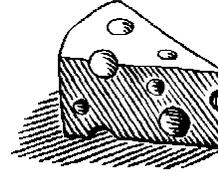
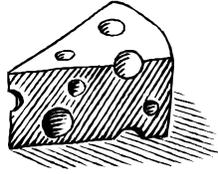


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NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR

Hello. It looks like the hot and humid days of late summer are over and the cool weather is settling in. Now all I have to do is get use to driving in 40 degree cool air in the mornings for my rides to work. I know a lot of people prefer the cool weather for riding, but I still prefer hot weather to some degree (no pun intended).

It has been made quite clear that Mother Nature had no intentions of letting us go to Balltown this year. Both dates we tried to do it rained us out. Only five people showed up for the second attempt on September 25. So, we decided to head over to the Blue Ox and get some breakfast instead of going all the way to Balltown with only 5 people. We will have to plan it earlier next year so we can make at least three attempts!

Does everyone have their costumes picked out for the Halloween Party coming up on Saturday, October 29? We will meet at 6:00 P.M. at the Bank on the Square in Monroe at the North-East side of the square. The meal for the night will be Group Chili Mix! Bring a quart of your favorite chili and dump it in the cooker with everyone else's and enjoy a great mixed chili! Also bring a side and or desert. The chapter will supply sodas and water. If there is other drinks you would like to bring, you are more than welcome. After the meal, we will sit down to some fun and games, along with prize drawings! Hope all you ghouls and monsters can make it that night! (Dressing up is not a requirement, but sure adds to the fun).

On Sunday, October 9, Dave W. will lead us on a color ride to Black Earth area for a noon meal. Please be at Kutter by 10:45 A.M. so we can leave by 11:00 A.M. The ride will be about 1.5 hours. This day will also be my daughter's (Kaylin) 18th birthday. I am hoping to find room for her on the ride as she truly enjoys the group dinner rides.

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NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR – continued.....

Our next Chapter meeting will be on Tuesday, October 11 at 7:00 P.M. We also have another Dinner ride on Friday, October 21 at 6:00 P.M. led by Diane Updike. There will be a signup sheet at Kutter for people to signup.

Janesville Fall MVP Party will be on Saturday, October 22. The Party starts at 5:00 P.M. until about 8:30 P.M. if my memory serves me right.

On Sunday, September 18, I took the Riders Edge Skilled Riders Course. If you have never taken this course, I highly recommend it! Even if you are an ace rider, it never hurts to take the course to touch up your skills. I have never taken the course or any riding course before and I was very happy with the knowledge I learned. I have been riding for 30 years, but I still learned new things to help me!

That is all I have for this month.

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I'm here to assist you any way I can, because it's your chapter too!

Friday, October 21st Dinner Ride

Our Friday, October 21 Dinner Ride will be to Lelle's in Woodford. If you're unfamiliar with Lelle's, they're a bar with a casual dining room, and they serve about the best fish around, with salad bar. They also have a few other items on the menu, along with the usual bar food available. Woodford is a very small town about 14 miles west of Monroe on County Y. We will probably be going by car, unless Mother Nature decides to give us an unseasonably warm day. We will leave from Kutter's in Monroe at 6:00 pm, or if you live to the west and want to meet us there, we'll plan to arrive about 6:30 pm. See you there!

Diane Updike
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	Mike Reel



Calendar of Events:

2-Months at a Glance

*2011 Calendar of Swiss Valley Harley
Owners Group*

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

**--November newsletter
deadline--**
October 25, 2011

--October--

9th **Dinner Ride – Closed**
Time: 10:45am
Color Ride
Organizer: Dave Wehinger

11th **HOG Meeting - Closed**
7:00p.m.
Doyles – Monroe

21st - **Dinner Ride – Closed**
Time: 6:00pm
Organizer: Diane Updike

22nd **MVP Party – MVP Only**
Time: 5:30p.m.
Kutter – Janesville

29th **Halloween Party – Closed**
Time – 6:00pm
Bank Community Room

--November--

8th **HOG Meeting - Closed**
7:00p.m.
Doyles – Monroe

15th - **Dinner Ride – Closed**
Time: 6:00pm
Organizer: John Deackman

Happy Halloween 

Minute by Minute.....

Swiss Valley HOG Meeting – September 13, 2011

Director John Deackman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The members in attendance signed a get well card for club member Eugene Clement.

Treasurer Barb Smith reported the club has a balance of \$2040.72.

Secretary Kathy Rindy read two thank you notes. Ones from Green County Food Pantry for our cash gift and the other from the family of Jeff Qualley.

Activities Coordinator Diane Updike is busy working on the Halloween Party. We will be bringing chili to share, as well as a side dish and playing games. 6:00 Happy ½ Hour and 6:30 eat. Oct. 9 is the fall ride.

Scott from Kutter thanked those who worked at the Biker Bash in Durand. The 50/50 raffle there made a profit of \$124 for the club. Scott also asked if anyone would be interested in cooking chili on the square for the chili Cook off on 10/1. If you are interested, let him know. Scott also reminded everyone the MVP party in Janesville is 10/22.

Road Captain Leroy Rindy thanked Fuzzy for leading the ride for 13 people to Rockton for chicken. Dave Wehinger will be leading a dinner ride to Villa Pizza on 9/22.

Winners of the drawings at the meeting were: 50/50 raffle – Rachel Aebly (\$15). Scott Golackson and Leroy Rindy were each winners of the \$10 Kutter gift certificates.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Rindy, Secretary
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

Road Captain Report

Hi everyone!

Fall has arrived so get out and ride as much as you can. We all know how short the season is!

Thanks to our last couple ride planners. Fuzzy led the ride to Rockton, Dave Wehinger to Villa Pizza and Jeff to Balltown.

Our next ride will be the fall ride on Sunday, October 9 being planned by Dave Wehinger. Check at Kutter for details.

Leroy Rindy, Head Road Captain
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

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Safety Officer Corner

On September 22 I rode to Kutter under ominous skies to meet for the dinner ride to The Villa in Orfordville. At first it looked as though it might rain and I wondered if there would be a small turnout but soon we had grown to fifteen people. In spite of the cool, early fall air, it didn't rain and we enjoyed a pleasant ride arriving at our destination without incident. We had a great meal, plenty of laughs and good conversation. Whenever we gather for these events and have the fun that we do, I always feel a sense of gratitude for the opportunity to spend a relaxing time with friends. It can be truly said that being a H.O.G. chapter member and riding a Harley Davidson have enriched my life, and I am grateful for that.

On the ride home I joined with Ron and Barb as they can go home kitty corner by driving past my place. One of the downsides to these late year rides is that it's likely that you will be riding in the dark. I usually feel somewhat apprehensive about this, a feeling that I am confident most of you share. Riding a motorcycle demands focus and concentration at the best of times, even more so at night when a large collection of moving obstacles can present itself. Deer, raccoons, cats, possums, coyotes, on and on ad infinitum. Add to that the inability to scan accurately far ahead for two by fours, fire wood, pieces of metal etc. and riding at night becomes a challenge.

When riding at night, slow down, 50 mph, 45 mph, wherever you feel most comfortable. This will provide a cushion of increased safety by having more time to react to things that appear ahead. Using your high beams as much as possible also expands this cushion. I think my stock head lamp reaches out pretty good, but for people who find it necessary to ride frequently at night, Harley Davidson has optional headlamp accessories that greatly increase what you are able to see. The good people at Kutter can assist you in choosing the best lamp for your needs. When I proceed, I am thinking about where I have noticed deer before, places where I think they may appear, such as where rivers/creeks cross under or run adjacent to the roadway. Cresting small hills, around blind corners in the low areas between hills are other places they can emerge from, and at this time of the year there are thousands of acres of corn right beside the road where they may be browsing or poised to run across the road. I especially don't like places where the tree line crowds the roadway. This presents an opportunity for wildlife to magically appear and throw itself in front of your motorcycle. BE ALERT!

Fortunately, Ron, Barb and I encountered only one bedazzled little kitty in the ditch alongside the road and it stayed put, so all was well!

I hope that when you need to ride at night you will be safe and alert...

See yah out on the road,

Jeff Wright, Safety Officer

Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

OVERNIGHT RIDE - Aug. 26-28 – RED WING, MN

On the beautiful morning of Friday, August 26th, fourteen H.O.G. Chapter members and 2 guests met at Kutter's at 8:45 a.m. for coffee and donuts before leaving on the Chapter's 3-day 2-night ride to Red Wing, Minnesota. Each participant placed a white dot in a carefully chosen spot on their bike, with hopes of winning the "Bug Hit Closest to the Dot" game. We took a group photo, and with Leroy Rindy as our trusted leader and trip organizer and Kathy Rindy in charge of games, 9 motorcycles roared out of the dealership at 9:30 a.m. Riders and passengers included Biff Borowitz and Brea Neubauer, Robert and Cindy Burke, Dennis and Diane Holcomb, Kathy Rindy, Leroy Rindy, Ron and Barb Smith, Chandra Speich, Rich Speich, Curt and Diane Updike, and Robert and Marushka Nelson, who traveled with us by car. The Nelsons, friends of the Rindys, are members of the Palatine, IL, H.O.G. Chapter. After gas stops at Mineral Point and Richland Center, we arrived in DeSoto and enjoyed lunch at the Bright Spot. During the trip, Chandra was in charge of recording numbers for the odometer game, and Barb and her lovely assistant Brea recorded card draws for the best poker hand. We stopped at the Winona Harley dealer and arrived in Wabasha (home of the film "Grumpy Old Men") around 5:30 p.m., checked in at the AmericInn and met for 7:00 dinner at Slippery's in Wabasha. Chapter members Curt Moyer and Wendy Holmes joined the group at this point. After a tasty meal, we went back to the motel to relax and enjoy some camaraderie.

The sun was again shining on Saturday morning (or as Leroy would say, "Just another shiny day"), and after breakfast at the motel, we rode back into Wabasha for a 9 a.m. tour at the National Eagle Center, situated on the banks of the Mississippi River. What an awesome display of eagle-related photos, sculptures, gifts, information and eagles! We met Donald, Harriet, Columbia and Was'aka, all injured eagles with permanent residence at the center. We posed for a group photo with one of the eagles, made some purchases and donations and were on our way again. At this point, some shopped in Wabasha, and the rest of the group headed to Red Wing. En route, we stopped at historic Lake Pepin in Lake City, the birthplace of waterskiing! Here, Biff and several assistants fixed a loose foot peg, and then we continued the drive to Red Wing. What a beautiful city! Having been named after the Mdewakanton ("Born of the Waters") tribe's legendary Chief Red Wing, and historically known for its Red Wing pottery and stoneware industry, the city also boasts the historic St. James Hotel and the headquarters of Red Wing shoes (do you know the size of the largest work boot ever made?---638½ D! It is on display in the downtown shoe store.) After lunch on our own, we met and took a scenic back road ride to Treasure Island Casino, with the chance to WIN BIG (or not). At 6 p.m., we met and enjoyed a fantastic dinner at the Smokin' Oak, and then rode back to the motel for more fun and games, plenty of popcorn and refreshments, and a lot more laughs. All game winners were announced, and prizes were awarded. Curt Updike was the big winner rolling the dice...he is SO LUCKY, just ask him!

After breakfast and a group photo on Sunday morning, the Nelsons headed out on their own and the rest of us hit the dusty trail around 9:30 a.m., riding through Sparta and the rolling hills toward LaValle, with a 2:00 lunch stop at The River Mill, where we played one last game, Shut the Box. For those that couldn't make it back without eating one more time, we stopped at Culver's in Dodgeville---you just gotta'! Then home was calling. Trip miles totaled between 650 and 675.

It was a great weekend of riding, fun, food, sights and friendship. Thank you, Leroy and Kathy, and the Chapter for this enjoyable riding opportunity!

Barb Smith
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

Halloween Party

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 again this year will be "community chili" and you are welcome to join in. 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 other food for yourself. To go along with our chili, please also bring a side dish or dessert to share; your own beverages; and your own table service.

The theme for our evening's entertainment this year is "ROLLING." Why? Because we're going to be rolling dice and rolling in the aisles with laughter. How? With a new fun and easy group dice game called BUNCO. The rolling laughter will come from all of you -- we'd like to bring out the hidden comic in your soul by inviting you to brush up on telling a favorite joke or two, so we can have some humor between our rounds of Bunco. (If you're shy and just want to listen to the jokes instead of tell any, that's fine too...) As usual, we will have some great HD prizes to win!

WHEN: Saturday, October 29, 2011
6:00 p.m. - Happy Hour starts
6:30 p.m. - Dinner, followed by our NEW game and "comedy relief"

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 side dish or dessert
Your own beverages
Your own table service (plate, bowl, silverware)
A few good jokes

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

Diane Updike, HOG Activities Committee
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group