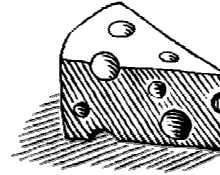
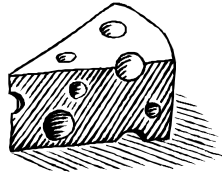


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### NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR

December has arrived! So as one riding season comes to a close, plans are being made for our next riding season. Officers, road captains, and some of our activity coordinators met on November 30 to put together our events calendar for 2009. We will try to have a copy of the calendar ready for our December meeting, one will be e-mailed to you as soon as it is done. For those who do not have e-mail, a copy will be available at the December meeting, or at Kutters after that date. We will not mail copies out separately. They will also be available at the January meeting and in the January newsletter.

One of the bylaw requirements of H.O.G. is that we identify all events as either open, closed, or member events.

**OPEN EVENTS:** Those chapter events that are open to Swiss Valley Chapter members, national HOG members and any other guests as desired.

**CLOSED EVENTS:** Those chapter events open to chapter members and 1 guest per member.

**MEMBER EVENTS:** Those events open only to Swiss Valley Chapter members.

We need to identify each event in order to post the calendar on our website.

It was decided at our November meeting that the officers and road captains will each plan a dinner ride for the 2009 riding season. We are going to try to stay within 30 miles of Monroe for our evening dinner rides in order to get people home as early as possible for those who don't like to ride after dark, or for those who have to leave for work early mornings. We will still be leaving Kutter at 6:00 PM for our weekday dinner rides, but it will not be on the 3rd Wednesday during 2009. It was decided to move the rides to some Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings, some Saturday and Sunday afternoons. This will hopefully give everyone a chance to make a few of the rides that had commitments on Wednesday evenings. We will review again at the end of the year to see if we have had better attendance.

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Upcoming dates to remember:

December 6th, Kutter open house in Janesville.

December 13th, Kutter open house in Monroe. We still need a few people to donate cookies and bars, wrap gifts, and sell baked goods. Please check the sign up sheet and fill the open slots.

January 17th, Bystander Awareness Basic Class in Beloit. (Talk to Steve Zinsli)

We will also start to renew memberships in December. Please remember, you must have a national HOG membership to join our local chapter.

We also still need food and clothing donations. There are a lot of needy families that could really use our donations!

We have a few new people stepping up to fill a few openings within our organization, and they will also be announced at the December meeting. Please plan on attending!

Newsletter Information: Due to the cost of mailing, starting January 2009 we will no longer mail out newsletters. We will be emailing them, they will be posted on the website, or you can pick up a copy at Kutters.

**PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY! THANK YOU AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO EVERYONE!!**

Hokie, Chapter Director

Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

## **Membership Meeting Minutes - November 12, 2008**

### **Director: Dennis (Hokie) Holcomb**

- Called meeting to order with 30 members in attendance and led Pledge of Allegiance
- Thanked Diane Updike for organizing the Halloween party and Scott Golackson for donating prizes from Kutters
- Asked for ideas for rides and activities for next year
- Open House at Kutters (bake sale & wrap gifts)
- Donation incentive: donations worth \$5., ticket into drawing for \$25. at Kutters
- Info. – Balltown Restaurant burned down again, 10 months after last fire

### **Assistant Director: Steve Jacobs**

- Wisconsin State Rally next June in Appleton – 10 rooms reserved

### **Treasurer: Mike Schmid (not at meeting)**

### **Secretary & Membership Officer: Donna Reel**

- Updated enrollment form per HOG requirements
- Kathy Rindy volunteered to take Secretary position in 2009

## Calendar of Events:

### 2-Months at a Glance

*2008 Calendar of Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group*

*Chapter Events available online at [www.swissvalleyhog.com](http://www.swissvalleyhog.com)*

(SORRY! Chapter Events page temporarily unavailable online)

**--January newsletter deadline--  
December 28, 2008**

### **--DECEMBER--**

6<sup>th</sup> **Holiday Open House**  
Kutter, Janesville

10<sup>th</sup> **HOG Meeting**  
**7:00p.m.**  
Roadhouse, Monroe

13<sup>th</sup> **Holiday Open House**  
Kutter, Monroe

*2009 Calendar of Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group*

### **--JANUARY--**

2009 **Membership Dues**

10<sup>th</sup> **2008 Holiday Party**  
Amcore Bank

14<sup>th</sup> **HOG Meeting**  
**7:00p.m.**  
Roadhouse, Monroe

30<sup>th</sup> **Dinner Ride**  
**6:00p.m.**  
Red's Supper Club



## Meeting Minutes – continued

### **Kutter H.D. Representative: Scott Golackson**

- \$100. prizes for most miles rode and person who rode most to meetings
- HOG Corner moved to back room
- Asked if members would like to do things with Janesville Chapter

### **Head Road Captain: Leroy Rindy**

- Fall overnight weekend to Wabasha, Minnesota was beautiful
- Friday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> Dinner ride to Asa's in Orangeville

### **Safety Officer: Steve Zinsli**

- Bystander Awareness Basic Class for 2 days scheduled for Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> & Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Beloit for \$55.
  - August 14-15 Veterans Ride in Central Wisconsin

### **Other:**

- Donation ideas: Dawn Wolfe mentioned donating to Hospice so they can get video monitors; Diane Updike asked about donating \$100. towards a sound system at a soccer field in a park in Monroe

**Door Prizes:** \$10. gift certificates donated by Kutters, won by Tom Holmes and Leroy Rindy

**50/50:** John Deackman won \$40.

**Drawing for Donations:** Hokie won \$25. from Kutters  
New: There will be a drawing every month for \$25. from Kutters.  
Every \$5. of donations = 1 ticket into drawing

**Next HOG Chapter Meeting: Wed. Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>** at Roadhouse in Monroe, WI

Donna Reel, Secretary  
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

## Friday Dinner Ride/Drive

Thanks to Leroy Rindy for planning the Friday Night dinner ride to Asa's in Orangeville on November 14. The winner of the monthly Free Lunch Ticket was Tom Holmes. If you're not familiar with the "*Free Lunch Program*" here's the scoop... At every dinner ride one lucky HOG member gets his or her meal paid for by Kutter. Sometimes we draw names, shake dice, draw cards or draw numbers. Tom had to dance on top of the table to get his dinner paid for. No, I guess maybe that was just a dream I had! At any rate, Tom got his Friday night fish paid for. Thanks Kutter! There was also a Chicago Bears centerpiece on our table (I can't even believe we sat at that table!) that was given away at the end of the night. The waitress had us all put our names in a hat and she drew the lucky "?" winner. The winner was Leroy! Before he left the restaurant, he was seen taking any identification off the centerpiece that said "Bears" on it. It was a fun night out for 16 HOG members and 2 guests.

## Road Captain Report

### CHEESE KUTTER SPONSORS

Hi everyone! Looks like the riding season has come to an end with 30 degree temp's, snow on the ground and salt on the roads. I guess it's time to tuck the bikes into storage for the long Wisconsin winter.

The good news is we have already started planning for a great riding season in 2009! We held our first ever riding-planning meeting that included all chapter members who wished to have input into where and what types of rides we would do in 2009. I would like to thank all of those members who took the time to attend and give us their ideas and feedback for rides. I thought we had many good ride ideas, as well as restaurant suggestions. We got good feedback on what people liked and would like to see done in the future.

Some of the things we decided to do include: continuing with the 'by bike or by car' dinner rides but changing up different nights of the week. These rides will be held once a month year round, except for December. They will be scheduled by January and posted at Kutter. A complete schedule will be in the newsletter. This will include the date and the destination.

We have also decided this year to try having a Saturday afternoon/evening dinner ride. This would give us a chance to travel a little further to other restaurants. We will have 3 or 4 Sunday rides. We are having just one overnight ride, either in August or September. We are planning on getting out 1 or 2 times this winter for a day trip, as well as having the summer picnic.

It looks like we have a great start to a busy and fun-filled year ahead. The officers will be meeting on Sunday, November 30th to put the 2009 calendar together so that by our December meeting we have our 2009 calendar ready for all the members. We want everyone to be able to start making plans to join in on the fun.

Thank you to all who went on the dinner ride to Asa's in Orangeville. It was a good time with good food.

Hope to see everyone at the December meeting.

Think Spring,

Leroy Rindy, Head Road Captain  
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

## Safety Officer Report

Unfortunately there were only 3 registrations for the December 6th 2008 Accident Scene Management Bystander Awareness Basic Class at Beloit Occupational Health Center and, at this time, there is no choice but to cancel this class. The January 17th, 2009 class is still scheduled but also has no registrations as of yet. A decision on that class will be made January 10th or so.

Steve Zinsli, Safety Officer  
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**Meet the Member**

*This month, become acquainted with one of our chapter's members.*

**Name:** Craig Tourdot

**When Did You Join Swiss Valley H.O.G.?** 2006

**What Do You Ride?** 2004 1200 Sportster.

**Why Do You Ride?** To have fun and be with others that ride bike and just be free and have an open mind.

**What Was/Is Your Favorite Ride?** Going to Rockton and going to Balltown last year.

**What is Your Dream Bike?** Street Glide.

**What is Your Dream Ride?** Going to Sturgis

**What is Your Favorite Thing to Do When Not Riding?**  
 Spending a lot more time with my kids and going to tractor pulls.

**What is Your Favorite Thing to Do When Not Riding?** I have two boys, Dan and Kyle. Dan is 10 and Kyle is 8. If anybody wants to ride...give me a call.

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**December Birthdays**

12-18 Tracy Meier

12-24 Curt Updike

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**Halloween Party**

Our annual HOG Halloween Party was held on Saturday night, November 1<sup>st</sup> at the Amcore Bank Community Room in Monroe. Again this year, we enjoyed seeing some real creative and cute costumes. Thanks to everyone who came to the party and brought salads, desserts and other great dishes to go along with our shredded pork barbeque and hot ham sandwiches. A big thank you goes out to Kutter Harley-Davidson, who was very generous in donating several prizes that we used for the winners of our games and for door prizes. We're already counting down the days until next year's party!

Diane Updike, Activity Coordinator Member

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