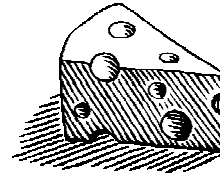
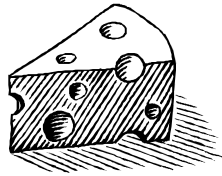


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NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR

Wow, it seems like we just sent out the February newsletter, and here it is time to write an article for the March newsletter already. March, doesn't that mean Spring is just around the corner? I know I have shoveled enough of that white crap, more than I care to remember. Let's hope the Spring rains wash off the roadways soon, and let's be ready to ride as soon as it gets up to 50 degrees, well, maybe a little warmer than that, but 50 sounds good to me, I'm ready.

There isn't much to write about this time of the year, but we do want to start to think about our May Open House and start to put together ideas to make it special, (isn't that special Jeff), and fun for all to attend. We need to start planning in March so all plans are completed by our April meeting. I would like to be a little more organized this year, (one of my goals). If you don't want to talk in front of the group, call or e-mail me ahead of time and we can discuss your ideas and I can bring them up in front of the Chapter.

I would also like to meet with the road captains and the activities committee at 6:00 PM on the 10th of March, right before our monthly meeting. I would like to come up with some other ride ideas for all members. Something that could maybe run 5 months or so, from May - September, or something like that. A,B,C's of restaurants, Ride the Parks, a scavenger hunt, are just a few examples that would need to be fine tuned. Help me out here!

We had 23 people attend our February dinner ride to Pizza Hut in Monroe. Jody Jacobs was the lucky winner of the free meal paid for by Kutters. Thank you for that Scott. We also have an overnight ride planned to the Quad Cities area for the weekend of February 27th & 28th. We will have more details of that in next months newsletter.

NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR – continued.....

Next meeting: March 10th at Turner Hall

Next dinner ride: March 19th organizer, Fuzzy Karlen

Primary Officers Training: April 9th - 10th in Milwaukee

Let's get ready to ride and have FUN!!

Hokie, Chapter Director
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

Minute by Minute.....

Swiss Valley HOG Meeting – February 10, 2010

Director Dennis Holcomb opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance. Dawn Troy stated she would be willing to serve the Chapter as historian. *(Secretary's note: Dawn is very talented in scrap booking and photography. We are honored to have her donate her talents to record our club's events into a pictorial history. Dawn is Scott Golackson's fiancée.)*

Hokie said the group from Effingham, IL wants to come up and ride during Cheese Days and get together with the Swiss Valley Chapter.

He spoke of the Million \$ Challenge. 13 members signed up for the challenge. He also spoke of the weekend getaway to the Quad Cities on Feb 27 – 28.

Scott Golackson stated for the POT training he would sell T shirts for a reduced price to take to promote Kutters.

The State Rally was spoken about. It is combined with Minnesota. Dates are June 20-25. There will be a stop in Duluth and the ride ends up in Dubuque, Iowa. Many prizes will be awarded at the rally.

There is a little over \$1900 in our treasury.

April 3 will be the MVP party from 5:30 – 8 PM in Janesville.

Nine people are currently registered for the CPR class at Blackhawk Tech. Ten people are needed to hold the class. Let Scott know if you are interested in taking the class. The class is to be held possibly in March.

Scott stated he is going to have a garage opening party at his home on March 20 around 7:30ish and everyone is invited to attend.

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Calendar of Events:

2-Months at a Glance

2010 Calendar of Swiss Valley Harley
Owners Group

Chapter Events available online at
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--April newsletter deadline--
March 25, 2010

--MARCH--

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

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

--APRIL--

3rd - **MVP Party – MVP members
only**
5:30 to 8:00pm
Janesville

9th- **Primary Officer Training**
10th **Officers**
Milwaukee

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

29th - **Dinner Ride - Closed**
6:00p.m.
Organizer: Dave Wehinger



Minute by Minute.....continued

50/50 was won by Bob Burke (\$21), John Deackman and Dawn Troy each won a \$10 door prize gift certificate.

Minutes taken by Diane Holcomb in the absence of Secretary Kathy Rindy. Thank you Diane!

Typed and submitted by
Kathy Rindy, Secretary
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

NEWS FROM THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Are you ready for spring riding? Here are two pointers that can save a headache.

- 1) If you left fuel in your gas tank without adding a stabilizer, the fuel is probably stratified. Disconnect the fuel hose and drain the tank completely. Then fill the tank with new gas.
- 2) A good cleaning and coat of wax can help protect from some of that left over road salt.

THINK SPRING!

Steve Jacobs, Assistant Director
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

March Birthdays

3-13 Jody Jacobs
3-14 Jeff Huber
3-15 Jay Goebel
3-21 Scott Golackson
3-23 Mike Schmid
3-31 Rich Speich



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If you have not yet done so, now is the time to
renew your membership.

**This will be your last newsletter without renewing
your Swiss valley HOG membership for 2010.**

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Road Captain Report

Hi everyone. We got home from visiting our daughter and grandkids about a week ago. It's a little hard to get used to 20 & 30 degree temp's after spending a week in 70-95 degree temps. It's funny how quickly a person gets used to warm weather again. With the 1st of March less than a week away, I thought it's time to start thinking and talking about our upcoming riding season. It will be here before we know it. This month, I'd like to talk about group riding and in particular, the Preride, so that everyone is on the same page and understands what to do, especially new members and those who have not joined us on group rides.

The first thing is to make sure you arrive with a full tank of gas. The old saying that we learned at POT (Primary Officer Training) was arrive with a full tank and an empty bladder. Fortunately, for us coffee drinkers, we can usually take care of the bladder problem at Kutters!

The next item would be staging the bikes, so we can leave in an orderly fashion. We will be lining up on the east side of Kutter's parking lot. The lead bike will be parked at the south end of the parking lot and the sweep bike will be at the north end. When you pull into the parking lot, just pull up behind the lead bike, pulling as far forward as possible. We will have a preride meeting at the lead bike 10 minutes before we leave. Then we will mount up and head out for another enjoyable group ride.

This year we have an arrival time and a departure time. If you would like to have coffee or use the rest room or just socialize come at the arrival time, because this year we are going to try very hard to leave at the departure time to avoid running late and then trying to hurry to make up time.

Next month I'll go over the actual ride and then when it hits 70 degrees in April, we'll be ready to ride. Probably hopeful thinking, but you never know.

See you all at the next meeting.

Thanks and think spring!

Leroy Rindy, Head Road Captain
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

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Safety Officer Corner

I always feel that the more skilled a motorcyclist is the safer they are when riding. I am still at the neophyte level in some aspects of handling a motorcycle and one of those is the skill of looking through the curve. The tendency is to look at the edge of the road for something approaching from the opposite direction or that black road snake that could cause a skid. I must confess that I am fearful of the pea gravel or wet leaves covering the path I must travel and so I didn't really start practicing this skill until late last season.

In the past I have always looked ahead to for gravel, cow manure or dirt built up by vehicles cutting the corner and dragging material onto the road surface. I realized that to increase my skills I needed to learn to recognize these obstacles and react sooner. Still, it can be a little scary to commit to a path of steering when you can't be sure of the road condition when exiting the corner. To some extent I was already performing this type of steering naturally, just as counter steering happens without the rider necessarily being conscious of it happening.

It's been fun because as I have learned to look through the curve I find that I am leaning more and feeling more in tune with what the bike is doing. I'm sure that most of you already enjoy this method of cornering, but for those of us who may still be working on that skill, here is how it is done. We can remember this process with a acronym.....SLLR

Slow before you enter the turn. You need to slow enough so that if you see an obstacle or problem ahead, you can stop before arriving there. Roll off your throttle or brake, before you enter the curve. Entering the curve with power on commits you deeper into the turn and reduces your possibility of avoiding a problem that appears. Look through the curve, the motorcycle will go where you are looking, so point your head nose and eyes where you want to be when you exit the curve, and that's where you will go. Lean the motorcycle by counter steering or steering by leaning your body, but counter steering is best because it is proven that the motorcycle will respond sooner to steering inputs than to leaning. Roll on the throttle. A small increase in velocity is plenty because depending on the road surface or the power of your bike you may find yourself in a situation where you have lost traction at the rear wheel. This is not a pleasant way to spend your afternoon.

I will be practicing this as well as other skills this year and hope to become a much better and therefore much safer rider. Riding season is getting really close, maybe as few as 65 days, I am ready now, how about you?

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