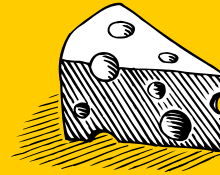
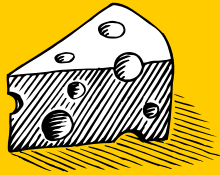


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Changes in Chapter Leadership

The only thing certain about life is that things will change. And so it is with the Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group. I have stepped in as the Interim Chapter Director for the next two months. I agreed to do this so that our Chapter could have continuity while awaiting a new Director and Assistant Director. Hopefully, within a month we will have members step up to fill these two important positions. By the way, make sure to thank Jody Jacobs for agreeing to fill the newsletter editor position being vacated by Sarah Burgert.

As your acting Director, it is my duty to remind you how important all of you are to our Chapter's success. We all enjoy the comraderie and fun of riding together as a Chapter. But, with the riding weather upon us we still have a number of our Wednesday evening dinner rides without a chapter member to organize and lead them. This is a great opportunity to share your favorite place to eat with your fellow HOG members. Sign up in the HOG corner at Kutter. And, keep in mind, at each dinner ride there will be a "FREE LUNCH" for one lucky member.

My favorite thing about being in the Chapter is RIDING. My guess is, that is your favorite thing as well. However, our Chapter is dedicated to giving to our community. In order to have money to donate to local community organizations, our Flame Thrower Meal Deal sales and 50/50 ticket sales at the Kutter Spring Open House on May 17th need volunteers. If you are going to stop at the open house to check out the great deals, plan to stay and work a 2-hour shift. It is always a lot of fun to talk with everyone who comes to the event.

I hope we have a good turnout for our first dinner ride on May 21st, let's kick off the riding season with a bang! Safe riding!

Fuzzy Karlen, Interim Chapter Director
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May Open House Reminder

Spring Open House will soon be here and we need your help in the food trailer and selling 50/50 tickets.

Sign up sheet is in the HOG corner at Kutters.

BARS WANTED

As in the past we need pans of bars (Rice Krispy – Brownies – Cookies – You Choose) for the Flame Thrower Meal Deal at the Open House. No need to cut but if you want to we cut them approximately 3"x3". Drop your bars off at Kutters Friday or early Saturday morning.

First Dinner Ride of Season to be a Fiesta

While the weather can't seem to make up its mind, we are definitely on a trend for warmer weather. Many chapter members have already been out for a spin or two. Make sure to keep Wednesday, May 21st open for the first chapter dinner ride of the season. We will be dining at Fiesta Cancun rain or shine.

Reminder: all chapter dinner rides begin at Kutter Harley Davidson of Monroe. We leave at 6:00 p.m. so make sure to be there early in order stage the bikes.

"THERE'S NO FREE LUNCH!"

I'm sure you've all heard the saying, "*There's no free lunch.*" Well, they haven't come on a dinner ride with the Swiss Valley HOG's! We have come up with a new idea to add a little "spice" to our meals. We have concocted our very own "Free Lunch Program"! How about not having to pay for your dinner if you are the lucky winner? Kutter graciously offered to pick up the tab for one lucky HOG. (THANKS SCOTT!)

Come and see how it works. Everyone has a chance to win and Steve Jacobs just happened to be the lucky guy the last time around. Maybe next time it will be you that will be eattin' "high off the HOG's"!

Kathy Rindy, "Free Lunch Program" Coordinator!
Swiss Valley Harley Owner Group

Calendar of Events:
2-Months At a Glance

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

--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

--JUNE--

- 7th-8th **Spring Overnight Ride**
Quad Cities
- 11th 7:00 p.m.
HOG Meeting
Roadhouse, Monroe
- 12-14 **Wisconsin State Rally**
Wisconsin Dells
- 13-14 **Janesville H.O.G. Chapter
Tub Run**
- 18th **Wednesday Dinner Ride**
- 21st **MVP Party**
Kutter, Monroe
- 29th **Chicken Ride**
Rockton
-

March Friday Night Fish Fry

Swiss Valley HOG traveled (by car because of inclement weather) to Partridge Hall Restaurant in beautiful downtown Argyle on April 11. This is always a good place to go for dinner as they have a nice soup and salad bar to enjoy while you are waiting for your meal. Those in attendance were Harry & Tracy DySard, Dennis & Diane Holcomb, Tom & Julie Holmes, Steve & Jody Jacobs, Brad & Julie Mau, Curt Moyer, Dan & Mary Jane Reinbold, Ron & Barb Smith, Rich & Chandra Speich and Leroy & myself. The winner of our first "Free Lunch Program" was Steve Jacobs. Leroy and I hosted the ride. Make sure to watch for the next dinner ride which will be Wednesday night, May 21st.

Kathy Rindy, Member
Swiss Valley Harley Owner Group

Calendar on Website

Just a reminder if you lost your copy of the calendar, are a new member who hasn't received a calendar, or want to see an updated version of the 2008 calendar you can always find it on the website at www.swissvalleyhog.com. You can also find the 2-month at a glance in every monthly newsletter.

Meet the Member(s)

Name: **Curt and Diane Updike**

When Did You Join Swiss Valley H.O.G.? 2004

What Do You Ride? Road King and Sportster

Why Do You Ride? We enjoy taking time off work and relaxing.

What Was/Is Your Favorite Ride? To Myrtle Beach, South Carolina for their bike week

What is Your Dream Bike? We plan on stealing Curt Moyer's new Screamin' Eagle soon

What is Your Dream Ride? Riding with no plans or destination, just ending up where you end up

What is Your Favorite Thing to Do When Not Riding? Antique furniture restoration

What Else Do You Want to Share About Yourself, Your Family or Riding? Curt operates an excavating business and Diane does soil evaluation (perc testing). We celebrated our 25th Anniversary in April!

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Chapter News



Happy Belated April Birthday to..

4/12 Mary Jane Reinbold

May Birthdays

5/15 Leroy Rindy

5/27 Roger Goepfert

5/30 Leonard Mechling

5/31 Gerald (Fuzzy) Karlen

Recent Bike Purchase

Congratulations to Swiss Valley H.O.G. members Dan and Mary Jane Reinbold! They recently purchased a 2008 Anniversary Ultra. Was this a birthday gift for Mary Jane?

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 jodyj@aeroinc.net for
inclusion in next month's

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Road Captain Report

Hello everyone! It sure feels good to get out on the bikes again. It seems like it's been years since we rode. I hope everyone has gotten a chance to enjoy the nice weather.

Our next dinner ride will be Wednesday, May 21, leaving Kutter at 6:00 PM, when we will hopefully be riding our bikes. Also, keep in mind our first overnight ride, the Spring Overnight Ride being planned by Dennis Holcomb and Dan Reinbold, will be June 7-8. Our three day Summer Overnight ride, which will be held on July 25, 26 & 27, is being planned by Dave Wehinger.

It looks like we will be changing the date on the Fall Overnight Ride due to no rooms at the AmericInn in Wabasha, MN for Oct. 4 because of a huge school function going on there that weekend. It's hard to believe the hotel is already booked that far in advance! I was able to get 10 rooms for Saturday night, October 11. Therefore the Fall Overnight Ride will be the weekend of Oct. 11 -12. I hope this does not cause any problems for anyone. Please make sure to change the date on your calendars.

Leroy Rindy, Head Road Captain
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

Summer Overnight to Boone, Iowa

Hello fellow riders. It's time to get out your calendars and set aside the dates of July 25th-27th. That's right, it's time for our annual summer overnight ride times two. I believe originally the plan was to go to Fort Dodge, Iowa. Due to a hard time finding rooms, the ride is moved to Boone, Iowa. Boone is a town slightly larger than Monroe and is just west of Ames. The motel is called the American Inn, www.americainn.com. There are two rooms with one bed, \$65.95 per night, and six rooms with two beds, \$75.95 per night. The phone number is 1-515-432-4322. There is a pool, bar, and restaurant on the premises. Ask for the rooms for Swiss Valley HOG. They are holding them until June 25th.

As far as activities go, there are a lot of options. The Boone and Scenic Valley Railroad (www.scenic-valleyrr.com) have rides through the Des Moines River valley. Some have meals and some are just sightseeing. Pictures in the brochure look spectacular. Several wineries and quite a few state parks are located nearby. There is the Fort Museum in Fort Dodge. Racing junkies can find Saturday night racing at the Boone Speedway. Zylstra H-D has a ride Saturday called Ride Iowa. They're leaving the dealership in the morning and riding to Newton and Baxter where there will be bands, vendors, and other events. Anyway, as I said, lots of options. Give some thought to all this. It promises to be a great time. If you have any questions give me a call. Have fun riding.

Dave Wehinger, Road Captain
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

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May TO DO List



- Sign up for the Open House on May 17th. You can sell 50/50 tickets or work a shift in the Flame Thrower.**
- While at the store buy the fixings for bars to sell in the meal combos at Open House. Bring bars to Kutter on Friday or early Saturday May 17th.**
- While you are certainly anxious to get miles on the cycle, make sure to check your fluids and tire air pressure before you get out on the road.**
- Brush up on your group riding safety tips and hand signals in preparation for the first Wednesday dinner ride of the season on May 21st.**
- 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.**
- Ride to the Chapter meeting on May 14th. The person who rides to the most meetings will receive a Gift Certificate from Kutter.**

Safety Officer Report

Well, the riding season has finally arrived. We have been waiting for this weather it seems like forever. I guess it has only been six months. Please make sure you have checked your bike over from front to back, top to bottom. Make sure you check your air pressure in your tires too; they do lose some air pressure over winter. Curt is rather busy in Kutter's service department now, scheduling is about a week out for most jobs, so get you time set aside for anything you might need to get done.

Scott has informed us the orange vests for the road captains are in. On our group rides, we are going to be wearing the vests so if anyone has a question before or during the ride, they know who to ask, or if they are having a problem, who to turn to. We are just trying to make it more comfortable for everyone to join us and have a great time riding this season. If you are new to the group, or have ridden with us before, please know you can feel comfortable asking any of the road captains a question. There is no such thing as a stupid question.

We will be going over some of the group riding tips and hand signals at the May meeting, and also before each group ride this year. We are also going to try to run the Riders Edge group riding video during our spring open house. We have a lot of fun things lined up for this season, so make sure you are part of it.

Our first overnight ride of the season is coming up June 7-8. We will be traveling to the Quad Cities area. I am going to try to travel the route this weekend and have all the details at the May meeting. I have already ordered 80 degree weather and sunshine, so that is nothing to worry about. We will definitely eat well and have fun! All we need is YOU!

We also have dinner rides not yet signed up for, and there are still a few people needed for 2-hour shifts at the open house. We need baked goods for the Flame Thrower too. Please, the only way we are going to be a successful chapter is for everyone to work together as one. We always have a great time doing it, and at the end of the year we can look back and remember all the great times we have had with everyone. Be a part of the fun!

Happy riding, and be safe!!

Hokie, Safety Officer
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group



A Letter from the Editor

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

Well, this is my last letter as the Editor of The Cheese Kutter. As many of you already know, I will be relocating to Arizona over Memorial weekend.

My husband Kris moved there in February when he was promoted. He still works for Drag Specialties but now attends to approximately 50 cycle shops and H-D dealers in the Phoenix metro area. If you ask me, he has probably the easiest job there is. I went with him to several accounts when I visited a few weeks ago and learned that all he really does is shoot the breeze in a couple shops each day. What a job – hang out in motorcycle shops all day! Maybe I can find a job like that too!

I will definitely miss my Swiss Valley H.O.G. friends and family! As a still fairly new rider, it has been wonderful to have your support and advice on the road and off!

I am leaving you in the very capable hands of Jody Jacobs who will be taking over as the Editor of The Cheese Kutter. She and I have talked about the newsletter and she is prepared to produce your June 2008 issue. Thank you Jody for taking the initiative to try something new and step into the position!

Take care of yourselves, enjoy the ride and have fun along the way! And, if you are ever in Arizona, look up the Burgerts – we will take you on a breathtaking ride to see the sites of Arizona!

Sarah Burgert
The Cheese Kutter Editor
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

Membership Meeting Minutes 4-9-08

Scott Golackson, Kutter H.D.

- Called meeting to order with 30 members and guests in attendance and led Pledge of Allegiance.
- Introduced Interim Director, Fuzzy Karlen

Fuzzy Karlen, Interim Director

- Volunteered to be Interim Director for next 2-3 months
- Asked members to step up and volunteer for Asst. Dir. and Director positions, along with Editor of the newsletter
- Sign-ups for Friday, April 11 dinner ride and Sat. May 17th Open House Food Trailer
- Wis. State Rally hotel rooms available at Best Western

Mike Schmid, Treasurer

- Financial report available

Donna Reel, Secretary

- Minutes from 3-12-08 membership meeting in April Cheese Kutter: left out request for donation for the emergency equipment for children, Steve Z. got more info., \$1,200. but personnel may not be able to use if they're not qualified – donation request on-hold
- 9 more renewed members

Scott Golackson, Kutter HD

- May 17th is Open House – Demo rides available anytime from the shop
- See Curt for Service and Kim has rearranged the store – Stop & check it out
- Kutter is sponsoring races (stock car) at LaFayette Speedway in Darlington. MVP members get \$2. off. May 30th and Aug. 8th are “Kutter Nights” and will have hospitality suites. Leave Monroe Kutter at 6:00 and ½ price admission (\$5.00)
- Register miles at Kutter for “Most Miles” and “Most Rides to Meetings”
- MDA Tub Run out of Janesville and Wis. State Rally – both Father's Day weekend. Last year Janesville was #2 donator in the country, May 3rd MDA Representative at Janesville, Scott will see about getting S.V. HOG members preferred parking.



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Garage Party?



What is a Garage Party? It is a chance to learn more about riding.

These women-only events are being hosted at Harley-Davidson dealerships across the country.

Learn about the Harley-Davidson and Buell motorcycles, discover important attributes of motorcycle gear, learn how to customize your cycle to fit your personal style and ergonomic needs, and find out how just about anyone can handle the weight of a motorcycle.

Interested in finding out more about Garage Parties? Check out the Harley-Davidson website at http://www.harley-davidson.com/wcm/Content/Pages/Women/GarageParty.jsp?locale=en_US

Kutter H-D of Monroe is looking at the possibility of hosting a Garage Party. Talk to Kim Kroetz at the store to find out more.

Membership minutes cont...

Leroy Rindy, Head Road Captain

- Friday, April 11th dinner location has been changed to Partridge Hall
- Wed. May 21st – need someone to sign-up, Leroy will help, just need to contact restaurant, reserve about 20 and call with number before leaving Kutter
- Kathy Rindy suggested we have a “No Free Lunch” where one person wins their dinner
- Scott G. said that Kutter would pay for one person’s dinner every dinner ride

Dennis Holcomb, Safety Officer

- Call Curt at Kutters for service to prepare for spring riding, check air pressure in tires and shocks
- Orange vests (3 men’s, 1 woman’s) for Road Captains are in at Kutters, need to check-out
- DVD on group riding, will set up at Open House

Jody Jacobs, Activity Committee

- Open House on May 17th: sign-up for 2 hour shifts in food trailer
- Bring bars or cookies for dessert (don’t cut or 3x3 squares)

Misc.

- Scott G. said that Kutter may possibly have “Garage Party” for women
- Business Expo end of April at Slice Center, Free entry, could add S.V. table with info.
- Riders Edge starting on Thur. April 10th, classes filling up fast
- Advanced Rider course in Monroe has been cancelled; Janesville will have 4 classes for \$99.

Prize winners

- 50/50 – won by Curt Bernt (again!)
- Gift certificates donated by Kutters – Donna Reel and Julie Mau

Next Membership Meeting

- Wed. May 14th at 7:00 p.m. at the Roadhouse in Monroe

Minutes submitted by: Donna Reel, Secretary
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