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Important Chapter Meeting on April 9th

Dear Swiss Valley HOG Members:

A big hello to the newsletter readers... This is my first article in the newsletter, and like everyone else I don't know how to say or type some of the things on my mind, so I will do the best I can.

About the last HOG meeting - if you were not there I'm sure you heard about it. We had some added excitement at the end of the night between a couple of HOG members. I was not happy with the way it took place or the way it was discussed. And, I was put in a very difficult position as the Dealer to handle this situation. I have talked with all parties involved and some decisions have been made.

We as a chapter have to do what is right for every, yes I said every, member to ensure they are informed and happy to be part of the CHAPTER. Without the hard work of every member we CAN NOT survive as a chapter. Before the next meeting, I would like every member to look at themselves to see if they have it in them to do what it takes to make this chapter run. It will take everyone working together to get to this point.

I also would like to see every CHAPTER member at this next meeting in April. I will be discussing a lot of important things, including new positions open, and our options related to continuing as a chapter. I have way too much to say than can be said in this letter, so you will have to come to the next meeting to hear the rest. Please make plans to be there. Thank you and see you on the 9th.

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April Chapter Event Reminder

HOG Fish Fry Ride (Drive)

Partridge Hall

Friday, April 11, 2008

Leaving Kutter at 6:30 p.m.

Reservations at 7:00 p.m.

Contact Leroy or Kathy Rindy (loveourharleys@tds.net)
or sign up at Kutter

May Open House Reminder

Reminder...Kutter Monroe Open House is May 17. We need help with grilling (burgers and brats), the food trailer and 50/50. There is a sign up sheet at Kutter and we will also have it at the April chapter meeting.

March Event FullFILLING

On Friday, March 7th about 20 bikers invaded Red's Supper Club in Cuba City, Wisconsin for some fine dining. Many partook in the All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry while others enjoyed steaks, chops, et cetera. Thanks to chapter members Tom and Susie Bottoms for their hospitality and a great dining experience. Hopefully the next time we enjoy their great food we will do so on our bikes!

Kutter Bike Nights

Riding season is almost upon us so in addition to chapter events mark your calendar for Kutter Bike Nights. Every Thursday at Broken Spokes Roadhouse, W9698 Hwy 14, Darien, WI there will be live music and drink specials!

Kutter Harley Davidson/Buell Bike Race Night

Ride to the Lafayette County Speedway in Darlington, Wisconsin on Friday, May 30th. The ride will leave Kutter in Janesville at 5:00 p.m., head to Kutter in Monroe (leaving the Monroe store around 6:00 p.m.) and on to the race track in Darlington. The race starts at 7:00 p.m. Kutter riders receive: preferred parking, ½ price admission, entrance to Kutter Hospitality Suite trackside, and FREE food and beer. MVP members will receive 1 point!



Wisconsin State Rally News

Have you pre-registered for the state rally in the Dells area yet? If not, there is no better time to do it than now! Just go to www.wistatehogrally.com and check out all that is offered so far. There is also a link for lodging, dealer locator, and directions.

The dealer party on Thursday after pre-registration pick up closes will be a joint effort between Bala's Harley-Davidson and Sauk Prairie Harley-Davidson and will be held at Ho-Chunk Casino in the outside tent. These two dealerships are also working on a fabulous giveaway on Friday and Saturday nights of the rally, and you'll have to be there to win one of the 105th Anniversary leather coats.

If that isn't enough to entice you, think of riding the rolling farmlands, the excitement of the field events, and the friends both new and old that you will get a chance to hang out with for the weekend.

Pre-registration deadline is April 25th, so shovel out the path to your computer and register today.

Wisconsin State Rally Committee

Calendar of Events: 2-Months At a Glance

*2008 Calendar of Swiss Valley
Harley Owners Group
Chapter Events available online at
www.swissvalleyhog.com*

--APRIL--

- 9th 7:00 p.m.
HOG Meeting
Roadhouse, Monroe
- 11th 6:30 p.m. (leave Kutter)
Partridge Hall
Argyle
- 25th Pre-registration Due
State Rally
- TBA **Big Brothers Big Sisters
Bowl for Kids**

--MAY--

- 3rd **Spring Open House**
Kutter, Janesville
- 14th 7:00 p.m.
HOG Meeting
Roadhouse, Monroe
- 17th **Spring Open House**
Kutter, Monroe
- 21st **Wednesday Dinner Ride**
- 30th **Kutter Night**
Lafayette County Speedway

Chapter Website Available

Did you know Swiss Valley H.O.G. has a website? The site had been without a webmaster for quite a while. Recently, Steve Jacobs stepped up to the plate and took a swing at updating the website. Check out his handiwork at www.swissvalleyhog.com.

If you want to get into the password protected part of the site to see the current and past newsletters for the chapter, put in "svhog".

Just as with the newsletter, comments are welcome regarding the website.

What is it you want to see on the site?

How can we represent our chapter effectively through our web presence?

Let Steve know your ideas, and give him a shout out of "thanks" for being our chapter webmaster. You can reach him at sljake@aeroinc.net.



Chapter News



April Birthdays

4/19 Bob Brown

4/23 Stephen Lee



What news do you have to share with your fellow chapter members?

Did you buy a new motorcycle?

Did you celebrate an important occasion?

Maybe you went on a fantastic ride you just have to share with everyone?

Let us know by emailing your news to burgert@tds.net for inclusion in next month's

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Meet the Member

This month, become acquainted with one of our chapter's female riders.

Name: **Heather Phillipson**

When Did You Join Swiss Valley H.O.G.? 2003

What Do You Ride? 2003 XL 883R

Why Do You Ride? I feel like I am in my own world, it is a chance to get away from everything.

What Was/Is Your Favorite Ride? Chicken Ride to Rockton

What is Your Dream Bike? Heritage Softail in black and chrome

What is Your Dream Ride? I would like to ride across the Golden Gate Bridge

What is Your Favorite Thing to Do When Not Riding? Shooting .22 Rifle – I have been shooting since I was 14 and it is something I enjoy doing with my son

What Else Do You Want to Share About Yourself, Your Family or Riding? I like trucks – matter of fact I drive truck. You should check out the Mercedes engine in my new Freightliner

Silly Cycle Laws for Women

*The number of female motorcyclists is growing.
Women are choosing to take charge of their own machine.
But ladies, watch out for these silly cycle laws!*

- In Lexington, Kentucky, women cyclers can't wear a swimsuit unless they're carrying a knife or stick or are escorted by two policemen.
- In South Dakota, single, divorced, or widowed women are not allowed to ride a motorcycle on Sunday.
- In Clearbrook, Minnesota, when a woman biker orders a beverage where alcohol is served on Sunday, she must stand five feet away from the bar.
- In Lowes Crossroads, Delaware, it's a crime for children to laugh at women motorcyclists.
- In Hickory Ridge, Arizona, no woman may ride a motorcycle while wearing a nightgown.
- In Florissant, Mississippi, it's illegal to make a silly face at women motorcyclists.
- In Old Furnace, Massachusetts, women can't whistle while repairing motorcycles on Sunday.
- In Moosehead, Maine, women on motorcycles aren't allowed to wink at a man they don't know.

<http://lawlibrary.ucdavis.edu/LAWLIB/apr93/0002.html>

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Safety Officer Report

April TO DO List



- Check out the chapter website - <http://www.swissvalleyhog.com>
Thanks to our very own Steve Jacobs, it is staying up to date!
The password for the newsletter is "svhog".
- Put May 17th on your calendar and sign up to volunteer for the Monroe Spring Open House at Kutter.
- Make sure to attend this month's meeting to hear important information about the Chapter from Scott Golackson.
- Planning to attend the State Rally, don't forget to sign up www.wistatehogrally.com.
- Register your current mileage with Kutter so you can participate in the 2008 Rider Challenge. You wouldn't want to miss out on the chance to win the \$100 Gift Certificate from Kutter awarded to the Chapter member who puts on the most miles in 2008.
- Recruit a new chapter member before riding season is here.
- If you need service work, call Curt at Kutter to make sure they get you on the schedule so you don't miss a day of riding.

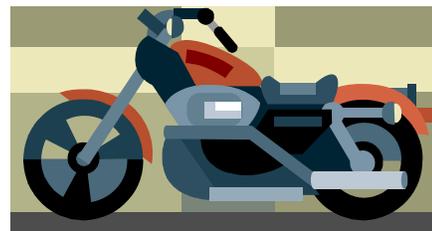
Well, the snow is finally melting! Now all we need is lots of rain to wash the salt and gravel off the roads so they are safe to ride on. I know a few of you have already been out riding. Be very careful, there is still a lot of crap on the roads. All it takes is a small amount of debris on the road to ruin your ride. I am happy to announce that six people from our chapter have completed the CPR Lifesaver and First Aid Class offered at Blackhawk Tech during the month of March. Kathy, Leroy, Chandra, Fuzzy, Jody, and I all completed our training on the 24th of March. We hope the training will never have to be put to use, but feel we are better equipped to handle emergency situations if needed. It is like a rain suit and cycle insurance, you have them, but hope you never have to use them. It was very educational, and I feel everyone should take some type of this class at some time in their lives. I felt with two small grandchildren and being the safety officer of such a fine group of riders like we have in our club, I want to be prepared if I am needed. When you enjoy riding as much as we do, you never know when you might be called upon to save someone's life. I'm proud to say, "I have CPR training, can I help you"? We have also learned of a few things we need to add to our first aid kit, so we will be checking that over before we hit the road this spring.

Let's get our bikes in to be checked over and serviced by Kutter's crew before you hit the road. I spoke with Curt and he said they are doing fairly well on keeping up with the demand. He said most of the time he could work your bike in within a day or two. It is hard to say when the weather is going to finally break, but I know I want to be ready to rumble, how about you?

On another note, the Riders Edge Classes for April are all filled up. Please contact Kutter for May and June classes that still have openings. It never hurts to brush up on your riding skills. They also give good advice on watching out for other drivers. You are only as good as the drivers around you, and some of them may be in cars or trucks that have no idea that you are even there. BE CAREFUL.

We have a great bunch of rides planned for this season, but we also have some rides that no one has signed up for that will be canceled if someone doesn't sign up for them soon. Please, sign up for a dinner ride. Take us to your favorite hangout to eat, and show them what a great bunch of people you hang out with, (meaning us). Let's have a great summer of safe riding!

Hokie, Safety Officer
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group



A Letter from the Editor

Dear Swiss Valley H.O.G.
Chapter Members:

Just when it seems as though spring is going to set in for good, another dose of cold and snow rolls in and gets in the way of pulling my Sportster out of the garage. I don't know about all of you, but I am getting tired of talking about riding and I want to just get out there and ride!

If you haven't planned your rides for the season and you are thinking about an epic journey check out the list of books I included in this month's newsletter. Make sure to also put the first Wednesday dinner ride of the season on your calendar (this month will probably be a drive instead of a ride but an evening meal at Partridge Hall in Argyle with chapter friends will be enjoyable even without the wind in our face).

While making it to Chapter meetings is the best way to find out about everything in store for the 2008 riding season, you can also keep an eye on the chapter website www.swissvalleyhog.com being maintained by Steve Jacobs. On occasion dates are changed so make sure you check the newsletter, website, and/or Kutter for current information on events, times and locations.

If you have news to share, ideas for future articles, or other suggestions for the newsletter, email me at burgert@tds.net. Hope to see you out on the road!

Sarah Burgert
The Cheese Kutter Editor
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

Road Captain Report

Hi everyone! I guess the calendar says spring, but so far it hasn't looked or felt much like it. I heard on TV this morning that last year on March 26th it was 79 degrees. Unbelievable! Even 59 degrees would feel great this year!

Last month we had our first dinner ride (or drive!) of the year when we went to Red's Supper Club. Tom and Susie Bottoms did a great job hosting us. We thank them for the great food and service. We will try to get back there again soon.

Our next dinner ride (or drive) will be Friday, April 11 at Partridge Hall in Argyle. We will be leaving Kutter at 6:30 PM. We made reservations for 7:00. There is a sign up sheet at Kutter for those already who know they can go. We'll also have the sign up sheet at the April HOG meeting.

REMEMBER, even if you don't sign up but are able to make it at the last minute, just show up at Kutter that night. Hey, life happens! EVERYONE IS ALWAYS WELCOME! The restaurants are glad to have as many people as possible. WE are glad to have as many people as possible. This HOG Chapter is all about camaraderie and having fun with friends. If you know you can make the ride, but aren't going to get a chance to get in to Kutter and sign up, just give myself or Kathy a call (938-4808) or e-mail (loveourharleys@tds.net) so we can count you in.

Mark May 21 on your calendar as that is going to be our first "official" dinner ride (on the bikes). I'm sure hoping we will be riding by then. Hope to see everyone at the meeting on April 9 and the dinner ride on Friday, April 11.

Snow and salt go away, I want to ride my bike today!

Leroy Rindy, Head Road Captain
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

Membership Meeting Minutes 3-12-08

Director: Mike Foulker

- Called meeting to order with 32 members and guests in attendance and led Pledge of Allegiance.
- Editor position is open and needs volunteer by May
- H.O.G./H-D 105th AeroSmith concert cancelled, Kid Rock concert will be free

Assistant Director: Shawny Holcomb

- 2008 WI State Rally will be June 13 – 15th in Wisconsin Dells.
- 2009 Wis. State Rally is in Appleton June 25-27
- 2010 Wis. State Rally will be June 25 – 27th, location TBA

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Reading About the Road

Here are just a few possible books of interest for those of you planning rides this season.

Great American Motorcycle Tours

- Gary McKechnie (Forward by Peter Fonda), 2006

“Don't waste your valuable two-wheeled vacation on ordinary routes. Instead, let Gary McKechnie be your guide. He's spent years exploring the nation by bike, and he gives you his top 20 rides, from the rocky New England coast to the wide-open West.”

American Motorcycle Association Ride Guide to America: Favorite Motorcycle Tours in the USA

- Gregg Harrison (Editor), 2005

“From the corkscrews of California to the scenic mountain notches of New England, the AMA Ride Guide to America reveals the enticing backroads that motorcyclists dream about.”

Adventure Motorcycling Handbook: Worldwide Motorcycling Route & Planning Guide

- Chris Scott, 2005

“This expanded and redesigned new edition is packed with essential advice and practical know-how on the vital preparation for undertaking a long journey off the beaten track, be it in a nearby wilderness area or on the other side of the globe.”

Sunday Rides on Two Wheels: Motorcycling in Southern Wisconsin

- Barbara Barber, John Duffy (Editor), 2003

“Eighteen unforgettable routes along riverways and ridges, down rustic roads and coulees, and over 1800 miles of southern Wisconsin's best rides.”

Membership minutes cont...

Assistant Director cont: Shawny

- Attended State Rally planning meeting on Feb. 2nd – volunteer opportunities available, but didn't commit chapter to any
- March 7th Chapter went to Red's Dinner Club, Thanks to Tom & Susie Bottoms for their hospitality

Treasurer: Mike Schmid

- Not in attendance, financial report available

Secretary: Donna Reel

- Minutes from 2-3-08 membership meeting in March Cheese Kutter
- Membership renewal due for 2008 (\$20. per person or \$30. couple) – both need National HOG numbers in order to join local HOG chapter, spouses may be Associate member of HOG
- 46 members currently

Dealership: Scott Golackson

- Call Curt Berndt at Kutters for service
- MVP parties have changed. April 19th has been changed to June 21st in Monroe. July 12th has been changed to July 13th for Gold Members only. August 16th party is cancelled. Nov. 8th party in Janesville.
- Kutter is sponsoring races at LaFayette Speedway. MVP members get \$2. off. May 30th and Aug. 8th are “Kutter Nights” and will have hospitality suites.
- August 2nd is Cruise Night in Freeport and Scott is working with PJ's in planning the activities. Kutters will be the halfway point for the poker run and asked if the chapter wanted to have a brat cookout for a fundraiser.

Head Road Captain: Leroy Rindy

- Friday, April 11th dinner location has been changed to Partridge Hall

Safety Officer: Dennis Holcomb

- 6 members attending CPR class

Activity Committee

- Open House on May 17th will have food trailer and 50/50 raffle.

Editor: Sarah Burgert

- Historian position is still open and Editor position will be open in May
- Advertising is \$50. for business card for 12 issues

Misc.

- Shawny is stepping down from Assistant Director and asked for a volunteer to take position

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Membership minutes cont...

Prize winners

- 50/50 – \$25. won by Curt Bernt
- Gift certificates donated by Kutter – Rich Speich & Susie Bottoms
- Bonus drawing: Red's Supper Club \$20. gift certificate won by Curt Moyer

Next Membership Meeting

- Wed. April 9th at 7:00 p.m. at the Roadhouse in Monroe

Minutes submitted by: Donna Reel, Secretary
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