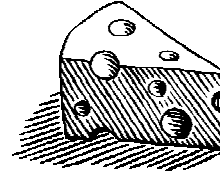
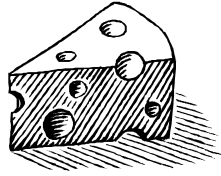


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NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR

Is it me, or is the weather starting to act like last winter again? Last year was the coldest winter recorded for our area. I don't know if I can deal with another winter like that.

There isn't much going on for the next few months in the chapter, but we have our most important meeting of the year coming up on December 9th at Bullets and Bonnies in Monroe. This will be our calendar creation meeting for 2015. We need as many members there as possible to get all our ideas on the table. As a bonus to the meeting, Kutter will be providing Pizza for the chapter that night to make the meeting a little more enjoyable. Thank you Kutter for your hospitality!

Last month's meeting on November 11th, the chapter made a motion and passed the motion that for at least the next year, there will be no fund raising activities by the chapter and all time will be set to enjoy what we love most. Riding our Harleys! Please come to the December meeting to help us make it a fun year in 2015 of getting out and riding!

In this newsletter will also be the information for the 2014 Chapter Holiday Party. Please read and provide the information requested.

I have also received a letter from Cindy Johnson of National H.O.G. of Harley-Davidson. Normally each year at this time each chapter fills out what is called the Chapter Charter. This information tells the Nation H.O.G. board of our renewing of the Chapter for the following year. This information lists out the Officers and other pertinent information about our Chapter and kept on record at National level. Starting this year, to reduce secretarial work, they are not requiring this information any longer UNLESS we have a change in Officers. Although, National H.O.G. and Kutter still have the right to eliminate/cancel sponsorship of our Chapter if they see fit.

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NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR....continued

This part has not changed and has always been there. So, we will still have to put in a form in January as Wendy Holmes is stepping down from the Treasurers position and a new officer appointed. Del Heins has also accepted the Membership Officer last month and his name will also be added to the Chapter Charter.

Have you Bucket Lists ready for December 9th and be ready for some Bullets Pizza and let's make some great riding plans for 2015!

Mobile Phone Website page for Smart Phones:

<http://www.swissvalleyhog.com/preview/mobile-home.htm>

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That is all I have for this month.

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HOLIDAY PARTY

The Rafters is reserved for Swiss Valley HOG Chapter Christmas party on Sat. Jan. 10, 2015.

Lena Brewing Company tour at 6:00 for those that want to come early.
Dinner at 7:00

Make reservations to me with dinner choice (Prime Rib - \$22, Sliced Ham or Lasagna - \$15) and yes/no to brewery tour by Dec. 27th

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HOG Minutes – 11/11/14

Meeting held at Bonnie's at 7pm. Pledge led by John Deackman
John recapped the Halloween get together that was held at Lelle's in Woodford. Dell Heins played his accordion for entertainment.
Next meeting will be Dec 9th at 7pm at Bonnie's-planning meeting-pizza's.

We received \$410 from Kutter and patch money.

Jeff Wright: Stated that he sent out 8-9 letters to gain interest/members. He appreciates Dell's enthusiasm-its helping to get him back into the mood!

Calendar of Events:

2-Months at a Glance

2014-2015 Calendar of Swiss Valley
Harley Owners Group
Chapter Events available online at
www.swissvalleyhog.com

--December--

4th Open House - Open
Kutter – Monroe
Santa 3:00 – 6:00pm

9th HOG Meeting/Ride – Closed
7:00p.m. - Bullets

--January--

10th Holiday Party – Closed
Rafters - Lena
Tour: 6:00pm
Dinner: 7:00pm

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CAN YOU HELP?

Are you available on December 4th
anywhere between noon and 8:00pm?
Would you like to help wrap gifts?
If so, just show up at Kutters and help
kick off the holidays!



HOG Minutes – 11/11/14...continued

Jeff read a letter to the chapter from himself. He would like to cease giving to charities at this time since we don't have the money and get back to making riding our priority. He would like to have a meeting held to determine the chapter goals and would like to use the \$ we have to recruit more people. He mentioned more advertising and attending more events. He would like to see us fully fund meals for the chapter members on occasion and send officers to officer's training. He would like to see us wait on donations until we are more stable as a chapter then allocate somewhere around 20-30% to charities. His letter was well received and there was several minutes of discussion about the letter.

Curt Moyer asked what the census was from the surveys that were sent out last year-we have not gotten any feedback from them.

Dawn motioned to have free pizza for the members at the next meeting-planning meeting.

CeeCee offered to have Kutter pay for our pizza's that night since they have not been able to get together with us for a special meal/ride.

Andrew suggested that we get applications/letters/demo's from those that are requesting money from us before we just hand them money. John suggested atleast donating to Toys for Tots as they did send us a letter requesting it. A motion was made for a \$200 donation to Toys for Tots and a 2nd. Passed.

Wendy Holmes gave treasurer's report \$1436.71 +\$410 + patch money

CeeCee led discussion on Hog Rally 2015 that will be in Janesville. July 9-11. She asked if we could consider putting together an unguided ride from Janesville to Monroe and have them end up downtown. They would ride to the dealership to obtain a card that they could get stamped then send in for a raffle. We would need to have businesses ready for this and try to get them to offer a special for the riders. We will discuss this more as a chapter. The Rally website is open for registrations. The Holiday Inn Express in Janesville has rooms blocked for Swiss Valley Hog Chapter.

Next year is the 30th Anniversary for Kutter and the 21st MDA Tub run. Kutter is trying to get a Business After Five event with the chapter for next year and asked if we could be there to represent the chapter. They will let us know when/if they are able to get a date.

Kutter Christmas open house is in Monroe on Thursday Dec 4th from 12-8. pm. Pictures with Santa 3-6pm 20% off deals. Treats and Kids Crafts all day. She asked if there were any HOG members that are able to help. Sent around sign up sheet.

Chapter decided that we will not do a bake sale since we will not have many that can attend due to the time of day. Some members have signed up to wrap presents.

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HOG Minutes – 11/11/14...continued

Mike and Donna Reel have taken on the holiday party that will be held Jan 10th. They are trying to reserve the Rafters. They sent around a form for food options to get ideas on what we would like to have for the meal. Options are plated or buffet. We will have further discussion on the cost at the next meeting. Watch for emails about the dinner.

Respectfully submitted:

Dawn Golackson, Secretary
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

It is my hope that this year will be a year of solid effort as a chapter and as individuals to increase our membership roles. I would love to see a day this year when we go on a ride with thirty bikes and have to split the ride. Wouldn't that be a great experience? For example imagine the fun of rolling into the Rockton Chicken barbeque, Breitbachs Country Restaurant or White Pines Restaurant with thirty bikes. Awesome!! and a goal worth obtaining.

For me a difficult thing to do is to talk to another Harley Davidson enthusiast about becoming a member of our chapter and I think others of you may feel the same way. I might feel as though I am putting them on the spot by asking them directly to become a member. A better strategy might be to suggest that we are always searching for new members and look for some nuance that indicates they might be interested. The chapter could provide a number of business cards for each member to carry with them on their bike so that when interest in the chapter is expressed, in however small of a way, we can hand them a card with our chapter contact information. If they are interested, they will contact us.

This is one way to open a conversation on membership. Anyone who has an idea is encouraged to bring it to the table so that we can consider it. All ideas about this goal are valuable for the simple reason that we must begin a dialogue amongst ourselves that is inclusive of any members idea. Even if that idea isn't used exclusively it will serve to focus the discussion and might even be employed as one facet in a plan that includes many other facets. Every idea is important and when we work together towards a common goal we become more enthusiastic and more likely to succeed.

Looking forward to our next meeting! (PIZZA) (YAY)

Jeff Wright, Assistant Director
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group