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NEED SOMETHING TO DO THE REST OF THIS WINTER?

Take in one of the Harley-Davidson factory tours or the Visit the Harley-Davidson Museum!



POWERTRAIN OPERATIONS MENOMONEE FALLS, WISCONSIN

See Harley-Davidson Motor Company's 849,000 square-foot facility known for being the home of the "Big Twin".



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Get a behind-the-scenes look at the facility that produces the Sportster®, Dyna® and VRSC™ families of motorcycles. See a V-Rod® motorcycle produced in its entirety.



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Journey through the facility that produces the Touring family of motorcycles and learn about the Company's Softail® models and Custom Vehicle Operations program.



VISIT THE HARLEY-DAVIDSON MUSEUM®

Come for the stories. Leave with your own.

The key to our success is "To Ride; To Be Safe; and Have FUN!"

Congratulations to the winners of the Chili Challenge!

- 1st place: Gale
- 2nd place: Bob
- 3rd place: Aaron



Thanks to everyone who participated and letting us enjoy your chili!



Need a patch sewn on?
Contact Debbie G:
dgourley_1@msn.com

Ladies of Harley - Hayride at Bunker Park Stables

February 28th, 2016

The hayride went for an hour, 2:30-3:30pm, including a stop to run up the "sliding" hill and meet the horses, Duke & Dan. We followed by hot chocolate and S'mores. Several of us went for dinner at Broadway Pizza afterwards.

Attending:

- Lisa & Brian O & son Derek
- Sherrie & Butch T
- Denise & Steve P
- Karen & Dave O
- Brenda W
- Michelle & Terry
- Nancy T
- Sharie T
- Rob M
- Kasey B & daughter Kaylee



Upcoming Events 2016

Visit <http://www.elkriverzylstrahd.com/> for the most updated list of upcoming events

MARCH

- Mar 3, 6:30pm Road Captain's meeting, Denny's Otsego
- Mar 5, 11am-2pm Cabin Fever - Zylstra
- Mar 8, 7pm Monthly HOG chapter meeting, Rockwood's Grill Otsego
Special Speaker: Mike Rinowski, author of Harley Tracks: Across Vietnam to The Wall
- Mar 11, 5-8pm Bonfire Night - Roasting Hot dogs & S'mores - Zylstra
- Mar 12, 9am Feed My Starving Children volunteer opportunity – HOG*
Contact Judy to sign up (space is limited)
- Mar 13, 7-9pm Homegrown Show LIVE from Le Musique Room sponsored by Zylstra
- Mar 15, 6:30pm LLBCAR ride meeting – Denny's Otsego
- Mar 16, 6:30pm Drive & Dine – HOG*
Sign-up sheet will be at HOG chapter meeting.
- Mar 19 Bowling & Lunch – LOH*
(please let Lisa know if you can lead this event)
- Mar 19, 8am-5pm Accident Scene Management - basic course
\$75.00 per class. Contact Brenda (bmwaletzki@yahoo.com) if interested or have questions.
- Mar 26, 10am-12pm Easter Bunny! - Zylstra
- Mar 26, 9am-1pm CPR class
Contact Tom W for more information: papafllht@gmail.com

APRIL

- Apr 7, 6:30pm Road Captain's meeting, Denny's Otsego
- Apr 9, 11am-2:30pm Workshop Saturday - Zylstra
- Apr 12, 7pm Monthly HOG chapter meeting, Rockwood's Grill Otsego
- Apr (tbd) Monday Night Painting at Pour! in Otsego – watch for updates – LOH*
- Apr 19, 6:30pm LLBCAR ride meeting – Denny's Otsego
- Apr 20, 6:30pm Drive & Dine – HOG*
Sign-up sheet will be at HOG chapter meeting.
- Apr 23, 8am-5pm Accident Scene Management - advanced course
\$75.00 per class. Contact Brenda (bmwaletzki@yahoo.com) if interested or have questions.

MAY

- May 5, 6:30pm Road Captain's meeting, Denny's Otsego
- May 5 HOG Rally registration deadline ([link below](#))
- May 7 (all day) Apol's H-D ride – HOG*
- May 10, 7pm Monthly HOG chapter meeting, Rockwood's Grill Otsego
- May 21 Ride to Taylors Falls for Paddle Boat Ride, Lunch & Ice Cream– LOH*
- May 16, 6:30pm LLBCAR ride meeting – Denny's Otsego
- May 28, 11am-2pm Spring HOG Roast – Zylstra
Join us for our 15th Annual Spring Hog Roast!



Ladies of Harley 2016
Meets the 3rd Saturday of each month.



* HOG rides & LOH events are exclusive, Members may bring one guest.

2016 HOG CHAPTER RIDES

Subject to change, check the several resources updates - if anything changes, this list will get updated and sent again.

Date	Ride Event	Ovrnt	Day Ride	Ride Leader & Sweep
May 7th	Apol's		X	Tim L
May 21 st - LOH	Taylor's Falls Paddleboat Ride		X	Brian & Lisa (lead)
May 28 th - 30 th	Lake Pepin & American Pickers	X	X	Brian O & James V - day ride
May 30 th	Rochester Area & VFW Military Memorabilia		X	
June 11 th	BBQ Ride, Hayward WI		X	Dave O
June 17 th - 19 th	North Dakota Peace Gardens	X		Mike H (lead) James V (sweep)
June 17, 18, 19	Mike's Cannonball Run - Door County	X		Store sponsored
June 23 rd - 26 th	MN State HOG Rally, Eveleth	X		Various
Jul 9 th	Pirates Cove Mini Golf & ice cream, Brainerd		X	
Jul 9 th - 16 th	Week-long Chapter ride Northern WI & UP Michigan	X		Various, Brian, Jerry, Ron
July 9 th - 17 th	Week-long Chapter ride Colorado	X		Gary & Judy
Jul 16 th & 17 th	Itasca State Park	X		
Jul 22 nd - 24 th	Grand Marais/North Shore	X		
Jul 30 th	Folds of Honor		X	Store sponsored
Aug 6 th & 7 th	Chapter Mystery Ride	X		Rob & Brian
Aug 8 th - 14 th	Sturgis			Various
Aug 13th	Cloquet Lunch @ Gordy's & Jay Cook State Park		X	Tom W (lead), Brian O (sweep)
Aug 14 th	LLBCAR Pre-Ride		X	
Aug 20 th & 21 st	Ottertail	X		Ron D (lead), Jerry K (sweep)
Aug 20 th	Linda Laubach Breast Cancer Awareness Ride		X	
Aug 21 st	Duluth Tall Ships		X	Brenda W (lead) Curt O (sweep)
Sept 1 st - 4 th	WI State HOG Rally & Bike Night @ Harley Museum	X		
Sept 10 th - 11 th	Tomahawk Tour Ride	X		
Sept 9 th & 10 th	Mike's Cannonball Run #2 (tbd)	X		Store sponsored
Sept 16 th - 18 th	Chippewa Falls Octoberfest	X		
Sept 24 th & 25 th	Fall Colors Ride	X		Steve & Denise P
Sept 24 th	Brainerd Int'l Raceway	X		Scott L (lead),
Oct 1 st & 2 nd	Walnut Grove & Jackpot Junction	X		
Oct 8 th or 9 th	Day Fall Colors Ride		X	

ADDITIONAL IMPROMPTU DAY RIDES

Date	Ride Event	Over night	Day Ride	Ride Leader & Sweep

2016 WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER RIDES

Riders leave Zylstra Harley-Davidson at 6:30 p.m.

Schedule subject to change

May 4	Rockwoods Grill & Bar	9100 Quaday Ave. NE, Otsego, MN	Website
May 11	Cowboy Jack's	9010 Quantrelle Ave NE., Otsego, MN	Website
May 18	D Micheal B's	6550 Lamplight Dr, Albertville, MN	Website
May 25	Frontier Steak House	905 S Rum River Dr, Princeton, MN	
June 1	Hidden Haven	20520 Polk St NE, Cedar, MN	Website
June 8	Liberty Restaurant and Bar & American Legion Post 567	25 Central Ave E, Saint Michael, MN	Website
June 15	Dehn's Country Manor	11281 Fernbrook Lane, Maple Grove, MN	Website
June 22	Mill Creek Inn	891 County Road 35 W, Buffalo, MN	Website
June 29	Waterfront Lakeside Grille	13195 Bayview Rd, South Haven, MN	Website
July 6	The Lookout Bar & Grill	8672 Pineview Ln N, Maple Grove, MN	Website
July 13	Jack & Jim's	11025 Duelm Rd NE, Foley, MN	Website
July 20	Captain's on Long Lake	27821 Bay Shore Dr NW, Isanti, MN	Website
July 27	Friendly Buffalo	16722 198th Ave, Big Lake, MN	Website
Aug 3	Culver's	11025 61st St NE, Albertville, MN	Website
Aug 10	Space Aliens	11166 CR-37, Albertville, MN	Website
Aug 17	Mansetti's Pizza	23042 St Francis Blvd NW, St Francis, MN	Website
Aug 24	Serum's	213 Jackson St., Anoka, MN	Website
Aug 31	Nelson Bros. Bakery, Restaurant & Pub	950 State Highway 24, Clearwater, MN	Website
Sept 7	Billy's Bar & Grill	214 Jackson St, Anoka, MN	Website
Sept 14	The Bourbon Room	19735 Iguana St NW, Nowthen, MN	Website
Sept 21	Trail's Grill	726 Martin Ave. Suite 116, Big Lake, MN	Website
Sept 28	Rockwoods Grill & Bar	9100 Quaday Ave. NE, Otsego, MN	Website

Helpful Links

Zylstra Harley-Davidson: <http://www.elkriverzylstrahd.com/>

Get your ride ready for the season! Request service and/or order parts online from Zylstra Harley-Davidson®

- Click [here](#) for Parts request
- Click [here](#) for Service appointment

Receive [emails](#) from Zylstra Harley-Davidson for specials and event info!

“Like” the new Facebook page – click to follow: [ZylstraHarleyDavidsonHOGChapter](#) **NEW**

Zylstra Road to Rewards: <https://www.the-car-club.com/roadtorewards/home.asp>

Harley-Davidson HOG National: http://www.harley-davidson.com/content/h-d/en_US/home/owners/hog.html

2016 MN State HOG Rally - "Rumble on the Range": <http://mnstatehogrally.com>

Check back often for updates – registration deadline is May 5, 2016!

BW Rider: <http://www.bestwestern.com/rewards/benefits/ride-rewards.asp>

~ Safe travels and ride on! ~

Wrenching Corner

Even if you applied our motorcycle storage tips before putting your bike away for the winter, you'll want to go through this checklist before hitting the road this riding season.

1. If you used Sta-Bil or a comparable fuel stabilizer as outlined in our storage tips, your fuel should be in good shape as long as it's been a year or less. Regardless, double check by opening the filler cap and looking inside for gunk or stratification. If the fuel is consistent and clean, you can go to the next step. If not, you're better off draining the tank, fuel lines, and carburetor (if applicable) before running the engine.
2. If you didn't spray fogging oil or lubricate the top of the cylinder before storage, you may want to remove the spark plugs and pour two tablespoons of oil into the spark plug ports; this will lubricate the top portion of the cylinder walls before you start up the bike.
3. Whether or not you changed your engine oil before storage, you'll still want to check the oil level before riding. If you didn't do an oil change before storage, now is a good time to consider that oil and filter change, especially since oil degrades when it sits.
4. Motorcycle batteries tend to lose life quickly, especially in cold weather. If you kept your battery trickle charged or hooked up to a tender, it's probably in good shape. Nonetheless, check the leads for corrosion, and make sure they're attached snugly. If applicable, make sure your battery is topped off with distilled water, and if it's not completely charged don't ride until you're confident it will hold a charge and not leave you stranded.
5. Check your clutch, brake, and coolant levels (yes we have Harley's that are fluid cooled.) Remember that if brake fluid needs topping off, you'll need to use a new, sealed supply that is the same brand as the fluid already in the system.
6. If you kept weight off your motorcycle's wheels and suspension as outlined in our storage tips, bravo! Chances are your tires and suspension are in good shape, but you should still thoroughly inspect them before riding. If your motorcycle rested on a kickstand, check to make sure there are no unusual stress marks, cracks, or flat spots on the tires.
7. Refer to our step-by-step tire maintenance article in order to make sure your tire wear, inflation levels, and general health are ready for the road. Rubber is the only thing separating you, the motorcyclist, from the road, and a visual inspection of your tires before every ride is a good habit that shouldn't take much time. Maintaining proper tire pressure is also an important part of bike maintenance, and you should check your pressure once a week. Tire pressure is especially crucial on motorcycles, and handling and ride quality can change dramatically with small adjustments. Tires also wear more quickly when they're not properly inflated, adding yet another reason to check tire pressure regularly. The best time to check tire pressure is before you start riding while the tires are cool; once the bike is in motion, tire temperatures warm up, which changes the density and pressure of the air inside.

Always use your owner's manual for recommended PSI levels. If you're using non-standard tire sizes on your bike, go by the pressure figures printed on the sidewall.

Use the Motorcycle Safety Foundation's T-CLOCS checklist this, and every time you ride. The list covers Tires, Controls, Lights, Oils & Fluids, Chassis, and Stands; for a more detailed checklist, go to the MSF's website.

Don't just take off after a thorough inspection; let the bike idle for a few minutes to get its fluids circulating.

Take those moments to get reacquainted with the bike's ergonomics.

Before you go riding off into the sunset, don't forget that the most important component of a motorcycle is you, the operator. If you suspect you're rusty (and there's a good possibility you are), practice riding in an abandoned parking lot, taking it easy until you're up to speed.

When all is said and done, a little preparation will make re-entry into riding a lot more fun; look out for yourself and your bike, and enjoy the ride!

Mike Hangaard
HOG 2222 Asst Head Ride Captain