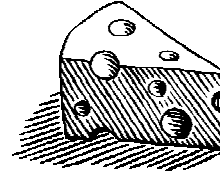
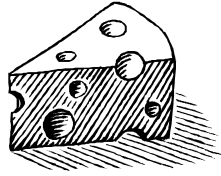


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NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR

First of all, I would like to thank everyone who helped out at the Fall Open House. Those who made baked goodies, sold 50/50 tickets, grilled food, worked the Flame Thrower Cafe, and everything else that helped make it a great day. The weather was fantastic, which I think may have hurt attendance because of everything else that was going on that day. We should have total sales added up by the October meeting.

Days are getting shorter and shorter, and the leaves are changing colors, so lets get out and see what a beautiful state we live in before that white crap changes our minds. We really do live in a beautiful area, where the changing seasons always have you guessing what tomorrow will bring. I hope all of you get out to enjoy the fall colors. If you don't get a chance before October 17th, please join us for our fall color ride. Time and destination will be announced closer to that date, depending on where the color is best at that time. Mark your calendar for the 17th!!

With the changing seasons come some changes within our HOG Chapter. Mike Schmid has decided to step down from being a Primary Officer, a position he has held since the club was formed. Barb Smith has volunteered to fill the treasurer's position starting with our October meeting. Please, everyone wish Barb "Good Luck"! I'm sure she will do a great job, and would everyone please thank Mike for all of the years he has given to the Chapter. Thank you Mike, job well done! Jeff Wright has also volunteered to take over the position of Safety Officer, a position very important to the Chapter, but one that has not had much representation as of late. Jeff will bring new life to this office. GOOD LUCK Jeff! One other change for October will be our meeting place.

Beginning in October, we will be moving to Turner Hall to see if it fits our needs. I think they will have more room for us, along with more privacy, and they also have great food. Please plan on attending and checking it out. Then, give us some feedback as to how it fits into our needs, so we can get a permanent site planned for 2010.

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NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR - continued

We did take a couple of dinner rides in September. Thank you Leroy and Kathy for planning a bonus dinner ride to Balltown on the 20th, and to Steve and Jody for planning the ride to Asa's in Orangeville on the 22nd. We are trying to fill our calendar for 2010, but have to wait for Kutter to get their dates filled so we can work around their dates. With that in mind, I would like at least 5 people with creative minds to help us plan some fun rides for next year. Kim and Scott from Kutter have also volunteered to help us out with this too. We want to be creative and make riding more fun for everyone, making more members want to participate in the fun and games. Put your thinking caps on when you come to the meeting. Maybe we can have a 1/2 hour meeting after the normal meeting just to kick around some thoughts and get some ideas flowing.

NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 14TH AT TURNER HALL

NEXT DINNER RIDE/ COLOR RIDE: OCTOBER 17TH

HALLOWEEN PARTY: OCTOBER 30TH AT 1ST NATIONAL BANK

NOW, LETS GET OUT AND RIDE!!

Hokie, Chapter Director
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

NEWS FROM THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

The 2010 Wisconsin State rally will be a traveling WI/MN State Rally running June 20th through June 25th. It will be called the Mighty Mississippi Rally starting in Duluth, MN going to St Paul, MN and traveling through La Crosse WI. The ride will end up in Dubuque and Burlington, IA. More information coming and also can be found at www.wistatehogrally.com.

Steve Jacobs, Assistant Director
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

Minute by Minute.....

Swiss Valley HOG Meeting – September 9, 2009

Director Dennis Holcomb called the meeting to order and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Plans are being finalized for the September Open House at Kutter. There will be 50/50 drawings, demo rides, a poker run to benefit the Merit Center and last but not least, the famous Flame Thrower Café. Hokie also announced that Mike Schmid is going to be retiring his position as treasurer. He thanked Mike for the years he has spent as being treasurer for the club.

Calendar of Events:

2-Months at a Glance

2009 Calendar of Swiss Valley Harley
Owners Group

Chapter Events available online at
www.swissvalleyhog.com

**--November newsletter
deadline--**

October 25, 2009

--OCTOBER--

14th **HOG Meeting - Closed**
7:00p.m.

Turner Hall - Monroe

17th **Color Dinner Ride -**
Time: TBD

Organizer: Dennis Holcomb

30th - **Halloween Party – Closed**
6:00 p.m.

Organizer: Activity
Committee - -

--NOVEMBER--

7th **MVP Party – MVP**
Members Only

Janesville

11th **HOG Meeting - Closed**
7:00p.m.

Turner Hall - Monroe

20th - **Dinner Ride - Closed**
Time: 6:00

Organizer: Dave Wehinger



Minute by Minute - continued

Asst. Director Steve Jacobs announced he will be leading the September 22 dinner ride to Asa's in Orangeville, leaving Kutter at 6 PM.

Treasurer Mike Schmid reported the balance in our account as \$2,454.25.

Secretary Kathy Rindy presented the Swiss Valley HOG Welcome Packets to our two newest couples to join the Chapter – Jim & Jody Sterr and Robert & Cindy Burke. The Welcome Packets are a result of the officers efforts after attending Primary Officer Training in Milwaukee

Store Manager Scott Golackson read a thank you note from the Effingham HOG Chapter thanking Dennis Holcomb for his hosting their group to a cookout and ride when they came to Wisconsin. Scott presented a certificate to Dennis and another certificate was presented to Kutter. Scott also thanked Leroy Rindy for making the Fall Overnight Ride a great weekend out for him. Scott reminded the group that the Chili Cookoff will be the weekend of Oct. 3 on the square in Monroe. He also told us that he was going to be on the painting crew for the Extreme Home Makeover in Lena, IL.

Diane Updike of the Activities Committee, reminded everyone to start thinking about their costumes for the annual HOG Halloween Party to be held Friday evening, October 30 at 6 PM at the Community Room in what was previously Amcore Bank on the north side of the square in downtown Monroe. The Chapter will be providing the meat. Please bring a dish to pass (salad or dessert) and your own drinks.

Head Road Captain Leroy Rindy reminded members of the "Bonus Ride" to Brietbach's in Balltown, Iowa on Sunday, Sept. 20.

Barb Smith spoke to the group regarding the possibility of having our monthly HOG meetings at Turner Hall. We are able to get a nice area in the lower level that would be much more quiet and private. There will be no charge for use of the facility if we patronize them with some food and drink purchases. **A decision was made to have our next meeting at Turner Hall October 14 at 7 PM.**

Webmaster John Deackman reminded everyone to visit the SV HOG website. 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.

Advertising in the HOG newsletter 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 (\$30) Jack Fox, \$10 door prize Kutter gift certificates to Dennis & Diane Holcomb (what are the odds?).

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Rindy, Secretary

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Meet the Member

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

Name: Jody Sterr

When Did You Join Swiss Valley H.O.G.: July 2009

What Do You Ride: Dyna: Fat Boy

Why Do You Ride: I've always enjoyed "riding" but it's always been a dream of mine to own my own. I never thought I'd be fortunate enough to talk my husband into motorcycles, let alone drive my own **Harley**.

What Was/Is Your Favorite Ride: Unknown – Too new yet.

What Is Your Dream Bike: Street Glide or Road King? The one that has a low seat (I'm short) and low center of gravity (I don't want to tip over, ya know). One with all the bells and whistles... and gadgets. One that rides smooth, has PLENTY of storage for all my layers, cruise control, radio communications between bikes – hum there's so much more for me to learn about all this.

What Is Your Dream Ride: I have it – now I'm working on my next dream –

What Is Your Favorite Thing To Do When Not Riding: Is there anything else? Spending time with my husband. Sitting out by the wood fire cooking supper, relaxing with my husband... Oh yeah, and computers and teaching.

What Else Do You Want To Share About Yourself – Your Family Or Riding: This is a dream come true and without my husbands "giving in" and Kutter in Monroe – I really don't think it ever would have come true!

October Birthdays

- 10-2 Mike Cox
- 10-5 Sarah Goebel
- 10-8 Curt Moyer
- 10-11 Steve Wolter
- 10-14 Steve Jacobs
- 10-16 Delvin Mau
- 10-24 Steve Zinsli
- 10-27 Julie Holmes
- 10-27 Mike Reel





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Safety Officer Report

Since the September meeting when the call went out for someone to fill the position of safety officer, I decided to become more involved and accepted the position. Many of you know who I am but for those who don't my name is Jeff Wright and I am employed in the agriculture business with a company in Verona, Wisconsin. After a long absence from motorcycling I started riding again in 2007 and have been with this chapter for about 2 years. I ride a "08" Street Glide and its pretty much everything I want in a motorcycle. I have accumulated about 20000 miles on my bikes since 2007, but I feel confident that mostly everyone in the chapter is more experienced than me.

In addition to the regular duties of the safety officer I am going to do what I can to keep the conversation about safety at the forefront. To that end, I'm sure that it is no surprise that with the onset of fall, our safety concerns increase. The white tailed deer are active already and I have seen numerous deer kills in my travels and I am sure you have as well. No one can tell where these critters are going to appear next but there are some things we can do to try to avoid an unhappy encounter. Wisconsin roads have many terrains that are inviting to deer including lowlands and marshes near water, roads cut through hills, trees and corn fields in close proximity along side the road. In my riding I try to anticipate where I am going to run across these areas and I prepare to slow down. I ride mostly for pleasure, so traveling at 40-45 miles per hour increases my enjoyment and my safety margin. When traveling through these zones I also increase my alertness, employ the four and twelve second rules and ride with my controls close at hand. I also avoid riding at dusk or at night in the country; If it must be done, reduced speed will improve your chances of arriving safely. I must say that this type of riding is not one that I savor.

All that having been said, this is a great time of the year to be up on two. For a time the scenery will be breathtaking and the sights sounds and smells evocative of many fall seasons in the past. I plan to cram as much riding time in as possible before old man winter shows up.

RIDE SAFE! I'll see you on the road!

Jeff Wright, Safety Officer
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group



Road Captain Report

Hi everyone! Where the heck did summer go? It seems like I just wrote about our first spring ride and now it's October. It seems like every year summer gets shorter. We had a very nice ride to Balltown on Sunday, Sept. 20. Thanks Hokie for leading us and getting us back home before the rain started.

Thanks also to Steve & Jody Jacobs for planning and leading the dinner ride to Asa's in Orangeville for Taco Tuesday. I know I got my money's worth. I hope everyone marks down Saturday, October 17 for our color ride. Hokie will be leading us and if the weather is nice, it is one of the nicest rides of the year and usually our last organized ride of the year. With our last ride of the year, it's almost time to start thinking about next year. We will be planning our 2010 rides and activities schedule this fall, so I hope anyone with any ideas will let Hokie, Steve or any of our officers know their ideas so we can make 2010 a great riding year.

See you all at the October meeting at Turner Hall on October 14.

Ride Safe,

Leroy Rindy, Head Road Captain
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

Halloween Party

Calling all Witches and Warlocks, Pirates and Princesses, Goblins and Ghouls!

It's time again for our Annual HOG Halloween Party, so get your costume on and join us for an evening of ghoulish games, freaky fun, frightening food, and great prizes!

WHEN: Friday, October 30, 2009
6:00 p.m. - Drinks and "De-stressing"
6:45 p.m. - Dinner

WHERE: Former Amcore Bank, now First National Bank, on the north side of the square in Monroe, in the Basement Community Room (go through the front doors and turn left for the staircase or elevator)

WE HAVE: Charcoal-grilled hamburgers, brats and hot dogs
Some brownies and bars (leftover from our Open House food trailer)

YOU NEED: A dish to pass (salad or side dish)
Your own table service (plates and silverware)
Your own beverages (alcoholic or non-alcoholic)

No need to RSVP - just be there for a spooktacular good time!

Diane Updike - HOG Activities Committee
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