



From the Director's Desk

December 2023

November has come and gone. I hope everyone had a very special Thanksgiving celebration with all the turkey and dressing you could handle. The celebration was punctuated with a weekend snowfall and plunging temperatures to let us know that for only the really stout-hearted the motorcycle riding season is done for 2023. Remember to get your final milage readings into Darcy so that you get credit for all the riding adventures you enjoyed this year.

Now the planning and shopping really take off. We've had Black Friday, Small Business Saturday, Cyber Monday and just plain get out and shop day. Santa got busy making his first public appearance in Anamosa for the Parade of Lights, and don't forget he and Mrs. Claus will be at Metro December 9th to Hear all the little kids (and some big kids) Christmas wish lists. While you are doing your shopping stop into Metro for some of your shopping. While there you can get all your gifts wrapped. All that is asked is a goodwill donation to the 620 Foundation.

For those that could not make the Christmas party at the Knights of Columbus December 2nd. I can officially announce that Laurie Zook was the winner of the Harley T-Shirt quilt. All told we raised \$820 dollars for Peace Church and the same for the 620 Foundation. Thank You John and Marie Vanourny for the quilts that were raffled this year. The next big winner was Michele Hoyt who won the Chapter Challenge. Congratulations to all our winners and to members for a great 2023!

The officers for 2024 have changed a bit. I will repeat as Director, Roger Graham will be the Assistant Director, Cindy Scovel will move to the Treasurer position and Tammy Bohr repeats as Secretary, One other officer change is John Vanourny, he will be the 2024 Head Road Captain. I want to take another opportunity to thank Fred Zehr who has done a fantastic job as treasurer these last few years and Lance Zook as Head Road Captain last year. Your services have been greatly appreciated, thank you gentlemen.

Our winter is not without some entertaining events. Here is what is on the horizon.

Winter Sucks party	January 13th
Chili cook off	February 10th
Polar Roller	February 25th

Pancake breakfast March 23rd



And Cedar Rapids has been selected once again as a site for ROC February 17th.

Unfortunately, some disheartening news. Connie Engledow and Steve Haar have recently informed me that they need to step away from the Metro HOG Chapter. I think I can safely say for everyone that the chapter will really miss them and all their contributions to the chapter, Steve Haar as a road captain and past director, Connie Engledow for all the hats she has worn. I wish and pray for the very best for each of them May God bless.

With Connie's departure a couple of officer spots that Connie has graciously filled over the last few years have opened up. I am looking for someone to pick up the reins and guide the Ladies of Harley (LOH). And someone to select the dinner ride locations. These two spots do not have to be the same person. So, if you are interested in either spot give me a call and I can fill you in. Connie was also on the welcoming committee with Fred Zehr, Michael Nurre and Don Norton. I do not plan on replacing Connie on this committee unless someone wants to jump in.

Ride Safe Ride Often!

Gary Schwab

Director

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