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From the Director

What a great start to our riding season! I want to thank all the Road Captains that lead rides this past month; we really had some good times, great weather and up to 17 bikes at a time. Wow!! June is looking good also. Laconia bike week is upon us, Father's Day Ride to Yankee BBQ in Ossipee, NH, Height of the Land, Blessing of the Bikes and of course Million Mile Monday. Hope that you can join us on a few rides.

We are currently looking for chapter members to help us sell raffle tickets at the Balloon Fest on Sunday, August 19th. Thanks to John Story we will have a booth at the festival. Please check out the website at www.mmlhog.org to see times that are still available. Your help is greatly appreciated. We are coming down to just a few events to sell tickets and really could use the help. Please email me if you are available.

Congratulations to Henry Maheaux our May HOG Volunteer of the Month. Your countless hours of dedication are truly appreciated by all. You have taken on the task of Raffle master which sometimes is hard and aggravating but you have worked endlessly to bring it full steam ahead. Thank you for all you have done.

If you have not done so yet please join our Facebook page at Mid-Maine Lewiston Hog Chapter. Our rides are updated weekly and follow our rides with pictures. Please check out the website at www.mmlhog.org where you will find all the information that is needed for ride prep, calendar plus more. These two areas will keep you informed of all our happenings. If you are not receiving emails from me, please let me know. Blasts are sent out constantly to keep members informed.

Have a great month of riding and stay safe.

Kathi, Director



Mid-Maine Lewiston HOG, Chapter 1980 Monthly Chapter Meeting – June 2, 2012

9:00-9:17AM Social time; Official meeting open with Pledge of Allegiance and 27 members and guests present.

Director, Kathi Yergin:

- Accepted the May chapter meeting notes as submitted by Secretary Janis Tanguay and published in the last newsletter.
- Accepted the treasures report as given by Lorrie Stephenson at today's meeting.
- Reviewed some upcoming rides:
 - June 13th monthly Wednesday chapter dinner ride. Leaves L-A 6:30pm, will be lead by Dennis Rogers.
 - June 17th *new to the calendar*: Fathers Day ride. Leave L-A 9am to Yankee Smokehouse in Ossipee, NH for lunch.
 - July 14th Saturday. New to the calendar: Unity Race Track. Meet at Texas Road House Augusta, @ 2pm
 - Please sign up to show your interest. If we get enough bikes we go to Unity and circle the track. We need more than just 5 or 6 bikes. No charge to participate in this activity. If you wish to stay at the races you will get half off a ticket and pay only \$5.
 - September 1st, L-A/Mid Maine Blood Drive. This will be BIG! Please volunteer to help any time setup thru cleanup.
 - September 16th Progressive dinner ride. Lunch at Joe Presti, Breakfast at?? (*Need volunteer host!*) Then we go for ice cream. This has always been a favorite chapter ride. Don't miss it!
 - More rides and info on the hot line, newsletter, and website.
- Dealer suggests we serve the lunch every Saturday starting in August as fundraiser rather than raffles, etc. The chapter will be paid by dealer. Discussed the possibility with the chapter. To do this we will need a lot of volunteers. Kathi will send info to all members as so few were available at the meeting to make the commitment.
 - If we agree to this there will be one paid position (A gift card to L-A amount not yet determined; possibly 50-75 per week.) for the designated "Grill Master." This person will be responsible to get the grills set up in the morning and ensure they are properly cleaned and put away at the end of the day. One person can volunteer to be the Grill Master on-going, or we can change up each week. This does not mean the Grill Master does everything to setup and cleanup by his or her self, only ensuring everything is done right.
- August 17-19 is the Balloon Fest. (Same weekend as the Dream Ride) Looking for volunteers to sell tickets at the festival.
 - There are two lift off times (around 6am and 6pm) after which is a good time to sell the tickets.
- Check out our chapter website! Lots of pictures, forms, and other information. Thanks to Don Gabriel our website is finally looking better then imagined!
- New bike: Scott Prescott

Lenore Charest, Membership: Currently we have 92 paid members. New members: Scott Prescott, Anita Maheaux, Donald Levasseur. Lenore recognized all the birthdays in June.

Assistant director, Cindy Rogers

- Maine State Rally, registration is closed. But still time to sign up. Cindy has some rooms reserved.
- Today's ride changed due to the weather, we will go by car to the Good Sheppard Food bank. \$10.00 donation incl. BBQ.
- Cindy reviewed several upcoming events and rides.
 - Please see the full list and details of near-time events in this newsletter, and on the chapter website. Don't forget the HOG line for last minute details.
- L-A Harley has many upcoming events. Check their website for more info.

Newsletter editor, Karen Schneider: Karen is on vacation but please send pictures, articles. Anything you want to sell? Put it in the newsletter. Cut-off Wednesday, June 6th.

Ron Bilodeau, Raffle tickets: We have one "big" selling day at Twitchell's—hope it does not rain or the event will be cancelled. Still need volunteers for Saturday sales at L-A. *PLEASE!*

Dealer, John Story: spoke to the chapter about the upcoming Camp Sunshine ride August 11th. Early registration gets a reduced room rate. Meet 10am, leaves L-A around 12:30, stops 100 miles for a break; arrive at Sunday River about 2:30pm. There will be shuttles so no need to worry about driving bike after arrival. Take lift up to summit, also ride the zip line. There will be food stations with different type food—take your pick. This will be a big ride, big event: lots of entertainment, bands, and more.

- \$30 per person. Mention "L-A Harley Camp Sunshine Event" 800-207-2365 to book a room.

Meeting closed, fun meeting activities: door prizes.

Next officer meeting: The Vineyard multipurpose room 6/27 @ 6:30pm; Next chapter meeting: 7/14 Saturday in the HOGs Den @ 9am. (Note: this is the second Saturday)

Minutes submitted by Janis Tanguay, Chapter Secretary

A View from A Broad (LOH)

Come Ride with Us

I have been a HOG member for a couple of years and had my license for a couple of years but this is the first year I've ridden my own bike on a chapter ride. I had such an awesome time on both rides that I wonder what took me so long to participate?! I rode on the Mother's Day ride to the Red Barn restaurant in Augusta and the May 20th ride to the Kancamagus Highway and so glad I did.

The weather was beautiful both days, the food at the Red Barn was tasty and we ate our lunch at a very scenic spot on the Kancamagus but what really made the rides so awesome was the terrific group of HOG members and guests on the rides. Some members I knew better than others, some I just met but everyone was so friendly and supportive and there was such camaraderie that I felt like I was amidst family. I think it's safe to say everyone enjoyed the rides and I look forward to the next one. To those of you who haven't ridden on a chapter ride yet or those that haven't done so in a while, I urge you to join us in a fun-filled adventure this riding season and see what you've been missing.

Remember - the road to enlightenment is better on a motorcycle. - Anonymous

Lenore

**NEXT CHAPTER
MEETING:
Saturday,
July 14, 9:00am**

From the Head Road Captain *Brent Tanguay*

It's June already and our riding season is well under way. We have had some very nice rides so far with great participation. A special thank you to our terrific road captains for keeping our rides safe. A good example is when we are exiting rest/gas stops; the sweep road captain will go down the road and wait until everyone is ready and traffic is clear then pull out and block traffic so that our group can pull out together safely. The CB radio's work great to communicate and coordinate between the lead road captain and the sweeper. Our road captains have ridden together for many years and are very experienced at group riding. If you are a new rider or new to group riding, please feel free to ask them for guidance, they are there to help and keep our rides as safe as possible.

Along with the nice bright sunny days for riding are some issue's we need to be concerned with. First, on those hot sunny days make sure to use sunscreen protection, especially on your face. Second, stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water...I know...that just leads to more restroom stops, oh well. The third item is **Road Snakes**. Especially on very hot days those tar repair strips that cover the cracks in the road can be very slippery when cornering, so be aware of them.

Our new web site is up and running, and I must say, "Very nice!" The calendar has all of our rides listed. You can also download the event release form if you are bringing a guest on a ride.

Looking forward to seeing you all on our next ride!

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

2012 Ride Schedule

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

June 17	9:00am	Father's Day ride
June 23	9:00am	Ride to Height of the Land
June 24	8:00am	Blessing of the Bikes
June 25	9:00am	Million Mile Ride lead by Henry Maheux
	6:30pm	Million Mile Ride lead by Jerry Yergin
July 4	10:00am	Bentley's Lunch ride
July 11	6:30pm	Dinner Ride
July 14	2:00pm	Lunch/Ride to Unity Race Track
July 15	8:00am	Baxter State Park



**May 2012 HOG
Volunteer of the Month
Henry Maheux**

Happy Birthday to*:

Bryan Kenney	June 4
Marc Belanger	June 17
Ronald Deegan	June 22

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



HOG SHOTS

5/13 - Mother's Day Ride



After some recent rainy days, members were treated to some much anticipated sunshine while they enjoyed lunch at The Red Barn in Augusta.

5/20 - Kangamangus



Mother nature blessed us with another Sunday of great weather. The Kangamangus Ride turned out great. We enjoyed a picnic lunch by the river.



5/27 - South Portland to the Maine Military Museum & Education Center

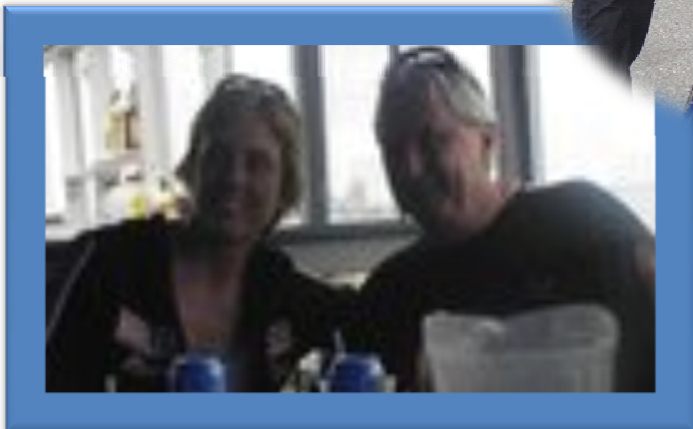
After a scenic view of downtown Westbrook (when we zigged when we were supposed to zag) we finally arrived at the museum in South Portland in good order, followed by a lunch at Dave's Famous Barbecue and a walk through of Cabella's next door. Greg Davis photos.:



5/26 - The Brunswick at OOB

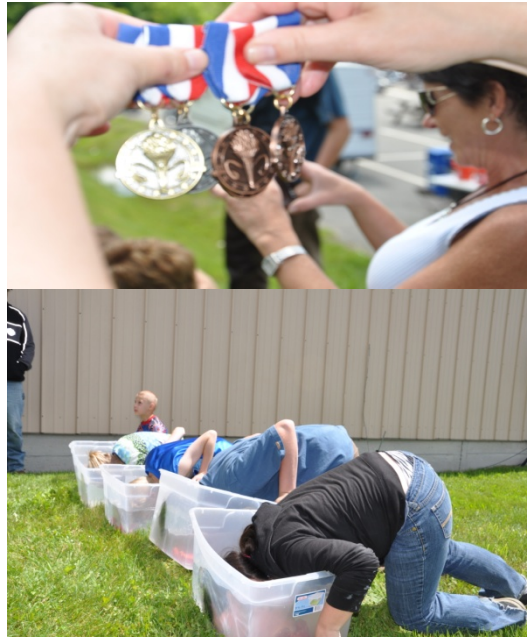


Elvis at Old Orchard Beach?



6/9 Redneck Games at L-H Harley

Greg Davis, the only H.O.G. contestant, competed in the Toilet Seat Toss. Did not place but brought home a watermelon in his saddlebag for his trouble... He (and *all* of the adults present) wimped out on the Bobbing for Pickled Pig's Feet event...and the kids put us to shame.



Dealer sponsored events:

UPCOMING EVENTS

Blessing of the Bikes - *June 22, 23 & 24 in Colebrook, NH*

Dyno Shootout - *Saturday, June 30th, 9am-3pm*

Wet & Wild Weekend - *Saturday, July 14th, 9am-3pm*

BBQ Fest - *Saturday, July 21st, 11am-3pm*

Camp Sunshine Ride - *Saturday, August 11th, Noon-10pm*

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