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## From the Director

I honestly cannot believe I am writing this and it is coming to the middle of October. Where has the summer gone? Why do we have to put the bikes away? Oh, it is bitter sad but we will get through this together.

I first want to thank the best group of people from Mid Maine Lewiston. We have had a great riding season due to some wonderful members bringing us on some great rides, others opening their homes and those who took time to just volunteer whether it was cooking for the chapter, selling raffle tickets on Saturday or just filling in when needed. We had a wonderful Progressive Dinner Ride, Mother's Day Ride, Father's Day Ride, Laconia, Fort Knox, Dinner Rides, Mystery Rides and much more. We pulled off another successful Pancake Breakfast for the Toy Run and just overall had a GREAT season. Thank you, thank you, and thank you all.

With the weather changing, the ways in which we keep busy as a Chapter will also change for the winter months. We begin cooking at L-A Harley on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> and go through until the end of February. We are hosting "Breakfast with Santa" on November 24<sup>th</sup> all day, and begin wrapping gifts at L-A Harley on November 17<sup>th</sup>. We are in need of **LOTS** of volunteers. We will be putting a schedule up on the website to sign up to volunteer. We are hoping to use the website as a tool to keep our volunteer schedule up to date.

We are starting to make plans for the Holiday Party which will be held on January 12, 2013. Continue dinner rides once a month just to meet up and socialize. Another blood drive will also be held at the beginning of the New Year. As always we are looking for suggestions!!! If you have not been able to make a meeting over the summer we hope to see you back in November, we have missed you. We meet the first Saturday of each month at 9:00am. November is nomination for Primary Officer's.

On a final note if you still have Raffle Tickets to sell please sell them and get them back to Henry at the November meeting. The Raffle is just around the corner. Thank you again for selling tickets, the Chapter and Shriners Hospital appreciate it very much.

Stay warm and hope to see you for lunch on Saturdays at the Dealership.

Kathi Yergin  
Director

## Mid-Maine Lewiston HOG, Chapter 1980

### Monthly Chapter Meeting - October 6, 2012



Open meeting at the Fryeburg Fair

9:32am - members present 12

#### **Director**

Kathi thanked all for coming to the Fryeburg Fair for a casual meeting. Everyone enjoyed appetizers, the company and followed with a Birthday Cake to celebrate the Chapter's 7<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Thank you again to Karen & Brent, Joe & Sharon for opening their homes for the Progressive Dinner. It was a great day like we used to have years ago.

Discussed another bike raffle next year? We will think on this one.

Starting October 13<sup>th</sup> the Chapter will be cooking and serving lunch at L-A Harley between now and end of February. Volunteers are needed for serving and taking turns cooking. Sign up will be posted on the website.

Wrapping will begin on Saturday November 17<sup>th</sup> at L-A Harley and continue until Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>. Volunteers will be needed. Sign up will be posted on the website.

November 24<sup>th</sup> is "Breakfast with Santa". French toast, hash browns and sausage will be served all day. Lots of volunteers will be needed during the day.

Nominations for Officer's will take place at the November meeting.

Raffle tickets were a big success on Saturday. Cindy and Dennis sold 104 tickets. Henry brought more up to the fair and hoping Saturday will be just as good.

Wednesday's last dinner ride will be to the Chick A Dee in Lewiston rain or shine.

Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> is Simone's ride, leaving L-A Harley at 10:00am. All members will bring a bagged lunch. Janis will supply charcoal, Karen will bring forks. Kathi will pick up all items needed for s'mores.

#### **Asst. Director**

Cindy went over details of the 2013 Rally. She attended a meeting in Caribou. Reservations are being taken now. Book a room!!

No ride on October 13<sup>th</sup> to Sky High as Cindy has been out of work for a broken toe.

#### **Newsletter Editor**

Cut off for the newsletter is Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting closed at 10:45am, off to the fair for everyone.

Kathi Yergin  
Fill in for Secretary

**Next meeting is  
November 3<sup>rd</sup>  
at L-A Harley @  
9:00am**

**Nominations for Officers will be taken at the November meeting. Here is a brief description of responsibilities for each position.**



## **Director**

### **Responsibilities:**

- Works with the sponsoring dealer to uphold the “Annual Charter for H.O.G. Chapters” and H.O.G. operating policies
- Assumes overall responsibility for the administration of the H.O.G. chapter and implementation of Harley Owners Group policies
- Signs annual H.O.G. Chapter Charter Application and ensures it is received in H.O.G. office by January 31
- If chapter is incorporated, ensures chapter complies with all corporate state annual filing requirements
- Promotes H.O.G. and the H.O.G. chapter to potential members
- Conducts chapter meetings
- Coordinates chapter officer responsibilities
- Ensures that risk management requirements set forth by the Chapter Insurance program, including procurement of necessary release forms, are met for all chapter activities
- Verifies that chapter T-shirt and merchandise guidelines are followed
- Ensures that all trademark requirements are met
- Ensures that chapter merchandise orders are supplied to the sponsoring dealer
- Ensures Chapter Officer News® is available to all fellow officers
- Routes H.O.G. correspondence to fellow officers and to membership, as requested



L to R – Cindy (Asst. Dir.) , Kathi (Dir.), Lorrie (Treas.), Janis (Sec.)



## **Assistant Director**

### **Responsibilities:**

- Assists the sponsoring dealer and chapter director in upholding the “Annual Charter for H.O.G. Chapters”
- Assists the director as requested
- Promotes H.O.G. and the H.O.G. chapter to potential members
- Informs chapter members of H.O.G. programs and benefits. The following officers should assist you in this function:
  - LOH® Officer - Ladies of Harley program and LOH Motorcycling Memories contest
  - Safety Officer - Motorcycle safety programs and Safe Rider Skills program
  - Photographer - Staff Photographer pin
- Conducts new member orientation
- Acts as the liaison between the chapter and the State Rally Committee



## **Treasurer**

### **Responsibilities:**

- Assists the sponsoring dealer and chapter director in upholding the "Annual Charter for H.O.G. Chapters"
  - Collects chapter dues (no more than \$24 per member per year)
  - Manages all chapter funds
  - Oversees the preparation of chapter federal, state and local tax returns
  - Reports financial transactions to members monthly
  - Ensures that any charitable contributions are managed according to H.O.G. guidelines
  - Maintains a running comparison of current year chapter finances with prior year chapter finances for presentation at Annual Meeting
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## **Secretary**

### **Responsibilities:**

- Assists the sponsoring dealer and chapter director in upholding the "Annual Charter for H.O.G. Chapters"
- Oversees the administrative needs of the chapter
  - Keeps minutes of all chapter meetings, including "Annual Chapter Business Meeting"
  - Ensures that all insurance requirements are met
- Oversees membership officer position to:
  - Ensure that chapter members have current national H.O.G. memberships
  - Enroll new chapter members
  - Administers annual chapter member renewal process
  - Ensure that the most current officer and chapter address information is on file with H.O.G.
  - Maintain annual Chapter Membership Enrollment Form and Release on file for each member
- Submits the following forms/reports to H.O.G.:
  - H.O.G. Chapter Charter Application (once a year, by January 31)
  - Other reports and forms as requested
- Obtains, files and maintains records of all insurance forms, including release and injury report forms
- Administers the annual chapter business meeting
- If chapter is incorporated, submits corporate state annual report to proper state office (or chapter attorney)

**From the Head Road Captain    *Brent Tanguay***

Well, fall is here already, and for some that means the riding season is winding down. The days are getting shorter and a bit cooler too. I love to ride in the fall. The crisp air and the beautiful foliage is really something to experience on a Harley in New England. Fall riding also presents its own unique concerns though; the foliage is so attractive to look at that you may be tempted to let your eyes wander and lose focus of the road and bikes in front and behind you. Take in as much of the view as you can without losing awareness of your traveling path and your fellow bikers. Another concern is fallen leaves on the road, especially if they are a little wet, very slippery! Also, with fewer motorcycles on the road this time of year, the automobile drivers may not be as observant or aware of motorcycles on the road as they are in the summer. Use extra caution when traveling around automobiles.

Looking back on our group rides this year I think that Mid-Maine Hog has been very successful. We have had some great weather, traveled to some very nice places with old and new friends and maintained an excellent safety record. Our road captains do a terrific job of keeping our rides safe and enjoyable. Thank you!

Looking forward to the rest of the year... there is more to come. Check out our calendar on the website for upcoming events, or if you have a favorite fall foliage ride, please let us know and let's make it happen. One upcoming ride is Simone's ride to Snow Falls. This is a memorial ride to commemorate the last ride that Simone took with the group. For those of you who may not know Simone, she was a wonderful woman who loved to ride with her life companion Fred or my brother Scott. She was a friend to everyone at Mid-Maine Hog and is deeply missed. She will always have a special place in my heart as she is the person responsible for Karen and me getting together. I'll never forget her match making in Québec City. Thank you Simone! So, take advantage of these beautiful fall days to get out and ride, with our group or with a friend.

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

## ***Simone's Ride***



## ***Sunday, Oct. 14th***

## 2012 Ride Schedule

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

October 14

10:00am

Simone's Ride – Snow Falls

## 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\*:

### September

Jo	Brillant	9/15
Lana	Raubeson	9/15
Jennifer	Shaw	9/15
Sandra	Boulet	9/21
Les	Gibson	9/21
Linda	Ray	9/22
Raymond	Libby	9/23
Helen	Jolin	9/24
Ron	Bilodeau	9/25
Brian	Boulet	9/27

### October

Louise	Voight	10/3
Henry	Maheux	10/3
Richard	Rzyski	10/4
AJ	Ridley	10/6
Kevin	Gamrat	10/6
Peter	Genther	10/10
Christopher	Damon	10/11
Joe	Presti	10/16
Karen	Schneider	10/17
Anita	Maheux	10/17
Dennis	Martin	10/20
Christine	Prescott	10/22
Scott	Prescott	10/22
Ben	Fielder	10/25
Brent	Tanguay	10/31

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

# SAVE THE DATE!

## Maine State H.O.G. Rally 2013

July 18-20th, 2013  
Caribou, Maine

For more info: [www.mestatehogrally.com](http://www.mestatehogrally.com)



# It's always a good time to take a Harley Holiday

By Greg Davis

You don't have to spend a lot of money to have a lot of fun on a Harley.

How to take a Harley vacation on about \$30/day: I figure I spent \$15 in gas daily and about the same for meals during a series of day trips in Maine and beyond. And we certainly continued my tradition, "live to ride, ride to eat," having hearty meals along the way.



Fall is a great time to take a vacation on a motorcycle, as long as Mother Nature chooses to cooperate. The week of Sept. 23-30 largely was great riding weather, although frequently requiring layers, and my chaps. The great thing is during the week day riding, there was very little traffic and we felt like we had the road to ourselves much of the time.

This week's Harley log included:

Saturday - Hanging out at L-A Harley Davidson, selling few raffle tickets on a dreary day...



Sunday - Got a late start with fellow HOG member Art Hurley (of Rangeley) and rode over to Madison for a late lunch at the House of Pizza. Art, who has put more than 140,000 miles on his Street Glide just since 2008 (!), knows all the back roads. While passing through Industry (Route 43), we saw a nice bald eagle sailing above. All but one day, the most common wildlife sighting was turkey (mostly in flocks - as well as a few behind the wheel of a car ☺). A great blue heron and sea gulls rounded out the mix.

Monday - A ride on back roads with Art to Augusta and lunch at Olive Garden, then out to Belfast and down Route 1, with a stop in Warren to see Maine motorcycle legend Jack Sharkey (American Iron), an old-school Harley mechanic; and then home, while skirting an ominous black cloud for a big part of the day. We only encountered a total of 10 minutes of light rain, followed by a brilliant full rainbow in the Augusta area. It's definitely not the destination - it's the ride.

Tuesday - Met Art in Rangeley and then we rode across to Colebrook, N.H., with lunch at Howard's, a stop at Beaver Brook Falls, then back roads until crossing the border in Canaan, Vt. (a helmet state) and following the Connecticut River on the Vermont side for a time before crossing back at Lancaster, N.H. and navigating home on back roads. The most brilliant foliage of the week was seen on Route 16 out of Rangeley this day, while Vermont was greener. New England is great - giving one the ability to experience three states in a day!

Wednesday - A rainy day kept me from the road for the most part, but I still managed to go have a rear tire replaced and run other errands to maintain my general Harley theme.

Thursday - Fellow H.O.G. rider Walter joined Art and me at L-A Harley and led us to Boothbay Harbor, where we dined on heaping bowls of fish chowder at the Ebb Tide Restaurant (food continuing to be a big part of the adventure). Interesting sights included an oceanside drive and one of the "Pirates of the Caribbean" ships sitting in dry dock.



Friday - While even cooler, layers worked well and Art and I rode up to Bangor, having lunch at the Epic Buffet at the Hollywood Slots Casino. It was Route 2 on the way up and then more back roads with a stop at Central Maine Harley in Hermon (does not remotely compare to L-A Harley). The ride returned through Harland on the way back. My luck ran out in regard to the weather, as the last 10 minutes of my ride home was in rain, although it didn't start coming down really hard until after I had arrived home. Art, unfortunately, had about 20 minutes of rain, racing ahead of the storm back to Rangeley.

Saturday - I hung out at L-A Harley for a time and then drove (by car) on this rainy day to the Saracen's clubhouse in Turner for the Ride for Arielle Pelletier, a victim of a brain injury. There, another buffet, of course, and the music of Ruckus, with a silent auction and drawings part of the benefit festivities. And lots of interesting characters...



Sunday - The last day of my vacation was a bit of a letdown, with heavy rain in the Wilton-Farmington area, so it wended up being my only day without a motorcycle connection, other than me taking the time to write this article.

Overall, I logged 1,044 miles on my trusty 2002 Heritage Softtail over a seven-day period and saw quite a bit of Maine, a portion of New Hampshire and a little bit of Vermont. You can't ask for more than that, and I would consider another fall riding vacation in the future. Keep the rubber on the road.



# 31st ANNUAL United Bikers of Maine Toy Run



## Progressive Dinner Ride







**Dream Ride 2012  
Sunday August 19th**



**SAVE the DATE**  
**August 23-24\* & 25, 2013**  
(\*Satellite Departures Outside of CT)

*Cherish* your yesterdays,  
*Dream* your tomorrows,  
 But *Live* for today.  
 Good Luck & God Bless You - AJB  
 dreamride.org

**Dealer sponsored:**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Breakfast with Santa**  
 Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 9am

**Coats for Kids**  
 Friday, December 7th at 7pm

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