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Welcome to March Madness,

Basketball brackets, NASCAR racing, daylight savings, Spring cleaning and new model Harley Davidson motorcycles all are part of the madness that normally occurs as the snow melts. This year’s madness is different. The dark days of below zero temperatures and multiple inches of snow were few. More hours of daylight are great, I dislike riding in the dark. Many riders had their bikes out for the winter months. Maple trees were tapped in February because the sap was flowing. Early Spring is not welcomed by those of us that procrastinate. I didn’t even put away the stuff I took out of my saddlebags in November yet.



I’m sure we will be getting some snow and cold weather so Princess is still in storage.

Madness is one way to describe the weather that has occurred recently. Madness can also be used to describe how crazy things have become with cyber hacking. Our dependency on technology has shown us just how vulnerable we are. Skimmers at gas pumps, fake facebook profiles, emails claiming to be from official companies are all real threats that challenge us daily. How many of us have had a credit card hacked with fraudulent transactions not just once but multiple times? As technology plays more of a role in Harley Davidson motorcycles we need to be cautious. I wish it wasn’t true but the good old days need to make way for new memories and stories. As someone at the Regional Officer Connection pointed out, there are very few motorcycles with Kick starts being sold today. It doesn’t mean that the new bikes are better but changes happen. Taking risks and minimizing the madness is the best I can hope for. Mistakes will be made and lessons learned. My wish is that we learn and grow not get angry.

It’s still one down and 4/5 up. Time for some wind therapy to adjust my bah humbug attitude.

Your Director

Jean



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Let's Ride!

Like all of you, I can't wait. Let's ride. Now is good.

I usually end with that call to action, but the weather has been so good, I want out.

So quickly now, get your ride inspected, finish the do-dads, take a short check out ride and then double check.

My do-dads this winter? I finished the stage 2 engine upgrade with the torque cam and yes, it now hauls butt. I got the new Bluetooth tuner too, meaning I can customized engine tuning. While I haven't done that quite yet, I've watched the video a few time now and it seems straight forward. On the iPhone app, click a few buttons, then go ride around a little bit. Once back at the house, a few more clicks and then turn the bike off and on. An voila! Tuned to my style of ride.

Stage 2 means new pipes, too. Now it sounds like a Harley. Oh, and passenger armrests for Lexie. And wireless headsets for the both of us.

Don't forget to check your helmet if you wear one, and replace it every three years. Remember, dropping it on the ground counts as a hit.

All your other riding gear, too. Gloves a little ratty? Didn't get around to cleaning your jacket? Boots? Chaps full of bugs? Now's the time.

Maury sent us the T-CLOCS check out procedure and it's a real good way to get into that 'once over' habit every time you ride.

Now you're ready to go!

Let's Ride!

March 5, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:32M by Director Jean Callaway

New Members - none present

Members in attendance 36 , online 6 for a total of 42 - WELCOME!

Pledge of Allegiance followed by a Moment of Silence

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

Jean Callaway -

*Pins & Patches for the current officers were handed out and thanked for stepping up for the chapter positions

*Several Chapter Officers attended the ROC training and got some great FUN ideas that will be tried out during the upcoming year

* Frogg Luncheon on Wed. March 13, 11:30 at Hometown Bar & Grill, 153 W. Main St., Campbellsport

* Meet & Greet on March 21st at Wendt's on Lake

* HOG Spring Open House at AHD - March 23rd

* Indoor Sport Simulator Games - March 25th from 5-8PM

*Good Friday Ride, March 29th - 1st official ride for the Chapter

* King Ride - May 18, 2024 (Saturday)

*Chippewa Falls **Great Lakes HOG Rally** -June 6-8

* Lake Superior Ride - June 27-30

* Great River Road Trip - July 11-14

LOH - Donna -**King Ride, May 18th**

-Brochures are complete and will be on a half size sheet with pertinent info

- We will be allowed on the Veterans Home grounds unless health or other issues come forth

-Neenah Honor Guard will begin event

- A Big Flag will be present

-National Anthem will be song

-Looking for Photographer or someone to take a picture from roof of dealership

-Maury has gotten confirmation that Patriot Guard Riders will lead ride

-Sam has route established and will need people for second man drop

-Kaye will be in charge of Registration

- Looking for people to do 50/50, basket raffle ticket sales, parking and publicity/social media such as TV etc.

-Richard has confirmation of candy bar sales and radio announcements from Community 1st Bank

Memorial Ride for John Long -

Date has not yet been confirmed

Patch work done by Jayne Bonnell for John Long was presented. Donna asked how many people would be interested in purchasing patch so she knows how many to order

Assistant Stephan -

*Lake Superior Ride- June 27-30 - Passport will be required

No knives, guns or weapons or any kind are permitted when crossing into Canada

No fruit or vegetables

If someone creates a problem, the entire group can be turned away

If you are taking prescriptions, only take the amount needed for 4 days

Know your license plate number so you don't need to get off the bike and do not wear sun glasses while going thru security

Safety Officer - Scott

Make sure your 1st aid kit is updated with appropriate items that are not old or outdated. Keep a tourniquet or gauze and tape to help stop bleeding

Treasurer - Amber

Name Tag order will be available and turned into Norscot after the April meeting if we have the minimum. Cost is \$10 and comes in magnetic and push pin style

Dealership Updates Alyssa

* Parts & Service Dept. has special on Dunlop tires up to 50% when installed

* Special Grand American Launch Party on Sat., March 23rd

* Will begin Summer hours and open on Monday's beginning March 18th

* Stop in for specials in Motor Clothes

Miscellaneous -

* Norscot catalog is still available for anyone interested in getting merchandise - must pay upfront

*Great Lakes Rally in Chippewa Falls Ride is planned by Stephan, See his event on facebook

*Midwest Ladies ride to Woodstock in Illinois is 1st weekend in May and coincides with May Women's Month

*License Plate renewal will be in April, keep an eye out and remember to put new sticker on your plate

*Mileage is your responsibility and forms are by the Service Dept. You can earn points with the HD App on your phone

*Open Road Chapter was at the ROC training and wanted to know if our chapter was interested in a mileage competition

*Brunch at Cobblestone Creek 740 W. Ryan St. in Brillion on Sunday, April 14th

*Membership renewal by March 31th or your name will deleted from Facebook and Email

*** Frogg Luncheon**

March 13th will be at Hometown Pub & Grill, 153 Main St., Campbellsport

Meet & Greet - Kaye Rogers

Wendt's on the Lake, N9699 Lakeshore Dr. Vany Dyne, WI 54979 at 5:45 PM and eating at 6PM

Coffee Fund - Monies collected was \$77.00 with \$39.00 going to the chapter general fund. Winner number one was Mike Vanlandghen \$19.00 , and second winner was Cory Wilinski \$19.00 Congratulations!!!

Big Bin Winner - Amount for March 5th of \$25.00 was Mary Sanders who was online but not in attendance. Amount for the April 2nd meeting will be \$50.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08PM

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Current Appleton Harley Davidson Promotions

STACK YOUR PROMO

March 1 - March 30 -- Only valid on New 2023 models

\$0 Down and rates as low as 1.99% APR

- up to \$2,000 trade-in credit
- + up to \$2,000 customization credit

FREE PICKUP & DELIVERY

March 1 - March 30

Free Local* Pickup & Delivery with \$400+ Work Order

*must be within 15mi radius of dealership to quality. Pickup locations beyond 15mi radius will incur a reduced fee.

TIRE INSTALLATION

March 1 - April 30

Get ½ off installation with any tire purchase + up to \$60 rebate on select tires*

*must be installed at the dealership to quality

SPRING TUNEUP

March 1 - April 30

3-Hole Oil Change with Full Inspection for \$199

SPRING RIDING SALE

Riding season is almost here. Is your bike ready?



The groundhog has predicted any early spring. Even though the winter has been mild we are all chomping at the bit to get the bikes out and ride. But before you just hop on and go riding on that first really nice day, you need to make sure the bike is ready.

According to the MSF (Motorcycle Safety Foundation) an easy way to remember what items to check on your bike is the acronym **T-CLOCS**. It is recommended to perform **T-CLOCS** before each ride. Most importantly, after being stored for a long period of time. For example, tires will lose approximately one pound of air per month while in storage. An underinflated tire will handle poorly, experience excessive wear and risk blowout. Items that need to be checked:

T- Tires and Wheels Condition:

Tread depth, wear, weathering, evenly seated, bulges, embedded objects. Air Pressure: Check when cold, adjust to load.

Wheels: Spokes Bent, broken, missing, tension, check at top of wheel: "ring" = OK — "thud" = loose spoke. Cast: Cracks, dents. Rims: Out of round/true = 5mm. Spin wheel, index against stationary pointer. Bearings: Grab top and bottom of tire and flex: No freeplay (click) between hub and axle, no growl when spinning. Seals: Cracked, cut, or torn, excessive grease on outside, reddish-brown around outside. Brakes: Function, each brake alone keeps bike from rolling. Condition: Check pads and discs for wear.

C-Controls:

Handlebars condition: Bars are straight, turn freely, handgrips and bar ends are secure. Levers and Pedal-Condition: Broken, bent, cracked, mounts tight, ball ends on handlebar levers, proper adjustment. Pivots: Lubricated. Cables Condition: Fraying, kinks, lubrication: ends and interior. Routing: No interference or pulling at steering head, suspension, no sharp angles, wire supports in place. Hoses Condition: Cuts, cracks, leaks, bulges, chafing, deterioration. Routing: No interference or pulling at steering head, suspension, no sharp angles, hose supports in place. Throttle Operation: Moves freely, snaps closed, no revving when handlebars are turned.

L-Lights and Electronics:

Battery Condition: Terminals; clean and tight, electrolyte level, held down securely. Vent Tube: Not kinked, routed properly, not plugged. Headlamp Condition: Cracks, reflector, mounting and adjustment system. Aim: Height and right/left. Tail lamp/brake lamp. Condition: Cracks, clean and tight. Operation: Activates upon front brake/rear brake application. Turn signals Operation: Flashes correctly. Switches Operation: All switches function correctly: engine cut-off, hi/low beam, turn signal. Mirrors Condition: Cracks, clean, tight mounts and swivel joints. Aim: Adjust when seated on bike. Lenses & Reflectors Condition: Cracked, broken, securely mounted, excessive condensation. Wiring Condition: Fraying, chafing, insulation. Routing: Pinched, no interference or pulling at steering head or suspension, wire looms and ties in place, connectors tight, clean.

O-Oil and other fluids:

Levels, Engine Oil: Check warm on center stand on level ground, dipstick, sight glass. Gear Oil, Shaft Drive: Transmission, rear drive, shaft. Hydraulic Fluid: Brakes, clutch, reservoir or sight glass. Coolant: Reservoir and/or coolant recovery tank — check only when cool. Fuel: Tank or gauge. Leaks-Engine Oil: Gaskets, housings, seals. Gear Oil, Shaft Drive: Gaskets, seals, breathers. Hydraulic Fluid: Hoses, master cylinders, calipers. Coolant: Radiator, hoses, tanks, fittings, pipes. Fuel: Lines, fuel valve, carbs.

C-Chassis:

Frame-Condition: Cracks at gussets, accessory mounts, look for paint lifting. Steering-Head Bearings: No detent or tight spots through full travel, raise front wheel, check for play by pulling/pushing forks. Swingarm Bushings: Raise rear wheel, check for play by pushing/pulling swingarm. Suspension-Front Forks: Smooth travel, equal air pressure/damping, anti-dive settings. Rear Shock(s): Smooth travel, equal pre-load/air pressure/damping settings, linkage moves freely and is lubricated. Chain or Belt Tension: Check at tightest point.

Lubrication: Side plates when hot. Note: do not lubricate belts.

Sprockets: Teeth not hooked, securely mounted. Fasteners Threaded: Tight, missing bolts, nuts.

Clips & Cotter: Pins Broken, missing.

S- Stands

Center stand Condition: Cracks, bent. Retention: Springs in place, tension to hold position.

Side stand Condition: Cracks, bent (safety cut-out switch or pad equipped).

Retention: Springs in place, tension to hold position.

Here is a link to download an inspection checklist for usage in performing your T-CLOCS:

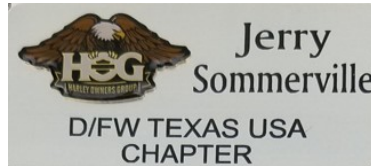
<https://msf-usa.org/documents/library/t-clocs-pre-ride-inspection-checklist/>

CHAPTER NAME BADGES

We are once again offering chapter members an opportunity to purchase a badge. The badges are 1.5 x 3 inch and come with either a magnetic or a pin (military) fixture. Cost is \$10 for either.

You may have up to 3 lines for your name/title plus the chapter name, which is included.

Example:	Jane Doe Secretary <i>Chapter name</i>	Jane Doe <i>Chapter name</i>	Jane Doe <i>Chapter name</i>	Jane Doe <i>Chapter name</i>
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Please use the attached order form to place your order. Order forms and payment can be dropped off at the motor clothes desk at the shop. You must be a current 2024 chapter member in order to place an order.

If you have any questions, please contact Amber Boehlen at (920) 279.3136 or ambeebam2012@gmail.com.

John Long ~ Memorial Patch

3" x 3" patch

At the March 5th chapter meeting, there was significant interest in purchasing the patch. Unfortunately, I didn't capture the names of interested individuals at the meeting. Therefore, I kindly request anyone interested in acquiring the patch to please email or text me with your name and the number of patches you wish to purchase. Based on the current estimate, I am confident that the cost of the patch will be \$7 or less.

Please confirm your interest by April 1, 2024.

Email: 423donnavanl@gmail

Text: 920.850.8583

Donna

Adopt A Highway

Our event is scheduled for Saturday, April 27th with a rain date of Sunday, April 28th. The event will take place in the morning, and details regarding breakfast or lunch will be confirmed closer to the date.

We require a minimum of 10 people are needed for cleanup, as well as 2 individuals who can serve as vehicle shuttles. Please sign up at the April meeting if you are interested in participating.

Donna

February 2024	
Financial Summary	3,210.57
Checking	1,071.60
Savings	869.21
Savings - Year End Party	321.70
Savings - Fun Run	3.65
Savings - King	302.56
Savings - Memorial Brick	611.85
Petty Cash	65.00
If anyone would like to see any of the reports, please contact Amber	
<i>less anticipated future pay-outs</i>	
Check #1530	(35.00)
Remaining account	3,210.57

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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!

Great Lakes Rally
June 6-8, 2024
Chippewa Falls, WI

Lake Superior Ride
June 27-30

Mississippi River Ride
July 11-14

Sturgis
August 1-11, 2024

Next month—The Annual State of Motorcycling

Officer's Meeting: 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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