Hey, fellow Hog and LOH members, it's finally Spring and daylight savings time! This means get that two or three wheeled toy out of the "shed" and get it serviced and ready to rock and roll! We have a ton of riding opportunities this month and a great way to get reacquainted with old friends as well as meet newbies that are maybe just starting this new journey in their lives. There are lots of weekend rides planned as well as Great River Road bike nights starting this month, so pay attention to this months calendar and other info in this months newsletter. Also, don't forget the Hogfeed the first Wednesday of every month held at the Dealership. In closing, let's all make this riding season safe and fun! See ya’s down the road, Harlan.
### Calendar of Events - Newsletter Editor

Watch for additional local events on the Great River Road Harley Davidson and River Roads HOG websites.

### April 2017

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<td>Saturday, June 24</td>
<td>GRRHD “Night at the Ballpark”</td>
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### Upcoming events

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Meeting Minutes — Secretary - Brandon Mason

February HOG Waller minutes.

The February 2017 HOG Waller was called to order by Director, Harlan Clampitt at 7:00 pm at Great River Road Harley Davidson on Wednesday, February 1, 2017. There were 26 members present and 1 guest, Roger Kanerva, from the Springfield, Illinois Chapter.

Secretary’s Report
There was no report. (No meeting since November, 2016)

Treasurer’s Report
Treasurer, Gary Roe, reported income of 619.00 and expenses of 35.00. A motion was made, seconded and approved by the membership.

Activities
Activities Officer, Brandon Mason, reported that the February Officers Meeting would be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at Sammy O’Sullivan’s in Quincy, Illinois at 6:30 pm.

Sponsoring Dealer
Larry Ernst reported and handed out a publication featuring 12 Bike Nights during the 2017 season sponsored by Great River Road Harley Davidson. Stop in and pick up a flyer with all the different locations, dates and information, or check our calendar. Larry also reported that GRRHD will be raffling off a Low Rider S Bike on October 6, 2017. Stop in to buy tickets or attend any of the Bike Nights to purchase! Also, stop in the dealership to pick up your 2017 GRRHD Calendar. The dealership has 70 events planned for this year!

50/50 was won by Brandon Mason-25.00
Door Prize drawing was won by Tonja Lain,
Dealership Prize was won by Curt Lain

The meeting was adjourned by Director, Harlan Clampitt, at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Brandon Mason
Secretary

(March meeting minutes on the next page.)
Meeting Minutes—Secretary - Brandon Mason

March HOG Waller minutes.

The March 2017 HOG Waller was held on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at Great River Road Harley Davidson. Director, Harlan Clampitt, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. There were 29 members present.

Secretary's Report
There was no report. The report will be published in the following newsletter due to not having the correct email address to send the report to.

Treasurer’s Report
Treasurer, Gary Roe, reported income of $781.00 and expenses of $35.00. A motion was made, seconded and approved by the membership.

Safety Officer, Don Martin, reported that if you are out riding this time of year, enjoy! Just be aware that the general public is not in the habit of looking for motorcycles. Be extra alert and cautious.

Sponsoring Dealer Larry Ernst reported that the first Bike Night will be held at GRRHD on April 21, 2017. Don’t miss it! Also, that Harley Davidson will be coming out with 50 new models in the next 5 years!

Assistant Director and Newsletter Editor, Jim Wolf, reported to check the calendar and the newsletter for detail on our local activities. For the regional and national rallies, check HOG Magazine.

New Business
Corvettes and Harleys weekend at the Quincy Mall will be on Sunday, April 9, 2017. The mall will open at 10 am for entrance of the cars and bikes. The actual show that day will be from 11:30 am until 5:00 pm. Come on out and show your iron!

50/50 was won by Melinda Pryor Door Prize drawing was won by Deb O’Dear Dealership Prize was won by Bob Haley

The meeting was adjourned by Director, Harlan Clampitt at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Brandon Mason
Secretary

A Treasury Note

Due to Newsletter production schedules, financial information in this publication may not always be 100% current. Accurate data is always available from our River Roads Treasurer at the monthly Chapter Meetings.
Greetings from Great River Road Harley-Davidson. We are very excited as the riding season is right around the corner. We have started off 2017 with a real bang! February was the best month we have ever had, and it looks like March will finish strong also. We love hearing that steam horn ring!

As I’m sure you have all heard by now, Harley-Davidson released the first new motor in 17 years for the touring line of bikes in the 2017 model year. The all-new Milwaukee Eight 107 is a real change from the previous twin cam 103 that you have to experience to appreciate. It has more horsepower, more torque, more MPG, reduced vibration and reduced emissions. I’ve put the Stage II kit with the torque cam on my 2017 Road Glide Ultra, and WOW, I can’t get enough of that power! I’m well over 1000 miles this year and just over 600 miles last weekend alone.

We sold so many touring models this year already, we were literally running out. We just got a special delivery from Spokane with 32 bikes on it last Saturday. You have to come in and check out the selection.

Harley-Davidson announced that it will be releasing 50 new models in the next 5 years. The first two have now been revealed. First was the all new Road King Special, powered by the Milwaukee Eight 107 and sporting a blacked out style, it’s a beauty to behold. The second new model was the Street Rod, it’s a variant of the Street 750 with more aggressive styling and performance. Come in and check out these two new bikes.

Our Service department is really kicking it up a notch this year with custom bikes. We sold our first custom bike over the winter with the Harley-Davidson “Legacy” numbered, special edition paint set on a Fat Boy. It sounded every bit as good as it looked.

Next was a custom Street Glide build that lasted 4 days on the floor, GONE. We are now working on a big-wheel bagger that we will reveal in the coming weeks. We are also working on another custom Street Glide with the Harley-Davidson “Kingdom” special edition numbered paint set. This one too is really something special to behold. We have plans for several more custom bikes this season so keep your eyes on Facebook and the website to see the latest creation from our Service Department.

I hope you all got a calendar of our events for the year. We have so much going on this year, I don’t think Barb and I will get much sleep until October, LOL.

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GRRHD — Larry Ernst Continued

We will be kicking off our series of 12 BIKE NIGHTS with the opening BIKE NIGHT at the dealership on Friday, April 21 from 5-9PM. We will have live music from Blacktop South. They are a great regional band with a real following, this should be a great start to the season. The next day, the Muddy River Riders is having their annual Blessing of the Bikes at the dealership. The blessing will be in the morning followed by live music throughout the day by a number of bands. There will be vendors set up at the dealership both days.

I could go on and on about the season and what we have planned, but I’ll end it with a sincere Thank You to all the HOG members that come out and support the dealership throughout the year. Barb and I see our relationship with the HOG chapter as a true Win-Win and we value each and every one of you for your participation at the dealership and at our events. It is through participation that the riding community grows and we all have more fun!

Ride On

Larry, Barb, Katie and Henry.

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Chapter Membership — Deb O’Dear

Hi all!

Spring has sprung, but it’s on an up and down as far as the weather goes! I keep saying “more riding days are ahead!”

We have had several new members added to our list lately! Congrats on your bike purchases!! We want to see you and all our members at our monthly meetings! It takes all of us to run a great club.

Our membership is 102 members currently. Meetings are the first Wednesday at GRRHD. Meals are provided for a small charge and the food is always great! Meals are at 6:30 and the meeting begins at 7:00. Hope to see you!

If you know of someone who has not renewed their membership, please have them contact me or stop at the dealership to fill out a renewal form.

Have a great month and lots of riding time!!!

Deb O’Dear
Hey! Fellow HOG’s,

Let’s look at - **Taking Your First Spring Ride**

Assuming you’ve inspected your motorcycle and prepared it for the first ride, then you’re probably eager to get out on the road. Here are a few things to keep in mind before you rush off on your first ride in months.

**Riding Gear:** So you think the bike’s ready and you want to go around the block for a quick test ride? Don’t skimp on the riding gear. Accidents can easily happen on that first test ride when the bike’s condition is still iffy, so make sure you are fully protected. Once you go out for a longer ride, always bring along cold weather gear even if temperatures are warm. In these early days of spring, you never know when winter might make a surprise return.

**Getting In Riding Shape:** It’s great to be riding again and it may feel like you haven’t missed a beat but your skills are not going to be as good as they were last fall. Your reaction speed and timing can be a little off and corners can sneak up on you unexpectedly. Start out with a nice easy pace and slowly blow off the cobwebs on both man and machine. The first number of rides isn’t the time to be pushing your limits. An accident now could easily end your riding season before it’s even begun.

**Stay Connected:** Sure, your bike may have seemed fine while it was running in the garage, but there could be some hidden issues that develop miles down the road. You may just be planning a short shake-down ride; don’t forget to carry a mobile phone or GPS Messaging Device that will allow you to call for assistance and avoid being stranded should you encounter mechanical problems.

**Unpredictable Road Conditions:** Many riders wait until there have been a few rain showers to help clean off the roads before taking their first ride of the season. If you can’t wait for the roads to get cleaned off, be aware of the hazards you may encounter. Road crews typically use salt or sand to melt ice on the roads during the winter and much of it is still waiting for you in the spring. Also look out for ice hiding in the shadows and snow melt running across roads that can be extremely slippery. Corners and intersections are where you are most likely to encounter bad traction, so stay alert to avoid logging your first crash of the year.

**Ride Alert & Defensively:** You need to be aware that other motorists haven’t seen motorcycles on the road for months and they may have forgotten they share the road with you when spring comes around. During this time of year more than any other, you need to be on the lookout for cars straying into your lane and turning in front of you. It’s your life on the line, so take responsibility and assume they don’t see you — always ride alert and defensively.

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Safety Officer—continued

The sad note is that in the last month, there have been serious motorcycle accidents, with loss of life and all of them had folks who made a critical mistake and were not wearing approved helmets.

Despite all the dangers of early spring rides, there’s nothing like the feeling of being back on the bike again. If you prepare your bike and ride safely, you can jump start the season, while other riders are indoors still dreaming about going for a ride. Get out there and ride!

We've put on at least 500 miles so far and have seen lots of deteriorating road conditions. The best roads still need to have your alert eye on them planning a head and looking for poor conditions and very poor vehicle drivers. All of our rides were good fun rides and even though it was cold out our gear was good and the rides were great.

God bless,

Don Your Safety Guy

Next Road Captain ride is:
2 April, KSU 10:30 @ GRRHD.

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