The Cheese Kutter

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2008 Membership Dues

Just a reminder that 2008 Membership Dues need to be paid by February 29, 2008 in order to continue to receive your monthly newsletter. A chapter renewal form is included in this month's newsletter and each member must fill out the form individually as they are used as a release. Couples are \$30 and individuals are \$20 each. Please fill your form out promptly and make checks payable to Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group.

You may turn these in to a primary officer or mail to: Swiss Valley H.O.G

129 West 6th Street Monroe, WI 53566

Thank you, Mike Foulker, Director Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

Come Celebrate the Start of 2008!

Swiss Valley H.O.G. Holiday Party
Saturday, January 26th 2008
The Monticello House (in the lounge)
Main Street, Monticello, WI
Cocktails at 6:00 p.m. - Dinner at 6:45 p.m.

Entrée Choices:

- Prime Rib \$24.95
- Casino Steak \$21.25
- Chicken Monticello \$17.55
- Jumbo Shrimp \$26.20

Includes:

- Baked Potato
- Garden Salad
- Coffee or Milk
- Tax and Tip

Please <u>sign up in the H.O.G. Corner at Kutter no later than January 16th</u>. You will pay for your entrée on January 26th. We are looking forward to seeing everyone for an evening of fun and camaraderie!

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2008 Rider Challenge

As you plan your New Year resolutions you might want to keep the following challenge in mind. Kutter Harley-Davidson Monroe is giving you the opportunity to combine your love for riding with the chance to win two different \$100 gift certificates!

All Swiss Valley H.O.G. Chapter members are eligible to participate in this challenge:

- \$100 Gift Certificate to the member who puts on the most miles in 2008*
- \$100 Gift Certificate to the member who rides to the most meetings in 2008

For more information, contact Scott Golackson at the dealership.

*You must register your current mileage with Kutter before you begin putting miles on that will count towards this challenge.

Thank You for Your Generosity!

A big thank you goes out to everyone who donated toys, pet supplies and food to Green Haven (United Way of Green County), Green County Humane Society and the Green County Food Pantry. In addition to the items that were brought in, \$270 was raised between donations and the sale of baked goods for the Green County Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Without all of the members who brought in baked goods, worked at the bake sale and gift wrapping stand and purchased baked goods, this could not have happened. As a Chapter we donated the following:

•	Green Haven (United Way of Green County)	\$500.00
•	Green County Humane Society	\$500.00
•	Green County Food Pantry	\$500.00
•	Green County EMS	\$770.00

Each of you who contributed and lent a hand should feel good that you have helped those who really need our support and assistance. I spoke with a woman from the Food Pantry when she came in to pick up the donations and told her she would be receiving a check for \$500 before the end of the year. She tells me that January is a very hard time of year for them. People forget that after the holidays food is still needed for those in need. She was very thankful for our support.

Thank you for being so generous during the holidays!

Mike Foulker, Director & Shawny Holcomb, Assistant Director Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

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Calendar of Events

Don't forget to renew your membership for the New Year!

--JANUARY--

1st HAPPY NEW YEAR!

6th 1:00 p.m.

2008 Planning Meeting

Flanagan's Shenanigans, Monroe

(Primary Officers, Road Captains, Safety Officer, Editor, & Activity Committee are encouraged to attend. We will be working on the 2008 Calendar of Events)

9th 7:00 p.m. **HOG Meeting** Roadhouse, Monroe

16th Holiday Party Sign-up Deadline

26th 6:00 p.m. Cocktails 6:45 p.m. Dinner **Holiday Party** Monticello House

--FEBRUARY--

7:00 p.m. **HOG Meeting**Roadhouse, Monroe

29th MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE

January Birthdays

1/27 Judith Klassy



What You Told Us...

Thank you to everyone who completed the recent chapter member survey. We received 28 completed questionnaires and this is what we found out:

- Where you would like monthly meetings held:
 - o 40% Flanagan's
 - o 28% The Roadhouse
 - o 32% Other
- When you would like monthly meetings held:
 - o 82% 7pm on Wednesday (current day and time)
 - o 7% 7pm on Tuesday or Thursday
 - o 7% 6pm no day of week specified
 - o 4% 6pm on Wednesday
- Weekday rides:
 - o 38% would like to see more weekday rides
 - o 62% would <u>not</u> like to see more weekday rides
- Weekend rides:
 - o 77% would like to see more weekend rides
 - o 23% would not like to see more weekend rides
- Overnight rides:
 - o 10% would like to see more overnight rides
 - o 90% would not like to see more overnight rides
- Calendar of events to post on your fridge:
 - o 96% yes
 - o 4% no
- Hold a raffle in 2008:
 - o 33% would like to have a raffle in 2008
 - o 67% would not like to have a raffle in 2008
- CPR Class:
 - o 75% would like to take a CPR class
 - o 25% would not like to take a CPR class

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Some Motorcycle Laughs as You Dream About 2008's Riding Weather...

Midnight bugs taste best. *Author Unknown*

It takes more love to share the saddle than it does to share the bed.

Author Unknown

Faster, faster, faster, until the thrill of speed overcomes the fear of death. *Hunter Thompson*

The best alarm clock is sunshine on chrome. *Author Unknown*

If you don't ride in the rain, you don't ride.

Author Unknown

Catching a yellow-jacket in your shirt at seventy miles per hour can double your vocabulary.

Author Unknown

Only a biker knows why a dog sticks his head out of a car window.

Author Unknown

When you are riding lead, don't spit. *Author Unknown*

Sometimes the best communication happens when you're on separate bikes.

Author Unknown



What you told us cont...

You suggested the following rides/events for 2008:

- Mississippi River Museum
- Byron Turkey Testical Festival
- Freeport Abate Poker Run to Byron
- 105th Milwaukee Anniversary
- J&P Cycles Open House June 28th
- S&S Cycles 50th Ann. June 26 29
- Tub Run Help Janesville out
- Dickeyville Hill Climb
- Durand Biker Show
- Wisconsin State Rally
- Big Brother Big Sisters Bowling
- Other charity events
- International Motorcycle Show in Chicago Feb 8 10
- Sturgis
- Baraboo
- New Member Ride
- Museum in Anamosa, IA
- Ride from Dubuque to 105th
- Overnight to Palasides Park
- Cabin Fever to WI Dells Water Park
- Go Karts in Brodhead
- Poopy's
- New Diggins
- Breitbachs in Iowa
- Gambling in Dubuque
- Gambling in Prairie du Chien
- Weekend Rallies

We plan on discussing this at the January 6^{th} planning meeting and using the results to determine the future direction of the chapter. Again, thank you for taking the time to fill out the questionnaire.

Shawny Holcomb, Assistant Director Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

While you are waiting for the snow to melt, check out the latest parts and accessories at http://www.harley-davidson.com. Or plan your spring rides by logging into the H.O.G. Members website at http://members.hog.com. Here's what you can find:

- Online Ride Planner
- Tips on What to Pack & Where to Stay
- Tips to Prepare you Before and On the Road
- Motorcycle Laws in Each State

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JUST A BIKER

Author Unknown

I saw you, hug your purse closer to you in the grocery store line. But you didn't see me put an extra \$10.00 in the collection plate last Sunday.

I saw you pull your child closer when we passed each other on the sidewalk. But you didn't see me playing Santa at the local mall.

I saw you change your mind about going into the restaurant when you saw my bike parked out front. But you didn't see me attending a meeting to raise more money for the hurricane relief.

I saw you roll up your window and shake your head when I rode by. But you didn't see me riding behind you when you flicked your cigarette butt out the car window.

I saw you frown at me when I smiled at your children. But you didn't see me, when I took time off from work to run toys to the homeless.

I saw you stare at my long hair. But you didn't see me and my friends cut ten inches off for Locks of Love.

I saw you roll your eyes at our leather jackets and gloves. But you didn't see me and my brothers donate our old ones to those that had none.

I saw you look in fright at my tattoos. But you didn't see me cry as my children where born or have their name written over and in my heart.

I saw you change lanes while rushing off to go somewhere. But you didn't see me going home to be with my family.

I saw you, complain about how loud and noisy our bikes can be. But you didn't see me when you were changing the CD and drifted into my lane.

I saw you yelling at your kids in the car. But you didn't see me pat my child's hands knowing she was safe behind me.

I saw you reading the newspaper or map as you drove down the road. But you didn't see me squeeze my wife's leg when she told me to take the next turn.

I saw you race down the road in the rain. But you didn't see me get soaked to the skin so my son could have the car to go on his date.

I saw you run the yellow light just to save a few minutes of time. But you didn't see me trying to turn right.

I saw you cut me off because you needed to be in the lane I was in. But you didn't see me leave the road.

I saw you, waiting impatiently for my friends to pass. But you didn't see me. I wasn't there. I saw you go home to your family. But you didn't see me. Because I died that day you cut me off. I was just a biker. A person with friends and a family. But you didn't see me.

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A Letter from the Editor

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

Most of you are likely entering the New Year thinking about what you accomplished in 2007. As you reflect, think about all the exciting things we accomplished together as the Swiss Valley H.O.G. Chapter. When I look at the donations we made (see pg 2 for recent success), and think about the difference those donations make I couldn't be more proud of being a part of this chapter!

It seems each year speeds by at a faster rate, leaving us wondering how we will ever get it all done. I appreciate that the Swiss Valley H.O.G. Chapter reminds me to take time to enjoy the ride and my fellow riders. Don't let this gift to yourself slip by, remember to renew your membership (see pg 1).

And finally, we can't talk about a New Year without mentioning those dreaded resolutions! As you think about what you want in 2008, make sure the Swiss Valley H.O.G. Chapter is part of your goals, whether those goals are putting more miles of pavement behind you in order to compete for the \$100 Gift Certificate Kutter is offering (see pg 2 Rider Challenge article), volunteering a few extra hours for a chapter fundraising event, attending more chapter meetings, sharing your riding stories with members through the newsletter, inviting someone new to join our great organization, or simply showing others by example what it really means to be a biker (see pg 5 "Just a Biker"). Here's to 2008 and the Swiss Valley H.O.G.s!

Sarah Burgert
The Cheese Kutter Editor
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

Safety Officer Report

What a December we have had. I hope you that have snowmobiles have been out having fun, because this crap sure has put motorcycling on hold. Now all we can hope for is warm weather and early spring rains to get the salt off the roads.

At the last meeting I asked about the interest in a CPR / first aide class. It seemed like there was enough interest to try to fill a class. We need a minimum of 10 people. I think we had at least 6 or more at the meeting who plan on attending. The class will be held on the Monroe campus of Blackhawk Tech. It will be on 2 Monday nights in March. They will be from 6 PM to 9:30 PM on the 10th and 17th. If you are interested, please fill out the attached form and get registered. If you cannot bring it up on your computer, please email me. I will get you a copy. Let's get the class full by the end of January.

On a sadder note, many of you may have heard Dan Reinbold's father passed away the day before Christmas. Please keep his family in your prayers. Another sad happening on the 24th, was one of our favorite destinations for great food burned to the ground. Breitbach's family restaurant in Balltown, Ia. went up in flames. Hopefully Mike will rebuild, but it will never be the same. I'm sure all of the antiques are gone.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! Hokie, Safety Officer Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

Activity Committee

Right after the December H.O.G. Chapter meeting, the Activity Committee met to go over expectations, and how we wanted to move forward as a committee. In attendance were Jody Jacobs, Julie Mau, Chandra Speich and Diane Updike. Julie Holmes and Chandra Speich have both been an asset to the Activity Committee, but have decided to scale back their role. They will still help out when needed but will no longer be on the committee. That leaves one opening for the Activity Committee. If interested in being part of the Activity Committee, please contact one of the Primary Officers.

The Activity Committee is responsible for ensuring the Open House, Halloween Party, Holiday Party, food trailer, bake sale and various other functions go smoothly. They arrange places to have the parties and encourage people to sign up for shifts to work at the Open House, food trailer, and bake sale. In addition a representative from the Activity Committee will be present at the head table for the monthly H.O.G. meetings. You will also see an article each month from one of the members. See you in 2008!

Swiss Valley H.O.G. is IN SEARCH OF....



HISTORIAN

A member who loves keeping records and is interested in documenting chapter milestones and history.

WEBMASTER

A member who can't seem to get enough of the computer and wants to help communicate chapter news and information on the Internet.

ACTIVITY COMMITTEE MEMBER

A member who loves to work with others to plan parties/activities and encourage people to sign up for volunteer shifts.



Send inquiries and names of possible suspects to Mike Foulker at minpins@charter.net or call 608-293-8655

Membership Meeting Minutes 12-12-07

Director: Mike Foulker

- Called meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and led members in the Pledge of Allegiance
- Kutter's Open House was Sat. Dec 8th
 - o Thanks to everyone who donated baked goods for the bake sale & their time gift wrapping.
 - o Biff suggested a tip jar at the wrapping table which made \$70
 - o \$200. was donated to EMS
- Questionnaire turn in if you haven't so results can be shared at Jan. meeting
- Planning meeting for 2008 on Sun. Jan. 6th at 1:00 p.m. at Flans

Assistant Director: Shawny Holcomb

- 2008 Wisconsin State Rally will be June 13 15th in Wisconsin Dells. There are 10 rooms reserved at Best Western and 3 at Ho-Chunk
- 2009 Wis. State Rally is in Appleton June 19-21
- 2010 Wis. State Rally will be June 25 27th, location TBA
- Will send out cards for sympathy/special occasions: let Shawny or Mike F. know

Treasurer: Mike Schmid

- Not in attendance, financial report available
- Donations made to Green Co. Inter-Church Food Pantry, Green Haven (United Way of Green Co.), Green Co. Humane Society, & Green Co. Emergency Medical Services

Secretary: Donna Reel

- Minutes from 11-14-07 membership meeting in December Cheese Kutter
- Membership–79 current members, renew membership end of Dec.

Dealership: Scott Golackson

- Thank you for help at Holiday Open House last Saturday
- Will give \$100. gift certificate for most miles rode in 2008
 Check mileage in and out at Kutter
- \$100. to member that rides to most HOG meetings in 2008
- Asked members present at meeting to complete survey about Kutter

Head Road Captain: Leroy Rindy

- Some changes in Road Captains: Fuzzy Karlen & Tom Holmes stepping down and Dan Reinbold & Dave Wehinger replacing them
- Would like to have new member ride, review hand signals, and request input from members

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Bring submissions to monthly chapter meeting or e-mail to burgert@tds.net

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Membership minutes cont...

Safety Officer: Dennis Holcomb

- CPR class 3/10 & 3/17 from 6-9:30 p.m. (3 ½ hours each) for \$43. at Blackhawk Tech.
- Shawny will email members with details and registration form

Activity Committee: Julie Mau

• Holiday Party at Monticello House on January 26th. Sign-up at Kutters by 1/16.

Editor: Sarah Burgert

Any suggestions welcomed

Misc.

Tom and Susie Bottoms called to wish everyone Happy Holidays

Prize winners

- 50/50 \$20. to Curt Updike
- Gift certificates donated by Kutter Randy Bowen & Fuzzy Karlen

Next Membership Meeting: Wed., Jan. 9, 7:00 p.m., Roadhouse

Minutes recorded by: Donna Reel, Secretary Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

Want to get the name of your business in front of Swiss Valley H.O.G. members in 2008? Consider being a sponsor of **The Cheese Kutter**. The cost to have a business card in 12 issues is \$50.00. Contact Sarah Burgert at burgert@tds.net if interested.







Tom and Susie Bottoms

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