



SQUEAKS & SQUEALS

Mid-Maine Lewiston Ch. #1980

No Boundaries ... *LET'S RIDE!*

Director's Notes

It's hard to believe that 2017 is almost over, but it is and what a great year we've had! We kicked the year off with a bang with the Blood drive where the Red Cross had set our goal at 70 pints and 81 were donated! We kept the momentum going by supporting poker walks and several other events at L-A Harley.

Once the weather was more conducive to riding, we kicked our riding season off with a ride to Cole Farms that a lot of members participated in. That participation continued throughout our riding season with a variety of rides that covered a lot of miles. There were so many great rides it's impossible to select any as highlights, but there was definitely some creativity in the planning process!

As the year began winding down, we saw a great turnout for the Toy Run, and the incredibly warm fall allowed us to extend our riding season a little longer getting in some more wonderful rides. We were completely blown away by the turnout for Breakfast with Santa – who knew there were so many

little Harley-Davidson enthusiasts!

We had a lot of events that were only possible by the participation of our membership, so thank you to all of you for everything that you do! Our riding season may be over, but that doesn't mean we won't still be busy. We have several off-season activities coming up, so be sure to participate in any way that you can and remember to check the newsletter and website for details.

I'm looking forward to 2018 being another great year!

Sharlena Biron, Director

Safety Update

Hello everyone! It looks like this year's riding season is over. I would like to thank everyone for riding safely and being careful. A special thank you to the ride leaders and sweeps for doing a great job on the rides. Just a reminder for those who store their motorcycles at home to keep an eye on your battery tenders so they don't overheat. Have happy holidays and see you soon.

**John Biron,
Safety Officer**

Head Road Captain Update

Reflections

My riding season came to an end Friday afternoon December 8, 2017. I left work with a specific goal in mind. I had 36,963 miles on my bike and was bound and determined to get to 37,000. With snow in the forecast for Saturday, I knew this was my last chance. I got home, dressed, and fired up the bike. It was 36 degrees but with my riding gear, the heated grips, and seat I was comfortable. My journey took me through Lisbon, Durham, Freeport, Auburn, and Lewiston. Along the way I thought about the riding season, the things I had done, some of which made me chuckle...the goat path in Vermont is something I will never forget! From my weekly Wednesday night rides to rides with the HOG chapter, my passion for riding is never ending. The people I have met along the way only fuel my passion to continue riding and planning new adventures in the upcoming years. To our members, I am proud to be your head road captain and will continue to strive to excel at this position in 2018. To all the people I have spoken with, hugged and shook their hand my goal has always been to strike a bond. I hope that I have done that. As I neared home I looked down at the odometer and laughed again. As I pulled into my driveway, I was at exactly 37,000. With that, my goal was met, the battery tender was plugged in and the bike was covered for the winter. To everyone reading this I wish you a Happy New Year!

**Frank P. Welch, Jr.
Mid Maine HOG
Head Road Captain**

Membership Update

L-A Chapter membership payment is due NOW. In order to renew local membership, your National HOG membership must be up- to- date. I will be at the dealership when it opens on January 6 to accept your membership renewal and payment of \$20.00.

**Greg Foster
Membership**

Did you know...

You can find fellow member contact information on the chapter site under the Members Only section?

Need to contact a fellow member but don't have their information?

[Members Only](#)

Upcoming events at L-A Harley

Check out the link for events at L-A Harley Davidson. There's always something fun happening, below are just a couple of upcoming events:

- January 20, 2018~ \$5 Wings Plate and \$1 Drafts
- January 27, 2018~ Blood Drive



[Calendar of Events](#)

We have the *best* volunteers!



Thanks to all the members who wrapped at the dealership. This is always a fun activity that helps out the dealership and is a fundraiser for the chapter.

- John Biron & Sharlena Biron
- Sandra Bruno
- Lynn Busch
- Greg Foster

- Brenda Holden
- Richard Lewis
- Anita Maheu
- Jim & Norma Parkinson
- Rifa Moffatt
- Becca Rice
- Janis Tanguay
- Karen Tanguay
- John Valonis
- Frank P. Welch, Jr.



Sip 'n Paint

- January 13, 2018 1:00 -4:00 in the HOG Den
- Register by January 6, 2018
- Cost: \$45.00
- This event is to benefit the Travis Mills Foundation. All profits will go to this worthy cause. Sign up today!

Upcoming Chapter Events:

- January 13- Sip 'n Paint
- January 27- Blood Drive
- Remember that our meeting on January 6, begins at 10:00 am in the HOG room.
- Be sure to check out December's meeting minutes here: [minutes](#).

Membership Birthdays:

- 12/3 Philip Dufour
- 12/7 Tony Bruno

TREASURER'S REPORT as of November 30, 2017

Beginning Balances:

Checking - \$2049.22

Savings - \$3,764.21

Receipts (deposits checking & savings account):

Checking: L-A Harley / Holiday Party Tickets / Donation \$3,190.00

Dividends (Savings Account Interest) \$0.31

Ending Balance Checking Account - \$4,152.56

Ending Balance Savings Account - \$3,764.52

Frank P. Welch, Jr.
Treasurer
Mid Maine Lewiston HOG Chapter



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