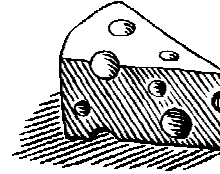
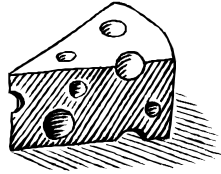


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### NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR

Well, we sure can't complain about the weather too much this winter. It can stay like this all winter as far as I am concerned. But I am sure we will probably get hammered in February.

I would like to thank Dawn Golackson for temporarily taking the Secretary position until someone steps up to take it full time. Dawn is already our Historian and is pretty busy with that task and it would sure be nice for someone else to help take the position of Secretary. We also have a Safety Officer position to fill since Jeff Wright took the Assistant Director position. I would also like to thank Dave Wehinger for taking the Head Road Captain.

I am also currently looking at redesigning the website somewhat to give it a facelift. I am trying to give it a bit more of a professional club design. Over the next two months be looking for a bit of a change and it may come slowly page by page.

Please check the calendar often as we have quite a few additions this year. We are considering changing news letters to be every other month. If you want them to continue coming monthly, shoot me an email and let me know.

That is all I have for this month.

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## **ASSISTANT DIRECTOR**

Well, we are having a very mild winter by comparison with the recent past. I am hoping for a better riding season this year than the one we had in 2011. As I write this we are nearing the end of January leaving about 70 days until it may be possible to ride. I am really looking forward to that. I guess one could say that living in Wisconsin heightens the appreciation of being a motorcyclist because you can't ride year around and turn it into routine.

We have many rides planned this year and I am looking forward to the breakfast rides in particular. They offer so many possibilities relative to riding and still doing the weekend tasks we all have and as a launch pad for longer adventures.

As I take over my new duties as assistant director I am focused on increasing our membership. We have completed our first mailing to prospective members who have recently bought new Harleys. Scott Wendy and I met at Kutter and composed a letter of invitation, which was sent out to recent purchasers of new Harleys in hopes of finding those persons who may be looking to find new ways to enjoy their new hobby.

Our goal is not simply to increase membership but to bring in people who will become an integral part of our chapter, people who join in and make the rides and involve themselves with what we do. Most importantly though become new friends. Beyond the motorcycles that bring us together the most important benefits are the friendships that are created and the great times we have together. My life has been enriched by this experience and I would like to see others have that opportunity as well.

I plan to continue addressing the Riders Edge program at Kutter with John Deackman and hope that some others from the chapter would be willing to join us on occasion. There is no guarantee that we will get new members from this but it is worth doing. It would be especially important to have some our lady riders attend from time to time. Women are increasingly getting on motorcycles and would be encouraged by seeing and hearing the experiences of our lady riders.

If you have friends who ride, don't be reluctant to invite them on a ride. The best way for people to see what we are about is to have them join us in the experience. I think that when they spend a day riding with us they will want to enjoy more of that and will be encouraged to join us. They don't need a national membership, just a Harley and a desire to go do something. If they like the experience we will take care of the rest.

Until next time,

Jeff Wright, Assistant Director  
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

## Calendar of Events:

### 3-Months at a Glance

2012 Calendar of Swiss Valley Harley  
Owners Group

Chapter Events available online at  
[www.swissvalleyhog.com](http://www.swissvalleyhog.com)

#### *--February--*

10<sup>th</sup> International Motorcycle  
11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Show – Rosemont, IL

14<sup>th</sup> HOG Meeting - Cancelled

23<sup>th</sup> Dinner Ride - Closed  
6:00p.m.  
Organizer: Scott & Dawn  
Golackson

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#### *--March--*

13<sup>th</sup> HOG Meeting - Closed  
7:00p.m.  
Doyles – Monroe

20<sup>th</sup> Dinner Ride - Closed  
6:00p.m.  
Organizer: John Deackman

31<sup>st</sup> - Overnight Ride – Closed  
1<sup>st</sup>

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#### *--April--*

10<sup>th</sup> HOG Meeting - Closed  
7:00p.m.  
Doyles – Monroe

20<sup>th</sup> Dinner Ride - Closed  
6:00p.m.  
Organizer: Ron & Barb  
Smith

28<sup>th</sup> Bike Swap - Open  
Kutter - Monroe

## HOG Minutes – 1/10/12

Director John Deackman opened the meeting by leading us in the pledge of allegiance. John then announced that our New Assistant Director will be Jeff Wright and our Interim Secretary will be Dawn Golackson until someone else volunteers.

John Deackman and Diane Updike updated us on the holiday part. Everyone is to bring \$5 per person to cover cost of food and their own beverage. Bring a \$5 dollar gift for gift exchange and your own place settings and dinnerware.

Wendy Holmes took over as membership chair. Membership forms are due, they can be dropped off at Kutter with \$ and she will pick them up.

Barb Smith was not present for treasurer's report. John Deackman reported having \$2113.00 on account. Toys for Tots has been paid as well as Shop with a Cop.

Kathy Rindy announced that the chapter received a blossom in the Monroe paper for donations made to military families.

Jeff Wright announced dates for International Motorcycle Show on Feb 10-12 in Chicago. The cost is \$13.00. A group of people plan to go on Sunday. Jeff would like to push for new members, by doing so he plans to attend Rider's Edge classes again.

Dinner ride planned for January 27, 2012 will be led by Aebly's. They plan to take us to Route 20 Bar and Grill in Freeport. Leave Kutter at 6:00pm.

Overnite ride to Amana Colonies is planned for March 31-April 1. Wendy is gathering lodging info. TBA **Mark your calendars!!**

Scott announced that Monroe Chamber is holding a Facebook class on Jan 18 at 8am at the Justice Center for anyone wanting to attend. It will last about and 1.5 hrs.

Scott proposed skipping the Feb meeting because it falls on Valentines Day. Everyone agreed. **NO FEBRUARY MEETING!!!!!!!!!!**

February dinner ride will be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup>-led by Golackson's.

Drawings: Kutter Gift Cards went to Diane Holcomb and Dave Wehinger. 50/50 worth \$15 to Curt Moyer—Kinda fishy Curt! Two months in a row?!

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Golackson, Secretary  
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

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**February Birthdays**

- 2-14 Sheila Karlen
- 2-17 Christine Clement

**March Birthdays**

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



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