

SQUEAKS & SQUEALS

Mid-Maine Lewiston Chapter #1980

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From the Director

Well the holidays are over and life is getting back to normal. Now, all we need is spring and the motorcycle under us. As winter lingers on we are always having lots to do with the Chapter. For those of you that attended the Holiday Party what a GREAT time we had. Great food, music, pool tables, virtual golf, karaoke, couples dance competition and more. It looked like a winter wonderland and the atmosphere was wonderful. I would like to extend a huge thank you to Karen Schneider and Jesse Poore for organizing such a wonderful evening.

The month of January finds us very busy. Each Friday night in January, L-A Harley is hosting free skiing at Lost Valley. What a great time to bring your family together for skiing or snowboarding and sharing the evening together. Also, bike night is back at L-A Harley and our 13th annual blood drive is happening. Let's hope we beat our number of usable pints from last year. Saturday luncheons will still be hosted by Mid-Maine through the winter months and volunteers are needed for serving. If you like to cook let me know, something different would be nice to see.

Our meetings will be changing to the first Saturday of each month starting February 4th at 9:00am in the HOG's den. This is a change that we hope will find others being able to attend meetings and when the warmer weather begins, shorter meetings and heading for a ride sounds like great fun.

Our raffle this year will be a bike raffle. If you are interested in taking some tickets to sell you can see Henry Maheux at the next meeting. If each member is willing to take 10 tickets or volunteer a Saturday at the dealership to sell tickets this will start us on our way. But as we all know it will take more than that to have a successful raffle. These are difficult economic times and raffles are very hard to accomplish but starting early hopefully will help us produce some funds so that we can continue some FUN events for our members. We are also looking into giving back to the community as we have in the past. So look for more discussions at meetings on maybe giving some of our profits, if we are able, to local charities in need. We need to take caution as we know what the past couple of years have been like with raffles (bike & gift cards). We cannot depend on our dealer to bail us out. His help can only go so far. Our first GOAL will be to build up our account to manage yearly bills and give to our chapter members. Please see Henry for tickets!!!

Count down is on here's hoping only three months until we ride!! Stay safe and warm.

*Kathi Yergin
Director*

2012 Mid Maine HOG Chapter Officer's

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Monthly Chapter Meeting Minutes – January 4, 2012

6:30-6:45PM Social time; Official meeting open with Pledge of Allegiance and 29 members and guests present.

Director, Kathi Yergin:

- Accept Secretary notes as printed in the newsletter (1st, 2nd, approved)
- Treasurer report by Lorrie Stephenson and accept treasurer report (1st, 2nd, approved)
 - Lorrie reviewed in/out expenses and account balance.
- Effective in February (next month) Chapter meetings will be held on Saturday mornings in the HOG's den at 9am.
 - This will be a trial at trying different times and days to meet different members' needs.
 - This is at the suggestion of our dealer. Any other ideas or suggestions are welcome.
- L-A Harley is sponsoring an event at Lost Valley every Friday evening in January. John Story, dealer, will be paying for everyone (not just members) lift tickets from 5-9pm.
 - John is requesting that as HOG members we attend as many of these events as possible. NOTE: you do not need to ski/board to attend.
- Final note on the raffle, we as a chapter made a slight profit –thanks to our dealer.
- Other fundraising activities and events:
 - Time and effort the food sales are more profitable for the chapter than the raffle sales, which is a year long effort.
 - Breakfast with Santa went very well.
- Dealer loyalty cards: Benefits of membership receive 20 points at time of purchase. Must be a chapter member. As of January 1, 2012 if chapter membership expires the extra discount will be put on hold.
- H.O.T. training. Lorrie will not be able to attend. Anyone interested in an officer position next year and is interested in attending HOT please see one of the officers as soon as possible.

Asst. Director, Cindy Rogers

- Blood Drive: January 21st. T-shirts, prizes, and lots of fun. Posters are available – if anyone can post one PLEASE get a poster from Cindy. Volunteers needed!!
- Maine State Rally: the next meeting is January 14th. The t-shirt design will be selected.
- Mohegan Sun bus trip: \$39 p/person, however you receive a \$40 value package. February 18th—Cindy will get info on shows available. Bus leaves at 11:30 am, will return at 3:30am from Northeast Bus tours terminal.

Membership, Karen Schneider:

- Membership report: 37 paid members, this is a new year and as such our membership numbers always start low.
- 2012 membership due as of 1/1/12. Remember, you must be member of National HOG to be member of local chapter.
- December Birthdays

Bike raffle: 2012 Raffle team of Ron Bilodeau, Greg Davis, Henry Maheux, and Dick Moreau will be taking the bike to the Swap Meet in Augusta, January 29th. Tickets will be available soon.

- Les Gibson, past director, gave overview of what worked in the past for ticket sales. Les strongly suggested the Shrine Children's Hospital be the sponsored charity. This information is taken under advisement.

Holiday Party: Prospect Hill

- Tickets are available tonight (last chance!). \$20 members and \$25 for non-members
- Great menu planned; events, DJ and dancing. Also pool tournament and other fun activities planned.
- The chapter can bring appetizers and/or deserts. Please sign up if you wish to bring something, this is volunteer only.

New bike: Pam Welsh 2007, Sportster 1200

Shriners Motorcycle Rally, Brent Tanguay

- August 4th, Saturday
- Fireworks, food vendors, and more. This is one of their big fundraiser for the Shrine Children's Hospitals.
- Shriners are asking for support from biker groups to raise money and participate.

Newsletter editor—Karen Schneider: Got an interesting story or adventure? Anything you want to sell? Put it in the newsletter.

Meeting closed 7:35pm, fun meeting activities: door prizes, munchies!

Next officer meeting: 1/25 at TBD @ 6:30pm; Next chapter meeting: 2/4 SATURDAY in the HOGs Den @ 9am.

Minutes submitted by Janis Tanguay, Chapter Secretary



Happy Birthday to:

Fred Charon	January 1st
Kathi Yergin	January 16th
Matthew Sarchi	January 20th

"Thinking of You and wishing a speedy recovery to - "

Tony Bruno – nursing a broken ankle

Jerry Yergin – at CMMC with pneumonia

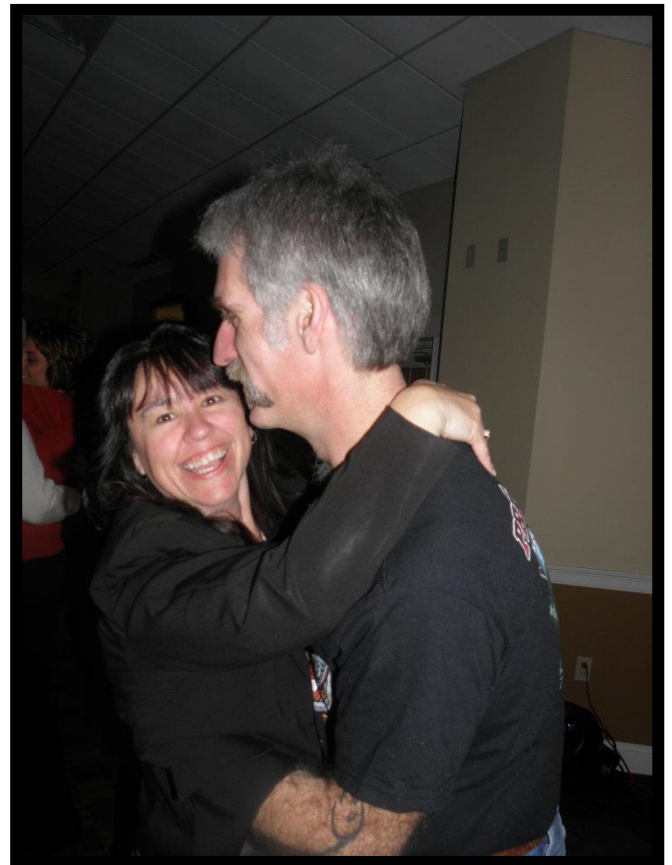
Holiday Party contest winners...

Billiards - Brent Tanguay / Henry Maheux

Couples Dance – Sandra & Kevin Gamrat



Longest Drive – Ted Adams



Membership Info

Chapter Membership

The following guidelines will be in place for the 2012 membership. Over the last few years we have not been following the rules as much as we should.

1. Active National HOG member
2. After (3) meetings as a visitor, visitors are then considered an intruder and no longer able to attend a meeting. Please have your spouse, loved one join as an associate under yourself so they can continue to receive the benefits of our chapter.
3. Visitors are not allowed to vote nor have comments on Chapter discussions.
4. Visitors will have to pay more of a fee for events such as Progressive Dinner, Holiday Party and others deemed appropriate.
5. Visitors are allowed at functions and OPEN rides as long as they are with a chapter member and have signed all release forms prior to event.

Benefits of Chapter Membership (\$15.00 January to January)

1. Discounts on Progressive Dinner, Holiday Party and other events which saves in the membership right away.
2. 20% given on all loyalty cards, where all others get 10%. (This list will be update to L-A Harley every two months during the year starting in 2012).
3. Decisions on where the Chapter should head in the years to come.
4. Every ride available to each Chapter member.
5. Working with a great dealer.
6. And each year hopefully more benefits.

So please if you have not been an active member for a few years these rules will be enforced in the year ahead. If you know any prior members who have slipped away, please remind them of these benefits to rejoin. The 20% alone makes a HUGE difference.

National HOG Membership must be current in order to be a member of the local chapter

It's time to renew your chapter membership registration for next year

(Membership registration form is at the end of the newsletter)

**NEXT CHAPTER
MEETING:
Saturday,
February 4th,
9:00am**

Hotline:

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Call any officer to have additions
made to the hotline.

BECOME A FAN ON FACEBOOK!

Thank you to John Story, Managing Partner of L A Harley-Davidson, for helping make our H.O.G. Chapter possible.



Dealer sponsored events:

A graphic for 'JAMMIN JANUARY!' featuring a cartoon character with a beard and a blue cap playing a red electric guitar next to a large black amplifier. The background is yellow with a jagged, lightning-bolt-like border. Below the main title is a list of events on a dark background with white text.

**JAMMIN
JANUARY!**

JAN 20TH	BIKE NIGHT AT L-A HARLEY <i>L-A Harley Band! Catered by Pedro O'Hara's!</i>
JAN 21ST	BLOOD DRIVE
JAN 28TH	UBM CHILI COOK OFF!
FEB 11TH	NEF FIGHT NIGHT
MAR 16TH	GARAGE PARTY

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP
ENROLLMENT FORM AND RELEASE

CHAPTER NAME _____

MEMBER NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ MEMBER NAT'L H.O.G. NUMBER _____

EXPIRATION DATE OF NATIONAL H.O.G. MEMBERSHIP _____

I have read the Annual Charter for H.O.G. Chapters and hereby agree to abide by it as a member of this dealer sponsored chapter.

I recognize that while this Chapter is chartered with H.O.G., it remains a separate, independent entity solely responsible for its actions.

- THIS IS A RELEASE, READ BEFORE SIGNING -

I agree that the Sponsoring Dealer, Harley Owners Group (H.O.G.), Harley-Davidson, Inc., Harley-Davidson Motor Company, my Chapter and their respective officers, directors, employees and agents (hereinafter, the **"RELEASED PARTIES"**) shall not be liable or responsible for injury to me (including paralysis or death) or damage to my property occurring during any H.O.G. or H.O.G. chapter activities and resulting from acts or omissions occurring during the performance of the duties of the Released Parties, even where the damage or injury is caused by negligence (except willful neglect). I understand and agree that all H.O.G. members and their guests participate voluntarily and at their own risk in all H.O.G. activities and I assume all risks of injury and damage arising out of the conduct of such activities.

I release and hold the **"RELEASED PARTIES"** harmless from any injury or loss to my person or property which may result from my participation in H.O.G. activities and EVENT(S). I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS MEANS THAT I AGREE NOT TO SUE THE **"RELEASED PARTIES"** FOR ANY INJURY OR RESULTING DAMAGE TO MYSELF OR MY PROPERTY ARISING FROM, OR IN CONNECTION WITH, THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR CHAPTER DUTIES IN SPONSORING, PLANNING OR CONDUCTING SAID EVENT(S).

WAIVER OF RIGHTS UNDER STATE STATUTES

I further agree to waive all benefits flowing from any state statute which would negate or limit the scope of this Release and Indemnification Agreement including, but not limited to, Section 1542 of the California Civil Code which provides:

"A general release does not extend to the claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which if known to him must have materially affected his settlement with the debtor."

By signing this Release, I certify that I have read this Release and fully understand it and that I am not relying on any statements or representations made by the **"RELEASED PARTIES"**.

MEMBER SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

LOCAL DUES PAID \$ _____ DATE _____

(Dues not to exceed maximum amount prescribed in, "Annual Charter for H.O.G. Chapters", as contained in the H.O.G. Chapter Handbook.)

RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR CHAPTER