



# GMR H.O.G. Newsletter

## DIRECTOR'S RAMBLINGS

I hope everyone is getting the 2022 riding season off to a great start! We have sold quite a few riders challenge books and many have already earned their 2022 rockers. Way to go!

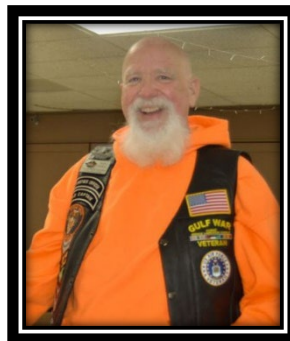
The contest to design our new chapter logo is almost over. The entry deadline has now passed and I am happy to say I have received several very good submissions. Come to the May meeting, see the proposed logo's, and then cast your vote for the winner!

The weather continues to get better and though we have had several good rides already, there are many more on the horizon! I hope you are all getting out and getting your wind therapy. While you are out riding, don't forget to support our Riders Challenge sponsors. Thank them for being our sponsors and show them the love! I did receive notice, however, that one of our sponsors, The Cobblestone Eatery in Lebanon has made the difficult decision to close the kitchen permanently. The name has changed to the Cobblestone Drinkery. The bar and patio will remain open, but there will no longer be a food option.

Also, beginning April 22, H.O.G. Members have another way to be rewarded for riding with a limited-time promotion for the RIDE 365 Annual Mileage Recognition Program in 2022. Once the H.O.G. member has achieved the milestone of 2,500 miles ridden in 2022 (as confirmed with two in-dealership mileage readings), they will receive a \$50 promotion card to spend online at H-D.com or at any Harley-Davidson dealership. Upon achievement of a total of 10,000 miles or more in 2022, the H.O.G. member will receive an additional \$100 promotion card. H.O.G. members who reach the 2,500- or 10,000-mile level during 2022 in the RIDE 365 Annual Mileage program, including those who have already achieved either milestone, will automatically be mailed a letter announcing their achievement along with a code and online link to redeem their promotion card\*.

Till we meet again... Take care, have fun, and ride safe!

Steve Walker, Director  
Green Mount Road H.O.G.



## OUR WEBSITE

Visit our chapter website [www.stoneceltshog.com](http://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. NO DRAMA!

## 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

Keep an eye out for updates via Facebook and email.



### May

- May 1 – Kirkwood HOG Spring Ride
- May 7 – GMRRC Ride #1
- May 8 – Mother's Day
- May 14 – Arthur, IL Ride
- May 18 – Chapter Meeting
- May 21 – Swansea Cambridge House #1  
*(Trikes Needed)*
- May 21 – Dinner Ride



### June

- Jun 5 – GMRRC Ride #2
- Jun 8 – Humpday Hookie Ride
- Jun 11 – O'Fallon Cambridge House #2  
*(Trikes Needed)*
- Jun 12 – Chapter Picnic
- Jun 15 – Chapter Meeting
- Jun 18 – St. Charles HOG All Chapter Event
- Jun 19 – Father's Day
- Jun 20 – Newsletter Articles Due
- Jun 25 – Dinner Ride



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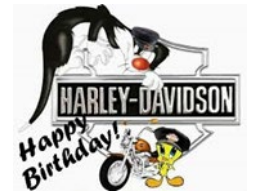
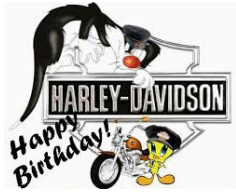
# MEMBERSHIP



## Welcome to Our New Members



Brandon Anderson  
 Christopher Arnold  
 Troy Basden  
 Alexander Castillo  
 Timothy Cope  
 Kurtis Graebe  
 William Haney  
 Randy Hardesty  
 Aaron Stevenson



### May

Barry Mueller – May 20  
 Greyson Hueter – May 23  
 Kerri Kickert – May 23  
 Pete Murphy – May 24

### June

Eric Molos – Jun 10  
 Jessica Rhodes – Jun 16  
 Ron Wiley – Jun 17  
 Mike Davenport – Jun 22  
 Scott Merrell – Jun 25  
 Darnell Jones – Jun 30

*\*If your birthday is missed, please get with the Membership Officer (Kim Ross) to update spreadsheet.*



# SAFETY



*No Safety Report Submitted*



## HISTORIAN



### **We are the Harley Owners Group**

March 16, 2022

Bill Beckemeyer

Chapter Historian

HOG was officially launched on January 1, 1983, and the Harley Owners Group boasted more than 30,000 members in the first year. Today, there are over 1,400 chapters world-wide and over one million members — ONE MILLION. Our local chapter was first created by Russ Frieze in 1985 under the name of Belleville HOG with the sponsoring dealer being Frieze Harley-Davidson in Belleville. In 2007 the chapter's name was changed to reflect the sponsoring dealer's new location. O'Fallon HOG seemed a little too generic, so chapter members submitted various possible chapter names. Marty Eckhard's submission of Stone Celts was chosen as the new name. Today our sponsoring dealer is Green Mount Road Harley-Davidson. Our GMR chapter is the oldest in the St. Louis metro area and one of the oldest in the entire state of Illinois.

If you ride a Harley, there are many good reasons for belonging to the Harley Owners Group. HOG offers many benefits to its members. Also, there are many intangible benefits and perks of being a member of the Harley Owners Group and the Green Mount Road chapter, such as comradery, friendship, and the sense of belonging.

This HOG chapter is like a family... This HOG chapter **IS FAMILY**.



Green Mount Road Chapter 4427 O'Fallon, IL

## Riding Two-Up

April 20, 2022

Bill Beckemeyer

Chapter Historian

Early motorcycles were made with little thought of passenger comfort. The bikes of 100 years ago might have had a metal rack over the rear fender at best. So, sitting on the metal rack or just on the bare rear fender would not be good, especially since those old machines had no rear suspension. Enter the passenger pillion pad, which was essentially a leather covered cushion no wider than the fender. The pillion was, and still is, very popular on custom bikes.

The 1950s and '60s big twins had seats with their own suspension of sorts. The 2-up seat would move up and down on a pogo stick type spring. Additional helper springs could be activated to accommodate a passenger. The big saddle's dished-out design would tend to keep the rider and passenger in very close proximity. In the 1950s, Harley introduced the Buddy Seat for use on the K and Sportster models. The tall seat mount was not rider friendly for shorter riders.

The modern big twin touring bikes now have passenger seats that are more akin to an easy chair or a recliner — it's all about comfort. Yeah, the "old school" bobbers and choppers are not at all comfortable for a passenger to ride on, but they are definitely cool — very cool.



1960s FLH Seat



Buddy Seat on a Sportster



Modern Day Passenger Seat



Pillion Pad on an Old School Bobber





## RIDE THE CHALLENGE



### **Popeye the Sailor**

May - June 2022

Matt Prescott

Chapter Member

Elzie Crisler Segar, creator of Popeye the Sailor, was born in Chester, IL on December 8, 1894. Elzie started out in the local Opera House showing a talent for illustrating. After taking a mail order cartooning course, he joined the Hearst Syndicate as an artist, later creating “Thimble Theater.” The strip eventually centered upon the adventures/misadventures of the Oyl family until Popeye debuted on Jan 17, 1929. Although Segar passed away in 1938 at the age of 43, the Popeye the Sailor cartoon continued with the assistance of Bud Sagendorf and Hy Eisman. Over the years, Popeye has also appeared in comic books, television cartoons, video games, advertisements, products ranging from spinach to candy cigarettes, and the 1980 live-action film starring Robin Williams.

In 1977, the city of Chester erected a bronze statue of Popeye at the Segar Memorial Park. Almost three decades later, the “Popeye & Friends Character Trail” was established and every year after, granite statues representing the wide cast of characters that populated Segar’s Thimble Theatre cartoon strip are added to the trail throughout Chester. The current trail map can be downloaded at [Popeye-Friends-brochure.docx \(live.com\)](#). In the Fall of 2020 QR codes were installed on all the statues so visitors can now access additional information on each character by using your smart phones. Each year we celebrate the annual Popeye Picnic on the weekend after Labor Day. You can also visit the museum and gift store at Spinach Can Collectibles in the middle of Chester, the only Popeye Shop and Museum in the world! To learn a bit more about Popeye visit the KFS website at <http://popeye.com/timeline/>. You can stay current with all the latest news regarding our Popeye and Friends Character Trail at <https://www.facebook.com/popeyeandfriends.charactertrail>.

Now, for the challenge...Download the current trail map and visit the characters of Popeye in Chester, IL. Make sure to take pictures!



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



### Chapter Member Spotlight – Eric Molos



Howdy all! I have been riding motorcycles almost all of my life. My first experience was around the age of 6 or 7. The neighbor let me ride a mini bike. It was a Honda 50 or one of those Briggs and Stratton mini bikes. Quick instruction and I was off. Flew across the driveway and halfway through the yard I crashed into a tree. Man was I hooked!

I got my first HD at 17. It was a light blue and white 1966 FLH and it had 2 chrome petcocks on each saddlebag to drain the water from the melting ice. It was a 2-wheel cooler! Over the years, I have owned or co-owned about 30 Harleys. Six or so were Sportys, a few Panheads, Shovelheads and I was even the proud owner of a 47 Knucklehead for a short time. Back in the day you could buy those for \$500 to \$800. LOL! Ninety percent of the time we made NO money flipping them but it was a hoot getting them up and running. My current fleet is a 2014 Ultra Ltd, 1984 Wide Glide Shovelhead and a 1965 Panhead.

One of my favorite memories is a trip out west with some of the boys. We could only do around 200 miles a day as one of the bike was a 53 or 54 Servicar with about a 45-50 mph top speed going downhill with the wind at your back. One of my favorite stories (that can be told here) is...I think it was outside Yuma, AZ where we pulled off the road and took a snooze. After a few hours I got up and realized this has to be the day we hit a truck stop for a shower as "whiffy" could not even describe it. I went over to Turtle (rightfully earned road name) to get wheels up, kicked him and quickly told him "brother do not move a freakin' inch". A small Western Diamondhead was coiled about a foot from his head. He said "what's up?" and I gave him the news. He had no problem with that rattler as he was from Texas. He just rolled away and jumped up. This old Missouri boy's blood was pumping!

I was in a MC for a bit back in the days. Fun times but not for me. I recently was with the Kirkwood chapter for a while and joined the Stone Celts when I moved here in 2010. I work part-time at JJ Speed shop in Granite City doing sales and working on the old stuff occasionally and full-time for Larson Financial Group in the Real Estate division as a Senior Building Engineer. Our company owns commercial real estate in about 30 or so states. I maintain 3 buildings in the Chesterfield area and the MasterCard building in O'Fallon, Mo. I am married to my lovely wife and your current Treasurer Chantal and together we have 5 boys. We recently traded them for in for 3 cats, Willow, Hadley and KITTYMAN! Enjoy the day!



## MEMBER'S ARTICLES



### **What to do with old motorcycle helmets?**

May 25, 2022

Carol Kueker

Chapter Assistant Director

There are a lot of things you can do with old motorcycle helmets. Make planters or art with them for example or hang them on your garage wall.

But one of the most important things you can do with those old motorcycle helmets is to donate them to emergency services. Why? Because first responders need to train to deal with motorcycle accidents and how to handle the helmets is one of the things they need to practice. If you're wanting to get rid of some of those old helmets sitting around, check with your local fire or police department and see if they can be used for training purposes.

With April being Motorcycle Helmet Safety Month, it is the right time to get rid of the old lids. If you haven't already, now is a good time to make sure your lid is in good shape. You should, at least once a year, check your helmet to make sure it is in good shape, as it is your primary safety tool. I just bought a new helmet.

What should you look at while checking your helmet? Here are 9 items you should look at when assessing your motorcycle helmet for use in another year:

- 1) Is the shell all in one piece? Are there cracks or splits?
- 2) Are the straps and connectors in good shape, no adverse wear or tear?
- 3) Is the internal padding connected and stays in place?
- 4) Remove the padding and check the foam. Is it dented or does it have cracks?
- 5) While looking at the foam, most companies place a sticker printed with the "birthday" of your helmet. Is it over 5 years old?
- 6) Does the rest of the internals look in good operating condition?
- 7) Check the visor for damage that might obscure your vision, can you see clearly?
- 8) Are the screws or other visor attachments tight and is the visor working as expected?
- 9) Make sure that insects/creatures are not living in your helmet! i.e. black widow spiders hiding in the padding.

Let's talk about item 5, the 5-year rule. Most manufactures recommend that you replace your helmet after 5 years. The sceptic in us will think "more sells = more money" for the motorcycle helmet makers. The reason, they state, is that the foam between the padding and shell will deteriorate over time reducing its ability to protect your skull.

It is your head; I hope these checks help you out.



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*No Meeting Minutes Submitted*