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Director's Corner

Butch Watson, Director



Well here we are and it's September. What happen? Maybe it's just me, but summer seemed to get off to a cool and generally non-inspiring start for riding. With 2 rides left, it looks like our best riding could be still to come. September 20th is our next scheduled ride and October 4th is the last scheduled ride for this year. Plan to have some fun with your Harley family.

So, with summer waning, it's time to start planning some Rides for 2010. You can help. Write, e-mail, call or just tell someone at Apol's about somewhere you've been, or some place you've heard that might be interesting. Ride ideas are always needed and sincerely appreciated.

Here's a little up front info. The Minnesota State HOG Rally is going to be combined with Wisconsin. It will be June 20-25, 2010. Registration deadline is April 30, 2010. For further information call 262-677-9258. The rally will travel from Duluth to LaCrosse, WI. Exact plans are not yet released, but as soon as they are, you will get them. Past traveling rallies have proved to be very successful.

Looks like a great riding day, so let's keep this short enough so we can get a ride in today.

Butch

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Note from Roger Power, Assistant Director



Greetings

Another State Rally is now history. I would like to thank all the volunteers for the time and effort put into helping with the bike show, the registration, security, and judging. Special thanks to John and Carolyn Swanson for bringing all the supplies needed. All your work and effort is what makes the bike show a success. After the bike show thanks to Robin and Lonnie Apol, we were treated to cake in honor of Joe and Carolyn Apol's 50th wedding anniversary. Congratulations Joe and Carolyn!!

Sounds like the State Rally for 2010 will be a motoring rally. When we get more information we will get that out to you so you can make plans to attend if interested. You can also check the state rally web site at www.mnstatehogrally.com for more information. As of this writing all it says is Motoring the Mississippi Ride.

Although the weather has sometimes been cool and rainy good times and great food was had by all. Butch and Cathy led the ride to Sioux City, Iowa with a stop at LeMars for great ice cream. We had some celebrities among the group as Doug and Cathy Watson were interviewed by Channel 4 news and Pat Power was shown on the news eating a huge banana split which she didn't share. Our next ride was led by Evie Joyce meeting at Apol's for breakfast. Nice you could make it on time Mark. Hats off to Apol's for the pancakes and sausage. On to Alexandria for more great food at Bug A Boo's. Next group ride was to St. Peter led by Wayne and Cathy West with our stop at Whiskey River, another great place to eat. Sounds like we like to eat. We would love to have you join us for nice riding, fun and great food.

Happy Trails Roger

Ride Safe

By Wayne West, Safety Officer

Well, here it is, the days are getting shorter and we have so much riding to do and it seems like so little time.

We rode on a memorial run just yesterday and covered a little over 300 miles when it was said and done. Even with a high wind, it was a great ride.

I usually don't look at all the new and neat things on the market, but I always thought that if someone would make a pair of goggles that would fit over your glasses, they could pretty well retire with the money they would make. Hey, guess what? The other day I saw that some Harley dealers are selling exactly that. Now if any of you have ever caught a bug in the eye while biking, you know why you need a pair. So far this year, I have caught two bugs in my eye even with my glasses and

sunglasses over them. I was fortunate that my wife was able to get them out; she however did not get so lucky. Yea, we spent a Saturday morning in urgent care while the doc took out her bug. Now this is the first time for her to end up in the doc's office. As for me, I've made a few trips in the past couple of years to the emergency room to get my bugs out! I firmly believe the only two ways to keep bugs out of your eyes while riding is to wear a full face helmet or goggles. I might just have to invest in a pair of those goggles, because that's what my wife suggested while she was getting the bug out my eye yesterday on the side of the road.

I think she knows what she is talking about. Protect your eyes and till next time, ride safe

Awesome Iowa Ride

(June 19-21, 2009)

A great way to start the ride—a 6:30 am pancake breakfast at Apol's. Nine bikes roared out of Raymond at 7 am headed for the first stop in LeMars, Iowa. Lunch and ice cream was at the Blue Bunny ice cream shop. Being the ice cream capital of the world and June 19th being National Ice Cream Day, the Channel 4 News was there filming. Some chose to be interviewed and others sat quietly eating their banana splits (like the Powers and Iversons) and guess who hit the 10:00 news!



We arrived at our hotel in Sioux City, Iowa in time for check in. Some took a nap and others of us went exploring, trying to find the shortest route to the Fourth Street area where the Awesome Biker Nites was going on. We were only a few blocks away so it was a great location to stay. This event is set up for Sturgis type parking with vendors all over the streets. Bars are set up along sidewalks with food vendors and motorcycle gear kiosks aplenty. There were two separate stages setup for bands to perform, filling the air with sometimes enjoyable music. We ate dinner at Sweet Fannie's Pub. It had a B17 bomber theme with pictures and a model airplane hanging from the ceiling. Great atmosphere and food. Actually we really recommend the margaritas.

Saturday, Butch and Cathy Watson led us on a lovely Loess Hills Parkway ride. We stopped in Moorhead, Iowa where the volunteer fire chief opened up the fire hall for our bathroom stop. A tiny town with wonderful friendly people. We rode over Preparation Lookout Canyon which was the site of the tornado that killed the Boy Scouts that were camping. A beautiful but somber site. On to lunch at Dave's Café in Pisgah. Another "hole in the wall town" with great food.



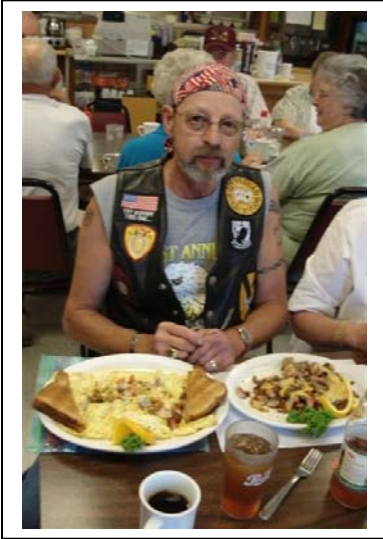
No ride is complete without a stop at the local Harley dealer. This shop was preparing to close when Roger Power's bike wouldn't start. Butch did a quick new battery installation and it still didn't start. The last employee out of the shop was luckily a mechanic and diagnosed a broken starter and showed him how to hit it to start the engine – but didn't know many times this would work. Poor Roger dreaded each time we stopped – and so did the others who had to push his bike to get it started! Saturday night was so crowded downtown you could barely walk the streets. The weather could not have been nicer both nights. We watched Tommie Arvala, the 2 time world

champion freestyle motorcycle rider. What a show he put on.

Sunday we work up to rain which ended about the time we packed up our bikes. We still suited up for rain on the ride home which we really needed from the Minnesota border home.

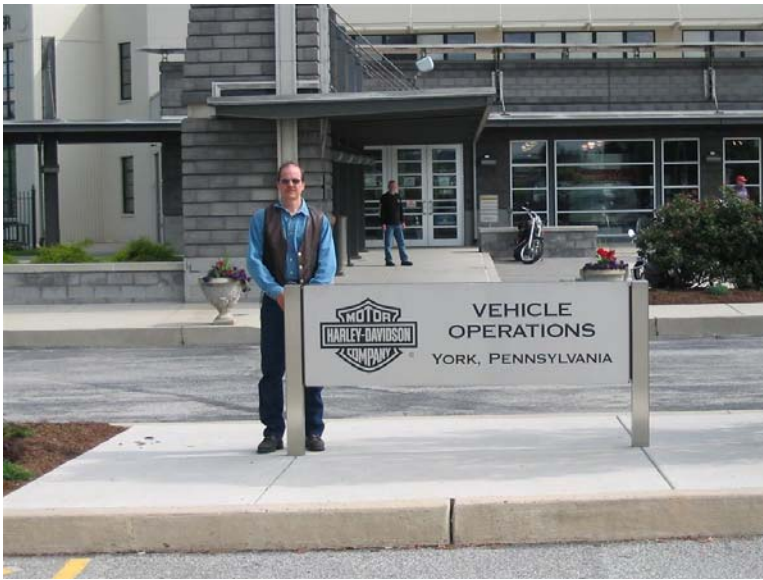
All in all it was a great trip. Thanks Butch and Cathy for a great trip. Those who missed it – really missed it.

Let's Eat!!



Share the Experience and the Ride

From Stephen Thorp



June 2009, once again I was ready to embark on a solo road trip on my 2000 Harley Super Glide across this beautiful country. The trip was meticulously planned, money saved, and lodging booked, the planning stage was completely in February, and the hard part was waiting for the next 4 months to depart. There is no better way to tour than on a motorcycle, there is 360 degree visibility, you can feel and smell your surroundings and the environment, it is a complete experience that you are completely immersed in, you live it, it becomes personal and it can be a challenge that rewards you with a deep feeling of pride and accomplishment. During the first 3 days the weather was perfect, a little cool in the morning but warming up quickly, I could not know it at the time but the weather was to change, and it would present me

with the greatest challenge and hardship of any road trip I had undertaken to date, and I would be physically and mentally exhausted during that time. I left Willmar and headed into Wisconsin on my way to Sault Ste Marie in Canada. I crossed the Mackinaw Bridge which has a metal grate road surface and boy oh boy that is a white knuckle experience! Then I took in the Soo Locks and continued across Canada into Lake Placid, New York. I lost my bedding somewhere in Canada because I forgot to secure it properly after a rest stop, so it had to be replaced. I then zigzagged through the Eastern states spending several days in rain, pouring at times and for one entire day, and even with rain gear and waterproof covers almost everything gets wet and nothing will dry with the high humidity. I stopped in Portland, ME for a fluid change and a new front tire and pushed on. The highlights include the Harley-Davidson factory tour at York, PA, Gettysburg, Harpers Ferry, and Shenandoah National Park. I met several very nice Harley riders, unfortunately I was exhausted and just needed to get some sleep, I hope they were not insulted because I did not accept their generous offer of hospitality. Because of the weather I cut 2 days from the trip and headed home on the super slab. I had travelled 4,212 miles using 83.9 gallons of gasoline averaging 50.21 MPG, and passed through 19 states in 13 days. My goal is to ride my Harley in all of the lower 48 states, so far I am at 40, and the last 8 are the next road trip, hopefully next year, then maybe Alaska!



Dinner Ride

Saturday, July 11th HOG riders met at FPMC at 2 pm for a beautiful ride to the Hub restaurant north of Grey Eagle. Doug Watson led the ride that took us on some of the most scenic roads I have seen in this area. We went past many lakes and through a host of small towns. It was a perfect day for riding and the food was great.

The only problem was no one had a camera to record the moment!

Jean Iverson

Motorcycle Quotes

I don't consider myself a politically correct person.

I have a problem with the fact that we don't have the freedom to express our views the way we want to.

I dislike having to walk on egg shells when having a conversation.

With that out of the way we can get on with the rest of this article.

While browsing the web I ran across some "motorcycle quotes" that I thought might be fun to share. Some of these may be borderline questionable in political correctness, but that's why we ride, to be on the edge. A wise man once said to me "if you're not living on the edge you're taking up too much space".

1. Motorcyclists understand why dogs stick their heads out car windows. -Author Unknown
2. Four wheels move the body. Two wheels move the soul. -Author Unknown
3. It takes more love to share the saddle than it does to share the bed. -Author Unknown
4. Some people confuse breathing in and out with living. -Author Unknown
5. Most motorcycle problems are caused by the nut that connects the handlebars to the saddle. -Author Unknown
6. I prefer to ride and think of God than sit in church and think of riding. -Author Unknown
7. Keep your bike in good repair: motorcycle boots are not comfortable for walking. -Author Unknown
8. Faster, faster, faster, until the thrill of speed overcomes the fear of death. - Hunter Thompson
9. The best alarm clock is sunshine on chrome. -Author Unknown
10. If you don't ride in the rain, you don't ride. -Author Unknown
11. Whatever it is, it's better in the wind. -Author Unknown
12. Catching a yellow-jacket in your shirt at seventy miles per hour can double your vocabulary.-Author Unknown
13. Life is too short for traffic. -Dan Bellack
14. Why do I ride? Because football, basketball and baseball only require one ball. -Author Unknown
15. Remember folks, street lights timed for 35mph are also timed for 70mph. -Jim Samuels
16. People are more violently opposed to fur than leather because it's safer to harass rich women than motorcycle gangs. -Author Unknown
17. Well trained reflexes are quicker than luck. -Author Unknown
18. When you're riding lead, don't spit. -Author Unknown
19. Safety is a cheap and effective insurance policy. -Author Unknown
20. Never ride faster than your guardian angel can fly. -Author Unknown
21. Two lane blacktop isn't a highway - it's an attitude. -Author Unknown
22. Life may begin at 30, but it doesn't get real interesting until about 150. -Author Unknown

Doug Watson





Let it ride. By day and by night. 2009



September Ride

The September ride has been somewhat modified. In doing the pre-ride we noticed the last half mile of road to the Carlson's Apple Orchard is dirt. We will be driving past the entrance for those of you who want to go there. Feel free to leave the group and have lunch at the orchard. We will continue on to eat at Peters on Lake Ripley in Litchfield where they have a full lunch menu available in the bar until 6:00 pm. Feel free to continue on home if you wish. The ride is scheduled for Sunday, September 20th, leaving Family Practice at 1:00. Hope to see you there.

Paul Iverson

Blue Ridge Mountains Ride

I am taking a road trip through the Blue Ridge-Appalachian-Smokey Mountains next June; anyone that might be interested in coming along is welcome. I have the trip planned already and the first 7-8 days will be in this area, I personally use KOA Campgrounds and stay in Kamping Kabins but anyone coming along can stay at whatever accommodations they prefer. Day 1-Peru, IL, Day 2-Horse Cave, KY, Day 3-Corbin, KY, Day 4-Blountville, TN, Day 5-Swannanoa, NC, Day 6-Cherokee, NC, Day 7-Tail of the Dragon and Cherhala Skyway. Mammoth Cave and Smokey Mountain National Parks will be visited along with Cumberland Gap Historical Park and of course the Blue Ridge Parkway. This is very nice area with a lot of history.

Stephen Thorp

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time/Leave</u>	<u>Where/Leave</u>	<u>Road Captain</u>
SEPTEMBER				
20 (Sun)	Orchard	1:00 p.m.	FPMC	Paul Iverson
OCTOBER				
4 (Sun)	Fall Chill E Ride	1:00 p.m.	FPMC	Butch Watson

Calendar is subject to change. Families always welcome.
 FPMC, Family Practice Medical Center (The Lakeland Health Center Bldg.) is located at 502 2nd St. West, Willmar.
 If rides/events are designated at Apol's H-D, it is the Raymond location.

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Check out the pictures on the Website!

Ride Ideas are always needed and appreciated!!!

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