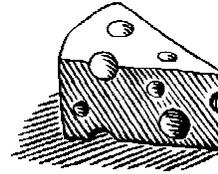
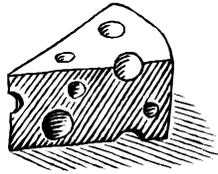


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NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR

March is finally here. Now, is this white stuff going to go away? Man, I hope so. It seems like winter is just dragging on this year. Lately it's been nice all week and then snow messes up the weekends.

As most of you have read, there was a family house fire to a customer of Kutter in Monroe and a classmate and friend of mine. I requested a vote from all the members of this chapter on whether they would agree to \$100 donation to their loss to help them get back on their feet. I also asked Kutter if they would match the donation, to which they readily agreed. So, we will be sending them a check to help them out during this time of need.

During the last 4-5 months I have become somewhat concerned about the membership communication and activity of a majority of the members in the chapter. Am I not living up to the needs of the chapter? Is the chapter not living up to the needs of you the member? Is it just everyone has been so busy that the chapter has been put on the back burner? If it is me or something I can do to change any issues of problems you see with the chapter, please let me know. I can't read minds, and I can't fix what I don't know is broke. I believe this chapter is very flexible and problems can be taken care of. The chapter is definitely not as active as it was 4 years ago and that bothers me, because I truly do enjoy the camaraderie we have as a group and the fun times we have. The request for the donation I sent out last week, I only received 8 emails agreeing to the donation and nothing else. That was kind of depressing to me. Not because they are my friends, but because a family was in need during a cold spell in later winter. I have personally donated to them already and gave them some furniture to help them out, and just because I am the Director has no bearing on what the chapter decides to do. This is your chapter and your votes and decisions.

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NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR – continued...

Bacon-fest! Did anyone else go? A few of us from the chapter made it to Milwaukee to the Harley-Davidson Garage for Bacon-fest 2013! The place was packed! They sold 1000 tickets, and I think almost all of them were there. We could hardly move in there. Companies were there giving samples of the bacon goodies. They even had Chocolate Ice-cream with Bacon...Not exactly my cup of tea, but Jeff liked it! I'm not sure I will go again next year, as the crowd was just too heavy for my liking in that small of a location. But we did have fun!

Our next Dinner ride will be Tuesday, March 19 and we will be going to Lawrence Pub and grill in Benton, WI. Please be at Kutter by 6:15 so we can be there by 7:15 pm.

Our next chapter meeting will be on Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00pm at Bonnies and Bullets upstairs.

Mobile Phone Website page:

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That is all I have for this month.

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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Well, one more month closer to getting back on our bikes. I am so tired of winter I could just spit. I am ready for warm balmy days and clean dry roads stretching out in front of me. I'm looking forward to visiting some of our old haunts and finding new ones to explore with the members of this HOG chapter. Please attend the March meeting and bring some ideas with you. Even though we have our rides scheduled, I believe that members would be willing to be flexible on destinations. I hope we can find a motorcycle race to attend this year in addition to the SuperBike Races at Elkhart lake that I already have plans for. Be sure and get in touch with me if you plan to attend.

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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--March--

12th HOG Meeting - Closed
7:00p.m.
Doyles – Monroe

19th Dinner Ride - Closed
Kutter 6:15p.m.
Lawrence Pub & Grill
Benton, WI

--April--

9th HOG Meeting - Closed
7:00p.m.
Doyles – Monroe

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



ASSISTANT DIRECTOR -continued

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Hope to see you at the meeting in March!

Jeff Wright, Assistant Director
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

SAFETY

We will be into the month of March by the time you read this. It's an appropriate time to remind you to make arrangements for any maintenance needed for your bike. If you haven't stored it at Kutter, the time is rapidly approaching where it will be difficult to get your bike in and out for service due to the spring rush.

It's also a good time to check your personal gear. Examine your helmet for damage that can decrease the ability to protect you in a crash. Zippers, snaps and velcro fastenings that need repair or replacement should be done now.

If you are doing your own maintenance pay particular attention to your tires, are the side walls showing evidence of checking or cracking? Is the rear tire close to being at the wear indicators? If so, now would be a good time to replace it for a summer free of tire problems. Check your drive belt for any edge damage which would promote failure. These two items can turn a pleasant ride into a long day. If you do have a problem on the road, don't forget you have one free tow per year a benefit of your HOG membership.

On a final note, if we are able to ride in March remember that salt powder and sand make the road slippery so caution is required, even in a straight line.

See you on the road!

Jeff Wright, Interim safety officer
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March Birthdays

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

HOG Minutes – 2/12/13

John called the meeting to order and pledge of allegiance was said. John then read a letter from Scott (Scott and Dawn were not at meeting due to a Monroe chamber event they needed to be at) explaining his leaving Kutter. Contact Scott if you would like more information. (Scotts email and phone number can be gotten from John). John talked to Craig from HR and was told a liaison from Kutter would be at our March meeting. If any other questions bring them to the March meeting or contact Brandon or Craig at Kutter. Dues are now due. Please get them paid. Dinner ride to Cannova's in Freeport on Thursday, February 21st. Jeff reminded everyone the 110th is coming up. If you want a room, you should be reserving that. He also questioned putting a flag in the parade for the 110th Anniversary. Is anyone planning on going that would like to do that?

Barb discussed ordering tee shirts. A minimum order could be placed if they are all the same color (but could be mixed as far as long/short sleeve or tank top). To make custom with chapter name on back would take a couple weeks. Stop at Kutter and look at book to see what you like if interested. The treasurer's report was read and Barb received many thank-you's from donations the club did. There was also a Blossom in the Monroe Times (Jan 5th).

50/50 = 14.50 – Curt Moyer

Gift certificates – Dave Wehinger and Jody Jacobs

Next meeting – March 12th.

Minutes taken by Jody Jacobs sitting in for,

Dawn Golackson, Secretary

Swiss Valley Harley Owners

