

# SQUEAKS & SQUEALS

Mid Maine Lewiston Chapter #1980

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## WELCOME TO THE MID MAINE LEWISTON CHAPTER:

### Introducing our Officer's!

Director:	Brett Jervis	577-7559
Asst. Director:	Mike Blais	754-1745
Treasurer:	Fred Leadbetter	576-3006
Secretary:	Denise Neal	595-1456

### Introducing our Secondary Officer's:

Board of Director:	Jerry Yergin	577-3996
Membership	Jocelyn Jervis	577-7560
Activities	Lorrie Stephenson	841-9066
Activities	Cindy Rogers	841-9121
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### ROAD CAPTAIN'S

Mike Bearce	Mike Blais	Fred Charon
Les Gibson	Brett Jervis	Mike Lance
Fred Leadbetter	Randy Radcliffe	Dennis Rogers
Ron Saindon	Jerry Yergin	

### FROM THE DIRECTOR

After a month of rain in June and a rain out for the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend, it sure was nice to get to go on a ride out to Lands End this past weekend with 16 bikes. Jocelyn and I actually met up with the group at Lands End because we had to make a stop at the hospital to see our brand new grand daughter who was born overnight. I'm sure she will be a future HD rider. Her dad rides a soft tail standard and of course both her grandparents ride (that's us.) I have attached this picture because it is so great to see a bunch of people get together and ride and enjoy a great day. Ride and have fun.

Brett





MID MAINE LEWISTON HOG CHAPTER  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
July 1, 2009



The meeting was called to order at 6:35 with 57 members present and opened with the **Pledge of Allegiance**  
**Secretary's Report:** Motion to accept the secretary's report as written in the June 2009 Mid Maine HOG newsletter by Don, Seconded by: Dan. Corrections/Amendments: none, Motion carried.

**Treasurers Report:** Motion to accept the treasurer's report as stated at the meeting by Dan, Seconded by Greg. Corrections/Amendments none, Motion carried. If you have any questions regarding the treasurer's report please talk with Fred Leadbetter anytime.

**Director:**

1. Chapter canopy – to be used during events...need a banner that says: "Mid Maine Lewiston Chapter Hog. Bear is Checking into the banner and will get back to us with a price.
2. Raffle Ticket Volunteers needed. Half of ticket sales stays with the chapter and helps to support our rides and events. Bear and Jessie have worked hard to sell tickets but they can't do it alone. Total. Sold 1506 ...out of 3000 Tickets. We need to sell 1494 more...We really need to help Bear out.
3. Volunteers needed for BBQ - John Story buys the food, we cook it and we take in donations. 3 – 4 hours of our time is needed to make it happen every Saturday. Paul Potvin helps with set up and breakdown of grill.  
Addendums: Please add your signature to the 105th flag if you went to Milwaukee. It will be framed soon. A second frame by Scott is in the works. Tamara is now the volunteer coordinator.

**Assistant Director:**

1. Chapter Challenge – Donation in the amount of \$200 is needed to help support ME State Rally Biker Bingo. A motion was made by Brett that the chapter donate \$200 toward the support of ME State HOG rally Biker Bingo, Jocelyn 2nd, vote taken, motion carried.
2. Rally Update: confirmation cards are arriving, Ride to Central Maine Harley Davidson, lead by Les Gibson is leaving at 10 a.m. from L-A Harley. Mike will have cards for poker run, last card will be available at registration or you can draw five cards from Mike or at Central Maine Harley.
3. Quebec Ride update: Leaving at 8 a.m. from L-A traveling to Skowhegan for first stop and first card draw for poker run along the way...then to Jack man for brunch...then to border and up through St. George de Beauce and then to the Chateau Frontenac where we will stay for two nights. Make sure your insurance covers you in Canada and that you have your passport.

**Visitors/Guest New Members/Bikes:** David Lawrence visiting as Les's guest; he rides a 2002 Buell cyclone and is interested in joining the chapter. New Members: Ron Deegan Alice Deegan rides a red, 2007 Electra Glide Classic. There is a new member meeting on Saturday at the dealership in area near service department.

**Newsletter Editor:** Submit newsletter items to Kathi Yergin at: [kril62@yahoo.com](mailto:kril62@yahoo.com)

1. Cutoff date is Monday, July 6, 2009 @ 8 p.m. Newsletter will be out around the 13th. Send stories.

**Membership:** Please see **Jocelyne** if you **do not have your** membership card, currently 193 members.

**Photographer:** Submit photos to Fred Zikowitz at: [zikowitz@myfairpoint.net](mailto:zikowitz@myfairpoint.net)

**Historian:** Submit points of interest to Dan Conrod at: [dandornoc@msn.com](mailto:dandornoc@msn.com)

**Ladies of Harley:** Contact Karen at: [Karen.Schneider@colehaan.com](mailto:Karen.Schneider@colehaan.com) Next month LOH tentative dinner meeting.

**Safety:** Submit inquiries to Les at: [legs45@yahoo.com](mailto:legs45@yahoo.com)

Please see Les if you want any information on safety and riding courses.

**Merchandise** – Pins and patches... contact Kevin Conger at [kconger@hotmail.com](mailto:kconger@hotmail.com) still accepting orders for sweatshirts

**Activities:** Submit inquires to Lorrie at: [lorrie.stephenson@colehaan.com](mailto:lorrie.stephenson@colehaan.com)

1. Rally Table: need more pictures of member's children, nieces, nephews...please submit to Lorrie via email or give her a hard copy.

2. Need group ride pictures connected with the chapter.
3. Field Events – Ski Coach Kerry Sullivan – see Kerry if you want to be on the team.
4. John is paying for t-shirts for everyone going to the rally so we'll have the same t-shirts riding up to Millinocket.

Email Lorrie with a size ASAP

5. Silent Auction items: and some leather jackets.  
6. Birthday Wishes go to: Marcel Charest, Greg Davis, Joshua Spicer, Dan Conrod, Ray Randall, Rene Girouard, Robin Walsh, Gary Cunningham, Cheryl Perry, All Cates, Debra Wishart, Bonnie Morton, Ron Saindon, Scott Royal, Mike Parent, Chuck Lambert, Jody Baine, Winston Morgan, Russ Marston, Fredrick Lewis, Dana Cochran, David Nadeau

7. Cindy reserved a Motel for the HOG rally and has three rooms with two double beds \$59. She will hold rooms until Monday or Tuesday. Please pass the information and contact Cindy Rogers if you are interested.

**Webmaster:** Submit points of interest to Kerry Sullivan at: [ksulliv2@maine.rr.com](mailto:ksulliv2@maine.rr.com)

Will update website but needs your input. History needs to be updated. If anyone knows anything about this new chapter please see Kerry or send her information. Dan will email Kerry with list of chapter charter members...

#### **Old Business:**

1. Bike Raffle - Ongoing
2. Volunteers – Ongoing - Need people for BBQ and to sell Raffle tickets
3. ME State Rally Ride – Ongoing
4. Quebec Ride – Ongoing

#### **New Business:**

1. Make sure to give Kathi Yergin your email address if you're not getting the newsletter. Let her know.
2. Comments, Suggestions

Gail...nice if we could create a list of names for connections to ride...HOG discourages printed distribution List...We can have a members' only section online which lists members and phone numbers. The release Current HOG form cannot be change. A separate form will need to be signed by those members who would Like their information made available in a data base to be accessed by members in a members' only section Of the chapter webpage. Kerry will get started in August Newsletter will contain a section asking folks to add names to a data base. Email consent or tear off and submit to membership Secretary Jocelyn who will relay the information to Kerry Fred asked about the upcoming rides: Fred Leadbetter is leading this Sunday July 5th ride which is going to Lands End and is a picnic ride. Please bring a lunch; there is no restaurant stop. Ride is Leaving L-A Harley At 10 a.m. Discussion about ride times...9 on Sunday can be tough...11 a.m., sounds good but 10 a.m. is even better. Brett made a motion to change ride departure time from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., Bear 2nd. Vote taken, motion Carried. From now on ride departure time is 10 unless otherwise specified. Please check hotline for updates. Please let Bear know if you are holding tickets. He needs to know where the tickets are so he can catalog the Numbers. Has a Source for banner for canopy...Bear is working on prices and will get back to us.

#### **Dealership News: Paul**

Thank you to crew who did the pancake breakfast for Stoney's ride. Basic tally...poker run net around \$11,000 Donation bucket \$700 from L-A Harley for the pancake breakfast. 300 people registered to do the poker ride from L-A Harley. HOG members and Loyalty card...Paul does not have HOG cards...contact Jocelyn for you HOG card and then have it with you when you present your Loyalty card during purchases. Double points are only given if you have your HOG card and L-A Harley HOGs' den is the location for permit classes taught by Bud Caouette from 8-5 on Saturday. Class accepts 24 students. Sign up on line at L-A Harley.

Tuesday night, July 7, 2009 L-A Harley is sponsoring a Bike Night for the 69th annual Motor Maids Convention at Fast Breaks in Lewiston. Kick off at 6:30, L-A Harley band will be playing. Friday and Saturday July 10, 11, 2009 from 9-4 Harley demo truck will be at the dealership for anyone who wants to test ride a bike. Bring a helmet.

L- A Harley will be at the ME STATE rally.

July 18th – Saracens rodeo ending at Oxford Fairground Poker run. Club Texas Block Party August 1, 2009 5 bands Food vendors, Mechanic bull, Money booth, giving away a cruise

Aug 1 Jonesey Ride 2nd anniversary ride...Scholarship fundraiser beginning at L-A going to Big Moose for lunch and then off to Bentley's in Arundel.

Aug 8 Jam Day for Jerry's Kids 2 bands, food, fire department fundraiser and raffle

Aug 9 Heroes of Woodstock in Livermore at the Barnyard \$50 tickets on sale now

Aug 16 Montsweag RocknRoll Road Show 2 to 6

Aug 29 Surf n Turf Ride – Poker run possibly...

Aug 29th HOG bike raffle - drawing will be in the morning...

September 5th Twisted Tea and Pine State Vending bike giveaway at Grid Irons 7 - L-A Harley Band will play.

Meeting adjourned at 8

Next Chapter meeting August 5, 2009

Denise M. Neal Chapter Secretary

# ACTIVITIES

Happy belated 4<sup>th</sup> of July to everyone! The rain has dampened the riding season so far but the weatherman tells us that sunshine is on its way. Let's take advantage of it and get some riding in. We have many rides and events coming up in the next couple of months that you won't want to miss.

## State Rally -

Chapter Ride Leaving L-A Harley @ 10 o'clock on Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup> with the final destination in Millinocket. Everyone who registered for the Rally will receive their "Chapter T-Shirt" (donated by our Chapter Sponsor, L-A Harley) prior to the ride in order to have it for the ride to the Rally. Our group will look sharp riding in together with all the same designed shirts on representing our Chapter and our dealership. Thank you again, John Story and L-A Harley for their generosity in supplying the shirts.

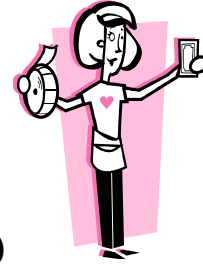
Last year, our Chapter took 1<sup>st</sup> place with the Rally Table, 2<sup>nd</sup> place with the Ski Race and a few other challenges as well. Please plan to participate in this year's activities at the Rally. You don't need to be an expert to play. Join in and have fun.



“Will we be able to hold the reign of the 1<sup>st</sup> place Chapter Rally Table again this year too?” The above picture is last year’s Rally Table.

#### Volunteers Needed -

There are a lot of spots opened on the grilling and raffle ticket selling calendars for the next couple of months. Please give Tamar Walker a call at 650-4726. Tamara is our new Volunteer Coordinator. She will be more than happy to pencil you on the calendar to grill at the dealership on a Saturday and also to sell the motorcycle raffle tickets there as well. Volunteering your time and help is needed and appreciated.

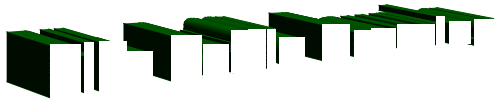


## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### Mark Your Calendars:

- \* *Sunday Rides in July --- Check the Chapter Hotline (758-0633) and the Website*
- \*\* *Next Chapter Meeting is August 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Den at L-A Harley*
- \*\*\* *Next Chapter Mystery Dinner Ride is August 12<sup>th</sup> Leaving L-A Harley at 6:30*

# Upcoming Events in August:



**Progressive Dinner**

Scavenger Hunt Ride

**Sunday Rides**

**Chapter Dinner Ride**

Chapter Meeting

**Surf & Turf -- L-A Harley Event**

ACTIVITIES DIRECTORS: Lorrie Stephenson 841-9066 ([lorrie.stephenson@colehaan.com](mailto:lorrie.stephenson@colehaan.com))

Cindy Rogers 841-9121 ([newcombs@suscom-maine.net](mailto:newcombs@suscom-maine.net))

# AMERICADE 2009

## Our Hero

Just want to put in a note of thanks to a real Special Boss Hog from all of his Hogget's. It takes a special kind of guy to take 5 women to Americade for 3 days but that's what this guy did and he lived to tell about it especially having to ride his wife's bike (a heritage soft tail) vs. taking his Ultra Classic. He was very patient and understanding even when it came to shopping. He took very good care of all of his Hogget's on the road and off. Though he may think twice about doing it again next year, Dennis' Hogget's had a great time. Thanks & we love you, Ashley, Lorrie, Karen, Jessie & Cindy



# The adventure is in the journey, not the destination

A day on the road with a rookie biker...

By Greg Davis

New to the world of motorcycling (I only learned to ride a little more than a year ago at age 48), I decided to make what has to be one of the mandatory pilgrimages for any self-respecting New England biker: the annual Bike Week trek to Laconia, N.H.

As a member of the Mid-Maine Harley Owners Group of Lewiston, I had planned to go on a group ride to this destination on a Sunday, but it was rained out. Stubborn person that I am, I decided to take a Tuesday off from work and set out that day about 7 a.m. for what is about a three-hour ride to this destination.

There is a special feeling of freedom you get on a motorcycle, experiencing the wind in your face in the open air, and you can't ask for any better scenery. And it was exciting to travel a few places I had never been before.

My ride took me west on Route 2 and over to New Hampshire, with a connector on Route 115, then south on I-93 through part of the Washington Valley and on to one of the exits that takes you to Laconia.

Most of the way to the New Hampshire border, it was overcast, somewhat cool and foggy, which is a challenge because your face shield tends to fog up in these conditions. I topped off the gas tank in Bethel, and then, about the time I reached New Hampshire on a windy Route 2 through the beautiful White Mountains, the sun broke through the clouds, it warmed up and really became a beautiful day. Other than a couple of construction zones that had brief waits, the travel was largely uninterrupted. That is, due to any external conditions.

I had been traveling south on I-93 for a while, and pulled over to check my map to make sure I knew the exit to take toward Laconia. Almost immediately, a New Hampshire State Trooper pulled in behind me, and informed me I had pulled over in an unsafe area. Admittedly, I could have picked a better spot, as I was near an exit, and sporadic traffic was zipping by.

But the Trooper was very polite, said he would only give me a warning, and let me go on my way. He first ran my license, and asked to see my vest - explaining, "We want to know who is in our area." I guess he thought he was pulling over a big bad biker gang member, but saw my colors were H.O.G., and that I am the mostly harmless variety biker.

The rest of the journey south was uneventful. I saw few bikes on the road until about 20 miles from Laconia. I made my exit, refueled and enroute stopped at the Harley dealer in Meredith, of course. After all, I ride a Harley XL1200N "Nightster." There, vendors were lined up under tents, and I purchased the obligatory official Laconia t-shirt souvenir. Bikers, many vendors have long since discovered, like to collect t-shirts and pins virtually everywhere they travel.

You get to Laconia, and the big destination is Weirs Beach, where during Bike Week thousands of motorcycles of all makes and descriptions can be found lining the main drag. I bought a 2009 Bike Week pin, of course, visited numerous vendor booths and eyed the bikes and bikers filling the streets. The old-timers, I am sure, will say this event pales in comparison to such biker extravaganzas as Daytona, Fla. and Sturgis, N.D., but this western Mainer was impressed by the event nonetheless.

Three miles away, in downtown Laconia, was another area with Harley displays, where I signed in to receive my free H.O.G. event pin, grabbed a bite to eat from a vendor, listened to a rock band for a while and watched a "caged biker" exhibition (1-2 motorcyclists zipping around in a circular metal cage structure).



My only complaint in the downtown area, was there were a lack of signs pointing the way toward the exhibition site and as a newcomer, I had to ride around a bit to get my bearings and navigate some one-way streets.

After discovering Laconia and Weirs Beach in about a two-hour period and being on my own, I decided to start for home.

Going north on I-93, I missed the turn I should have taken at Littleton, so decided to take Route 135 to Lancaster, a picturesque, winding highway that parallels the Connecticut River up to Lancaster, where it intersects with Route 2.

It was windy and bumpy in places, but I was having a good time with the afternoon sun and scenery. I thought it was a serendipitous turn of events to be on this road when I encountered the Lancaster covered bridge, and stopped for a photo.

A mile or two north of that location, and four miles south of Lancaster proper, my motorcycle journey came to an abrupt end, when I encountered an unexpected curve and caught the wheel in dirt at the side of the roadway, hitting a metal reflector post along the way and flipping the bike. I tumbled over the bike, which landed on its side behind me. I sprained an ankle, so am now hobbling around on crutches, but any accident you can walk away from is a good one, they say.

But I was down more than two hours from home.

People quickly stopped and helped me get the bike back on the road, where we determined we couldn't start it because the handle bars had turned down in the crash, severing a brake line and starter wire, and the foot break pedal connection had snapped off - probably where I caught my right ankle going over. Besides that damage, a dented gas tank, scratches, a torn saddle bag support, other damages could largely be considered cosmetic.

I have to say the people who stopped to help me were great. You really *can* depend on the kindness of strangers in an emergency. One of the two guys who helped me right the bike, a biker himself, got me in touch with the best area wrecker service. He came back a half hour later to bring me a water bottle, because he knew it was getting hot sitting under the sun. We both had flicked off a couple of ticks after righting the bike, so I didn't dare go sit down in a shady spot. I sat or leaned on the bike and waited for the wrecker.

Fortunately, I was able to reach my daughter on my cell phone to come pick me up. Unfortunately, she had to come from Augusta, so it was a three-hour trip for her and her fiancé.

The wrecker service brought the bike on a flatbed to the closest Harley dealer, about 10 miles from the accident site in Bethlehem, N.H., where it awaits the insurance adjuster and repairs, but I am assured I will be able to ride again. The Harley folks were great, and fed and hydrated me.

My four-wheeled ride arrived about 7 p.m., after the Harley dealer had closed. But I was able to sit and wait under a sales promotion tent they had erected for Bike Week.

Back home, my daughter took me to Franklin Memorial Hospital ER to check on my injuries. My left leg has "road rash" (I guess the next motorcycle accessory I really should buy is chaps) and, after x-rays, I find my right ankle has a sprain with a fracture through a bone spur on the front of my tibia. When all was said and done, the journey that had started about 7 a.m. was completed around 11 p.m., when I returned home and hobbled up to bed on the crutches.

There is a lot you take for granted when you are healthy. Every movement is now a chore and it takes twice the time to perform even the easiest tasks. Things like lawn mowing, etc. will just have to wait. I'll be hobbling around for a while, humbled by the experience and knowing I should never feel too invincible when riding and always be fully alert to the road hazards. Live and learn... It won't prevent me from going out again, but I might want to wait to go with a group when on the longer rides in the future, so more assistance is available if ever needed.

This day trip certainly proved the adventure is in the journey, not the destination.

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THE CHAPTER SECRETARY**

**JOCELYN JERVIS**

**Document will be kept on file until January 2010**

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# MID MAINE LEWISTON NEWSFLASHES!!!!!!!

## MEMBERSHIP

If you have not received your new 2009 chapter card please call me (577-7560) so that I can meet with you. I will also try to be at the dealership at some point on Saturdays. If you are interested in the Rewards Card, you do need to Have your Chapter card to get a free card and double points. For more information on the rewards cards, get details at L-A Harley or on their website or on our website at [www.midmainehog.com](http://www.midmainehog.com).

Jocelyn Jervis  
Membership Secretary



## LADIES OF HARLEY

Watch for future adventures in August!



If you know of a member who may be ill  
Lost a family member, please let us know  
Soon as possible so we can let them know  
We are thinking of them. Contact Kathi at  
353-7233 or [kril62@yahoo.com](mailto:kril62@yahoo.com)

**Important Tools**

**Website:**

<http://midmainelewistonhog.com>

**Hotline:**

**(207)758-0633**

Call any officer to have additions made to hotline. During riding season this is updated at all times with up coming event.

**RIDING SEASON IS HERE.  
PLEASE LOOK OVER THE  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS WE HAVE  
PLANNED. YOU CAN FIND  
THEM ON OUR WEBSITE. COME  
JOIN THE FUN WHETHER IT IS  
FOR A SHORT RIDE, LONG ONE  
OR AN OVERNIGHTER. CHECK  
OUT THE WEBSITE, THE  
HOTLINE AND NEWSLETTER FOR  
MORE INFORMATION ON  
EVENTS COMING UP, KEEP UP  
TO DATE WEEKLY.  
.....JOIN THE FUN**



## ITEMS FOR SALE

**CHECK OUT CRAIG'S LIST FOR ITEMS LEFT OVER FROM THE SILENT AUCTION,  
THERE ARE A FEW HARLEY ITEMS LEFT TO BUY!!! OR CONTACT LORRIE  
STEPHENSON WITH ANY QUESTIONS**



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