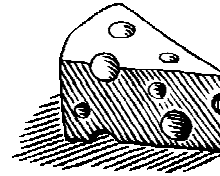
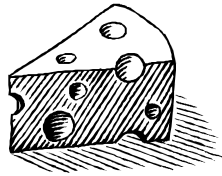


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NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR

Here we are, into February already. Before you know it, the snow will be gone, the spring rains will wash the roads of all the salt, and we will be out cruising the highways and byways. I can hardly wait, I am ready to ride! Make sure your bike is ready to go by having the Kutter Crew check it over. Call and set up your appointment before they fill up.

I would like to thank everyone that came to the Holiday Party. We had a fantastic time! Thank you to all of the people that made such a great variety of food and to those who helped decorate the room and tables. Thank goodness we don't have an English teacher among us, because with the game Diane Updike had us playing, our sentences weren't really sentences, (if you know what I mean). You had to be there to understand, right Curt? We all were having a great time, right up to the point where Scott won the top prize of the night, and then went home. (Just kidding Scott, I'm glad it went to someone needy). It was a very fun night out with a great bunch of friends, thanks for being a part of it!

There is not too much going on this time of the year, but remember we do have a dinner ride on Tuesday, February 16th. Meet at Kutter's at 6:00. We also have a overnight ride coming on February 27th and 28th. We will meet at Kutter's around 9 AM on Saturday morning and travel to the Quad Cities area. I do not have all of the details completed yet, but we are planning to visit the world headquarters of Deere and Company in Moline, IL. They have an exhibit of antiques from their first 75 years in business, and also a display of current equipment. You will get a close up look at their new mowers, gators, small tractors for all purpose work, and then some of their bigger equipment, like a combine, scraper, and some of their larger tractors. John Deere also has a beautiful pavilion close to the river that is fun to walk through. It has a lot of inter active exhibits you can partake in. I am also checking into visiting the Rock Island Arsenal to learn more of that history.

NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR – continued.....

I should have all of the details by our meeting on the 10th, plus I will have Jody send it out via e-mail as soon as I know everything we will be doing. All I know now is we will have fun, we will have plenty to eat, there will be plenty of laughs, and we will see plenty of GREEN, (if not at Deere and Company, there is a riverboat casino nearby).

MEETING: FEBRUARY 10TH

DINNER RIDE: FEBRUARY 16TH

OVERNIGHT RIDE: FEBRUARY 27TH & 28TH

See you all in February I hope!!

Hokie, Chapter Director

Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

Minute by Minute.....

Swiss Valley HOG Meeting – January 13, 2010

Director Dennis Holcomb called the meeting to order. Dennis reported that he and Diane shopped for the food to be donated on behalf of the HOG Chapter to the Green County Food Pantry. They purchased a total of 486 pounds of food to use the club's donation of \$515 to the pantry.

Hokie invited members of the club to join him in a weight and exercise challenge sponsored by the Princeton Club in Madison. There is no cost to sign up and for every pound you lose, or every hour you exercise, 10 pounds of food will be donated to the food pantry of your choice. We have several members already signed up. Contact Hokie or check out the Princeton Club's website for more info.

He reminded everyone about the SV HOG Holiday Party to be held January 16, inviting all to join us for food fun and games.

Dennis also reported he is putting plans together for the HOG Overnight Getaway to be held in the Dubuque area the weekend of February 27 – February 28. He will be getting more details out shortly.

Barb Smith read the Treasurer's Report with a current balance of \$1,488.37, after 2009 donations have been made. Barb reported the HOG Chapter donated to the following local charities for 2009. Those charities were: Green County Food Pantry - \$515, Big Brothers/Big Sisters - \$500, Merit Center - \$500, Christmas Stocking - \$150 and Shop with a Cop - \$100.

Safety Officer Jeff Wright has the applications for the 1st Aid Training to be held in February. If you are interested, please contact either Jeff or Scott at Kutter. The cost for the class is \$48.28. Jeff also spoke about the LZ Lambeau ride. Go online to check out their website. It is \$10 for a ticket to attend and they are also looking for people willing to help with this amazing ride.

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Calendar of Events:

2-Months at a Glance

2010 Calendar of Swiss Valley Harley
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--March newsletter deadline--
February 25, 2010

--FEBRUARY--

10th **HOG Meeting - Closed**
7:00p.m.
Turner Hall - Monroe

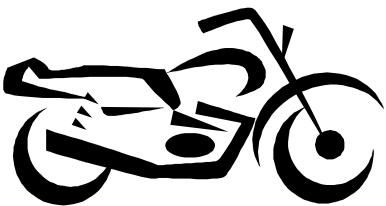
16th - **Dinner Ride - Closed**
6:00p.m.
Organizer: Dennis Holcomb

27th-
28th **Overnight Ride - Closed**
Time: TBD
Organizer: Dennis Holcomb

--MARCH--

10th **HOG Meeting - Closed**
7:00p.m.
Turner Hall - Monroe

19th - **Dinner Ride - Closed**
6:00p.m.
Organizer: Fuzzy Karlin



Minute by Minute.....continued

Head Road Captain Leroy Rindy spoke about the Tommy Thompson Reunion Ride coming through Monroe on July 24. They have a ride planned running along the Mississippi River which is scheduled from 7/24 through 7/26.

All members who renewed their membership prior to 2010 were in a drawing to receive their 2010 membership free. Nate Klassy was the winner of the free membership. Robert Burke won the 50/50 raffle pot of \$25. Diane Holcomb and John Deackman each won a \$10 Kutter Gift Certificate as a door prize.

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

News from the Assistant Director

Hope everyone is surviving the winter. As you know, the Wisconsin State Hog Rally is a joint effort with Minnesota and Iowa this year. For up to date information, go to www.mnstatehogrally.com It goes from June 20th through 24th. I know it's hard to believe, but June will be here before you know it.

Think spring!
Steve Jacobs, Assistant Director
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

Road Captain Report

Hi everyone. As we near the end of January and the days start to get longer, it gives us hope for spring and a new riding season. This time of year is a good time to plan rides and think about what we need to do to our bikes, so they will be ready when we are. Also, it's a good time for the road captains to start thinking about the upcoming riding season, our group rides and what we can do to make them safer and more enjoyable for everyone. I will try to schedule a road captain meeting in early March to discuss and plan for our group rides this upcoming year. I would like as much feedback as possible from all the club members who have any suggestions, ideas or comments on what we're doing right or wrong on group rides, so that we can make 2010 a safe and enjoyable riding year. Remember, this is everyone's club and we want to do what the members would like, but we need your input to make this happen. Let any road captain or primary officer know your thoughts or ideas and we will do our best to make them happen.

Thanks and think spring!
Leroy Rindy, Head Road Captain
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Holiday Party Report

This is actually a sympathy newsletter.

To all who missed the Holiday Party: You missed only the following items: Great food, good drinks (the only exception - Dave's wallpaper paste or pancake batter made with a smattering of alcohol!), terrific conversation, tons of laughs, and a game that at times was absolutely hysterical. (Curt, does an elephant really wear a helmet?). First, the food. Fruit salads by the Updikes and the Foxes, dips by the Holcombs and Tom Holmes, pickle wraps by Scott, scalloped potatoes from Jeff Wright. The Smiths cheesy potatoes, the Deackmans veggies, hot veggie from Spike, potatoes from Dawn, the deserts from Fuzzy and Sheila, and everything else from the Rindys. The chicken, beef, and green bean casserole (my personal fav) couldn't have been better!!! The punch was cold, the beer was as well. Dave's drink was in a glass jar and was offered to any brave soul who asked what it was. All Scott said was "phew" when he tried it!!

The game we played should be a definite part of any party.... Teams of three, one team member facing their partners who are giving clues to the word being held up behind the single team member who has to guess the word. The kicker is....the other team members can only deliver those clues one word at a time by each of them. Better have a good idea what your partner is thinking. Congrats to Fuzzy and Sheila for taking first prize for winning the game. And remember, if your team is losing, and Kathy Rindy is on your team, it's HER fault. Next time you see Scott or Curt, ask about the elephant helmet!!!

This is why I refer to this as a sympathy newsletter. I have sympathy for those of you who missed a whole lot of fun that evening. Keep an eye out for upcoming events. Smart money says they will be as good time as we had at the Holiday Party!!

Jack Fox
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

February Birthdays

- 2-11 John Fox
- 2-14 Sheila Karlen
- 2-17 Christene Clement
- 2-21 Tom Holmes
- 2-26 Franz Gosset





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Safety Officer Corner

This month I decided to take a look at dehydration and its effects on motorcyclists. I am not a medically trained person who can speak professionally with authority so I decided to compile some information about this important consideration as we ride.

Dehydration is the loss of water from our bodies through breathing and evaporation from our skin surface by perspiring. As we lose water and fail to replace it, we experience its effects over time, which tends to happen without our noticing, until it has reached the point where we are weak and dizzy.

Dehydration affects our central nervous system which affects our sight, our ability to move our bodies and our ability to think clearly. Enclosing your body in clothing that isn't well vented increases the severity by causing the body to overheat. The body attempts to remedy this by dilating the blood vessels. This aggravates the symptoms even more and anyone who rides a motorcycle can see that this is a perfect storm which can end in tragedy.

If you ride without water intake long enough you can reach the point of heat exhaustion. Symptoms that indicate you are in a danger zone are profuse sweating, headaches, nausea, dizziness, weakness tiredness and even fainting (not recommended on a bike). Clearly it is to our advantage to never allow ourselves to reach this point.

If you go beyond this point you are likely to suffer heat stroke. Heat stroke is a medical emergency and the person suffering from this should be hospitalized.

A good indicator that you are suffering dehydration is the color of your urine. If you are hydrated sufficiently it will be clear, if it is dark yellow, you are already in great need of the proper fluids. Drinking water frequently during your ride is the preventative action needed, and the recommended liquid is water! Soda, coffee, caffeinated drinks or alcohol will only speed up the dehydration process.

It is difficult to cover this subject fully in this limited venue, but it is reasonable to say that every motorcyclist should inform themselves when it comes to this subject. You can do so by typing **dehydration and motorcycling** on the search bar of your internet providers' homepage. For those of us who don't use the internet, your medical professionals can provide you with the information on this subject or a trip to the public library will present gobs of information. In the end, it's all about riding safely!

See you on the road,
Jeff Wright, Safety Officer
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group