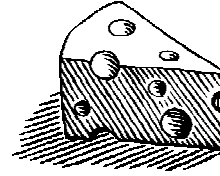
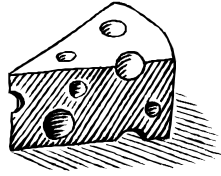


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NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR

Can you believe it is already October? I can't, where did our summer go? It seems like just yesterday we were shoveling snow. Heck, it will probably be back in our forecast before the end of the month again. Hopefully everyone is still getting some riding in.

We had a lot going on during September. Many made it over to the Janesville store for their Fall Open House on 10/11. We also traveled to Asa's in Orangeville, IL on 10/16 for our first dinner ride of the month, and then to Balltown, Iowa on 10/26. Both of the dinner rides were well attended, thank you Steve, Jody, and Jeff for leading those rides. Let's not forget about Cheese Days from 10/17 - 10/19. We had decided at our Chapter Picnic to hold a raffle during the event since we were not having a Fall Open House in Monroe. We raffled off a leather jacket, 2 Badger Football tickets (Donated by Bob and Karen), a 1 day free bike rental (donated by Jeff), and then a \$50 and \$25 gift certificate. The final numbers are not in yet, but I'm sure we made over \$300 profit that will be donated to charities later in the year. Thank you to all that donated their time and talents to this cause. Barb should have the final numbers by the October meeting.

Please remember we have the last Rockton Chicken ride of the year on 10/10. Fuzzy will be leading the ride leaving Kutter's at 10:30 AM Sunday morning. No need to sign up ahead of time, just be there by 10:15 for a pre-ride meeting, and be ready to ride by 10:30. We will be on vacation over the chicken ride and the October meeting, so everyone ride safe. The Fall MVP Party has been moved from 10/16 to the following Saturday night, 10/23. Please mark your calendars of that change. We also have our Halloween Party planned for 10/30. We will have more details out on that a couple of weeks before the party.

On a sad note, I got an e-mail earlier this week from our friends in the Effingham, IL HOG Chapter that have come up to Wisconsin the last 2 years to ride with us. Some of you may have met Ronnie and Patti Hicks, they were along both years.

NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR – continued.....

Ronnie was their Director for the past few years. When they were with us just a month ago, Ronnie had a terrible cough that he thought was the remains of pneumonia that he had last Winter. When they got back from the Wisconsin trip, he went to the doctor. They found out he had stage four lung cancer. He went into the hospital a couple of days later and never made it home again. Our sympathy goes out to his family.

So cherish everyday you have on this earth, one never knows. Get out and enjoy the beautiful Fall colors. Life is too short to work all the time, so get out and share it with you family and friends. LET'S RIDE!!

Rockton Chicken Ride: 10/10 leaving Kutter's @10:30
Chapter meeting: 10/13 @ Turner Hall 7PM
MVP Party: 10/23 @ Janesville store
Halloween Party: 10/30 TBA

Hokie, Chapter Director
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

Minute by Minute.....

Swiss Valley HOG Meeting – September 8, 2010

Director Dennis Holcomb opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Cheese Days (9/17 – 9/19) raffle was discussed. The HOG Chapter will be selling raffle tickets (\$1 each or 6 for \$5) before and during Cheese Days activities. Prizes awarded will be a leather coat, UW football tickets, 1 day bike rental and cash prizes. The prize drawing will be held after the parade. A work schedule will be available for club members to help out. Profits from the raffle will be used for local charities.

Asst. Director Steve Jacobs reminded everyone he will be leading a dinner ride to Asa's in Orangeville on Sept. 16.

Dawn Golackson reported for Kutter that they are working up a winter storage package. See Scott for details. Kutter will not be participating in the Durand Biker Bash as it is out of Kutter territory.

Treasurer Barb Smith reports \$1,717.61 in checking after expenses.

Activities Coordinator Diane Updike has made reservations at First National Bank Community Room (former Amcore Bank) for the Sat. Oct. 30 Halloween Party. There is a \$100 budget for the party. Costumes are not necessary but make for a fun evening. Our meal will be a "Chili Culdren". Each couple will bring a quart of their own specially prepared chili and we will mix them together to make a ghostly pot of chili. Also bring a dish to pass. More details to follow.

Road Captain Leroy Rindy also reminded everyone of the two upcoming Sunday dinner rides to Balltown and Rockton. See his article for more information.

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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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**--November newsletter
deadline--**

October 25, 2010

--October--

10th **Rockton Color Dinner Ride**
- Closed

Time: 10:30a.m.
Organizer: Fuzzy Karlin

13th **HOG Meeting - Closed**
7:00p.m.
Turner Hall - Monroe

23rd **Fall MVP Party – MVP
members**
Time: 5:30p.m. – 8:00p.m.
Kutter - Janesville

30th **Halloween Party – Closed**
Time: 6:00p.m.
Organizer: Activity Committee

--November--

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

19th **Dinner Ride – Closed**
Time: 6:00p.m.
Organizer: ????

Cheese Days Raffle Winners

Leather Jacket – Shirley Laguff
Badger Tickets – Michelle Parczick
Bike Rental – Ryan Andrews
\$50 Gift Certificate – Jack Feldt
\$25 Gift Certificate – Jim Martin

Minute by Minute.....continued

Winners of the drawings at the meeting were: 50/50 raffle – Barb Smith (\$17) which she donated back to Turner Hall for their roof replacement raffle. Jody Sterr and Chandra Speich were each winners of the \$10 Kutter gift certificate.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Rindy, Secretary
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

NEWS FROM THE TREASURER

<http://www.journalstandard.com/lifestyle/x621499483/The-Trail-magazine>

Hello—I found the article on our H.O.G. Chapter in the June issue of The Trail...you may have seen it...but in case you didn't, here is the link. Short and sweet article. Click on the magazine, then click on the second dot at the bottom, and then click on page 22-23—you can zoom in or out. Turn the pages if you want to look at the whole magazine.!

Barb Smith, Treasurer
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

Road Captain Report

Hi everyone! Boy, I can't believe it's October. Where the heck did summer go? I would like to thank Jeff Wright for leading the Sunday dinner ride to Balltown. It was a nice day and as always, a great meal. Fuzzy will be leading our last Sunday dinner ride to Rockton for chicken on Sunday, October 10. This should be a beautiful ride with the leaves changing color and the chicken is always great. There will be NO sign up sheet. Just show up at Kutter. The ride will be leaving at 10:30 AM. Let's hope for a nice October and let's enjoy the color and the riding. Remember winter is around the corner!

Ride Safe.....

Leroy Rindy, Head Road Captain
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

October Birthdays

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

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Safety Officer Corner

I recently picked up the October issue of Motorcyclist magazine. One article, under the heading "Street Savvy" on page 94, related the experiences of a young Arizona rider who was involved in two serious accidents in less than a year. Both were caused by careless drivers of large vehicles. The worst accident was caused by a dump truck driver who ran over a group of ten riders, killing four and injuring the writer of the article. I suggest you read this article which contains valuable information. The writer spoke about situational awareness when riding. I reviewed my techniques and found them wanting in at least one area, specifically the one he referred to in his article. That is to say, what's in your review mirror while stopped at a traffic signal or sign? I realized that I almost completely ignored the situation behind me in these cases. This is another example of cage operation trickling over into our motorcycling activities. When I sit behind the wheel of a car, I could care less what is behind me. I've got my safety belt fastened, the A/C and radio on, life's good. This is unacceptable when on a motorcycle because we must be ready to react immediately when danger approaches. An example of this might be as follows. You're stopped at a signal, in first gear waiting for the light to change. In your rear view mirror you see a car approaching at a speed that makes you dubious about whether it will be able to stop in time. At this point you quickly appraise the cross traffic and accelerate out of his way, regardless of what the signal is telling you to do. See, evaluate, execute! If you're sitting there in neutral, the split second it takes to get into gear may be the difference between life and death. If you don't check your mirrors, you just won't know what killed you. That's a comforting thought, isn't it?

Riding our Harley's is a pass time that is very relaxing; the throb of the exhaust can be a soporific that lulls the rider into a state of mind affecting our situational awareness. The only way to offset this effect is to practice our riding conventions so that we do them instinctively. Relax, but check 4, 8, and 12 seconds ahead. Relax, but periodically check both rearview mirrors while moving. Relax, but be aware of changes to your peripheral vision. Relax, but check your rearview mirrors at stop signs and signals, keep it in first and be ready to react instantly. Stay alert! Hey, everyone knows that riding a motorcycle is easy, don't they.

Read Jason Anania's recollection of his riding experiences online. Go to WWW.MOTORCYCLISTONLINE.COM and see the street savvy article.

Ride safe, see you on the road!

Jeff Wright, Safety Officer
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!

Our dinner this year will be "community chili" and you are welcome to join in if you choose. To participate, bring about a quart of chili (more or less depending on how much you plan to eat). We will add it to our Nesco roaster of chili, where we will mix everything together and come up with a prize-winning batch! If chili is not your thing, you may bring a sandwich or different main dish item for yourself.

Swiss Valley HOG will be providing a cheese tray, crackers, beverages (beer, wine, pop and water) and table service (bowls, plates, silverware, cups and napkins). Hokie and Diane Holcomb will be bringing a pan of cornbread. Ron and Barb Smith will be bringing chili toppings (shredded cheese, chopped onions, sour cream) and grape jam for the cornbread. Everyone else should bring their chili and a salad or dessert to share.

WHEN: Saturday, October 30, 2010
6:00 p.m. - Happy Hour starts
6:30 p.m. - Dinner, followed by our now-famous games

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)

YOU NEED: Chili to share
A salad or dessert

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

Diane Updike
HOG Activities Committee