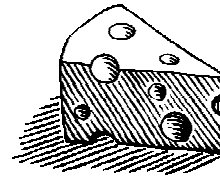
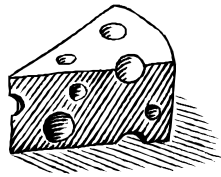


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NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR

May has arrived, and with that said, hopefully warm riding weather will follow. If you have had the chance to get out in April, good for you. April is not usually biker friendly because of the wind and rain, but there have been a few nice days during April to ride. I think we have gotten out for a few hundred miles. It feels great to get out again!

At our April meeting, Jean Busker, director of Big Brother/Big Sisters of Green County, showed a slide presentation of the way our donations help pay for some of the activities that go on in the communities within their organization, the school programs, as well as those after school programs that help young people in all of our communities. I am very proud of our Chapter for supporting such a needy and wonderful organization that help the young people in everyones lives. I know we will continue to support them as best we can. One way to help show them our support is the Big Brothers/Big Sisters "Bowl For Kids Sake". This will be taking place from April 29th through May 13th. Call 608-325-7855 to reserve your bowling lanes. Bowl as a team, or just find a date when they are in your community and bowl with old friends. They have scheduled times at most of the bowling alleys in the county. Also, the money we raise from our Leather Jacket Raffle during the months of April and May will be donated to BB/BS. Tickets will be for sale until the end of May. They are 1 for \$1, 6 for \$5, and 15 for \$10. Remember, you can't win if you don't play!

Speaking of winners, Joe Klessinger was the winner of the detailing bucket of items from our March raffle. We did fall a little short of covering the cost of March's raffle, so let's try to talk up our H-D Leather Jacket raffle during the month of May. Hopefully we can sell a few hundred dollars worth of tickets during our May 16th Open House.

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NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR - continued

Speaking of our May 16th Open House, we still are looking for volunteers to sign up for grilling duties, serving food, selling 50/50 and raffle tickets, leading demo rides, and clean up. We hope you can sign up for a 2 hour shift, but any amount of time will be appreciated. I know we can count on our great group of people within our Chapter to fill all time slots before the 16th. The sign up sheet will be in the HOG Corner at Kutters and at our May meeting. We also need baked goods donated for the food trailer. I know for a fact, other than the great sales Kutters is having that day, the "Flame Thrower Cafe" is the reason people come to our Open House. We offer the greatest deal in town, our "HOG Meal Deal" is the BEST! I have also scheduled a Wisconsin State Patrol Motorbike Officer to attend the Open House and give a demonstration and safety talk. We are still working on the time and everything that he will cover. I would love there to be a huge crowd for this, so I'm hoping around 1:00 PM, I have to wait to confirm that with the officer. I should know more by our meeting date.

Thanks everyone that attended our April dinner ride. Even though I was the only one that rode their bike, we still had a great meal at Vince's in Monroe. Those attending were Steve & Jody Jacobs, Leroy & Kathy Rindy, Fuzzy & Sheila Karlen, Tom & Julie Holmes, John & Deb Deackman, Jeff Wright, and Diane & myself. It was fun getting together for a great meal, with wonderful friends, for an evening of laughs.

DON'T FORGET: May 2nd, Janesville Open House
May 13th, Chapter meeting at Roadhouse
May 16th, Monroe Open House
May 19th, Dinner Ride
May 30th, MVP Party in Janesville

Enough is enough, **LET'S RIDE!!!**

Hokie, Chapter Director
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

MINUTE BY MINUTE.....

Swiss Valley HOG Meeting - April 8, 2009

Thanks to Diane Holcomb for taking notes in my absence, so I could complete the Secretary Report.

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

There was a presentation from Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Jean Busker stated 30% of the children they serve are from single mothers and 30% of them are at the poverty level. They support six schools in Green County. Their program mentors kids on a 1 on 1 basis. There are 268 kids in the program.

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--
May 27, 2009**

--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

--JUNE--

10th **HOG Meeting - Closed**
7:00p.m.
Roadhouse, Monroe

14th **Dinner Ride - Closed**
Time: TBD

18th - **Wisconsin State Rally - Open**
20th Appleton, WI

19th - **Balloon Rally - Open**
20th Monroe, WI

19th - **Tub Run - Open**
20th Janesville, WI

MINUTE BY MINUTE – continued

BB/BS Bowl for Kids Sake is the 1st weekend of May. Bowling times are Friday, May 1 at 5:00 PM, Sunday May 3 at 1:00 PM and Monday May 4 from 5-8 PM shifts at Leisure Lanes and 8 PM at Swiss Lanes in New Glarus.

Kutter's Open House is to be held May 16th. Bar and cookies are needed. Profits from the Flame Thrower Food Trailer will be donated to Hospice. Kutter Manager Scott Gollackson stated demo rides on that day are questionable.

He also mentioned the Lena American Legion bike run is to be held on June 13. They have several stops planned. Registration is \$15. One of the stops will be at Kutter's in Monroe. Scott is planning on offering the riders a \$5 meal plate to be prepared the HOG Chapter, as a fund raiser.

Scott also reminded people to plan early to get your bike in for service. There is already a waiting list, so plan ahead.

Kutter will have a MVP section at Poopy's for the 1:00 PM David Allen Coe concert on Sunday, June 28.

Dennis reminded everyone of the April 21 dinner ride. Location is to be Vince's Pizza in Monroe.

Fuzzy Karlen and Jeff Wright are our two new road guards.

Assistant Director Steve Jacobs spoke of the Wisconsin State Rally June 19-20 in Appleton. A block of rooms at the Country Inn and Suites will be available until May 18th. There is a list of volunteers needed by the rally committee. For more information on any of this, please contact Steve Jacobs.

Treasurer Mike Schmid stated our balance in checking is \$2,091 with an outstanding check for the \$250 donation to the soccer field.

Wilwert's Harley Davidson in Dubuque has been sold to Sauk Prairie Harley Davidson. This also includes the store in Galena.

Head Road Captain Leroy Rindy talked about the film shown on Group Riding. This was a good refresher before the riding season starts. Thank you to Fuzzy Karlen for supplying the equipment to show the film.

Dennis spoke of having two emergency kits, one for the leading bike and one for the sweep bike. Scott agreed this was a good idea. The spoke about large groups of bikes being broke into two smaller groups for safer riding, especially when traffic is heavy.

Kim stated the Rider's Edge class is starting April 9. Advance Rider's Edge courses are only held in Janesville. Six participants are needed to hold a class.

May 30th is the date for the MVP party in Janesville.

Our raffle prize for April/May is a leather coat. 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)

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Tickets will be for sale April 1. Proceeds will be donated to Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

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.

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 (\$27) Fred Rice, \$10 door prize Kutter gift certificates to Diane Updike & Jeff Wright.

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

Meet the Member

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

Name: Dave Wehinger

When Did You Join Swiss Valley H.O.G. : January 2005

What Do You Ride: 2005 Softail Standard

Why Do You Ride: I ride because it resembles my life. As all of you know, I'm kind of a quiet person. Yet, I like being with people with the same interests. I also like being a little adventurous and rebellious, ex. skiing and flying. What fills the bill more than motorcycling.

What Was?Is Your Favorite Ride: Whether riding to work, or cross country, all rides are great. One ride in particular would have to be my ride to Sturgis in '05.

What Is Your Dream Bike: A plain jane Electra Glide Standard with a whole lot of engine would be great.

What Is Your Dream Ride: If I had the opportunity and money, I would like to go to New Zealand to ride. It's summer there during our winter.

What Is Your Favorite Thing To Do When Not Riding: Thinking or reading about riding.

What Else Do You Want To Share About Yourself – Your Family Or Riding: I started riding about 12, got my learners permit the same day I got my car license, bought my first bike at 18, and finally got my first Harley in '04. Most of my family rides. I believe right now we have 9 Harleys between all of us.



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May Birthdays

5-4 Daryl Pahnke
5-15 Leroy Rindy
5-27 Roger Goepfert
5-31 Fuzzy Karlen

Road Captain Report

Hello everyone. Looks like we finally made it to Spring! Now if we can just get through the monsoon season! I hope everyone has had a chance to get out and ride. It sure feels good again. With Spring here and Summer coming, the riding season is getting ready to kick into high gear.

At the April meeting, we showed the Group Riding video and talked about different group riding techniques we need to know for the upcoming season. Anyone who could not make it to the April meeting, feel free to contact me or any of the road captains. We would be happy to go over the hand signals and techniques we use when we ride as a group. We also make the Group Riding DVD available to anyone who would like to take it home and watch it - just contact me and I'll be happy to get it for you.

Also, if there is anyone in the club, a new or current member, that would like to get together some evening or weekend and go on a short "practice" ride for group riding, contact me or one of the road captains and we can schedule a ride. Remember with all group rides - arrive with a full gas tank and an empty bladder!

At POT training, the instructor had a good saying concerning group rides that we all should keep in mind - "Remember **you** are responsible for **your** safety, but we're **all** responsible for the group's safety."

We have a dinner ride coming up on Tuesday evening, May 19 and a Sunday Dinner ride to White Pines State Park near Oregon, IL on Sunday, June 14. They have a great Sunday brunch. I hope everyone will mark their calendars and join us for these rides. Remember to ride safe and have fun. Hope to see everyone at the next meeting.

Leroy Rindy, Head Road Captain
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

Safety Officer Report

No safety report this month.

Steve Zinsli, Safety Officer
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

Wisconsin State HOG Rally

The Wisconsin State Rally is fast approaching! (June 18th through 20th) A block of rooms is reserved under "Swiss Vally Hog Chapter" at Country Inn and Suites – 355 Fox River Drive – Appleton. Make sure you have **reserved your room before May 18, 2009** as the block will be given up after that date. The phone number for the hotel is 920-853-3240.

Steve Jacobs, Assistant Director
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

Dinner Ride

On May 19th, Dave Wehinger has volunteered to lead our next dinner ride. He has chosen our eating destination to be Cannova's in Freeport. Meet at Kutters at 6:00pm.

Kutter Open House Flame Thrower Café

Kutters Open House is on Saturday, May 16, 2009. We will have the Flame Thrower Café open for business as usual. We need people to help serve and cook. Both are easy jobs and fun to gab with the other workers. There is a sign up sheet in the back room at Kutters and we will also have it at the next meeting. If you can't make it to either place to sign up but could give a couple hours of your time on the 16th, please call an officer or activity committee person to let them know. Thanks for all your help in advance. Without you the Café would not be a success!!!

Bars – Bars - Bars

No not the kind you belly up to, but the yummy for the tummy kind. Don't forget to donate a pan of goodies to go with our "meal deal" (or just purchase on the side for those with a sweet tooth!) You choose what you want to donate and we will take care of cutting for you. If you need a suggestion as to what are good selling items, call an officer or activity committee person and any of them will be glad to help. You may drop your donation off at Kutters on Friday or Saturday morning.

Just a Reminder

June 13, 2009 the American Legion in Lena, IL is planning a poker run with a planned stop at Kutters approximately noon. We need 4 to 5 people to volunteer to help with the Flame Thrower Café that day. Any amount of time you could give will be appreciated. We will discuss this further at the May meeting.