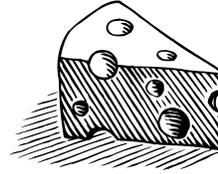
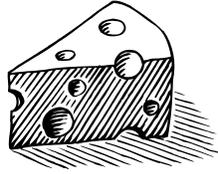


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NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR

Hi Everyone

Our next dinner ride is to Cannova's in Freeport on Thursday, Nov. 17th. We plan to meet there at 6:30 p.m.

Swiss Valley is having an Open House on Sat. Dec. 10th. We plan to have a bake sale and wrap gifts. Please come by if you can donate bake goods or help. We'll start around 10 a.m.

Our planning meeting for next year is on Tue. Dec. 13th at 7:00 at Bullets. Meet for dinner at 6:00. We'll schedule our favorite destinations and bring ideas for some new rides.

The Holiday party will be at The Laughing Trout in Monroe on Sat. Jan. 14th with drinks at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Please let Dawn Golackson know if you will be attending by Dec. 13th. They would also like to know if you plan on ordering Prime Rib for dinner.

Mike Reel, Director
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Happy Thanksgiving



HOG MINUTES – OCTOBER 2016

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Meeting opened by Mike Reel. Introduction of new members: Dennis Nusbaum and Tom McIntyre. Both members introduced themselves followed by all present members introductions.

Mike thanked everyone for riding in the Flag Ceremony at the Green County Fall Nationals. JoAnne Hawthorne from Green county Fall Nat'l sent a thank you to the dealership for our participation.

Andrew announced that he Flame Thrower is SOLD and the chapter has received the funds.

We now have approximately \$1800 in checking per Mike R.

Mike discussed the request for a donation to Green County Human Services. A request has been sent to the chapter in writing. A motion was made by Steve Jacobs for \$200 a second made by Dennis Nusbaum. Mike will send the check.

Jeff Wright requested that we send a donation to the Green County Humane Society since they had a special circumstance recently and had to take in a large amount of cats. He will match a portion of our donation. A motion was made by Mike R for \$100. A second by Jeff W and he will match \$50. Dawn will get the info to send the funds to.

Mike asked if there is still interest in going on a color ride this Sunday. Suggestions were made for a location to ride to. Ride will go-weather permitting. Watch Facebook for updates. Leave dealership around 10:30am.

MVP Party in Janesville at dealership this Sat night.

Friday October 21st dinner Ride to Mulligans in Lena led by Mike and Donna. Leave dealership at 6pm. Let Mike and Donna know if you will be meeting them at the restaurant.

Nov. 8th next meeting. Eat/mingle at 6pm. Meeting at 7pm. We will try to keep the meetings brief.

Nov 17th Dinner ride Cannova's in Freeport. Donna will make reservations. Leave dealership at 6pm.

**Calendar of Events:
2-Months at a Glance**

2016 Calendar of Swiss Valley Harley
Owners Group

Chapter Events available online at
www.swissvalleyhog.com

--November--

8 - HOG Meeting – close
Bonnies/Bullets Monroe

17 - Dinner Ride
Cannova's – Freeport
6:30pm

--December--

10th - Open House – Open
Swiss Valley Harley Davidson
Monroe

13th - HOG Meeting – close
Bonnies/Bullets Monroe

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Dawn announced that the reservations have been made for our Holiday party at The Laughing Trout in Monroe. Drinks 6pm. Dinner at 6:30. Dawn will be asked for a head count by meeting in Dec and will also need to know if you plan to have Prime Rib.

Jody Jacobs will need to do one more newsletter for the year, will come out end of Nov or beginning of Dec.

Dawn will be looking into getting our Raffle license renewed so we can do Raffles at the Rally next year.

Andrew announced that winter storage is starting-call dealership soon.

Jeff Wright was present at a celebration of life for one of the founding fathers of the CC Riders. He wore our colors to the event to represent our chapter.

Gift Certs: Tom M and Steve J

Respectfully submitted:

Dawn Golackson, Secretary
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group



ROAD CAPTAIN

Some of you know my friend Tobias. He came to my place Friday to install the newly painted tank and fender on his chopper so he could finally take it for a first ride this year. He began to get ready to ride, doing the usual routine, getting on the chaps and his heavy leather coat, gloves, face protector, etc. As he huffed and puffed away I was struck by the similarity of my own routine and how it seems to be an all consuming job. The restrictive clothing, the struggle involved with donning it truly make for a moment that frustrates and distracts!

As this was going on he asked me to check the oil in his tank. I couldn't get the combination plug/dipstick out so he got it out. It needed oil and I had half a quart of HD 20/50 so I gave him the dipstick and put the oil in the tank. He checked the oil level again and then finished his routine. He got on the bike, started it and proceeded down the road to go get fuel. I watched him ride off and when I turned back to the garage I noticed about a half quart of oil on the floor where the bike was. Turns out he had stuck the dipstick back in but failed to fully insert it so oil pressure surged the oil out of the tank. Well, both he and the bike survived but it occurred to me that it was a good example of how just getting ready to get on the bike can frustrate and distract us to the point of losing our concentration on the important job ahead.

I have on numerous occasions gone through the same process and have forgotten something at home that I needed to take along. Organizing your routine is an important safety process. For people like myself who have had similar experiences, making a list and posting it on or by the bike would be helpful. Part of riding safety is checking brakes, lights, belt and tire/air shock pressure. I certainly fail to do that at times. Operating a motorcycle is unlike driving a car in that we get in a car and drive off. That is deeply ingrained and some people might try to transfer that simplicity to riding. If you believe in motorcycle safety, that simplicity must be replaced by a step by step process that puts you in a clear frame of mind as you turn the key!

Jeff Wright, Road Captain
Swiss Valley Harley Owners Group