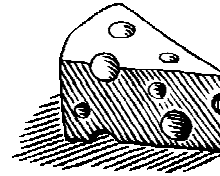
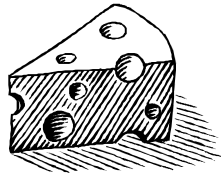


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NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR

Wow, another month gone and hardly any riding time or riding weather. I really feel for the farmers right now trying to get the crops in. A few of us got together last weekend (Easter Sunday) and went over by Sauk City for lunch. It was a little cool out, but was still a great day to just get out and ride. Thanks for putting that together Jeff and Leroy.

Considering the weather lately, there sure isn't much to talk about. The Slimy Crud Run is coming up on Sunday, May 1st this year at Pine Bluff, WI., which is just north of Mt. Horeb where all kinds of bike meet up to see what kinds of bikes people are riding. There are lots of old restored bikes, sport bikes, maybe even a bike you had when you were growing up. Around 12:00pm – 1:00pm they all head out from Pine Bluff and head for Leland, WI. in Sauk County and meet up there. Everyone leaves and rides at their own pace. Just be careful on the Sauk County roads, the police patrol the highway heavily during this event looking for speeders.

We will be having Pizza after the meeting this month, so come with an appetite! If some would like to bring some games along, that would be great to. Remember, if you want to go for a ride before the meeting, meet up at Kutter at 6:00pm and group up and decide where you want to go ride for an hour and meet back at Bullets/Bonnies at 7:00pm.

Saturday the 14th is the Open House for Kutter in Janesville. MVP members, get your ride in and get your point for going to their Open House. That brings me to the Open House at Kutter in Monroe on Saturday May 21st. A signup sheet will be at the meeting and then hung at Kutters the next day for people to signup to help with the Flame Thrower food trailer and cooking of the brats, burgers, hot dogs, and cheese curds. It would be nice to see enough people signup so people only have to work 1-2 hour shifts and spread the load out.

NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR – continued.....

We will also need people to do the 50/50 raffle ticket sales along with maybe having a table setup either inside or outside (depending on weather) for an information table about Swiss Valley H.O.G. to let people know who we are and what we do.

If you have ideas for Scott for the Open House, please let him know ASAP! The last 2 years we have had the Wisconsin State Patrol do motorcycle safety and bike handling demonstrations. A lot of people shown up for that and maybe we can get them to come again. I was also thinking of having the Group Riding video playing inside for people to watch.

Sunday, May 22, is the lunch dinner ride to White Pines Restaurant. Last year we went for the morning brunch and OMG the food was delicious! This year we are planning to get there for the lunch buffet. This is a ride and meal you don't want to miss! I sure hope May is a lot better weather than April was.

Here are the upcoming events for May:

Sunday - 1 st	Slimey Crud Run Bike Rally	Pine Bluff, WI (Not organized by SVH)	9:00 AM
Tuesday - 10 th	Chapter Meeting	Bonnie's/Bullets in Monroe	7:00 PM
Saturday - 14 th	Spring Open House	Kutter in Janesville	All Day
Saturday - 14 th	Bucket Ride	Find out at meeting on 10 th	TBD
Saturday - 21 st	Spring Open House	Kutter in Monroe	All Day
Sunday - 22 nd	Dinner Ride	White Pines Restaurant ¹ Breakfast or Dinner? Decide at meeting.	???

¹ **White Pines Lodge Restaurant Area's Largest Sunday Buffet!**

8am – 11:30am (Adults: \$9.99, Children (12 and under): \$5.00, Seniors (over 65): \$8.99)
Dinner: 11:30am – 2pm (Adults: \$13.99, Children (12 and under): \$7.00, Seniors (over 65): \$12.59).

Prices do not include Beverages, Taxes or Gratuities

Reservations Recommended and Encouraged!

That is all I have for this month. See you all at the next meeting on May 10th.

John Deackman, Director

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Calendar of Events:

2-Months at a Glance

2011 Calendar of Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

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--June newsletter deadline--

May 25, 2011

--May--

- 10th **HOG Meeting - Closed**
7:00p.m.
Doyles - Monroe
- 14th **Bucket Ride – Closed**
TBD – Find out at the meeting on the 10th.
- 14th **Spring Open House - Open**
Kutter - Janesville
- 21th **Spring Open House - Open**
Kutter - Monroe
- 22th **Dinner Ride – Closed**
Time: TBD
White Pines Restaurant
Organizer: Steve Jacobs
- June--**
- 11th **Dinner Ride – Closed**
Time: TBD
- 14th **HOG Meeting - Closed**
7:00p.m.
Doyles - Monroe
- 18th **Bucket Ride – Closed**
TBD – Find out at the meeting on the 14th.
- 25th **MVP Party – MVP Only**
Kutter - Janesville
- 27th **Million Mile Monday - Closed**
Organizer: John Deackman
- 27th **Dinner Ride – Closed**
Time: 6:00pm

NEWS FROM THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Do you have any summer rides planned yet? If not, now is a good time to take a look at the Harley Owners Group web site. (members.hog.com) There is all kinds of information on the site. A good one to check out is the Ride Planner. You can explore new roads and routes with out ever leaving the comfort of your chair. With all the rain and cold we have been having, you can plan and print your route so that when the sun finally shines and it warms up a little you are ready to call your buddies and ride.

Keep the shiny side up!

Steve Jacobs, Assistant Director
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

Minute by Minute.....

Swiss Valley HOG Meeting – April 12, 2011

Director John Deackman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

John discussed the possibility of changing our meetings to incorporate more riding. After much thought and input by the chapter, it was decided to keep our meetings as they are, with a couple changes. Anyone wishing to ride prior to the meeting should meet at Kutter at 6 PM and take a short ride with the others who have gathered to do so. At 7 PM, those members will ride to the meeting location to attend the monthly HOG meeting. When weather permits, those wanting to participate in a short ride after the meeting are encouraged to do so. In the case of inclement weather, members are asked to bring a favorite game to the meeting and we will play games after the meeting. We are also going to incorporate some fun events into the meetings. One idea is a “pizza night”. We (the club will pick up the tab) will order pizza when the meeting begins and have it ready to serve by the time the meeting is complete.

John asked if any HOG members would be willing to come to Kutter and welcome the new graduates of the Rider’s Edge course. There is a sign up sheet at Kutter so at least one or two HOG members could be available for each class.

Barb Smith and Wendy Holmes volunteered to help make packets to mail to bike purchasers introducing them to the HOG Chapter. Currently, a one year membership to HOG is awarded to new bike purchasers.

Scott reminded everyone that Kutter’s Open House is Saturday, May 21. The HOG Chapter is going to be having a membership table at the open house. We will be serving cheese curds at the open house, along with other food. Scott also asked for volunteers to help out with the Kutter trailer at the Green County Fair.

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Minute by Minute.....continued

John Deackman has a ride planned for Million Mile Monday, June 27. Contact him if you are interested in attending.

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 \$2,432.35. \$400 will be donated to the Green County Food Pantry.

Secretary Kathy Rindy asked if the club would be willing to make a donation to the Jeff Qualley family. Jeff was a prior active HOG member who now has cancer. There was a benefit for him at Ludlow. The club made a motion to give him a \$50 gift card. Treasurer Barb Smith offered to take care of sending a card and gift certificate to him.

Sarah Goebel is the proud new owner of a trike. Best wishes and many happy miles to you.

Road Captain Leroy Rindy talked the 3 day overnight ride (Aug. 26, 27 & 28) to Red Wing, MN. See "Road Captain Report" for more information.

Dennis & Diane Holcomb planned a nice Winter Getaway Weekend on March 12 & 13 to the Amana Colonies. Zuber's Homestead Hotel was a lovely Bed & Breakfast. If you have any plans to ever visit the Amana Colonies, make it a point to stay there. Thank you Hokies for taking the time to plan the weekend. We visited antique shops, many interesting stores and had some good eats. Our evening was spent playing games in the living room at the bed and breakfast. It was a good time!

Winners of the drawings at the meeting were: 50/50 raffle – Fred Rice (\$19). Leroy and Kathy Rindy were each winners of the \$10 Kutter gift certificates.

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

May Birthdays

5-4 Daryl Pahnke
5-15 Leroy Rindy
5-27 Roger Goepfert
5-31 Fuzzy Karlen



Road Captain Report

Hi everyone! Oops, I completely forgot about my HOG article last month. I guess it must be early Alzheimers or maybe just old age setting in! Well, it looks like the riding season is finally here, although it sure isn't warming up very fast.

I did change my April 28th, Thursday night dinner ride to Saturday, April 30 in hopes that it would give us a better chance to ride. Right now it looks like we may have a chance of rain, but we'll make the best of it.

The May bucket ride will be held on the 14th. The following Saturday, we'll have the Spring Open House at Kutter in Monroe, followed by our next dinner ride on Sunday, May 22 to White Pines State Park for a great brunch, probably one of the best brunches I've had. Plan to join us for some great riding and great food. Looks like we've got a busy May coming up. Hope everyone can join in on the fun.

Just a quick update on our 3 day, 2 night ride August 26, 27 & 28. I accidentally had the wrong phone number in the March newsletter. The correct number for the AmericInn in Wabasha, MN is (651)565-5366. Rooms are reserved under Swiss Valley HOG Chapter/Leroy Rindy. We have 10 rooms being held for us. There is a sign up sheet at Kutter. Please sign up AND reserve your room so we know how many to plan for. If anyone would like to come on the overnight ride but can't leave Friday morning, it takes approximately 3 ½ - 4 hours to get to Wabasha from Monroe. Possibly later Friday afternoon or early Saturday morning might be an option. Let me know if you have any questions. I will try to have an itinerary for the trip posted at Kutter in the near future.

I'm hoping for some warm sunny weather for some great riding. Hope to see everyone on our next ride.

Leroy Rindy, Head Road Captain
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group



Safety Officer Corner

For me the love of riding comes from two places. The first is the happiness derived from just riding; the freedom and sense of being part of the outside world that you really don't experience in an enclosed vehicle. The other part is about being totally focused on the task at hand and knowing that more than any other time I am responsible for my own safety. There is nothing mundane about the sport of motorcycling. You might well ask, what does this have to do with safety.

It's about the first five minutes.

In the first five minutes, I am trying to find my comfort zone inside the safety equipment, the helmet feels restrictive and the clothing is bulky and usually I haven't ridden in a couple of days so everything has a slightly unfamiliar feel to it. I haven't yet found the posture that I feel most comfortable with on the bike. I start up the bike and roll down to the end of the driveway, where I have to stop and check out what's coming my way. There is a dip in the curb that I have to stop right on top of which messes with my balance because the distance from the bottom of my feet to the ground has increased for that portion of the driveway. So I am a little disoriented, not so much that I am completely distracted, but just enough that I am not fully focused. This is a time when things can go wrong and that's the point of this article. We must be ready to ride and respond to emergencies as quickly as possible. People being what they are I believe that everyone experiences this situation to one extent or another and I hope that in relating my first five minutes others will re-examine their first five and work on improving their focus at the outset of their ride. I've discovered that being in too much of a hurry contributes to the confusion and little frustrations can pull your attention from the focus that is mandatory for a safe ride.

Everyone experiences the ride differently, if you don't find some of yourself in this article, that's good. If you do and it helps you become a safer rider that's even better.

See you on the road, riding season is now!

Jeff Wright, Safety Officer
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group