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From the Director

Well I can honestly say I am TOTALLY exhausted after attending the Rally in Greenville. It was one of the best one's I have attended in years. The weather, the beauty of Greenville, the community and almost the 500 attendees who registered made it GREAT!!! If you missed it, think about next year in Caribou.

So much happening in the Chapter... If you are able to assist in any area it would truly be appreciated. We are hosting the Blood Drive on September 1st, Toy Run Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, September 9th, selling tickets at the Balloon Fest. Many volunteers are needed for these events.

Our Progressive Dinner is coming up Sunday, September 16th. Come Eat, Ride, Eat and ride. The price is \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members. Ticket cutoff is September 1st.

Keep updated on Facebook, become our friend. Check out the website at www.mmlhog.org where all the rides are listed, plus a lot more.

Summer is going by way too fast.....where does the time go?

I want to personally thank all the members who have been riding with the group, helped out selling raffle tickets, cooked for other members, or volunteered your time whenever asked. You truly are a wonderful family and I am proud to be a part of it.

If you ever have concerns or ideas for change, I always want to hear them. No guarantees on anything but if I do not know I cannot try to change it or fix it. I love change and always love new ideas. Please contact me.

Hope to see you at many of the events coming up.

Kathi Yergin
Director



Mid-Maine Lewiston HOG, Chapter 1980
Minutes of Chapter Meeting - August 4, 2012

Meeting called to order by Kathi at 9:15am.

Pledge of Alliance, Welcome, New Bikes – Congratulation to Marcel Charest on his new bike!!

Lorrie Stephenson gave a read out of the budget/bank account

Kathi shared the following;

- Happy Birthday to all the August babies.
- Next officer meeting: August 29th, 6:30pm at the Pathway Vineyard Church
- Blood drive: September 1st at L-A Harley, this will count as our Meeting. Volunteers needed, please contact Kathi, kril62@aol.com or Cindy at 851-9121.
- Newsletter Cutoff: Send all information to Karen by Wednesday, August 8th.
- Balloon Fest: Still looking for Volunteers for Sunday, August 19th
- Discussion on how many tickets to leave for Balloon fest and how they will be given out. Henry will submit an excel form and each seller will sign their name to the form for the tickets they have sold.
- October meeting will be held at the Fryeburg Fair. The ride will leave L-A Harley arrive at the fair and head to Kathi & Cindy's trailers for appetizer's and celebrate the Chapter's birthday with cake. Members will then enjoy the fair at their own leisure.
- Reminder again, there are no meetings held at L-A Harley in September and October. The Blood drive and Fryeburg will count as our meeting.
- Sunday, September 9th Mid Maine will be hosting the Pancake Breakfast before the Toy Run. Many Volunteers are needed. Please sign up. Sunday, September 16th, is the Progressive dinner. Thank you to Karen & Brent for breakfast and Joe P. for lunch. Tickets are \$10 members and \$20 non-members. Tickets must be purchased by September 1st.

Other Business:

- Vicki Purgavie wanted to let all members know if you have a family member that may need home care, please give her a call anytime and she will help provide you with your family needs.
- Joe Presti has an extra room for the New Jersey State Rally; please give him a call if you would like to go.
- Greg Davis shared with the membership the UBM State Rally will be held at the Farmington Fair Grounds.
- Discussion on ways we as members spend our funds. We volunteer a lot of our time fundraiser all year long whether its cooking on Saturdays, selling bike tickets. Members were asked if they enjoyed having ice cream paid by the Chapter once in a while, lunch at the dealership after a ride. Goals would be for members to attend the Progressive Dinner and Holiday Party for no price. A lot of good discussion back and forth.

Meeting closed at 10:15am

Kathi Yergin (filling in as Secretary)

No meeting in September...

Instead, please volunteer a couple of hours at the Blood Drive

 **American Red Cross BLOOD DRIVE**

**L-A
Harley-
Davidson**

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 1, 2012**

8:30AM - 2:30PM

839 Main Street, Lewiston

Appointments are encouraged!

Please call the American Red Cross @
1-800-RED CROSS to make an appointment!

All presenting donors will receive a
Collectible 100th Anniversary
Red Sox T-Shirt!
and
a free Gritty's Pub Pint Glass
with a \$5.00 Gift Card!



Prizes not redeemable for cash and non-transferable

The next officer's meeting is Wednesday, August 29th at 6:30pm, at the Vineyard Pathway Church on Lisbon Road in Lewiston.

From the Head Road Captain *Brent Tanguay*

What a great summer for riding this has been! I hope you all have been enjoying it as much as Karen and I have. We have had some great chapter rides so far this year and more to come for the Fall. Keep checking our website calendar for upcoming rides and events.

This month I would like to share an experience I had while on the Dream Ride. I must say that this was the most organized and coordinated event that I have ever participated in and I will certainly do again. It was a very good tribute and example of group riding. We started from L-A Harley with a guided ride to Big Moose in Portland where we met up with more riders and had a pre-ride meeting with the event coordinators. This is a very large multi-state guided ride ending up in Farmington, CT, on the same day. The event sponsors supplied the ride leaders with GPS tracking cell phones so they knew where we were at all times. We also had a chase car following the group. The head road captain clearly explained the route, gas and rest stops. He also went over the importance of staggered riding especially with a group this size. As I said, a very well organized and planned event. The only part that I think our chapter does better, is communicating between the head road captain and the sweep with CB radios. Those of us who had CB's on this ride used them to communicate important information to keep us all together. For instance, our sweep could relay when everyone made it through an intersection or if some were still waiting at a light. Our head road captain on this ride did not have a CB so he really did not know where the tail of the group was. From my point of view when I lead a group ride it is a safe and comforting feeling to know where the tail of the group is. If we are not all together, do I slow down, safely pull over and wait, or keep going and hope they catch up?

Anyway, back to my experience. Karen was my passenger that day. We were on route 495 in Massachusetts in the middle lane in very heavy traffic traveling approximately 65 mph when I experienced my first **flat rear tire!** I felt the rear all of a sudden go down so I yelled into the CB that I had a flat. I heard Jerry on the CB say not to use the rear brake, which was great advice because when I did touch the rear brake, (a natural reaction) it made the bike weave from side to side. There was a car on our immediate right that I had to wait until he cleared so I could move over to the shoulder and stop. While slowing down the bike was very hard to control. Karen was great throughout the whole ordeal by remaining still and calm and letting me control the bike to a stop. The bikes behind us could all see what was happening and slowed and pulled over to stop with us. Scott called the nearest dealership and made arrangements for service when we arrived. The chase car stopped to check on us and we all agreed that our Mid-Maine group and the sweep, Officer Bud Caouette, would stay together and the rest would continue on with the chase car being the sweep. Soon a flat bed came and picked up the bike and delivered us to High Octane Harley Davidson. They changed the tire and soon we were on our way again. All the while we were in phone and text communication with the event coordinator as to our new arrival time and where the rest of the group was. It was nice to know that they cared to stay in touch and make sure we made it to the event.

The whole experience would have been much different if we were traveling alone, I truly do appreciate how fellow bikers are eager to help in a time of crisis. Thank you all!

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.

September 5	6:00pm*	Dinner ride - Taste of Maine Restaurant
September 16	8:00am	Progressive Dinner ride
October 2	8:00am	Fryeburg Fair led by Henry Maheux
October 6	8:00am	Ride to Chapter meeting at Fryeburg Fair
October 10	6:00pm*	Dinner ride
October 14	10:00am	Simone's Ride – Snow Falls

*Please note the earlier departure time.

Loyalty Reward Card Update

L-A Harley now has new Loyalty Reward Cards. Thanks to John Story, as a member of the chapter your card is programmed to give you 20% for each purchase, non-members only receive 10%. The expiration date will be at the end of each year and as memberships are renewed you will continue to receive the 20%.

You must pick up your new card at L-A Harley in the parts or motorclothes depts. **PLEASE** bring your old card so that they can transfer any points to your new card.

If you have any questions, see Patrick at the dealership.

Happy Birthday to*:

July			August		
Marcel	Charest	07/02	Donald	Gabriel	08/01
Barry	Voight	07/02	Duane	Coffin	08/02
Greg	Davis	07/03	Gail	Rodrique-DuBois	08/07
Randall	Ray	07/05	Kevin	Jamison	08/08
Sandra	Gamrat	07/15	Fern "Bear"	Jolin	08/10
Bonnie	Morton	07/15	Charles	Lafferty	08/10
Scott	Royal	07/16	Paul	Castonguay	08/11
Ted	Adams	07/19	Lenora	Conger	08/16
Paul	Walsh	07/31	Tammy	Fitzmorris	08/24
			Dennis	Rogers	08/24
			Walter	Tarbox	08/24
			Lynn	Busch	08/31

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



HOG Shots -



HOG Ride following the meeting on Saturday, July 14, to Norridgewock, with pit stop in Norridgewock and a barbecue sponsored by John Story back at LA Harley Davidson following the ride. – G. Davis

Camp Sunshine Ride sponsored by L-A Harley



Pre-ride meeting



Jerry & Samuel



Barry & Louise



To the zipline...



June 24 - Blessing of the Bikes at Colebrook, N.H.: Perfect sunny weather, perfect day for a ride, with perfect company... priceless. – G. Davis



HOG Ft. Knox, Prospect, Maine Ride: Sunday, July 29

Rain held out on ride up, except for a few scattered sprinkles. The ride home was a bit wetter, but nobody melted.... Great barbecued chicken, hotdogs, chips, potato salad, cookies and beverages awaited our small band of intrepid travelers when we did arrive at Ft. Knox. Some of us then climbed through the fort after the meal and saw the culmination of the Civil War re-enactor encampment. – G. Davis

MOOSEHEAD
2012 MADNESS



Top row – sunset on Moosehead Lake, Scott admiring his handy work, Jerry on Parade
Bottom row – Parade, hotdog challenge, balloon toss, ski race, The Katahdin

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Caribou, Maine
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Blood Drive

Saturday, September 1st from 8:30am-2:30pm

Toy Run

Sunday, September 9th from 7:30-9:30am

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