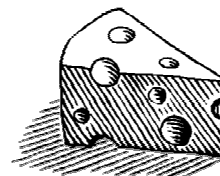
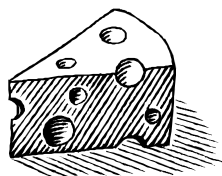


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NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR

April has arrived! That must mean Spring is here? Well, I guess that depends on what day it is. Some days are beautiful, sunny, and warm, others are cold and raining. One thing is for sure, the salt should all be washed off the roads. Now, the only problem is all the gravel and debris that has washed onto the roads. Be careful if you are fortunate enough to get out to ride, be safe.

Primary Officers Training took place in Milwaukee on March 20th and 21st. Attending POT were Leroy and Kathy Rindy, Steve and Jody Jacobs, John Deackman, and myself. Diane also joined us for the Friday night reception. There were 830 HOG members participating in the training sessions. I had been looking forward to this training since we were told of the dates, and I was not disappointed. It was fantastic, an amazing experience that everyone should be a part of if you are an Officer. If you are thinking of becoming an officer, I would also recommend you attend if there is room, each Chapter could send 7 members.

We all attended sessions pertaining to our interests and our roll within the Chapter. We learned a lot from the instructors, but also from other HOG members that we chatted with between sessions. We will be making a few changes within our Chapter. Some changes will be in our meetings, and others will be in some of our programs we will be implementing. Some of the changes are do to HOG bylaws that we have unknowingly not been in compliance with, or maybe misunderstood. Others will be made to make the Chapter and meetings run more efficiently and be more fun to be a part of. You will notice some of the changes at the April meeting, so plan on attending and see what a great group of fun loving members we have. Some of the changes need to have more time to be discussed and will be implemented at a later time. We will also ask for member input, after all, it is all your Chapter, and should be run as your Chapter. Enough of that, we still have other things to talk about.

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NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR - continued

We have an May Open House to prepare for. We will have a sign up sheet at our next two meetings for volunteers needed for the different events we will be in charge of. We will need baked goods, people to sell raffle tickets, 50/50 tickets, work the Flame Thrower Cafe, run the grill, and all the other activities we will be in charge of. Please support the Chapter by volunteering for this great cause. We voted at the March meeting that a leather jacket will be raffled off during the months of April and May, (during the Open House). All proceeds will be donated to Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Green County, food trailer proceeds will go to Hospice of Green County.

Thank you John Deackman for planning the dinner ride to the Elmo Club on March 26th. We only had a few attending, but the food and friendship was as great as ever. Those attending were John and Deb Deackman, Dave Wehinger, and Diane and myself.

More surprises to come! Next meeting is April 8th, next dinner ride is April 21st. Think warm weather and sunshine!!

Hokie, Chapter Director
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

MINUTE BY MINUTE.....

Swiss Valley HOG Meeting - March 11, 2009

Director Dennis Holcomb called the meeting to order and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Hokie announced our next event will be the Spring Open House at Kutter on May 16. The Activities Committee will meet to put together plans for our food trailer. Proceeds from the food trailer will be donated to Hospice. Look for the volunteer sign up sheet at the April meeting.

We decided that our next raffle prize will be a leather coat. Since it is a large ticket item, we will be combining the months of April & May. We will be selling raffle tickets at the Open House, as well as meetings and at Kutter. The drawing will be Sunday, May 31. Make sure to stop at Kutter and buy your \$1 chance to win. (1 ticket - \$1, 6 for \$5 and 15 for \$10) Tickets will be for sale April 1. Proceeds will be donated to Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

Dennis showed a 12 month photo calendar that was given to him by the Janesville HOG Chapter. There are photos of the club at various activities throughout the year on each page. If there is enough interest, we may check into doing this with our club next year. We will be taking photos throughout the year for inclusion in the calendar. Their calendar is posted in the HOG room at Kutter.

Calendar of Events:

2-Months at a Glance

2009 Calendar of Swiss Valley Harley
Owners Group

Chapter Events available online at
www.swissvalleyhog.com

--May newsletter deadline--

April 27, 2009

--APRIL--

- 8th **HOG Meeting - Closed**
7:00p.m.
Roadhouse, Monroe
- 21th **Dinner Ride - Closed**
6:00p.m.
Organizer: Dennis Holcomb

--MAY--

- 2nd **Spring Open House - Open**
Kutter - Janesville
- 13th **HOG Meeting - Closed**
7:00p.m.
Roadhouse, Monroe
- 16th **Spring Open House - Open**
Kutter - Monroe
- 19th **Dinner Ride - Closed**
6:00p.m.
Organizer: Dave Wehinger
- 30th **MVP Party**
MVP Members Only
Janesville



MINUTE BY MINUTE – continued

HOG Primary Officer Training will be held in Milwaukee March 20 & 21. Officers attending will be Dennis Holcomb/Director, Steve Jacobs/Asst. Director, Kathy Rindy/Secretary, Jody Jacobs/Editor, John Deackman/Webmaster & Leroy Rindy/Head Road Captain.

Scott Golackson, Store Manager, (absent) asked Hokie to remind everyone they have added new items to the clearance racks, which are 50% off. Remember to stack your discounts. There is 75% off selected footwear! Kutter is putting up two new billboards on Hwy. 11 and Hwy. 69 in the next couple weeks. Let Scott know what you think when you see them.

Assistant Director Steve Jacobs said the Wisconsin State Rally website has a complete schedule of events. You are able to register on line or by mail. The rally is in Appleton on June 19 & 20, 2009. Plan to join your fellow HOG friends for two full days of events.

Secretary Kathy Rindy reported on the HOG Mileage Program. You can sign up through HOG and beginning racking up your mileage. You will receive pins and patches for various goals. There is no cost for the program and it is available for both riders and passengers. For more information, ask at a meeting. Forms will be available at our monthly meetings.

Final Membership dues were collected. Those not renewing their memberships have been removed from the National HOG website. We have a 62 members.

Mike Schmid, treasurer (absent) reports that we have a balance of \$2383.

Leroy Rindy, Road Captain, reported plans are in the works for the Swiss Valley HOG Annual Overnight Ride. It is to be held Saturday, August 22 and Sunday, August 23. Our destination will be Hillsboro, WI. This is the beautiful Wildcat Mountain area. We will be staying at the Sleep Inn. Rooms are \$72.99. We will have a sign up sheet at the April meeting and it will be posted at Kutter after that. A block of rooms is reserved for Swiss Valley HOG. Rooms will be released on July 1. Our first stop will be in Potosi at the beautiful newly renovated Potosi Brewery for lunch and tour. We have some beautiful riding roads planned.

We will be showing the Group Riding DVD at the April meeting. This is a good refresher before our riding season.

Our next dinner ride will be lead by John Deackman to the Elmo Club in Cuba City on Thursday, March 26.

Thanks to Scott Golackson for leading the dinner ride (by car) to Route 20 restaurant near Freeport on Tuesday night, February 24.

Webmaster John Deackman reminded everyone to visit the SV HOG website. He is always adding new things. He asked that if anyone has any photos or a story of their favorite ride they would like added to the website, you can forward them via e-mail to him at jdeackman@centurytel.net.

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Editor Jody Jacobs reminded everyone that newsletter articles are due on the 25th of the month. Advertising remains at \$50 per year. If you have any business you know of that would like to advertise in our newsletter, tell them their business card and \$50 will get them a year of advertising.

Drawing winners: 50/50 (\$26) Tom Bottoms, who donated the money back to the Chapter, \$10 door prize Kutter gift certificates to Diane Holcomb & Jen Straight.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Rindy, Secretary
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

Road Captain Report

Hi everyone, looks like we finally made it to the riding season. I'm seeing more bikes out on the road all the time and with the heavy rain last night, that should have taken care of the last of the salt. Watch out for the gravel that may have washed onto the roads - always something to look out for, I guess!

I attended Primary Officer Training this past week with Kathy, Hokie, John Deackman and Steve & Jody Jacobs. I attended six good classes and heard many good ideas from other HOG Chapter members. I concentrated on mainly road captain and riding classes. Safety is always the #1 priority and I heard a lot of good ideas to make our rides safer and hopefully more fun for everyone. With that in mind, I hope to show the group riding video from HOG at our April meeting and start discussing hand signals and other tips that I have learned at training. The instructors stressed to be constantly training and going over the proper riding techniques, including hand signals at our preride meetings. In doing this, we will all be on the same page and ready to ride.

I would like to see as many members as possible at our April meeting, so we can be ready when that first group ride takes place. Think Spring and ride safe. See you at the April meeting.

Leroy Rindy, Head Road Captain
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

For Your Information

When: June 13, 2009

What: Poker Run - Sponsored by American Legion, Lena, IL with a planned stop at Kutters approximately noon.

Needed: 4 to 5 people to volunteer to help with the Flame Trailer Café for about 5 hours. We will be discussing this further at the April meeting. Thank You in advance for your help!



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Safety Officer Report

No safety report this month.

Steve Zinsli, Safety Officer
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

April Birthdays



4-19 Bob Brown
4-23 Steve Lee

Meet the Member

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

Name: Jack and Diana Fox

When Did You Join Swiss Valley H.O.G.? February 2009

What Do You Ride? 2009 Ultra Classic (Rode a 2002 Heritage Classic until I totaled it!) Haven't ridden the Ultra as yet, but, it's up on a shelf at Kutters till the weather turns.

Family Background: Two sons, John and Mike, 5 grandchildren, 3 cats

Favorite Bike Vacation: Haven't taken it.....YET!!!!

What do you do besides ride? I (Jack) am employed with UPS at the Rockford airport....Diana owns and operates a travel agency (Done this for 43 years). Diana loves plantings, decorating the house for holidays and changes of seasons, traveling (No surprise there). I still play softball, 16 inch in a 35 and over league, play at golf, and ride whenever I can. Generally, to work, to the ballgames, and to the golfcourse.

Wisconsin State HOG Rally

The Wisconsin State HOG Rally committee has updated their website, www.wisstatehogrally.com The rally runs June 18, 2009 through June 20, 2009 in Appleton. Deadline for registration is May 1, 2009. Our club has rooms reserved at Country Inn and Suites – 355 Fox River Drive – Appleton under "Swiss Valley Hog Chapter". Call 920-853-3240 to reserve your room. If you plan on attending and would like to volunteer to help, please see Steve Jacobs for information.

Steve Jacobs, Assistant Director
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group