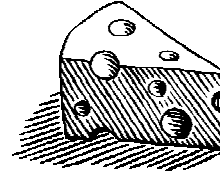
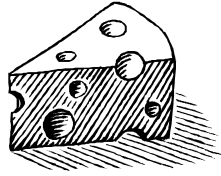


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NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR

April is here and it still feels like the end of February some days. My bill is paid and the bike is ready to come home! I have cabin fever so bad this spring it is driving me nuts. I still haven't seen many bikes out as we are all waiting for some rain to come and wash the salt, cinders, and sand of the roadways. I think we are going to go from a cold spring right into a heat wave. Any takers?

About 10 of the members went on the Dinner ride to Lawrence's in Benton on the 21st. They setup an area for us in the back room so we could all sit together. Unfortunately they were out of Lasagna when we got there, but the other food was great. We had a lot of laughs and truly enjoyed the evening amongst friends.

We had two new members join us in March, and a few more joining this month. When talking to friends or acquaintances, tell them about our chapter and help raise the awareness and help with a member drive. The more people we have, the more fun we can have! Remember, there is a printable PDF file under the "Join Swiss Valley" link on our website. If you need to renew your membership, print this out and mail the application and money to Swiss Valley HOG at Kutter HD in Monroe. You can also have folks that would like to join use this form also.

Our next Dinner ride will be Friday, April 19 and we will find out the destination at the next meeting on Tuesday, April 9th. Please be at Kutter by 6:15 for the dinner ride.

That is all I have for this month.

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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Just this week a Kathy R. called me to find out what I knew about the little restaurant in Attica that I had mentioned during a meeting last fall. For the heck of it I drove over to obtain the information because it isn't but 10 minutes from my home and I wanted to see if they had opened for the season. Turns out they were and as luck would have it I arrived on the very first day open. When you enter the building you are surrounded by antiques and all sorts of interesting knick knacks displayed in a setting oozing with country charm. I was tempted by the wonderful aromas in the place and decided to have lunch. I had a bacon cheeseburger with chips and a colorful garden salad with a tasty raspberry vinaigrette dressing. The meal was top notch and the menu covers the spectrum of what a person might like to have for any meal. I spent some time conversing with Cathy the owner, who explained that they had expanded the times they are open, to include Saturday and Sunday morning for breakfast starting at 09:00 AM and longer hours for dinner. If an English four course High Tea is High on your agenda, it is available by reservation. Last year I brought up the idea of trying this establishment so late in the year that their hours didn't match our needs. This year is wide open for breakfast rides or dinner rides and is certainly a venue that we should include in our itinerary for 2013. They can be found on Facebook. Search for, Franklin Grove Etc 608-862-1161

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Jeff Wright, Assistant Director

Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

April Birthdays

4-19 Bob Brown

4-23 Steve Lee

Calendar of Events:

2-Months at a Glance

*2013 Calendar of Swiss Valley Harley
Owners Group
Chapter Events available online at
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--April--

9th **HOG Meeting - Closed**
7:00p.m.

Doyles – Monroe

19th **Dinner Ride - Closed**
Kutter 6:15p.m.

27th **Bike/Swap – Open**
Kutter

--May--

5th **Breakfast Ride - Closed**
DeSoto House - Galena
Leave Kutter @ 8:30am

14th **HOG Meeting - Closed**
7:00p.m.
Doyles – Monroe

18th **Kutter Open House - Open**
Monroe

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SAFETY OFFICER

By the time you read this we should be seeing some 50+ degree days and opportunities to ride will present themselves. There are a few things that I like to remind myself of at the beginning of the riding season and indeed in my day to day riding. First of all, many of us haven't ridden in a few months and it might be a good idea to take it easy at first and get your motorcycling legs back a bit. Beyond that, have you checked out the condition of your brakes, tires, lamps, fuel and oil levels. If your bike has been stored in an outbuilding inspect it for mouse damage. It's possible that a nest might have been made in your exhaust system, behind your fairing or under your seat pan. When riding I remind myself to be very defensive about vehicles poised to turn left in front of me. I approach vehicles parked on the side of the road with caution as they may abruptly pull a u-turn without warning. I also remind myself to approach intersections that are handling heavy traffic at that moment because some motorist in a hurry may force themselves into the situation without regard for an approaching motorcycle. The roads may have surprises around any corner in the form of salt powder, sand, liquid manure spills, wet leaves and anything else you might imagine. It's certain that during the transition into the riding season commuters will not be telling themselves to watch out for motorcycles. We must be aware as well when we drive. What a nightmare it would be if one of us injured another motorcyclist because we didn't follow our own rules.

Finally, this year I decided to make it easier for motorists to see me by installing a headlamp strobe kit with an improved bulb and a LED tail light. The headlamp strobe kit is selectable for steady or flashing beam. The tail light is very bright and can be programmed to flash different patterns while you are stopped, alerting people to your presence. Both Harley Davidson and aftermarket companies manufacture versions of these devices. The good people at Kutter can help you select the product that best suits your needs.

I look forward to riding together this year!

Jeff Wright, Interim Safety Officer
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ROAD CAPTAIN

Hopefully it is almost here. The warm weather that is. I'm watching the 9:00 weather as I'm writing this article. Fifty degree weather may arrive this weekend. There may be hope the bikes will come out soon. I did see one crazy-xxx rider as I left work today. Going by it, the rider waved at me. I'm thinking "who in the world could that be?" The only nut I could think it possibly could be was our own Jeff Wright. Sure enough, I received an e-mail later saying it was him. My hats off to you Jeff.

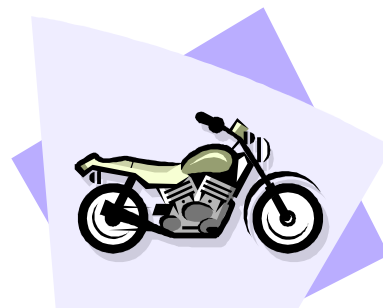
Which brings us to our next meeting. As a refresher we are going to watch the DVD on group riding. I know most of us have seen it before, but a little reminder never hurts anyone. I hope to see all of us there.

Thank's John D for leading the dinner ride to Benton. The food was fantastic. I would highly recommend eating there again.

That's all I have this month. If any of you are lucky enough to go for a ride be very carefull. There is a lot of junk on the roads yet.

See you at the meeting.

Dave Wehinger, Head Road Captain
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group



HOG Minutes – 3/12/13

Meeting held at Bullets/Bonnies. Pledge led by John D. John then introduced Brandon from the Janesville store and he introduced Andrew Kranig from the Monroe Store. Brandon was there to represent Gary and discussed continuing the Hog Chapter and the relationship with the dealership. Andrew is the Salesman in Monroe and will be our liaison. He will be at our meetings to address dealership issues/events that pertain to the chapter.

New Members introduced tonight: Mark and Karen Rackow.

John reminds everyone to get their dues paid!!!!

Wendy reported that we have 57 members on our current list with only 29 currently paid.

PAY YOUR DUES!!!

The chapter was asked to have food available on April 27th for the Sell your bike/swap meet at Kutter from 10-3. Discussion was held on how we would approach this. The weather will determine attendance and has not been good in the past for this event.

HOG Minutes – 3/12/13.....continued

It was decided that we would revisit it at the next meeting, but we will try to have 3-4 people on hand that day and serve brats, hot dogs, chips and soda. The chapter did not feel it was necessary to have the Flame Thrower up and running that day. Bring ideas to the April meeting on this issue.

John announced a request to donate money to the Darla Rawley Benefit. She was in a motorcycle accident last year and has high medical bills to pay. Jeff W. motioned to donate \$100, 2nd by Steve J. There will be a benefit held on April 27th at PJ's Stephenson Street Station 219 e. Stephenson Street Freeport, IL 61032 for anyone that would like to support her and her family. Barb will send a check this week from the chapter.

Jeff W. reports a reminder to everyone that still has their bike in winter storage that you need to give 1 weeks notice to get your bike out if possible. Brandon mentioned that Boone is working on getting work done on winter storage bikes and there is a new mechanic shadowing him at this time that has 8 years experience.

Barb gave treasurer's report. \$100 was paid to the Hawking family. They had a house fire this winter. Kutter also gave them \$100. There will be a sign up sheet at the next meeting for those interested in purchasing a shirt with the Hog Chapter logo on it. The chapter would like to presell ½ of the shirts needed for an order so that chapter doesn't get stuck with the full bill. Short sleeve and long sleeve are available. Barb has the catalog and will have it at the next meeting. Prices range from \$20-30 depending on style.

Dave W. Asked if we should be showing our group riding video since we have new members that will be riding with us this season. LeRoy stated that we do have a video that can be shown at the next meeting. Everyone agreed that this would be a good idea. Ron S will bring the equipment needed to show this at our meeting in April. The video is about 20 minutes long.

Jeff W. Asked if anyone knows of any flat track motorcycle races near us that we could attend this summer to please get the information. Steve J mentioned that All Harley Drags in Earlville, IA. Bring info to next meeting if you have any so we can plan a ride.

Jody J. Reminder that newsletter advertisements are due. The Ad runs Jan – Jan.

Andrew suggested a drop box be put up at Kutter for anonymous suggestions for the dealership. Anyone can give ideas on how to make the dealership better or what the dealership can do to help the Chapter get members and keep them. Discussion was given on new member dues paid if purchasing a new bike. National Dues are currently being paid; the chapter will do the same. It was asked if we could get the information of those purchasing new bikes so we can contact them about the chapter. Brandon stated that they can ask the customer if it is okay for a member from the chapter to contact them. They are currently giving info on the chapter at a sale.

50/50 won by Jeff W.

Gift Certs: Jeff W.-returned so another name could be drawn. Mark Rackow and Barb Smith. Congratulations!!!

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

March 19th Dinner Ride to Lawrences in Benton. Meet at Kutter--leave at 6:15.

Special is Lasagna. Let John know if you will want lasagna so he can give them a count so they can have enough for us.

April 9th-Next meeting. At Bullets/Bonnies 7:00pm

April 19th Dinner Ride

April 19-20th-HOG Officer Training-Milwaukee

April 27th-Sell your Bike/Swap at Kutter 10-3. Chapter to Serve Food.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Golackson, Secretary
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group