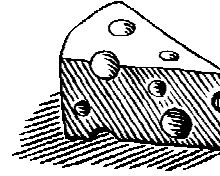
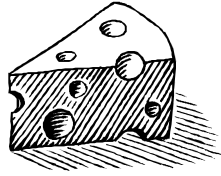


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NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR

I'm sitting here tonight writing this article on July 27 and it's been around 55 degrees all day. Umm, isn't this supposed to be the warmest month of the year? It's been a good many years since I have seen it this cold on a July day.

July 14th was our yearly ride to Rockton for our Chicken Ride. This is usually one of the largest group rides of the year besides Balltown. This year we only had 9 people. I'm a bit set back on how many had shown up for the ride. As usual, the ride, weather, and food was great. The place was packed when we got there and had to wait about 15-20 minutes in line. Thank you Fuzzy for organizing and leading the ride!

On Tuesday, August 13th we have our next Meeting Ride. Please meet at Kutter so we can leave at 6:30pm.

On Sunday, August 18th we will be having our annual chapter picnic. Please bring a dish to pass. I will be sending out an email in about a week indicating the location of the picnic. I will have a signup sheet at Kutter by August 3rd for people to sign up so we have a head count. We will be grilling Burgers and Brats. The chapter will supply the burgers and brats along with bottles of water. If you would like something other to drink, please bring it with you. Don't forget to also bring a place setting and utensils to eat with.

September 7th will be the Open House for Kutter in Monroe and also Janesville. We need to organize for cooking and serving from the Flame Thrower Cafe for the event.

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NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR – continued...

September 8th will be our annual ride to Balltown, IA. A signup sheet will be at Kutter for this event also. I will be leading us on this ride. We will be leaving Kutter in Monroe at 10am.

Depending on the weather, our September Meeting Ride will be on September 10th. If it is raining, we will meet at Bullets & Bonnies at 7pm, otherwise meet at Kutter for a 6:30pm departure.

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That is all I have for this month.

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HOG Minutes – 7/9/13

No minutes to report this month.

Dawn Golackson, Secretary
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August Birthdays

8-2 Barb Smith
8-9 Diana Fox
8-12 Dave Wehinger
8-16 Robert Burke
8-16 Sam Guffrea
8-18 Nate Klassy
8-19 Julie Mau
8-24 Deb Deackman



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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--August--

13th HOG Meeting - Closed
6:30p.m.
Ride to ????

18th HOG Picnic
Watch for details

--September--

7th Kutter Open House - Open
Monroe & Janesville
All Day

8th Balltown Ride - Closed
10:00a.m.
Organizer: John Deackman

10th HOG Meeting - Closed
6:30p.m.

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ROAD CAPTAIN

Where have all the riders gone? That is a question I have been asking myself quite a bit lately. Towards the end of June the chapter had our overnight ride to Doc's Harley-Davidson and Door County. The ride started out wet but it went well and soon dried up. Doc's is worth going to if you have never been there. Go with an appetite as the food is delicious and plentiful. Door County is full of about anything you would like to do, well worth going to. Especially the cherry pie. Five of us rode up and nine of us rode back. We put on over 700 miles for Million Mile Monday.

Where have all the riders gone? The meeting ride for July to Union Dairy is always nice. It was a nice simple ride down. The food was good and the ice cream as always was great. I believe 10 of us made the trip.

Where have all the riders gone? On the 14th we had our annual Chicken Run to Rockton. Thank you Fuzzy for leading us. There was a lot of road construction going on so our route up was a little different. The weather was great and the chicken even better. I don't think I have ever seen so many bikes parked around the bar up there. I think we had approximately 20 people make this ride. A nice group but smaller than usual for Rockton.

Where have all the riders gone? Jeff led us on a ride down backroads through northern Illinois to the Council Hill Station on the 20th. It is so peaceful there. The owner, I forget her name, used to live in Alaska and had her own fishing boat that she earned her living from back in the 70's. After our visit there we ran into Galena and had what else? Ice cream. It was another great ride home. Five of us made that trip.

Where have all the riders gone? Last Thursday I made a trip down to bike night at Joe's Fest in Freeport. It's been a few years since I was last there. It used to be the lot there was packed with motorcycles. Not this year. I think if all the bikes were together as in the past, it would have filled a third of the lot. And all the old bikes that I wanted to see just weren't there.

Where have all the riders gone? Has motorcycling just run its course?

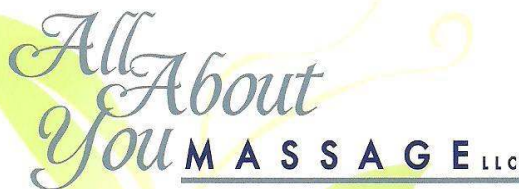
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Have a lot of the people that bought motorcycles in the early 2000's just moved on to the next fad? Is the economy finally catching up with us and we have to prioritize what we do? Are we as a chapter doing something wrong? If we are please let us know.

Let's keep riding.

Dave Wehinger, Head Road Captain
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

No report this month.

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