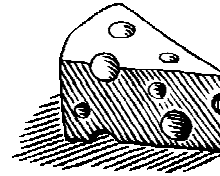
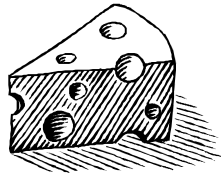


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NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR

Wow, where did 2010 go? It feels like we just got our bikes out and it is already over. I guess it is my turn to start writing monthly letters to the HOG group now that Mr. Holcomb has stepped down from the Director position. I guess I should introduce myself for those of you who do not know me.

My name is John Deackman and I am from Darlington, WI. My wife Deb and I joined the HOG chapter in January 2008 after the purchase of our first Harley in August of 2007. We have a daughter named Kaylin who is now 17 years old. We decided to join the chapter to try to find some folks to ride and have a good time with riding our new scoot. I truly believe we have found that group of people, or I would not be here right now writing this. All I can really say is, I wonder what took me so long to buy a Harley. Since August 2, 2007, we have put 30,700 on our original bike along with the new 2010 we traded for last April. I have been riding motorcycles for 32 years now and I have never ridden such a comfortable cycle and put on so many miles. Okay, that is enough about me.

We had a fairly good turnout at the Open House for Kutter, considering the weather, and sold quite a bit of the food we brought in. The bad weather was not what we really wanted to see, but it held off for a majority of the day. The 50/50 tickets were hard to sell. What I think we really need to focus on for next year is a way to get more advertising done at least a month ahead of the event. Speaking of advertising, I spoke to Bob Sackmen who was the man who played the Grinch at the open house. Bob works for the First Community Credit Union, and he offered to us the assistance in selling raffle tickets for any events we may have in the future at all four of their Credit Unions. He was also the one Kutter worked with on the Piggy Bank giveaway to the kids at the Open House.

Do not forget the annual membership dues for the chapter are due in January. It was decided at the last meeting to keep the price the same as in the past.

NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR – continued.....

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Therefore, dues will be \$20 for individuals and \$30 for couples. Anyone who paid before the end of 2010, his or her name will be placed into a pool for a drawing for a free year membership to the winner.

We will be having Gempler prepare our food for the annual Holiday party. There will be three meats, a vegetable and salads. Please stop at Kutter and signup if you plan on attending, as we need a count before we make the order to Gempler. Kathy will be bringing coffee and we still have some soda left over from the Halloween party. The meal will be \$10 per person and the chapter is footing \$5 of the cost per person. If you signed up for the meal and were not able to make it, we still need to have you pay the \$5 per plate that you signed up for prior to the party.

P.O.T. training will again be offered in Milwaukee this year on March 18th and 19th. If anyone is interested in attending this year's training, please contact one of the chapter officers or Scott at Kutter. The training really helps us by listening to other chapters and their problems along with how they solved them. I will probably be attending this year since I am new to the Director position.

Please do not forget, we have changed the meeting time and location for 2011. We will now be meeting at Doyles (was Bullets and Bonnies on west side of the elementary school a block from Turner Hall) on the second Tuesday of each month. We hope more people will be able to attend the meetings with this change. Let us know your thoughts on this. Next meeting will be January 11, 2011 at 7:00 pm.

Drive safe in this weather!

John Deackman, Chapter Director
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

Minute by Minute.....

Swiss Valley HOG Meeting – December 8, 2010

Director Dennis Holcomb opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Final plans were made for the work schedule for Kutter's Open House to be held on Saturday, Dec. 11. Scott said Kutter is going to be giving out pink piggy banks, with money in each bank, as children's gifts.

Treasurer Barb Smith reports \$1902.16 checking after our annual contributions to local charities.

Activities Coordinator Diane reminded everyone of the plans for the **Holiday Party**. Mark you calendars for **Saturday night, January 15**. We will be having a three meat buffet which will be catered in. The cost will be \$10 per person, with the club picking up half of that cost. Reservations are due to Hokie by 12/31. Those helping with the party should arrive at 5:30 for set up, 6:00 for happy hour (come prior to 6

Calendar of Events:

2-Months at a Glance

*2011 Calendar of Swiss Valley Harley
Owners Group
Chapter Events available online at
www.swissvalleyhog.com*

**--February newsletter
deadline--**

January 25, 2011

--January--

11th **HOG Meeting - Closed**
7:00p.m.
Doyles - Monroe
(Formerly Bonnie's/Bullets)

15th **2010 Holiday Party – Closed**
First National Bank
Time: 6:00p.m.

--February--

8th **HOG Meeting - Closed**
7:00p.m.
Doyles - Monroe
(Formerly Bonnie's/Bullets)

12th **International Bike Show –**
Closed
Rosemont, IL
Organizer: Jeff Wright
Time: TBD

25th **Dinner Ride – Closed**
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Organizer: Curt Moyer/
Wendy Holmes

Minute by Minute.....continued

if you need to get 'happier') and our meal at 6:30. Dawn Golackson volunteered to help out with the party. Diane asked anyone interested to bring words for the word game.

Scott announced Kutter will be closed the week between Christmas and New Years and will open with a fresh new look. Stop in and check it out after the New Year.

Road Captain Leroy Rindy talked about gathering ideas from members for 2011 rides. Ideas for a possible 3 day overnight ride were talked about.

Curt Moyer will be planning the February dinner ride to Water Street Restaurant in Shullsburg.

Webmaster John Deackman has updated the website and face book. Check it out!

Winners of the drawings at the meeting were: 50/50 raffle – Ron Smith (\$12). Jody Jacobs and Curt Moyer were each winners of the \$10 Kutter gift certificates.

Remember the meeting day and location change – 2nd Tuesday of the month at Doyle's. For more information, contact any officer.

Annual memberships renewed prior to December 31 will be put in a drawing for a free membership to be drawn at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Rindy, Secretary
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

NEWS FROM THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday. As a reminder, the annual chapter dues are due. They are \$20.00 for a single member or \$30.00 for a couple. Anyone that has paid by December 31, 2010 is eligible for a drawing of a free membership. Hope to see you all at the Holiday Party on January 15. You can find the membership form on the Swiss Valley Hog website and take or send it to Kutters.

Think Spring

Steve Jacobs, Assistant Director
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

January Birthdays

1-3 Toby Meier
1-9 Steve Cort
1-12 Pat Schutt
1-16 Greg Stamm
1-27 Judy Klassy



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Road Captain Report

Hi everyone! I hope everyone had a great Christmas! Wishing you all a Happy New Year. We are looking forward to having a great riding season in 2011.

Ride Safe.....

Leroy Rindy, Head Road Captain
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

Safety Officer Corner

We are now in that brief interlude from riding our motorcycles that some call winter and Steve likes to refer to as "that white crap" LOL! Fortunately we have other things to occupy us here in motorcycle land. We have the holiday party coming up, dinner rides and in February the international motorcycle show in Chicago. While cruising the HOG site I discovered that we can get our tickets online and receive a \$4.00 discount off our ticket by identifying ourselves as HOG members.

On another note, I have been communicating with Greg Patzer, manager of the Wisconsin Motorcycle Safety Program at the WDOT as a result of research relating to accident statistics as they pertain to motorcycle riders. The news this year is not good with increase in 2010 fatalities rising to 104 as compared to 2009 at 84. Passenger deaths were reduced from 8 (2009) to 7 (2010).

Here in brief is the information!

- 45 (47%) Fatal Crashes were Single (M/C) Vehicle
- 36 (38%) Fatal (M/C) Crashes At Intersection
- 12 Deer Crash Related Fatalities
- 70 (73 %) W/O Helmet Fatalities
- 34 (35%) Alcohol Related Fatalities

Greg also mentioned that there is a great experienced rider course available in Waukesha in the spring titled:

Ultimate Bike-Bonding RiderCourse is a program patterned after police motorcycle training courses. It consists of drills and skill circuits to improve a rider's performance. Control operation and body positioning are emphasized to improve smoothness and precision. The state of Wisconsin offers numerous riders courses, the list is too long to describe here, but those interested in finding more information can contact me at my email. windsor351v8@tds.net.

That's all for this month, see you on the road!

Jeff Wright, Safety Officer
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Holiday Party

on Saturday, January 15, 2011 at the First National Bank on the north side of the square in Monroe, in the lower level community room.
6:00 p.m. Happy Hour – 6:30 p.m. Dinner

The catered meal will be served buffet-style and will include broasted chicken, hot ham, Swiss Steak, baked potato, corn, rolls, cole slaw, potato salad, veggies & dip, and dessert.

Beverages will include beer, wine, soda and coffee.

To participate in one of our games, each person attending should bring either a wrapped gift valued at \$5.00 or a wrapped home-baked food item. You may also bring some new "words" for our now-famous Who-What-Where game!

Cost of the dinner is \$10.00 per person, with \$5.00 of the price being provided by the Swiss Valley HOG Chapter

