



From the Director's Desk

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Hello All It's time once again to tickle the keyboard.

February is gone and we are ready to head into March. Looks like it may be coming with a bit of an attitude, lion style. Oh well, somehow we'll manage.

February has been a pretty decent month all things considered. We had very good weather for the Chili Cook-off. If you didn't make it in too bad as we had 30 excellent entries. We also had a lot of side activities going on. There was a coat raffle, a bake sale, and a silent auction. I have to admit I was concerned that maybe we had too much going on and as a result some of the activities might suffer. But, never fear. All-in-all we had a very successful day. There were 116 paid chili lovers to consume as much chili as they could eat. I won't go into all the financials here, I'll wait for the monthly meeting and the treasurer's report to give all that detail.

As in the past there were two primary judging categories; Metro Employee with Tess taking the crown, Lester 2nd and Jess 3rd. In the Everyone-Else category, Heather Shoppe took the crown, with Tammy Bohr in 2nd place and Scott Kruger coming in 3rd. We did add a third category this year called the People's Choice award, where Billy Hanover got the nod with his entry.

The Wednesday dinner ride to Emil's Hideaway was attended by about 20 people. Sandy and I don't make many dinner rides but we did make this one. And I have to say we had a good time. Unfortunately, we did not get to talk to everyone, maybe next time.

On the 18th Lance Zook led a meeting of the road captains. The purpose of this session was to review and discuss some of the nuances of leading a chapter ride. It was a good session for everyone to bounce ideas off each other, what works, what doesn't work, what we can do better. I want to thank Lance Zook and Don Norton for their efforts in leading the session so that all our rides can be a success.

Now on to March, we have another busy month ahead of us with two major events, well actually three.

The Polar Roller bowling tournament is slated for Sunday March 12th at May's City Lanes. Everyone can pre-register your five person team at Metro. If you register by the 8th Mays City Lanes will have your team's name plugged in. Should be a lot of fun as there will be several trophies and awards including kids awards. Registration at the Bowling alley starts as 9:30AM with bowling starting at 10AM. Your entry fee includes three games, shoes and of course a ball if you don't have your own. By the way, the bowling alley has a very good kitchen!



The next big event is just a short two weeks later, with the Pancake breakfast Saturday March 25th. There are several tasks for folks to do. There will be a volunteer signup sheet at the Monthly meeting. While yes there is some work involved. This event can be a lot of fun. And for the most part all that is needed is a couple hours of your time.

On the same day as the Pancake Breakfast is the National H.O.G. ROC event in Cedar Rapids. H.O.G. only allows six people per dealership. Their participant objective is primary officers. The following people have been selected to attend ROC: Myself, Cindy Scovel, Tammy Bohr, Fred Zehr, Lance Zook and Roger Graham. The ROC is an all day event therefore we will not be able to help with the Pancake Breakfast that day. However, we have been and will be very busy getting everything all set up and ready to go.

There is so much more to talk about. See you at the meeting, March 4th!

Let's Ride!

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