase

September 15, 2021

By Bill Beckemeyer

Chapter Historian

Columbus Day weekend, 2016, Kathy and I went to the Devil's Staircase, an AMA Pro Hillclimb near Oregonia, OH. It was the 67th annual running up the 400-foot monster. The hill has huge stairs or jumps that provide a challenge to the riders, and also slow the bikes down — somewhat.

We arrived about two hours before start time and made our way to the pit area. I wanted to see the hillclimb machines up close. I follow pro hillclimbing pretty close on-line, so I already knew who the go-fast guys were. I talked to several of the riders, and one rider, in particular, was very talkative — Phil Libhart, who was the 2015 national champion in the Xtreme class. We talked about how hillclimbing is different now than it was in the '70s, but then again still the same. I think Phil really enjoyed hearing me talk about the old days.

Kathy and I had started to leave the pit area before it was shut it down to spectators, when Phil said, "Let me get you guys some armbands so you can stay in here if you want." He got the armbands from the AMA official's trailer and had us sign a waiver required by the AMA. We both felt honored to be in the pit area with the pro riders as the event was getting ready to start. That really made our day.

A few words about the machines: The bikes in the top classes develop about 300 plus HP on 100% nitromethane. They weigh around 300 lbs. or less, have a chain-wrapped rear wheel, and are almost 10 ft. long. So, when you let the clutch fly on one of those fire-breathin' rockets, you'd better hang on and be ready for a huge adrenaline rush.

Sunday's annual event was kicked off by American Idol finalist, Alexis Gomez. The Dayton, OH native sang a resounding rendition of our National Anthem over the booming speakers. At the same time a sky diver with a huge attached American Flag drifted down to the starting line as the song ended. That was a goose bump moment...

At 1:00 PM the bikes were pushed into the staging area and fired up with hand-held electric starters. The motor's crisp, cackling sound, and the smell of burning nitro alerted everyone that it was "show time". The afternoon was filled with spills, flips, wipe-outs, and blistering fast runs. Thankfully, there didn't appear to be any serious injuries that day. In 2011 and '14 bad crashes at the top of the "Staircase" marred the events as both mishaps resulted in fatalities.

Before podium presentations were made, an exhibition run was done on a 1970s Harley hillclimber. The frame was stretched out and it sounded really good. He didn't go that fast, but he made it over the top to the loud cheers of the predominately Harley-Davidson crowd.

The famed "Party on the Hill" was a blast, and the spectator crowd was enormous. Two bike shows, a custom and a vintage one, were going on all day long right inside the entrance gate. Motorcycle vendors were on hand selling just about anything motorcycle related. Food and drink stands were flourishing as Miller Brewing was dispensing beer in one-gallon milk jugs.

Devil's Staircase Revisted (con't)

Almost everyone hung around 'till the end for a chance to win the door prize: a new Indian Chief Dark Horse motorcycle. They called out a name, and said, "You have 5 minutes to claim the prize." No one showed, so they drew another name. That time there was a winner.

Now, getting out of there was another story. The huge parking areas, one for motorcycles and one for cars and trucks, were jam-packed. State and local law enforcement were on hand all day long, and they helped empty the two lots. Even after we exited the parking area it was still slow going, as there were people lining both sides of the road all the way into Oregonia. The tiny town was only a few miles away, and it was completely overrun with motorcycles.

All in all, it was a very special day — one that I'll never forget!





ACTIVITIES



Share Your Riding Stories!

Oct-Nov 2021

By Carol Kueker

Chapter Assistant Activities Officer

Our last hidden newsletter challenge of the year is to write an article for the newsletter! We love hearing about your riding experiences and all of your journeys, and we don't see enough of them. Maybe your article is about a particular route that others may be interested in. Maybe it's about how many miles you rode, the people you met on your rides, a particular critter that crossed your path, your stops along the way....the possibilities are endless! We want your stories!

To get SCRC points for reading the newsletter, write in your book "tell my story" so that we know you read this month's newsletter. To get the additional points, write a newsletter article (or several) and submit it (them) to the editor no later than November 17th. Your article(s) will be published in one of the upcoming 2022 newsletters.

You will receive points for each article that you submit.



Webmaster



Chapter Website Signup and Assistance

September 15, 2021

By Rob Buecker

Chapter Webmaster

As the riding year is starting to wind down and I currently seem to have some spare time on my hands, I've decided to get a jump on next year by resetting some of the signups.

Creating new signup sheets can be quite time consuming and very tedious. Getting ahead of this now will help when it comes to setting up next year's calendar and website signup pages. If anyone is interesting in assisting with these tasks or have suggestions on how to streamline the process, please let me know.

With that said the following signups have been reset for the 2022 riding year (though not on 2022 calendar/signup pages yet):

- New Year's Day Ride
- January Dinner Ride
- February Dinner Ride
- Spring DST Ride
- March Dinner Ride
- April Dinner Ride
- Blessing of the Bikes
- May Dinner Ride
- June Dinner Ride
- Chapter Picnic
- July Dinner Ride
- August Dinner Ride

I have also recently updated the website header photo as the last one had been up there for quite some time. I do not claim to have any graphic design skills and generally think I fake it until I make it when it comes to graphics. If anyone has ideas or skills that they would like to volunteer for creating website graphics please let me know.

Lastly for this newsletter, over the last couple of years that I have been in the webmaster role I have been trying to do some house cleaning and documentation of how the US7449198 website is setup and functions. I've fixed some bugs, removed some broken features, and trying to generally organize content. So, if you happen to notice that something has been moved, removed, changed, etc. and would like to see it returned please let me know. Warning: I may start asking others to assist...



MEMBER'S ARTICLES



Sorry, no submissions this round.



SECRETARY



Stone Celts Chapter Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2021

Donetta Calderon

Chapter Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Ron Wiley, Director.

- The meeting opened with a demonstration of what a trucker sees.
- Hart Bauer McBride did a presentation.

Membership:

- 138 members; 2 new tonight.

Safety:

- Mike Fair report that tonight was the deadline for the Advanced Riders Course.

Assistant Director:

- 38 signed up for Ride 365 with 200,008 miles logged to date; 4th in overall miles.

Webmaster:

- It's still running!

Activities:

- 17/18 Sep Tractor Pull in Nashville IL. Fundraiser with money going to Toys for Tots and Elks Children Hospital

Road Captains:

- Dinner Ride – KSU at 1pm
- Elks Ride – 11 Sep
- Hog Fest 9 Oct with a \$10 fee

SCRC:

- 32 Rockers to date
- 59 Books sold
- T-shirts for sale
- Christmas Tickets will be going on sale soon

Editor:

- 20 Sep articles due

Treasurer:

- No report

Secretary: No Report

Historian: Sturgis – “The Mecca” of motorcycles rallies

Photographer: Keep the pictures coming!

Dealer: No report

The Wiley’s took the sweep with Ron earning the Dusty and U-Turn and Shelly earning the Pokey.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Stone Celts Chapter Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2021

Donetta Calderon

Chapter Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Ron Wiley, Director.

- Cruise Inn Throttle down had a good turn out and everyone had a good time
- Ron asked “Where Did You Ride?”
- Elks was presented with a check for the Elks Children’s Care Corporation
- Ron reported that he will end his tenure as Director at the Christmas Party. There are openings in membership, treasurer, and SCRC

Membership: No report

Safety:

- Two openings for the Advanced Riders Course
- Beware of leaves and animals

Assistant Director:

- 7th place for Ride 365. Remember to turn in your mileage
- New Member Orientation for Oct will be cancelled since no one is registered
- Survey distributed
- Participation tokens will be collected at the January meeting
- Julia is working on next year’s quilt

Webmaster: No Report

Activities:

- 16 Oct dealer event confirmed – Chili event
- Volunteers needed for the Tractor Pulls

Road Captains:

- Steve Payne will be stepping down and Eric Molos will be filling his spot
- October and November rides reviewed

SCRC:

- 2 Rockers awarded
- Flyers will be going out for the Christmas Party (12/4 5pm – 11pm); \$10 per person
- SCRC Meeting at Horseshoe in O’Fallon on 10/25
- 4 positions open in SCRC for upcoming year

Editor: 20 September articles due

Treasurer: No report

Secretary: No Report

Historian: Devils' Staircase

Photographer: Keep the pictures coming!

Dealer: No report

Uturn - Ron Wiley

Dusty - Ron Wiley

Pokey - John Hightower

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.