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From the Director

Wow, the first ride of the season as a group was short but awesome. The weather was perfect, the company great and the ride just felt so good. We have quite a few rides scheduled for this season and I sure hope that you will be able to join us for a few of them.

Our website is up and running thanks to Don Gabriel. Please check it out at www.mmlhog.org. The ride planning calendar will be updated on the site within the next week or two. You have many options of keeping track of our rides. You can check the website; become a friend on the Facebook page, email blasts, the hotline and of course the monthly newsletter. We do our best to get the communication out. If a ride is questionable and it is short notice please call the hotline to find out if a ride is on or off.

I would like to thank the chapter for sending me to Harley Officer Training (HOT). I came back with so many ideas and am going to try to use them over the next few months. I traveled with some great members and when we met on Saturday night to recap we were all just so excited to share what we had learned. This is a great opportunity for any member interested in becoming an Officer to learn how to have a successful chapter. We at Mid Maine Lewiston are so privileged to have such a great group. As Director, I would not be able to do my job without all the great volunteers and Officers I have working with me. Thank you all.

Let the riding begin; please join us soon for some of the great rides that are planned.

Kathi Yergin
Director



Photo taken on our first official ride of the season...

Mid-Maine Lewiston HOG, Chapter 1980 Monthly Chapter Meeting – May 5, 2012

9:00-9:25AM Social time; Official meeting open with Pledge of Allegiance and 32 members and guests present.

Director, Kathi Yergin:

- Welcome visitor Carissa Caramia from the Dream Ride.
 - Presentation/video on the wonderful ride. The event is Sunday, August 19, 2012 with events going on all weekend. The ride starts at L-A on Saturday, August 18th meeting up with riders from Big Moose in Portland. Together we ride to Connecticut. At the boarder the group will be met and escorted to the hotel. Brent Tanguay won the drawing for the free weekend.
- Meeting notes from last month's meeting. No comments.
- Thank you to members for sending officers to HOT (HOG officer training). The two days of classes was beneficial and informative, and a lot of hard work. But, we had fun too. Note! We do not have to do Roberts Rules of order.
- Each month we will have a volunteer of the month. Picture will be posted in the HOG den, and will receive an L-A gift card. This month is Marcel and Lenore Charest.
- Looking for volunteers to do parking duty at the dealership.
- Please note before any member represents the chapter to the public please check with an officer first. We have certain restrictions and rules we need to adhere to from National HOG, the dealer, and local and state rules.
- Don Gabriel has the chapter website up! Yea! The full ride calendar will soon be posted on this website.
- July meeting will be the 14th as a result of the holiday and vacations.

Brent Tanguay, Head Road Captain – Information from HOT: first time going...he was skeptical about what can be learned at HOT—especially for those that go multiple times. Pleasantly surprised Brent found a wealth of information from the classes plus meeting and talking with members from other chapters. He states that there is so much to learn and absorb, he now understands why officers go year after year! As a reminder it is a MUST to have everyone sign-in on every ride event. If any question a release form will need to be filled out. If under 18 the parent/guardian will have to sign the release forms, not a grandparent, etc.

Lorrie Stephenson – Treasurer: not able to be here this morning. Cindy briefed the group on the status of the treasury. To be deposited is the money earned from John/L-A for working at a dealer event. Also, a check for ticket raffle sales, which is going very well!

Lenore Charest – Membership: Currently we have 92 paid members; 135 eligible on the national site. New members: Dennis Web, Linda Coffin, and Scott Prescott. Lenore recognized all the birthday's in May.

Assistant director – Cindy Rogers

- Maine State Rally, currently 227 registered. Can register through May 31st. Cindy has two rooms available.
- Each chapter receives a banner signed by participants to donate to an active member of military currently serving overseas.
- Parade, field events, hog wash, biker bingo, and lots more fun.
- Each chapter will be responsible for a guided ride.
- NEEDED: volunteers!
- Next year the rally will be in Caribou. The rally has been there twice before and each time it was a success. Start thinking about attending next year.
- RIDES/events:
 - Cindy reviewed several upcoming events and rides. (Please see the full list and details of near-time events in this newsletter, and soon on the chapter website.)
 - L-A Harley has many upcoming events. Check their website for more info.
 - Maine Special Olympics 3rd annual Torch Ride September 8th. Info provided by new member Dennis Web. Check out info on the Ridin' Steel website.

Karen Schneider, Newsletter editor: Pictures, pictures, pictures! Send in pics and a caption or short article. Anything you want to sell? Put it in the newsletter. Cut-off Wednesday, May 9th.

Ron Bilodeau, Raffle tickets: Doing well. Still need volunteers for Saturday sales at L-A. *PLEASE!*

Meeting closed, fun meeting activities: door prizes.

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

Minutes submitted by Janis Tanguay, Chapter Secretary

“Thoughts from the Assistant”

I would like to thank the chapter for sending me to “HOT” (HOG Officer Training). The Motor Company provides the HOG Chapters the opportunity to attend this training hoping it will assist the officers in making their chapters the best that they can be. Every time I attend I come away with new ideas and more of an understanding of the logistics of how a chapter is run. One of the things I enjoy the most about HOT was the opportunity to talk and get to know other officers from other chapters around the country. Everyone was extremely friendly and willing to share the ups and downs of their chapter. I didn't hesitate in sharing mine. We are a very lucky chapter. We have a great dealership, a wonderful sponsoring dealer, a place to have our meetings and most of all we have fellow members that truly care about each other. We may come from different backgrounds but we have one thing in common.....our goal.....to ride and have fun.

Thanks again and I'll be looking for you out there on the road.

Cindy

**NEXT CHAPTER
MEETING:
Saturday,
June 2, 9:00am**

A View from A Broad (LOH)

This is for all the ladies out there who have ever wished they could ride their own motorcycle. Well I am here to tell you, you can do it. I got my license at the age of 44. Did I ever believe I would get it....NO WAY! In all my life I had never been on a dirt bike, motorcycle or really anything with two wheels except a bicycle. When I listened to one of the riders group who teaches you to ride and maybe even get your license by the end of the weekend, I was skeptical. They told me I was who they wanted, the person who had no clue; they could teach to ride in one weekend. Well I signed up! I was scared as hell. Sorry for that but I was. I attended, I had a blast and I learned to ride. I walked away with my motorcycle license and the freedom to see the ride from my own seat. Although a disability has sent me to three wheels, I still love the ride. It is so much different in the front than behind the driver. I urge you ladies if you have ever thought I would like to do that but I am scared, too old or any other excuse. Don't listen you can do it. I did!!

Try sitting on your own bike, see a sales representative at L-A Harley, they will fit you to a bike that maybe in your future. Attend the next Ladies Garage Party. Check out the motorcycle course offered around the state where you can learn to ride in one weekend. Believe me take the course you learn a lot. The course is better than being followed by DMV to get your license. (Just my opinion on that one.)

If you are lady that would like to share your view on a subject, please, please send it to Karen. Love to hear more from us ladies.

Kathi Yergin

From the Head Road Captain *Brent Tanguay*

Finally, warmer weather is here and it's time to ride! I am very excited to be the Head Road Captain this year and look forward to a great season of riding and having fun with Mid-Maine Hog. Every HOG chapter exists to encourage and support group riding. Yes, we all work with our dealership on special projects and support L-A's charities as well as our own. But group rides are what we all joined for in the first place. So please join us for as many rides as you can. The more people ... the more fun. We have some great rides planned for this year, interesting places, good food, and always... Ice Cream!

All of our rides are listed on the Calendar section of the website www.mmlhog.org, but if you have a favorite ride that you would like to share, please let us know.

Remember, *Ride and have fun.....then ride some more!*

Here are a few things you need to know before you show up for a ride.

- Most of our rides start at L-A Harley-Davidson.
- Arrive prepared: full gas tank, empty bladder, proper gear and a good attitude.
- The posted run times are the DEPARTURE times! Please get there at least 15-30 minutes before the departure time.
- All current chapter members sign the sign-in sheet. As a member you are allowed one guest, who **MUST** sign an Adult Waiver form prior to going on the ride.
- Non-chapter members need to sign the sign-in sheet and note that they are a guest. All non-chapter members are required to sign an Adult waiver release form. Minors have two special releases: one form to be signed by a parent or guardian and the second (for minors between the ages of 12 and 18) – a Minor's Assumption of Risk – to be signed by the minor involved. Forms can be downloaded from our website or Ride Captains will have them.
- All rides are led by a Lead Road Captain (LRC) assisted by other qualified Road Captains – the Road Captain riding at the back of the pack is called the Sweep Road Captain and there are normally Middle Road Captains also. They will serve as Lead Road Captain should the riders become separated. Normally the Lead Road Captain and the Sweep Road Captain communicate via CB radio. The channel will be announced at the pre-ride for anyone wishing to join in.
- The Lead Road Captain will give a pre-ride briefing which will include the route, gas and rest stops, a review of riding rules, an introduction of Road Captains for the ride, mention of any hazardous conditions discovered on the pre-ride and the destination plan.
- We ride in a double row, staggered formation – the Lead Road Captain will ride in the left hand side of the lane and the next rider in the right hand side and so forth.
- Riders will maintain at least a 2 second distance from the rider directly in front of them and 1 second behind the rider to their right or left. The actual distance will increase as speed increases – Note: if you can not see the face of the rider diagonally in front of you in their mirror, you are too close. You are in their blind spot.
- **You "own" your entire lane** – if a rider needs to swerve to avoid an obstacle or use another line through a corner the lane must be clear. **Do NOT slide up on the bike in front of you!**
- Hand signals will be used as appropriate – these will be demonstrated at the pre-ride briefing,
- Riders should try to maintain their starting position in the group for the entire ride. This will allow them to become comfortable with the riding style of those riders around them.
- No one will be expected to ride beyond his or her comfort level.
- Mid-Maine Lewiston H.O.G does not block lanes at stop signs and traffic lights. Do not run red lights or stop signs in an attempt to remain with the pack. If riders become separated the LRC will either slow down or stop and wait until everyone is together again.
- Ride your own ride: Do not blindly follow the rider in front of you. **Remain aware – you are responsible for your own safety!** Remember the **S E E** technique Search Evaluate Execute
- All rides end at the destination. Every effort will be made to ensure that all riders know where they are and how to get back from a destination. However it's always a good idea to carry a map of the local areas in case you are separated on the return.
- If there is a problem or a breakdown, the Sweep Road Captain will stop with the disabled bike and all other riders will continue on with the Lead Road Captain to a safe location before stopping.
- Mid-Maine Lewiston rides are drug and alcohol free events.

2012 Ride Schedule

Call the HOG Hotline Hot Line (207)758-0633 to confirm all dates, times and for additional information.

May 16	6:30pm	Dinner Ride
May 20	10:00am	Kangamangus Scenic Hwy Ride
May 26	9:00am	Old Orchard Beach (lunch at The Brunswick Tavern)
May 27	10:00am	Mystery ride led by Les Gibson
June 2	9:30am	9 th Annual AMA Ride Against Hunger
June 10	8:00am	Ride to Laconia Bike Week
June 12	8:00am	Ride to Laconia Bike Week
June 13	6:30	Dinner Ride
June 23	9:00am	Ride to Height of the Land

TCLOCK

After the long winter without riding (or riding infrequently), it is easy to sometimes forget the basics. Make pre-ride inspections routine and automatic. It doesn't have to take more than a few minutes and should be done before every ride.

T-clock is an acronym used to remind motorcyclists of the pre-ride inspection essentials.

T – Tires, Wheels, and Brakes; check tread depth, wear, weathering, bulges, and embedded objects; check air pressure; check wheels for bent spokes or cast wheels for cracks; check rims for out of round, check bearings for free play in tires; and check brakes to determine that each brake alone keeps bike from rolling.

C – Controls; look at the levers and pedals for broken, bent or cracked parts; be sure mounts are tight; check cables for frays and kinks, check hoses for cuts, cracks, leaks, bulges, chafing, or deterioration, be sure hose routing doesn't interfere with steering, and check throttle to be sure it moves freely, snaps closed, and doesn't rev when handlebars are turned.

L – Lights and Electrics; check battery terminals for clean and tight connections; check headlamp for high and low beam operation and aim; check tail lamp for operation and activation with both front and rear brake application; check left and right, front and back, turn signals; check mirrors and adjust; and check wiring for pinched or frayed wires and be sure wiring doesn't interfere with steering.

O – Oil and Other Fluids; check fluid levels; and check for leaks.

C – Chassis; check frame for cracks; check assessor mounts; check handlebar movement for full travel; check front forks for smooth travel, and check chain or belt for tension.

K – Kickstand; be sure the spring is working properly to pull it up and keep it up while riding; and check for cracks or bends.

Jerry Yergin
Safety Officer



Happy Birthday to*:

Richard Moreau	May	10	Susan Partridge	May	11
Donald Levasseur	May	16	Lenore Charest	May	18
David Lawrence	May	22	Russell Olejasz	May	22
Paul Begin	May	23	Dennis Webb	May	24
			Vicki Purgavie	May	27

* Apologies to those we missed. Please contact Lenore Charest so she can update our database.

April 2012 HOG VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH



**MID-MAINE LEWISTON
HARLEY OWNERS GROUP
RAFFLE**



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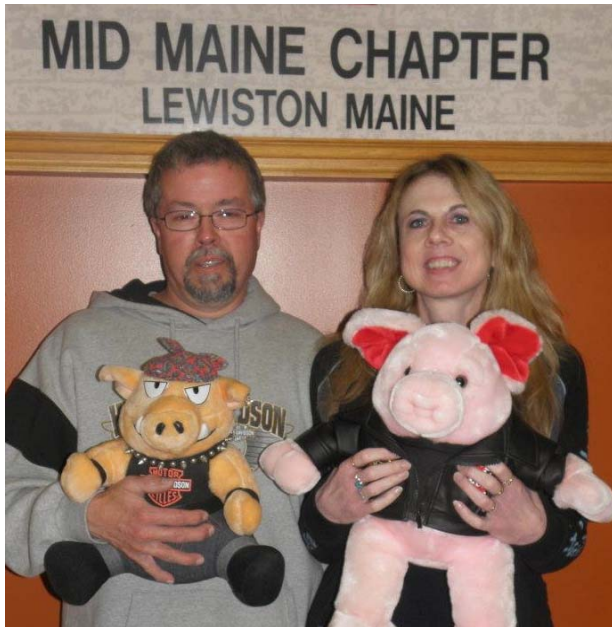


2010 Harley-Davidson DYNA Super Glide or \$5,000 Cold Cash!

Drawing will take place November 24, 2012 at L-A Harley-Davidson

All applicable taxes and any and all fees are the responsibility of the winner

Harley Officer Training 2012



Congratulation to Marcel & Lenora Charest our April HOG Volunteers of the Month. Thank you both for all the hours you put into helping our Chapter grow.



Thank you to our fellow HOG chapter members for making it possible for us to attend HOT. The training, tools and knowledge we gained will continue to keep making Mid-Maine Lewiston a successful Chapter.

CLASSIFIED

For Sale:

Harley Racing Jacket Men's L, like new, worn needs zipper pull, \$75 - Greg - 860-6577 reasonable offer.



Heavy duty lined Harley Jacket, never

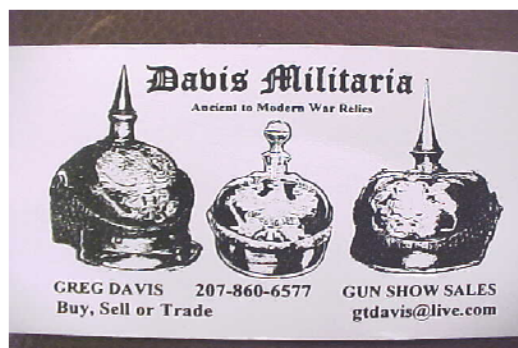
Men's XL (listed \$300+), - Best

Greg 860-6577



Wanted...
If you were a previous road captain and have a vest or first aid kit please return it to the HOG's den at L-A Harley

Greg can bring jackets to the next H.O.G. meeting if anyone is interested. Greg 860-6577



Maine State Rally – Greenville

Don't worry, you still have time! Registration doesn't close until May 31st. The rally is shaping up to be another great one so you don't want to miss it. If you pre-register you will have a place on the Katahdin Cruise Boat with all the other pre-registered HOG members, a 2012 rally t-shirt and a 2012 rally pin. You can pick up a registration form at L-A Harley in the HOG'S Den or check out the Maine State Rally web site.

The Rally is in need of volunteers. If you would like to give a few hours of your time helping the rally please contact me. I will submit your name, the time you are available and what you would like to volunteer for.

If you are in need or know someone that needs a room in Greenville contact one of the chapter officers. We have obtained two rooms and they are still available.

Kathi, our Director is the Secretary for the Rally. She is also doing Biker Bingo and the Skills Game at the rally. Kathi needs volunteers for her events so if you would like to help let me know.

If you have any questions contact me at crogerssqueal@gmail.com or call me at 841-9121.

Cindy/Rally Chapter Rep

2012 Maine State H.O.G. Rally

17th Annual

Join us for...

"Moosehead Madness"



**Moosehead Lake Region
Greenville, Maine
July 19 - 21, 2012**

In what state will you find 6,000 lakes and ponds, 32,000 miles of rivers and streams, 17 million acres of forestland, 3,478 beautiful miles of coastline, and 2,000 islands? If you answered Maine, you're right, and if you're thinking there must be some great riding in such a place, you're also right. "Moosehead Madness" continues the tradition of unique Maine State HOG Rallies. But, there is a reason Maine has the most successful state rallies in all of New England. Maybe it's because Maine has the most woods in proportion to its size compared to any other state, or because it grows more blueberries than any other state? There is also a reason the sun shines on Maine before anywhere else in the United States. Perhaps it's because Maine is the only state that borders only one other state, or because the largest toothpick manufacturing plant in the United States is in Maine? At this rally you will find out why Mainers (and others who have already signed up to attend this Rally) are maniacs for Maine. (Hint: see us on Face book.)

Your experience at "Moosehead Madness" will be something that you'll never forget, but you'll have to be careful riding in the Moosehead Lake rally area, because moose outnumber people there three-to-one. Memorable experiences abound in Vacationland, but at "Moosehead Madness" we've put together a weekend of one-of-a-kind events for all to enjoy. You'll be part of Maine's largest lake when you take a cruise on one of the last surviving steamships; it's free – but only to those who pre-register. Maybe you'll choose to go on one of several guided rides that will take you throughout this historic logging area, and the exclusive golden era tourist spots of the rich. Or perhaps you'll decide to venture out on your own to try to find the World War II prison camp where Nazi Germans were held, or really put on some miles by riding down to the coast or up to the Canadian border. You get to decide just how much "Moosehead Madness" you can take, but you'll definitely want to allot time for biker bingo, the parade through town, and the special block party with a live band. The bike show is the place to show-off your Harley, and to see what others have done, but you'll also get to show-off your skin art at our tattoo contest. But maybe skill riding is your bag...you'll get to demonstrate just how good you are. And, if you eat to ride and ride to eat, we're having an exclusive dinner too...look for the sign-up available only to those who pre-register.

We're all from Maine, and we're going to this Rally...are you?

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Website: www.mestatehogrally.com

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Dealer sponsored events:

BIKE NIGHT FRIDAY, MAY 18TH
6-10 PM

L-A Harley-Davidson



BLM BAND

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Food and Brews from L/A's # 1 Steakhouse
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Harleys & Hashbrowns
Breakfast provided by Country Café

SATURDAY, MAY 19TH / 9-11AM

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MAY 19, 2012



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IT'S GOING TO BE BIG!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Bike Night - Friday, May 18th from 6-10pm**
- Harleys & Hashbrowns - Saturday, May 19th from 9-11am**
- Saturday Surprise - Saturday, May 19th from 11am-4pm**
- UBM Bike Show - Saturday, May 26th from Noon-3pm**
- Harley's Heroes - Saturday, June 2nd from 11am-2pm**

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