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October takes Bill and I to Alabama to visit the grandkids each year. We put our bikes in the trailer and drove 1100 miles. October Riding in Wisconsin is often questionable at best. I found that 50 degrees in Alabama on the interstate going 70 mph is the same as Wisconsin. Chaps and a leather jacket were needed. Road construction is also universal and present in every state. The speed limits were not followed or even used as a recommendation, 82 mph in a posted 70 was the slow lane. We rode while the kids were at work and school. The dealership check-ins were good for 100 points. Many are closed on Sunday and Monday. That seems to be the new normal.

Patricia, who has been our liaison to the dealership for the last year, is moving to Texas. Her last day at Appleton HD will be December 2 for

the Grinch event at the dealership. The chapter will be wrapping gifts and ringing bells for the day. Please join

me in thanking Patricia for assisting with chapter activities and bringing her fun German perspective to our chapter. Shister (shy-ster) is the perfect word to add to every vocabulary. Best of luck in your new adventure with Marcus. I will miss you.

We will put the bikes away when we get home after we get a final mileage reading. I'm excited to start planning for next year's chapter and personal trips. The chapter has done many fun activities for individuals and groups. I can't wait to see what you want to do next year.



Respectfully Jean



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Tidbits are getting thinsend me stuff! page 10 It's that time of year again. Oh, woes me.

Every northern motorcycle rider goes through this misery, that day the bike gets parked.

Oh sure, we can all tell stories about the past season, share plans for the next. But it just doesn't scratch the itch. So while I think I've mentally prepared and that's the same thing I do every year, I will fail miserably. Oh, well. Already can't wait for spring.

I know we have a few snowbirds in our Chapter, but I've never been able to convince myself to go where it's warmer this time of year. My folks did for years, as did my grandparents. Maybe I'm still a contrarian, you know just do the opposite of everyone else just for spite.

Anyhow, good luck and safe travels to those going away. We'll be happy to see all of you again, once we thaw out. Perhaps once when I'm retired, I may join the migration.

Winter is the time for indoor projects, including new bike do-dads. While my trike will be in the dealer warehouse this winter, I still collect a few things that will adorn the ride when I get it back in April or so.

Winter is prime hobby time for me. I love spending mornings in my woodworking shop building stuff. I've built rocking chairs, desks, workbenches, and much other stuff. I have a half-finished Morris chair staring at me to get it done. Cherry is my favorite wood to use, there's a couple of retailers in this side of Wisconsin who specialize in hardwood, so it's easy to get. Planned for this winter is to finish the aforementioned chair, build a few stained glass picture frames for a friend of mine and perfect my hiking/walking stick design. All the while daydreaming about spring.

Keep yourself busy this winter. Find a craft you can do. It does keep one's mind off of riding, even for a few hours on Sunday morning. It helps to scratch a different itch. Now would be good.

PS. Auf Wiedersehen, Patricia reist sicher nach Texas

The Safety Corner

October 2023

From the archives:



Continuing with the review of the **P.A.C.T.** cards from Accident Scene Management, recall the acronym **P.A.C.T.** stands for: **Prevent Further Injury**; **Assess the Situation**; **Contact the EMS**; **Treat Injuries using ABCSS** of Trauma. Last month the topic was **Assess the Situation**; this month the topic is ; **Contact the EMS** [Emergency Medical Services].

In "the old days", before the development of cellular telephone networks, and especially if you were out riding on some remote country road [our favorite locations to ride!], finding a place to contact EMS was no simple task. Today, almost everyone has some type of cell phone, with cell phone service almost everywhere. Nevertheless, there can still be some challenges in contacting the EMS. Not all cell phones, and not all cell phone networks, are created equal.

But in general terms, we know the universal number to call in an emergency is 911

If the call does not go through, or no signal, try texting to 911. Texting does not require as much signal strength as an actual telephone call

[texting option not available in all areas, see here for more detail:

https://www.fcc.gov/sites/default/files/text-to-911 - what you need to know.pdf

Also be aware that sometimes 911 calls by cell phone are not answered by the nearest call center. Knowing where you are and having that information ready will be most helpful to the 911 operator/dispatcher.

<u>Location</u> - give as many details as you can. Be aware that the first thing the dispatcher needs to know is where the crash occurred. Be ready with the following information:

- Mile markers
- Street signs
- House numbers
- Fire numbers
- Exit signs
- Where you are coming from and where you are headed
- Identifiable landmarks



Note: Common Location names can create a problem: Be specific! Townline Road, Pine lake, Main Street are not good clues by themselves. More specific information is needed.

[above is an example of the kind of detail for location you should try to have, taken from the handbook for "A Crash Course Accident Scene Management]

The 911 operator/dispatcher will guide you through the call. In addition to your specific location, they will need to know:

- *Who you are
- *Your phone number: in case you get disconnected, they can call back to you
- *Type of problem
- *Number of injured
- *Number of vehicles involved
- *Possible injuries

If you are not able to complete a cellphone call from the scene of the accident, it will be necessary to leave the scene and find a spot with a good signal, or, a place with a landline.

*Stay on the line with the 911 operator /dispatcher until they dismiss you

Time is of the essence. There is a concept in trauma care called "The Golden Hour". Research shows that if the severely injured start to receive proper care within an hour of their injuries, they have a much better chance of survival. You want to get good and accurate information as quickly as possible, then connect with Emergency Medical Services as quickly as possible.

While you are waiting for EMS to arrive, continue to gather information. If the injured are conscious, you can follow the acronym S.A.M.P.L.E. to guide you:

- S = signs and symptoms [where does it hurt?, etc]
- A = allergies, in particular to medications
- M = medications, including names, what it is for, and last dose taken
- P = name of Primary Care Provider
- L = last time they had anything to eat or drink
- E = events leading up to the crash.

Also get names and contact information of any witnesses.

Finally, when help arrives, and you have shared all of your information, step back and let the professionals take over.



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Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:30M by Director Jean Callaway

New Members - Christine Zarling has been riding for 25 years and has 3 bikes and currently rides a Trike

Members in attendance 28, online 11 for a total of 39 - WELCOME! Pledge of Allegiance followed by a Moment of Silence for all those who have lost their lives and given to our country

Minutes of the September meeting were approved as presented in the newsletter

Jean Callawy - CELEBRATIONS - Thank you to everyone that has participated in all the events that occurred in September. (Brat Shed, Rummage Sale, Highway Cleanup, Picnic and all the Rides and Leaders/Sweeps

King Ride Update - The additional monies from the Brat Shed and Rummage Sale spots raised the total to \$11,271.50. Officers believe this may the most ever raised in the 24 years.

Now we need to transition into next year's King Event for 2024. This will be the 25th Annual King Ride. (Date is scheduled for May 19th, 2024) Currently looking for 4-5 Committee members for the 2024 event to take on the responsibilities of getting ride and any other activities up and running. **Sam volunteered to do ride route**

Richard Thomson as volunteered to continue to work with Community First Bank selling candy bars and paying for the radio ads.

It is possible the Dealership will be closed for business on Sundays in 2024 and we will need to confirm with them our event date ASAP.

Dealership Updates - Patricia

- * Winter storage has begun and cost is \$250 Stop in for drop-off details
- *Promo Winterization for service \$199.99

Winterize your ride - battery tenders, covers, etc

- *Express Lane for Service continues
- *Free local pickup with \$400+ for service etc.
- *Motorclothes Pink Label is back
- *30% off on Wiley Sunglasses
- *New Bikes available for you to purchase
- * November 1st will be the Inside the Garage Events

Membership - Sam

Don't forget to renew your National Membership to be eligible to be a Fox Valley HOG Chapter Member - Don't let your membership lapse. If you have questions, contact Sam

*Road Captain Reimbursement if you attended Accident Scene Management Class.

See Amber, (Treasurer) if you have questions

- *End of Year Party is usually held Jan-March and need someone or a committee to do this event. Donna V. volunteered with help of LOH ladies
- *October meeting will be nominations for officers
- *November voting for officers for upcoming year and Planning for 2024
- *December Potluck after gathering and finalization of the 2024 calendar and new officer transition
- *January Pizza party with renewal of membership per HOG guidelines

Officer Nominations for the required roles:

- a. Director Jean?
- b. Assistant Director Amber B.
- c. Secretary Diane L
- d. Treasurer -???

Discretionary Roles:

- a. Activities Jane Eastman
- b. Historian Tom Murphy
- c. Photography "D"
- d. Membership Sam T
- e. Webmaster Mark D
- f. Road Captain Maury
- g. Editor Mike S?
- h. Safety Scott B.
- I. LOH Donna?

Safety Officer Paul Treder -

Paul reminded members that PAC emergency cards are available for each chapter member as well as Emergency ID cards.

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Road Captain Maury - Informed members that FROGG rides will continue thru October weather dependent.

Color ride up north for colors by Maury - Oct. 7th Color ride to Holy Hill will be by Scott - Oct. 14

FROGG Luncheon by Richard will begin November 8th at Round About and December 13th at the Outpost. If you have a favorite place you would like on the list, contact Richard

LOH - Donna -

- *Holiday Party will be done by herself with the help of LOH Ladies
- *Mileage Program Remember to turn in your mileage for 365 and Chapter contest

Please let Donna know which category you want to be considered for (Retiree, Female or Male

Completely fill out the form and have your mileage confirmed by dealership.

- *Friday, Oct. 20th will be a Fish Fry Dinner at the Dome Sports Bar & Grill in Neenah at 6PM
- * Surprise Ride winner for Sept. 30th was Rick Sanders.

Miscellaneous -

- * Kaye reminded everyone who did the dealer passport program that they need to be turned in no later than Oct. 31. Winner will be drawn November 11th
- *Kaye was speaking with Jane Eastman about Meet & Greets during the winter months in the evenings and with approval she will work with Jane with locations and dates. If you have a favorite place, just get ahold of them with your suggestions
- *Bell Ringing will be Sat. December 2nd from 8AM 7PM at Walgreens on the corner of Casaloma and Wisconsin

Ron Comer will be the last person and will ring until the bucket is picked up by staff

*Cindy reminded members who did the Poker Ride stops that she and John will start drawing for the best poker hand at the November, December and January meeting. Bring your pictures printed out on paper, (Not on your phones, etc.)

** There will be another Poker Ride in Spring of 2024

Coffee Fund - Monies collected was \$75.00 with \$35.00 going to the chapter general fund. Winner number one was Scott Boehlen of \$20.00, and second winner was Tom Murphy of \$20.00 Congratulations!!!

Big Bin Winner - Amount for Oct.3rd of \$25.00 was Chi Whitemarsh who was in attendance Amount for the Nov. 7th meeting will be \$25.

Thank you and LET's Ride Meeting adjourned at 7:15PM FVchaptermins10032023

Next Month for Sure

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Comings and Goings

A look a little farther into the Future and Other Tidbits.

Member's tips and trips and events that might interest you.

SAVE THE DATES!

Send me stuff!

Next month—My favorite holiday

<u>Officer's Meeting:</u> Officer's meetings are 6:30pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at Sidelines in Greenville. All Members welcome to attend and contribute.

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