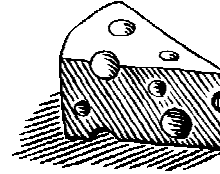
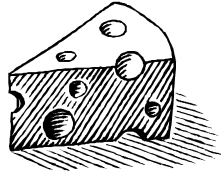


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NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR

Well, I don't know about the rest of you, but I am definitely getting cabin fever right now. It looks like the 40 degree temps are slowly pushing our way after what seems like a long drawn out winter. I hope many of you had a chance to go to the dinner ride on the 25th of February to Shullsburg. I wish I could have made it, but our family schedule was changed on me.

Jeff, Scott, Toby and I were able to make to the International Bike Show in Rosemont on the 19th. It was very crowded at the show, but there were some very cool looking motorcycles there from custom builders. We made it back to Monroe by 4:30 pm. P.S. guys, I have updated the maps on my Garmin now. (Laughing) I have uploaded some pictures from the show and they are available on Facebook. (Swiss Valley HOG Chapter 1274)

H.O.T. Training is March 18-19. For those of you who are going this year, if you haven't received your registration confirmation, please call HOG at 1-800-CLUB-HOG to verify they received your registration form. We will be leaving early Friday (18th) from Kutter at 4:30 am so we arrive in time for the breakfast and registration.

For those of you unaware of the H.O.G. Mileage program, go to the HOG site for members and check out the process for belonging to it. Here is a link to the web page:
https://members.hog.com/website/take_part/take_mileage_program.jsp
Also, remember that if you belong to the MVP club at Kutter, you get 2 points for every 1,000 miles you put on your bike. The more points you have, the bigger the discount you get (Gold 15%, Silver 13%, Bronze 12%, Club 11%) which goes towards general merchandise, parts & accessories.

The Illinois State Rally is being held in Rockford this year June 9th – 11th and we are considering getting a group together for those that would like to ride there as a group. More discussion on that will be held in upcoming monthly meetings

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NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR – continued.....

Here are the upcoming events for March:

Tuesday - 8 th	Chapter Meeting	Bonnie's/Bullets in Monroe	7:00 PM
Friday - 11 th	Dinner Ride	To be discussed at meeting	6:00 PM
Wednesday - 16 th	Women's Garage Party	Kutter in Janesville	6:00 PM ??
Friday - 18 th - 19 th	HOG Officer Training (HOT)	Hilton Milwaukee City Center	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday - 26 th - 27 th	Overnight Ride	Amana Colony	TBD

That is all I have for this month's newsletter. Hang in there, the warm weather is coming! See you all at the next meeting on March 8th.

John Deackman, Chapter Director
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

NEWS FROM THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Your bike has been safely tucked away for the winter. Your leathers have been cleaned and conditioned. Now is the time to start thinking about adding some new chrome to your bike. A little new jewelry can go a long way to sparkle up your ride.

If you are ready to start planning your summer rides, the following is some information I received on the Wisconsin State Rally:

WISCONSIN RALLY HOG LOG

Thar are those of ye who keep buggin us for details on this rally! Now that some of the details are done, I can give em to ye.

Treasure Hunt will be where you get yer pins for the rally. Yes, pins. There is a set of five. Travel round from registration to three stops and back to the beach to get the booty. They all fit together, so it is up to ye to do the deed if ye want em.

Sweatshirt for ye and yer wench can be gotten too. All mens sizes, but will warm yer bones and will pop other landlubbers eyeballs.

Get on board. You can find the stuff on our website www.wistaterally.com There ain't any online registration this year, so make a copy and send it in with yer doubloons. If you can't do that, ask your dealership for a registration form.

Check our web log for more details. What we got planned will shiver ye timbers.

Think Spring!

Steve Jacobs, Assistant Director
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

Calendar of Events:

2-Months at a Glance

*2011 Calendar of Swiss Valley Harley
Owners Group*

*Chapter Events available online at
www.swissvalleyhog.com*

**--April newsletter deadline--
March 25, 2011**

--March--

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

11th **Dinner Ride – Closed**
Cannova's – Freeport, IL
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Organizer: Jeff Wright

18th - **Hog Officer Training**
19th **Milwaukee**

26th - **Overnight Ride – Closed**
27th **Amana Colony**
Time: TBD
Organizer: Dennis Holcomb

--April--

12th **HOG Meeting - Closed**
7:00p.m.
Doyles - Monroe
(Formerly Bonnie's/Bullets)

16th **Bucket Ride – Closed**
TBD – Find out at the
meeting on the 12th.

28th **Dinner Ride – Closed**
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Organizer: Leroy Rindy

Minute by Minute.....

Swiss Valley HOG Meeting – February 8, 2011

Director John Deackman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. John offered congratulations to Scott and Dawn, the proud parents of Raygan Pearl Golackson. She is our newest "Harley" baby!

John reminded everyone the Janesville MDA bike raffle will be Feb. 12 in Janesville. HOT (Hog Officer Training) was discussed. The training dates are 3/18 and 3/19. Officers attending and/or attending as guests will be John & Deb Deackman, Steve & Jody Jacobs, Dennis & Diane Holcomb, Jeff Wright, Scott Golackson and Leroy & Kathy Rindy. The club will be paying for the hotel rooms for one night.

Asst. Director Steve Jacobs reported on the Wisconsin State Rally, as well as some other neighboring state rallies. If you have any interest in attending any of these rallies, feel free to contact Steve. Wisconsin's rally is in Twin Lakes – June 23-25.

Treasurer Barb Smith's report states the club has a balance of \$2,348.96.

Secretary Kathy Rindy reminded member that 2011 annual memberships are past due now. \$20 for full membership and \$10 for associate member (\$30 per couple). You must be a National HOG member in order to join our local chapter. Each person must fill out their own enrollment form.

Scott announced Kutter is cancelling the April swap meet. He is also looking for new ideas for the May 21 Spring Open House.

Safety Officer Jeff Wright is planning an outing to the International Motorcycle Show in Chicago on Saturday, Feb. 12. He is especially interested in checking items regarded to safety.

Road Captain Leroy Rindy talked the 3 day overnight ride (Aug. 26, 27 & 28). The Red Wing, MN was the area agreed upon by the club for this year's trip. See "Road Captain Report" for more information.

Dennis & Diane Holcomb are planning the Winter Getaway Weekend on March 12 & 13 to the Amana Colonies. Diane reported we will be staying at Zuber's Homestead Hotel (a lovely Bed & Breakfast) with plans to tour the Amana Colonies. This is a nice trip for those who have and haven't been there before! See Hokie's article for more detailed information.

Curt Moyer & Wendy Holmes will be planning the February dinner ride to Water Street Restaurant in Shullsburg on Feb. 25. We will be leaving Kutter (by car) at 6 PM.

Winners of the drawings at the meeting were: 50/50 raffle – Fuzzy (\$23). Fuzzy and Kathy Rindy were each winners of the \$10 Kutter gift certificates.

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Minute by Minute.....continued

Remember the meeting day and location change – 2nd Tuesday of the month at Doyle's.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Rindy, Secretary
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

Road Captain Report

Hi everyone! I don't know about the rest of you, but I sure am tired of winter. So with that thought, I decided to start dreaming about summer and think about planning rides and getting back on the bike again. I e-mailed John with my idea for the overnight ride in August and he thought it sounded good, so I got started. Here are the details so far. We will be going to the Red Wing, Minnesota area this year. This is one of the nicest river towns along the Mississippi River. It has many antique shops. It is the home of Red Wing Pottery and Red Wing boots.

We will be staying Friday and Saturday night in Wabasha, MN, approximately 25 miles south of Red Wing. We'll be at the Americ-Inn Lodge and Suite. We have stayed there a couple times before and it is very nice and easy to get to. It is about 30% cheaper than Red Wing and much easier to get in and out of. I have 10 rooms on hold there and if we fill all 10, they will let us use their meeting room both Friday and Saturday nights at no charge. The rooms are being held under Swiss Valley HOG Chapter/Leroy Rindy. The rates are \$99.90 for 2 queen beds and \$109.90 for one king bed (plus tax). Their phone number is (615)565-5366. You will need to call and reserve your own room. The dates are Friday, August 26 and Saturday, August 27.

The distance is approximately 250 miles depending on our route. I will be putting a route and itinerary together in the near future and post it at Kutter. If anyone has questions or comments, give me a call or e-mail me. Hope to see everyone at the next meeting.

Leroy Rindy, Head Road Captain
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

Newsletter Information

If you have not yet done so, now is the time to renew your membership. The cost is \$20 for full membership and \$10 for associate member. (\$30 per couple). You can find and print the membership form from the website. www.swissvalleyhog.com
The payment and form can be mailed to Kutter's.

**This will be your last newsletter without renewing
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SPRING SHOWERS.....
May you please hurry and
wash the salt off the roads!

March Birthdays

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



Safety Officer Corner

It's February 23 and as I sit at my computer writing this article the riding season is rapidly approaching. To me it feels as though I just put my bike away even though nearly four months has passed. It is time to prepare myself for venturing out on the bike again and months of using my truck to do my travels probably has caused me to lower my guard a little. I'm speaking about my level of awareness. When driving a car I don't feel as vulnerable as I would on my motorcycle and so haven't been as sharply attuned to my surroundings as I was just a few months ago. Don't get me wrong, being a motorcyclist has improved my over all driving skills, but when we get on our bikes the risks multiply. After a period of time away from riding we may be a little rusty and need to refocus our efforts at being super alert to what is going on around us. We also need to refresh our memories on the basics of riding our bikes in traffic, how to position ourselves in our lane and many other aspects of life on a motorcycle. To that end I am including the web address for the Motorcycle Safety Foundation website and the beginning rider manual.

What's that you say? You have been riding for so long you don't need to do any review. I believe everyone can improve his riding knowledge by reading through this 64 page manual. One good reason to do so is that by reading the information and comparing it to what your riding habits presently are, you may find that over time you have slipped a little in how you operate your bike. Once aware of any minor errors and maybe some big ones, the correct information will help you fine tune your riding skills and reduce the risks of riding.

It is my hope that you will all take a look, as I plan to do, and take action to be a safer rider.

www.msf-usa.org/CurriculumMaterials/BRC_Handbook_Vs71_noprint.pdf

See you on the road!

Jeff Wright, Safety Officer
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

MARCH OVERNIGHT RIDE TO THE AMANA COLONIES

MARCH 26TH & 27TH

We have a fun weekend planned in the Amana Colonies. We hope many of you can join us. We will be meeting at McDonalds in Monroe. If you would like breakfast there, please eat early and be ready to leave by 8 AM. We will probably make a quick restroom stop somewhere by Dubuque.

We will have lunch in West Amana as soon as we get there and then head to Amana. This is where most of the shops are located. There are plenty of wineries, antique and gift shops, art galleries, and plenty of shops with local craftsmanship items for sale. If you have never been there, I'm sure you will enjoy yourself. There is also a small micro- brewery if wine is not your choice of beverages. We hope to have 4 – 5 hours to tour the community before the shops close sometime between 5 and 6 PM. We will meet and eat at one of their great German restaurants before heading to Homestead to check into our B&B for the evening. We will play games and partake in some of the beverages we have purchased while in Amana.

Sunday morning we will have breakfast and lounge around until the shops open back up around 10 AM. There is a neat shop close to the B&B we would like to stop at. From there we can go back to Amana if anyone has a shop they didn't get a chance to stop at, or we can be on our way to the National Motorcycle Museum in Anamosa. We will stop here for a couple of hours if there is a group desire to stop at. There is a \$7 charge to go through the museum.

We will try to be home late afternoon on Sunday, sooner if need be.

I hope you can join us. Sign up is at Kutters, or call or e-mail me.

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There should be a 15% discount off of the published price.

Hokie,
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

