



SQUEAKS & SQUEALS

Mid Maine Lewiston Chapter #1980

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WELCOME TO THE MID MAINE LEWISTON CHAPTER:

From the Director

As the season is slowly approaching to the end it's still amazing what fun you can have with your Chapter Family. I personally want to thank the 21 volunteers from Mid Maine who helped out at the Pancake Breakfast. Without you the event would not have been as successful as it was. Whether you arrived at 5:30am in the dark to set up, served or cooked food, or helped clean up. You were all amazing. We served close to 600 people and more than 450 motorcycles left on the Toy Run from L-A Harley with Santa. What a day!!

The Progressive Dinner had a lot of ups and downs this year but as the date approached some great riding was done with good friends. Thank you to Janis for opening her home for breakfast and the ride heading to the Bull and Claw for dinner. It was a beautiful day for riding and the company was awesome.

We have some exciting times ahead; the scavenger hunt should bring some laughs. We will be serving meals each Saturday in October, November and December at L-A Harley. So if you have a Saturday available let me know. Hope you can find time to head to the Fryeburg Fair and the Fall Foliage ride in October.

Again, thank you to all the volunteers who have really helped out over the months, selling Raffle tickets, helping at the Pancake breakfast and other events. You are truly an amazing bunch of friends. I am proud to call you family.

Kathi

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Mid-Maine Lewiston HOG, Chapter 1980

September 7, 2011

- The meeting started with social minutes and opened with the pledge of allegiance at 6:45pm with 35 members present.
- Acceptance of meeting notes from last month and treasurers report.
- Karen Schneider, membership officer: gave current membership report and introduced new member David Lawrence, and read September birthdays.
- 1. Kathi Yergin, Director: Raffle: Kathi gave a report on current status of raffle sales and situation in regards to the raffle. She states that the primary officers are planning to get together in the next week to do a full accounting on the tickets and will be able to give a status report at the next chapter meeting. As it looks now we really need to step-up our efforts to sell tickets. Please, if anyone can take some tickets to sell please see Jessie Poore (who is taking over as raffle master). Discussion on where to sell tickets in the next few months included the Fryeburg Fair, L-A Harley has space and is letting the chapter sell tickets there. Also, members felt that sales at the dealership have been flat, seems to have tapped that area. Other suggestions to sell tickets welcome!!
 2. Fryeburg Fair: need volunteers to man the table at the fair. Several people committed at the meeting. If you are visiting the fair stop by the table and help out with whatever time you can spare – it will give the person(s) there a break.
 3. Toy Run pancake breakfast. Volunteers needed from 6am to 9am and cleanup after. Many members volunteered at the meeting but more are always welcome.
 4. Facebook – MML has 64 members to date. Look up Mid-Maine Chapter to find us.
 5. Awards from the Maine State Rally go to: Joe Presti for volunteering and Scott Tanguay were awarded a bonehead award from the dinner theater (very funny).
 6. Kathi announced she will not be available mid-September through some time in October due to medical issue.
- Jessie Poore, activities: read a very nice poem on volunteering...
 1. Fundraisers. The best fundraiser we have had to date is the silent auction; therefore we will do this again on November 5th. Please drop off any “gently used” or new items in the HOG den. Items do not need to be Harley or motorcycles related. Also we can do a cookbook. Please send in typed recopies to put in the book. We need about 250 recipes.
 2. Rides:
 - 9/10 Progressive Dinner ride; leave L-A at 9am. Ride to Breakfast in Yarmouth, then...depends on how many come. Either to Fort Knox, or if too few people we will go to a restaurant for a late lunch, then of course ice cream before riding home.
 - 9/14 Wednesday dinner ride to Red barn in Augusta, leave LA 6:30pm.
 - 9/18 Scavenger Hunt, leave L-A at 10:00am, rain date 9/25
 - 10/2 Sunday led by Brent T., and 10/4 Tuesday- led by Henry both leave L-A at 8:30am going to Fryeburg Fair
 - 10/16 fall foliage ride to Snow Falls, Rt 26, W. Paris...bring a lunch and walking shoes to explore the falls. We will bring all the fixn’s for S’mores. Check out the area at www.waterfall-picture-guide.com/snow-falls.html
- Janis Tanguay, secretary:
 1. Holiday Party: we have a short survey to get members preferences on this year’s holiday party. The planning for the party will be done at the officers meeting, which everyone is invited to attend or give comments via the survey. Results will be reviewed next month.
 2. Website: work has begun on the website; however, due to other commitments I cannot do much in the next one-two months. But, it will get done! Thank you everyone for your patience.

- Cindy Rogers, Asst. Director: Rally news: Next year the state rally will be in the Greenville/Moosehead Lake region. Planning is under way, lots more details to follow. The date is July 19-21, 2012. Congratulations to Kathi Yergin, who was elected to the rally committee as the rally secretary. Lenore Charest, newsletter editor: cut off is 9/13. Please forward any pictures or articles.
- Meeting close 7:36pm, Notes submitted by Janis Tanguay, Chapter Secretary

TIDBITS

It is that time of year again and the ME State Rally is looking for a Theme for the rally. This will be in the Moosehead area so should be themed around that. If you have a great suggestion for a Theme please bring it with you to the next Chapter meeting in October and give it to Cindy. Cindy will be attending the Site meeting in Greenville in October where the committee will vote of the Theme.

It's hard to believe but rooms are already booking fast in Greenville with the excitement of the 2012 Rally (July 19 - 21st, 2012). We would like to share lodging information with you so that you can book accommodations early. Members can contact the Chamber of Commerce website at www.mooseheadlake.org for hotels in the area or call Marion McManus from Real Estate Katahdin if interest in renting a house or cabin. You can contact Marion at 695-2255. One motel in the area has already sold out for next year's rally. So do not wait to book.

Also, we will be serving lunch at the dealership during the months of October, November and December. If you are able to help out the weekend of October 1st or 8th, please contact Cindy as soon as possible at 841-9121. Signup sheets for other dates will be available at the next meeting.

Anyone going to the Fryeburg Fair willing to give an hour or two to sell raffle tickets, please see Jesse at the L-A Harley tent when you come to the fair. Help would be truly appreciated. We have 1000 tickets left to sell.

The Chapter is looking into putting a cookbook together and needs your help. We need 250 recipes and I know how we have a lot of great cooks in the chapter. With that if you could send us a few of your great ones (the more the better) it would really help us raise some money for our Holiday party and existing fun in our Chapter. What is needed...

Title your Recipe (Whatever you would like) Ex: Nana's Apple Surprise.

Note if it is Appetizer, main meal, dessert, etc.

Type your full recipe with degree to set over to how long to cook.

Add your name to it, or whoever name you would like dedicated in the book.

Type it up and email it to Kathi at kril62@yahoo.com

We need to receive these all before October 5th. Again, thank you for your continued support in our Chapter.



Please wish Happy Birthday to:

David Gagne	September 8th	Les Gibson	September 21st
Jo Ellen Brilliant	September 15 th	Linda Ray	September 22nd
Lara Raubeson	September 15th	Helen Jolin	September 24th
Jennifer Shaw	September 15th	Adam Beauchesne	September 30th
Lance Baker	September 16th	Dennis Chadburn	September 30th

Welcome New Members

David Lawrence

Please keep in your thoughts and Prayers;

Joe Presti and Kathi Yergin who will be having surgery!!

Also, Simone Duplessis.

Get well soon!



September 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Check the HOG line for updates: <u>207-758-0633</u> Got a ride to add to a future month calendar...contact an officer to get it put on the calendar/HOG line. RC = road captain KSU = kick-stands up (time ride leaves)				1	2	3
4 	5 Labor Day	6	7 MMLHOG Chapter Meeting 6:30 PM	8	9	10 Cindy's Picnic lunch ride to Fort Knox & Progressive Dinner Ride Lv LA @ 10am RC:Dennis/Jerry
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 HOG Scavenger Hunt details TBA	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 HOG Scavenger Hunt details TBA (rain date)	26	27	28 Officer meeting 6:30pm	29	30	

As the riding season is slowly ending the chapter has planned some rides. Please mark your calendars and come join us.

Sunday, October 2nd - Ride to Fryeburg Fair Leaving L-A at 9:00am Road Captain - Brent Tanguay

Tuesday, October 4th - Ride to Fryeburg Fair Leaving L-A at 8:30am Road Captain - Henry Maheux

Sunday, October 16th - Picnic/Foliage Ride to Waterfall Magic, Small Falls - Chapter will provide a fire and smores



Smalls Falls

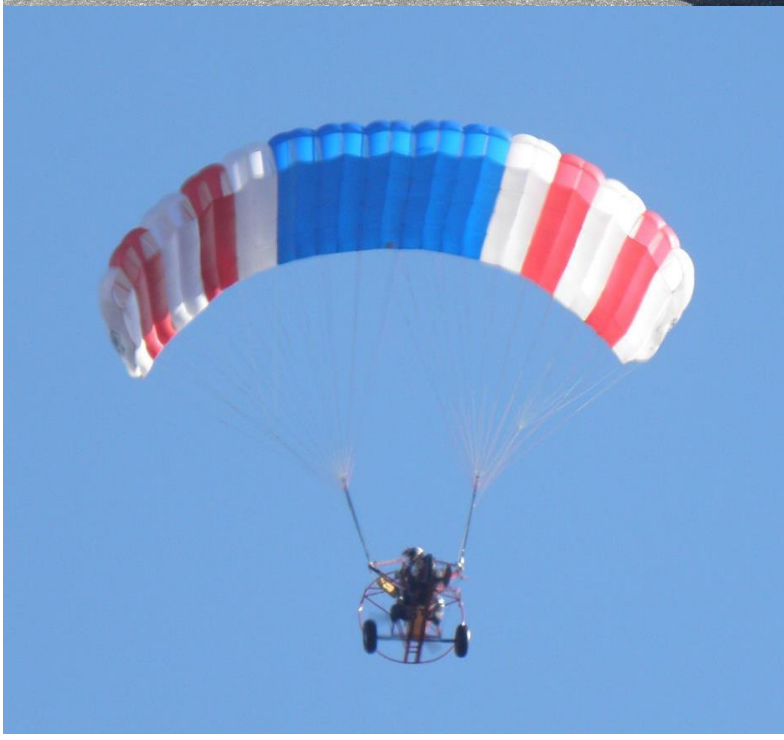
Events

Progressive Dinner Ride 9/10/2011



**UBM Toy Run
Pancake Breakfast at LA Harley
9/11/2011**





Jessie Poore – Activities Director

Top of the Day to Fellow Members

Another great day to ride on our horizon. Enjoy each day as we all know they won't last for long. I first would like to address the questionnaire that I asked everyone to fill out at one of our meetings. Names were optional but many gave some nice responses. So I would like to share those result; with everyone.

Some positive feedback we got was:

1. People have suggested more Sunday rides. We are a chapter and are governed by all. In order to be successful it takes more than one person to suggest a ride. We need faces to be at the ride. Lately a ride is planned and only 1 or 2 show up. Is this successful? Not really. Not when you expect to ride with your other friends and no one shows.
2. Rides for single members. That would be great, but most of us already know who is single and a ride can be scheduled anytime. Just speak up.
3. Requested to see more volunteers at events. Feel like certain people are in charge of everything. Very good point. The answer to that is: there would be more people "in charge" if more people would volunteer to take the lead and put forth the time and effort it takes to make these events a success. Whether it means recruiting people to organize, set up, clean up or just add a hand is all it takes. The reason it appears the same people are doing it all is because these are the people who the chapter can depend on to lend a hand when asked and they are usually the ones that do all the grunt work.
4. Wanted to see another trip to the Bike Show. If there is enough interest we can go next year. Only reason we didn't go this year was no interest. It was discussed at a chapter meeting and voted on.
5. Suggested a picnic ride. Well there was one scheduled for the Fort Knox ride but because we had no volunteers for the Progressive Dinner ride and the one person who did volunteer changed his mind, it was decided to make the Fort Knox ride a dinner ride with a choice of lobster, steak or chicken, Something for everyone.
6. Rides to go dancing: these could be arranged. Any suggestions?

Now for the negative thoughts:

1. The need for more volunteers. This can be a positive with more participation.
2. Real important one: want people to get along no matter what your personal opinion is? Answer: everyone needs to have input to make our chapter a success. No matter your personality you need to put your animosity aside. Be a team player and add your opinion then leave it at that. Opinions are just that, an opinion. No right or wrong.
3. Want to have only person at a time talking as it makes it too hard to hear all that is being said by those speaking at meeting when others are talking amongst themselves.
4. Website not working. Think that already is being addressed by having Janis, our secretary, doing a new site and completing it. So soon it will be ready!

What Is Fun?

Fun for me is riding to new locations with friend. Maybe sharing a meal or snack or even giving a hand to friends in need.

Think about your idea of having fun and what it means to you and to people you call friends. Did you know that a aiding a fellow member carry a bunch of equipment is volunteering? Or how about helping fellow members set up a display or taking one down?! Or how about making calls to get volunteers for upcoming events? Or speaking at meetings as a guest speaker – like education about

group riding, etc. Or bringing in food for a meeting or other events (doesn't have to be a lot, just one item for everyone).

Many people say they have no time to volunteer. Some people are of the belief that to volunteer means spending lots of time and/or money to do things to help out. Not true. Many times people are asked to volunteer at upcoming events and are afraid to do so for fear of being stuck there for long periods of time. This is not so. But remember that as chapter we are only as good as WE the chapter choose to make it!

Most importantly is if you volunteer for only a short period of time, please follow through as it makes the jobs of those who are committed work twice as hard to get the job done shorthanded. If you need to cancel, be kind and find a replacement if you can and let the team know as far in advance as possible.

Thanks and many happy trails.
Jessie

Cold Weather Riding Tips (From Harley Davidson)

Starting at the top, remember that a full-face helmet is your warmest option, followed by a 3/4 helmet with a full face shield. If you wear a half helmet, one with earflaps is your best option for cold weather. Working your way down, there are a wide variety of options for keeping your face and neck warm, including facemasks, neck tubes, balaclavas, and more. What works best is largely a matter of personal preference.

For your upper body, dressing in layers is always a good idea. This will help you adjust as things warm up during the day, and cool off in the afternoon and evening. What's warm and comfortable at 8AM may feel unbearably hot by 2PM. Riding jackets with removable liners are a good option and will help you pack a little lighter. Just make sure the outermost layer is windproof or highly wind resistant. (Tip: Putting on your rain jacket is a quick and easy way to add a windproof top layer.)

For your lower body, leather chaps provide a great deal of protection from the cold. Thermal underwear can help, as well, though it's far less convenient to remove long underwear at a gas stop than it is to take off chaps. Leather or nylon overpants are another convenient cold-weather option

Gloves are an extremely important part of your riding gear, and many riders carry numerous pairs on their bike at all times to be prepared for a wide variety of conditions. For cold weather, look for gloves that offer warmth without excessive bulk, which may reduce your manual dexterity and increase your reaction time in an emergency situation. Thin thermal liners can also add a layer of warmth without significantly affecting dexterity.

As for your lower extremities, waterproof boots will keep the wind out, and thick, comfortable socks will help keep the warmth in. Again, layer as necessary and wear a synthetic layer closest to your skin to help wick away moisture.

A very effective – yet more costly – option for warming your entire body is electrically heated gear. Because at some point, no matter how many layers you add, you're still going to be cold. For those who not only want to ride in the cold but also be completely comfortable in the process, heated gear is a good option. Harley-Davidson makes a complete line of heated gear designed for use with Harley-Davidson® motorcycles. When using heated gear, make sure that your bike's electrical system is functioning properly (and is powerful enough) to avoid draining the battery.

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	Name _____	
	Address _____	
	City _____	
	State _____	
Phone _____		

Mid Maine Lewiston HOG Raffle

Up to 3 chances to Win

1st prize \$3,000.00 gift card L-A

2nd prize \$1,500.00 gift card L-A

3rd prize \$500.00 gift card L-A

If you could help out and take 10 or 20 tickets to sell it would really help. If you have some ideas on ways to sell more tickets, contact Kathi, kril62@yahoo.com. We need to sell the remaining tickets by the end of November. As always your help is truly appreciated.

**NEXT CHAPTER
MEETING**

**Wednesday,
October 5th,
6:30pm**

Hotline:

(207)758-0633

Call any officer to have additions
made to the hotline.

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Website:

<http://www.mmlhog.org/>

Chapter Membership cards
can be picked up at the
monthly meeting or at the
dealership during normal
business hours. Please see
Ludger Tremblay in the Sales
Department for assistance.

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