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From the Director

Hope this finds you all cleaned up after the Blizzard of 2013. I remember growing up and these were the kinds of snow storms we always had as kids. Building forts in the banks and sledding all day. Although it was beautiful and restful I am ready for spring.

Just a reminder, after our next meeting Saturday, March 2nd we will be having our Ride Planning Meeting. We are asking each member to bring a potluck item so we can enjoy lunch at the same time. Bring your rides to share. Our goal is to visit some new places we have not seen and this can only be done with your help. You do not have to be a Road Captain to lead a ride. After a long winter we look forward to a full riding schedule.

I want to thank all the members who have stepped up and made a meal on a Saturday. It is so appreciated. If everyone would just do one meal this would give everyone an opportunity to have a month off. If you can make a soup or something good for a Saturday lunch please let me know, the help would truly be appreciated.

On-line registration is open for the Maine State Rally www.mestatehogrally.com in July. This is such a great time. Sign up and come spend the weekend with other members and other chapters throughout the state. We always get together at the rally and have such a great time. This could be one of the last rallies in Maine so plan to come. If you have never attended a rally, see one of the officer's and we can share the fun we have had in the past.

Hope to see you soon, whether at the dealership on a Saturday or at the next meeting. Hoping for an early spring!

Kathi Yergin
Director



Mid-Maine Lewiston HOG, Chapter 1980
Monthly Chapter Meeting – February 2, 2013

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

Director - Kathi Yergin:

- Welcome
- New Bike Deals: None.
- Chapter meeting notes as submitted and published in the last newsletter accepted
- Treasurer's reported beginning and ending balances for the month.
- 2013 Memberships are due. Updates are going to Patrick.
- We still need cooks and servers at dealership on Saturday's. We have February covered for cooks but can use servers. See Kathi for dates and details.
- Chapter Dinner ride, 2/13 6:00pm, Wednesday @ Antigoni's, 757 Main St. Lewiston (across from Marden's)
- Ride planning meeting after March meeting. Think of rides. Bring a potluck to share.
- HOT training Raleigh April 5-6. We have booked rooms and have six going.
- Received thank you letter from Shiners in Springfield for our \$1000 donation, which will be used for kid transportation. Other \$1000 sent to Boston Hospital.
- Received thank you from Red Cross for blood drive January 19th. New record of 147 usage pints.
- Rally looking for \$200 dollar donation for bingo. Voted to provide equivalent gift cards and merchandise from dealership.

Membership - Lenore Charest:

- New Members:
 - Stan Yeaton, 2005 Road Glide
 - Sandy Yeaton, 2004 Road Glide
 - Debbie Rowe, 2012 Road Glide Electra
 - Jeff Rowe, 2012 Road Glide Electra
 - John Billings, 2001 Trike & 2007 Heritage
- Birthdays: Lenore recognized the February birthdays
- Membership Update: Currently we have **66** paid members
- Membership card for 2013 will be printed and kept by Ludger at the store between meetings.

Assistant director – Cindy Rogers absent (Kathi reported)

- Orders being taken for name tags - \$10 need two more
- Maine State Rally in Caribou (Theme: Your Ticket To Ride)
 - Not many rooms left. July 18-20th. List is on the Rally's website www.mestatehogrally.com.
 - Online registration is now on the Rally's website.
 - If you register and sign the release at any dealership on Thursday for the escorted ride, you will get a wrist band that makes you eligible for a special challenge coin at the rally.

Merchandise- Karen Schneider

- Based on orders received today, jackets and long sleeve t-shirts to be ordered. Will order additional items to have available for sale. Check or cash accepted. Contact Karen or see sign-up sheets at meetings.

Newsletter Editor - Karen Schneider

- Please have newsletter info by Wednesday 2/13. Looking for articles, letters, ride reports, maintenance tips, jokes, stories, etc.

Safety Officer - Walter Tarbox

- Discussed communications and the desire to have the Road Chapter and Sweep to be in radio contact. Headsets and hand radios are available for those whose bikes are not equipped.
- Discussed pre-ride checks. Check oil and tires and linkage. We don't want to be leaving our saddlebags open.
- Safety handouts will be put on our website.
- Next month we may have a State Trooper, Bud Couette for a guest speaker.

LOH – Jesse Poore

- Will need help at the March 15th Garage Party

Dealership – Bert Asselin/John Story

- Bert announced if you bring someone in and they buy a bike in Feb & March (excluding immediate family) you will get \$500 L-A gift card. See Bert when you come in. If he is not there see John Dillingham.
- February 9th Beach Party – Stream Reggae playing 5:30 to 10.
- March 15th Garage Party for first time Women Riders! Get the skinny on how to get rolling on your own H-D[®] motorcycle. A H-D[®] Garage Party™ Event is a fun way to learn the basics.
- April 19th Boot Camp – This is basic training for younger riders (~18 to 35) who are ready to learn to ride. Motorcycle Boot Camp is basic training for anyone ready to ride. We know there are a ton of questions about how to get started, and we want to make it easy. We'll start with the basics and go headlights to tailpipes, getting you up to speed on everything from learning to ride to gear that fits your style.
- No Camp Sunshine ride this year. Another charity ride is in the works.
- Dealership sold 25 bikes in January, the best January sales since 2007.

New Business:

- Karen proposed Chapter having own group leaving from L-A for the Dream Ride August 24, 25, & 26. Looking into booking rooms at the Hampton hotel where Henry has stayed in the past.
- Volunteer of the month: Karen Schneider for heading up gift wrapping and other activities at the Chapter.
- We have asked to Host some events at the store for John
 - April 13, 2013 – Poker Run
 - June 2, 2013 – Host pancake breakfast after 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:

- February 9th, 5:30pm – Beach Party, L-A Harley
- February 13th, 6:00pm – Dinner, Antigoni's, Lewiston (Open to guests)

Meeting closed, fun meeting activities: door prizes.

Next officer meeting: TBD; Next chapter meeting: 3/2 Saturday in the HOG's Den @ 9am

Minutes by Donald Gabriel / Secretary



Happy Birthday to the following chapter members*:

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

Carol Zack	February 1
Cindy Rogers	February 8
Fred Zikowitz	February 22
Stewart Harrington	February 23

From the Head Road Captain Brent Tanguay

Isn't winter over???

No... not hardly! We still have a ways to go before it starts warming up enough for most of us. Although we do have a few brave souls in our chapter who ride year round. Dressed properly, one can still enjoy a cruise on a nice sunny but colder day. If you are a cold weather rider, please be careful out there. The roads are covered with salt and sand and there's always the possibility of black ice. Also when it is colder outside, your body stiffens up and you are not as relaxed when cornering and maneuvering. My rule, when your teeth are chattering louder than your V twin... you know it's too cold to ride!

It seems like so long ago since I've ridden my Harley. I'm starting to feel a little rusty. So, what I do instead on those cold and snowy days is to curl up the couch and read my HOG magazine. It is a very good magazine, with great pictures, stories and tips. I recently enjoyed reading the "Between the Lines" article on Counterintuitive Technique (Issue #017, pages 24-25). It is a very good article on counter steering; I encourage everyone to read it. The magazine is a great benefit to being a HOG member and I look forward to each issue. The stories and adventures of HOG members around the world are so interesting; it's almost like being there...Without your teeth chattering louder than your V-Twin.

Have a great winter!!

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.

February 13	6pm	Dinner @ Antigoni's in Lewiston
March 2	9am	Chapter Meeting and Ride Plan Meeting
March 15	6-9pm	Ladies Garage Party
April 13	11-2	L-A Harley Poker Run
June 2	TBD	Kiwanis Charity Run (host pancake breakfast)
June 22	TBD	L-A Harley Family Day

**GIVE A PINT,
GET A POUND!**



All presenting donors from January 1 - 31, 2013 will receive a voucher for a free pound of Dunkin' Donuts coffee.

**Mid-Maine Hog Chapter
14th Annual Blood Drive**
Saturday, January 19, 2013
9:00 AM ~ 3:00 PM



839 Main Street, Lewiston
Appointments are encouraged! Please call the
American Red Cross @ 1-800-RED CROSS
to make an appointment.

T-shirts ~ Prizes ~ Raffles



Thank you donors and volunteers!

147 Usable pints were collected.



Volunteer of the Month



December – Duane Coffin



January – Karen Schneider

HOG Apparel Arriving Soon!



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



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



Caribou...your ticket to ride! Come join us for the 2013 Maine State H.O.G. Rally on July 18 -20, 2013 in Caribou, Maine. <http://www.mestatehogrally.com/>

For 30 years the motto of the Harley Owners Group has been "Ride and Have Fun." And ride and have fun is what is going to happen from July 18- 20, 2013 at the 2013 Maine State H.O.G. Rally in Caribou. You'll definitely want to be in the group of motorcyclists arriving at opening ceremonies after a police-escorted ride that will be stopping at every Harley-Davidson dealership in the state. But if riding the length of scenic Vacationland with hundreds of your H.O.G. brothers and sisters isn't enough to satisfy your need to ride and have fun (and that's just the kick-off ride), there is plenty more.

As we all pay homage to both H.O.G.'s 30th birthday and Harley-Davidson's 110th anniversary, be ready to saddle up for plenty of guided and self-guided rides in this unique motorcycling venue. When was the last time you attended a rally where you could ride in two different countries and also be at one of the four corners of the United States? Now that's riding and having fun... and making everlasting memories. But the riding and fun doesn't end there...you'll also want to show off your Harley in the parade that will take you to closing ceremonies. Don't worry, we didn't forget that some of you like to ride in field events, or have fun by showing off your Harley in a bike show...both of these events also are included with your rally registration.

This and That... (Dennis Webb)

How old are your tires? How safe are they?

If you have ever looked at your car/truck new tire warranty, you will notice that generally they are good for 5 - 6 years. Why is that? - Because as the tire ages, it loses its elasticity and material degradation.

Safety Research & Strategies Tire Aging Animation - <http://www.safetyresearch.net/safety-issues/tires/>

Think of a rubber band that has been sitting in a drawer for quite some time, when you go to use it, it breaks. Why, because over time the rubber band develops cracks in it. The same thing is happening to your motorcycle tires.

Temperature also plays a role in material degradation. **NHTSA** research has found that tires age more quickly in warmer climates. **NHTSA** also found that environmental conditions like exposure to sunlight and coastal climates can hasten the aging process. People who live in warm weather and coastal states should keep this in mind when deciding whether they should retire a tire.

Storage can also have a role in material degradation. If a tire has been inflated and mounted on a wheel, it is technically "**in service**" — even if it's never been used. I store my FLHRSEI2 in one side of my 2 car garage; The 4 x 4 gets the boot to the driveway. The garage has an ambient temp in the 40s all winter. I place plywood on the concrete and cheap carpet over the plywood. This allows my tire not to be exposed to the cold concrete floor all winter. I also periodically move my FLHRSEI2 so that the bike does not rest on the same tire contact points all winter.

Service also plays a role in material degradation. How frequently you ride, what loads you generally carry, the type of roads you ride frequently and at what speeds you generally ride. It isn't very hard to understand that riding at interstate speeds on those ground down grooved surfaces are no friend to your tires. Never mind the added attention one needs to pay to riding on it.

Tire Pressure - Proper Tire Inflation is Critical to Tire Performance and Tire Life

Under-inflation or overloading can cause sluggish handling, heavy steering, and internal damage due to over-flexing, and can cause the tire to separate from the rim. Over inflation can reduce the contact area (and therefore available traction), and can make the motorcycle react harshly to bumps. Check the tire pressure when the tires are cold (at least three hours since the last ride),

Regularly inspect the tire tread depth to ensure that adequate tread remains. Tires have small wear bars molded into the tread grooves. When the tread is worn down to the level of the wear bars (indicating 1/32 inches of tread remaining), the wear bars become exposed and the tire should be replaced. Some manufacturers recommend replacing the tire when there is 2/32 or 3/32 inches of tread remaining

I use the HD Combo Air pressure/Wear Gauge. It is compact and easy enough to carry in a saddlebag or tour pack. I believe the wear gauge shows red numbers at 2/32 inches remaining. Hint - Time to change the tire.

You can also use a penny in a pinch to check tire wear. Stick the penny into the tire tread with Lincoln's head down and perpendicular to the tire surface. If you can see ALL of Lincoln's hair, change the tire. If a portion of Lincoln's hair is "NOT" showing, then you have some, unspecified, tread wear remaining.

I also go by just how comfortable my visual inspection of the tire makes me. My "Peace of Mind" is worth far more to me than the cost of a new tire.

So, how old are your tires?

Look for a Rectangle on one side or the other of your tire

Tires made after 2000 have a **four-digit DOT code**. The **first two numbers** represent the week in which the tire was made.

The **second two** represent the year. A tire with a DOT code of 1109 was made in the 11th week of 2009.

It is entirely possible for you to purchase and install new tires off the shelf that were manufactured a year or more ago. That time still counts in the age of the tire.

At the January Chapter Meeting, Safety Officer, Walter asked how many members check their tires before each ride. I was hoping to see more hands raised, at least a visual inspection before each ride. One never knows when you may have picked up debris in your tire and sustained a cut.

Happy Riding
DR

Note: I used the following sources for my information

1) - <http://www.edmunds.com/car-care/how-old-and-dangerous-are-your-tires.html>

2) - http://www.msf-usa.org/downloads/MIC_Tire_Guide_2012V1.pdf - *I highly recommend reading this one, even saving the pdf file for reference.*

Write Your Legislators about LD 66 - Maine Universal Helmet Bill

<http://www.mainebiker.net/forum/topics/write-your-legislators-about-ld-66>

LD 66 has been sent to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation for consideration. It has not been given a hearing date yet but it is time to let your district legislators know how you feel about this bill.

I have put together a sample letter that you can send to your legislators. Use this sample letter to email or write your District Representative and Senator to express your opinion on the helmet bill. You can fill in the information needed and send it as is, or better yet, personalize it with your own thoughts, but be RESPECTFUL.

Today email is an excepted form of communication with legislators but if you feel the need you can write a letter and send by snail mail. If you do not know who you're House Representative or Senator is or what House or Senate district you live in the easiest way to find that information is to use <http://www.maine.gov/legis/house/townlist.htm>. Go down the list until you find your town and click on your legislator's names. You will find the contact information you need or directions to it.

It would be a good idea to attach a copy of LD 66 to your letter so your legislators can get familiar with the bill you are writing to them about. For your convenience I have placed a link to a copy of the bill at the bottom of the sample letter.

Sample Letter

Dear (name of your Representative or Senator),

My name is _____ and I am a resident living in your district. I am writing to ask you to not support LD 66, An Act to Require That Motorcyclists Wear Helmets. This bill would require all persons to wear a helmet regardless of age, experience or rider education. This is totally unacceptable in the way it tries to take control of a person's freedom to make such a personal decision.

Although I disagree with a law to require anyone to wear a helmet while riding a motorcycle, I understand the desire to try and protect a rider by requiring a helmet for minors and novice riders. The law as it is established presently requires all persons under the age of 18 years to wear a helmet and for a one year period for any rider over 17 years of age who is just attaining a motorcycle endorsement on their driver's license. This one year period has been established as a sufficient time to attain the skills needed to safely ride a motorcycle and make decisions regarding their personal safety. I do not believe that the current law needs changing.

In closing should this bill, LD 66, come before you I ask that you vote NO. The law as it is currently written is quite adequate for motorcycle safety.

I would appreciate a reply stating your position on this issue.

Thank you for your service to the great state of Maine.

Sincerely,

Print your name and address

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**BEACH PARTY CANCELLED
DUE TO WEATHER.**

**RESCHEDULED FOR
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH.**

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BEACH PARTY

Saturday, February 16th from 5:30pm to 10pm

WILD WING SATURDAY

Saturday, March 9th from 11am to 2pm

WOMEN'S GARAGE PARTY

Friday, March 15 from 6pm to 9pm

ST PATTY'S DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, March 16th from 11am to 2pm

IN-STORE POKER WALK & BBQ BACKYARD GIVEAWAY

Saturday, April 13th from 11am to 2pm

Thank you to John Story, Managing Partner of L-A Harley-Davidson, for helping make our H.O.G. Chapter possible.

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