

# Editor's Note

**A**s we continue this year's theme of transportation, we move on to motorcycles—a good topic for summer because when the weather is warm, people with motorcycles like to tune up their engines, fill up their gas tanks, and hit the road.

Whether they are going on a long vacation trip or just a Sunday drive, motorcyclists like being on journeys. These rides can create a sense of camaraderie, as bikers often travel in groups or ride with clubs. And that companionship can spark celebrations.

The biggest motorcycle celebration this year is the 110th anniversary of Harley-Davidson, perhaps the most well-known motorcycle manufacturer in the United States. (For more on Harley-Davidson, see page 44.) The company opened up shop in 1903 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. And that's where some of the biggest celebrations will take place, when the 110th anniversary year culminates in a four-day extravaganza (August 29–September 1). More than 60 bands will perform in concerts

scheduled throughout the long weekend. Other activities include a parade, parties at Harley-Davidson dealerships, street parties, and special events at the Harley-Davidson Museum.

Besides the festivities in Milwaukee, and at Harley-Davidson dealerships across the country, there are online activities as well. The Harley-Davidson Facebook page has been focusing on the anniversary for months. And the Harley-Davidson anniversary website ([110.harley-davidson.com](http://110.harley-davidson.com)) has a section called “My Epic Ride” that invites people from around the world to upload photos and share adventures they've had on their motorcycles. The website also has a “Graphic Wall” section where people can create their own 110th anniversary celebration graphics—or admire what others have posted and vote for their favorites. As you'd expect, there are lots of photos of motorcycles!

Another anniversary involving motorcycles occurred in May when thousands of participants in the Rolling Thunder Motorcycle Rally gathered, engines roaring, to mark the 25th anniversary of this event, which takes place in Washington, D.C., every Memorial Day weekend. (For more on Rolling Thunder, see page 45.)

It has nothing to do with motorcycles, but another anniversary occurs in July—the tenth anniversary of the day I became editor of *English Teaching Forum*. I can measure those ten years by issues published, but the number of authors and readers I have had the pleasure of serving seems immeasurable. And I'm grateful for all the fans of this journal.

I hope you enjoy this issue.

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Harley-Davidson motorcycle