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From the Director

Well here we are in the middle of January... Spring is just around the corner!

What a GREAT *Holidays* Party we had! We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful sponsoring dealer. If you were able to attend you found out that John Story paid for our Holiday Party. Those in attendance were refunded their money. If you see John Story, be sure to thank him. It was such a great time; good company, food, golfing, pool, door prizes, music; a little dancing (one couple), and Blue Hawaiians. If you missed it, please plan to come next year. Thank you to Cindy for organizing a wonderful party and to all those members who decorated, and brought appetizers or desserts. It was all beautiful and delicious!

John is very appreciative of our time when serving lunch on Saturdays, helping with the Blood Drive, pancake breakfast, in-store poker walks and family fun days at L-A Harley. With that being said, we need your help!!! Volunteering to cook or serve one Saturday a month would be a big help. Please let me know if you can make a soup or something special. A huge thank you to all the members who have already volunteered during the last few months.

Just a reminder, your 2012 membership ends January 31st. All members need to renew. You can find a membership form in the HOG's den or attached to this newsletter. You can leave it for Lenore at L-A Harley. As of February 1st, only members will receive updated emails and 20% on their loyalty cards.

I hope to see you all at the February meeting. We are always keeping busy in the winter, so don't miss out. Come visit.

Kathi
Director

2013 Primary Officers
Joe Presti, Kathi Yergin, Don Gabriel,
and Cindy Rogers



Mid-Maine Lewiston HOG, Chapter 1980

Monthly Chapter Meeting – January 5, 2013

9:00-9:20AM Social time; Official meeting open with Pledge of Allegiance with 36 members and guests present.

Director - Kathi Yergin:

- Welcome
- New Bike Deal: Al Golden - Blue 2011 Road King.
- Chapter meeting notes as submitted and published in the last newsletter accepted
- Treasures report accepted
- 2013 Memberships are now due. Updates will be going to Patrick next week. We will also be passing out a release for the Member section of the website.
- We still need cooks and servers at dealership Saturday's. See Kathi for dates and details. Karen Schneider will cook on 1/12 with Walter Tarbox and Marcel Charest to serve.
- Chapter Dinner ride, 1/16 6:00pm, Wednesday @ Antigoni's 757 Main St. Lewiston (across from Marden's)
- Ride planning meeting after March meeting with potluck. Think of rides.
- HOT training Raleigh April 5-6. We have booked rooms and plan on the primary officers going. We can send 2 more members and it's a good opportunity if you are considering being a future officer. Contact Kathi if you are interested quickly as the training sessions get booked up quickly.

Membership - Lenore Charest:

New Member: Sharon Presti

Birthdays: Lenore recognized the January birthdays

Membership Update: Currently we have **118** paid members

Assistant director – Cindy Rogers

- Orders being taken for name tags - \$10
- Maine State Rally in Caribou
 - Not many rooms left. July 18-20th. Theme: Your ticket to ride
 - T-shirt design ideas requested. The choice will be picked at the next rally meeting in Augusta
- Blood drive January 19th - need volunteers! 9-3 setup @ 7 am
- HOLIDAY Party, Jan 12, 2013. Same location as last year: Prospect Hill Golf Club. This was a really great time and place last year! Bake Haddock, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Steak Tips. There will be a cash bar. Theme is "The Holidays"
 - Tickets \$25 members/\$40 non-members. You must get your tickets no later than the next meeting.
 - The extra \$15 for a non-member can be put toward membership
- A show of hand indicated that we would like a bowling outing sometime in February.

Newsletter editor – Karen Schneider: Please have newsletter info by 1/9, Wednesday.

Safety Officer - Walter Tarbox

Next month we will have a 20-minute session with a video on safety. The following month we will have a State Trooper for a guest speaker. Walter has handouts from an Internet safety source and the information has been put on our website. For 2013 we will do more training. We have a head Safety Officer and two others (Jerry Yergin, Scott Tanguay).

Photographer - Greg Davis: Presented 2012 photo book

New Business:

- Received a thank you letter for our donation to the Children's Hospital from Barry Gates/Kora.
- Volunteer of the month: Dwayne Coffin for all his help, especially cleaning up on Saturdays
- Greg Davis has a table at the Saracen's Swap Meet. If you have something to sell you can still contact him and/or bring it to the Holiday Party.
- Thank you to Joe Presti for arranging for a lady (Veronica to be here to sew patches on vests, etc.) during the meeting today.
- HOG members are not to serve beer at the dealership. Only store employees can do this.
- We have been asked to host some events at the store for John
 - April 13, 2013 – Poker Run
 - June 2, 2013 – Host pancake breakfast before blessing of the bikes and Kiwanis' charity run.
 - June 22, 2013 Family Day, Chapter to run cotton candy, popcorn, and snow cones, etc.

Upcoming Events:

- January 12th, 6:00pm – Holiday Party, Prospect Hill (Tickets needed from Cindy)
- January 16th, 6:00pm – Dinner, Antigoni's, Lewiston (Open to guests)
- January 19th – Blood Drive @ L-A Harley-Davidson
- January 26th – UBM Chili Cook Off

Meeting closed, fun meeting activities: door prizes.

Next officer meeting: TBD; Next chapter meeting: 2/2 Saturday in the HOGs Den @ 9am.



Happy Birthday to the following chapter members*:

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

Fred	Charon	Jan 1
Bob	Hoffman	Jan 7
Barry	Gates	Jan 14
Kathi	Yergin	Jan 16
Benjamin A	Loft	Jan 17
Linda	Coffin	Jan 21
Frank P.	Welch Jr.	Jan 22
Michael	Hinkley	Jan 30

From the Head Road Captain Brent Tanguay

Happy New Year!!!

The start of another new year is very exciting; new members, new friends, new bikes and new plans. Our ride planning meeting is coming up after our March meeting, so start thinking of where we can go and what we can do. Maine is a very big state and I'm sure we haven't ridden on every road or seen all of its great sites yet, although some are well worth seeing more than once. We can even venture across the border to New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts or Canada, all good riding roads with great destinations.

I am excited to be the head road captain again this year and am looking forward to a new season of rides and events with our chapter. One of my new year's resolutions is to make this year's group rides better than last years. We are already planning to have different people come to our meetings to talk and give tips on group rides to make them safer and more fun. Our ride captains and safety officers are very experienced, so if you are a new rider or a new member please feel free to speak with us if you have any questions at all about how we operate our rides. Also check out our website, there are some great tips there as well. The more we can do now to plan and prepare for our rides, the better it will be when the sun is shining and the roads are clear of sand and salt, and we are all roaring down the road on our Harley's Off to another destination and of course... *ice-cream!* This is what I'm thinking about as I write this with the snow falling, temperatures at the freezing mark and our bikes are all put away and covered up!

So, I would like to welcome our new members to Mid-Maine Hog and to all a very Happy 2013 New Year!!

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

2013 Activity Schedule

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

January 26	all day	UBM Chili Cookoff
February 5	9:00am	HOG Chapter meeting @ L-A Harley
April 13	TBD	L-A Harley Poker Run
June 2	TBD	Kiwanis Charity Run (host pancake breakfast)
June 22	TBD	L-A Harley Family Day

Holidays Party



*Billiards,
Golf,
Door
Prizes*



*Good
Food,
Great
Friends*



HOG Apparel Arriving Soon!

Quantities are limited. Pre-orders will be taken at the February chapter meeting. Bring your check book. Future orders will be placed when current inventory is depleted.



Men & Women's Chapter Jacket - \$79 + tax and s&h



Long Sleeve Chapter T-shirt, heather grey
\$25 + tax and s&h

Also available but not shown – Short Sleeve 3-button Henley, heather grey - \$26 + tax and s&h

This and That... from member Dennis Webb

Here is some information gleaned from the Maine Biker Network <http://www.mainebiker.net> (This site is for all Maine MC Owners)

<http://www.mainebiker.net/forum/categories/maine-motorcycle-rights/listForCategory>

Action Alert! Motorcycle Only Checkpoints

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation has issued a request for all motorcyclists to use the link below to sign the petition to ban motorcycle only checkpoints. Please take a few minutes and do what it takes to sign the petition. Anyone can sign it and we sure would like to draw attention to the wrongful practice of motorcycle only checkpoints. Pass this on to as many as you can.

Sign the Petition!

A White House petition to ban motorcycle only road side checkpoints has been created. The petition asks the White House to end the funding of the roadside checkpoints. You may be aware that President Obama began his "We The People" initiative back in September of 2011. The idea is that anyone can submit a petition to the White House and if that petition gets more than 25,000 signatures on the website within 30 days the White House will take an official look at the idea and give it an "official response".

Nothing more is promised than a response. Even if the petition gets 1,000,000 signers, it is still a non-binding system. The "We The People" has been used for some serious items such as this, but has also been used to mock some ideas. One such petition asked the White House to build a "Death Star", Darth Vader's weapon of mass destruction in the Star Wars movies. The response from the White House on that one? Not gonna happen.

But this is a serious issue. So take a minute to voice your opinion on the checkpoints by signing this position. The deadline is February 7, 2013.

[Sign the Petition](#)

https://petitions.whitehouse.gov/petition/cease-funding-motorcycle-only-checkpoints-through-nhtsa-and-other-federal-agencies/IDH0YB1N?utm_source=wh.gov&utm_medium=shorturl&utm_campaign=shorturl



The moment you've all been waiting for has arrived! Online registration for the 2013 Maine State H.O.G. Rally is live! mestatehogrally.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

Beach Party - February 9, 2013 5:30pm - 10pm

Wild Wing - Saturday March 9, 2013 11am - 2pm

Women's Garage Party - March 15, 2013 6pm - 9pm

St Patty's Day Celebration - March 16, 2013 11am - 2pm

Wolf Country Bonanza - March 30, 2013 11am - 2pm

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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.

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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 _____

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(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