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From the Director

I am not sure about all of you but I am getting so excited for the riding season to begin. Some of you have been brave enough to already be on the roads. For me it is still a little bit too cold but my heating gear is ready and so am I. We have such a busy riding season planned and there are many ways of communicating these rides to our members. Please make sure you are receiving our newsletters by email. Our hotline will be updated weekly. Weekly email blasts will be sent out, become friends on our Facebook page and as always check out the website to see our calendar. We will do our best to keep everyone informed the best possible way we can, but it is up to you to keep informed.

I would like to thank the Chapter for sending me to HOT Training this year. I came back with a lot of items to work on and hope to start implementing a few each month. I am very excited to share them with you and hope it builds our Chapter even more.

I want to take a moment and thank each one of you for all you do volunteering for our Chapter. I could not do this as Director without the help of so many. I am proud to have started recognizing members monthly as Volunteers of the Month and even though I would love to give it to so many I can only do one at a time. A great volunteer is one that goes above and beyond and sometimes does not even recognize themselves as really helping. They do not look for gratification but rather give gratification to others. They do not complain but just step right in and help out. I am so fortunate to work with so many of these people. So thank you **ALL** for all you do.

As you all begin the riding season I leave you with this one quote from an unknown author,

“Safety is a full time job. Don’t make it a part time practice”

Kathi Yergin
Director



Mid-Maine Lewiston HOG, Chapter 1980

Monthly Chapter Meeting – April 13, 2013

9:00-9:20AM Social time; Official meeting opened with Pledge of Allegiance with 44 members and guests present.

Director - Kathi Yergin:

- Welcome
- Introduced Chrissa Caramia of the Dream Ride. Ride is leaving L-A H-D.
- Introduced Missy Geaumont & Tony Baker of the ME State Rally Committee.
- New Bike Deals: Anita Maheux, 2009 Dyna Low Rider
- Chapter meeting notes as submitted and published in the last newsletter accepted.
- Treasurer reported beginning and ending balances for the month.
- Chapter Dinner ride, 4/17 6:30pm, Wednesday @ Cole Farms – meet there.
- We have a new welcome table – check it out.
- Volunteer Assessment Forms were distributed to see who would/could do what.
- HOT was reviewed and it was great – Thank you to all members for your support. Some new items will be implemented over the upcoming months.
- Passed out patches and pins to Officers and volunteers.

Membership - Lenore Charest:

- New Members: 1 new member introduced – Dennis Decoster from Minot
- Birthdays: Lenore recognized the March birthdays
- Membership Update: Currently we have **78** paid members
- We ask that you provide us with your birthday (Month and Day) so we can wish you a happy birthday.

Assistant director – Cindy Rogers

- Maine State Rally in Caribou (Theme: Your Ticket To Ride)
 - Proposals for 2014 being solicited.
 - Online registration is now on the Rally's website www.mestatehogrally.com.
 - We are looking a Chapter T-Shirt design for the State Rally.
- A program from the past; Biker Bucks, is being restarted. More details to follow. Bucks to be earned for attending meeting, events and volunteering. Bucks will be used at our Holiday Party auction.

Merchandise- Karen Schneider

- T-shirts are in for pick up.
- Orders being taken for other merchandise.

Newsletter Editor - Karen Schneider

- Please have newsletter info by Wednesday 4/19. Looking for articles, letters, ride reports, maintenance tips, jokes, stories, etc.

Dealership – Bert Asselin

- Introduced L-A Harley-Davidson's Discover Maine program running through September 13. Visit the six businesses and have your card stamped. You can then enter to win a top prize, a \$2013 gift card, or one of the other prizes. Two of the places on the card are places the Chapter plan rides to. No purchase is necessary.

New Business:

- Volunteer of the month: Walter Tarbox for all his safety tips and work.
- Raffle: We will be selling 600 tickets at \$5ea for a Hot Rod Grill. Drawing will be the day of the toy run.
- Volunteer of the year: Nominations will be taken at the end of the season with you reasons why they are worthy. Kathy will select from the submissions.

Upcoming Events:

- April 15, 2013 – dinner Ride, 6:30 Cole Farms
- April 19, 2013 – Boot Camp 6-9 pm
- April 27, 2013 – Ladies Day 10-3 pm
- June 2, 2013 – Host pancake breakfast for John (Kiwanis & Saint Dom's)
- May 4, 2013 – Chapter Meeting at 9:00 am
- May 5, 2013 – Kangamangus Highway Picnic Lunch Ride

Meeting closed, fun meeting, activities and door prizes.

Minutes by Donald Gabriel / Secretary

Family Bowling Day



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JERRY	72	37	42	72	77
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KATHI	72	77	35	8-	62
	84	97	105	113	121
BRENT	58	1	03	9-	7-
	69	72	81	88	97
KAREN	71	X	9-	6/	8-
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From the Head Road Captain *Brent Tanguay*

Finally, warmer weather is here and it's time to *ride!* I am very excited to be the Head Road Captain again this year and look forward to another great riding season. Every HOG chapter exists to encourage and support group riding. With that in mind, we have some great rides planned this year, interesting places, good food, and as always... *Ice Cream!* Our planned rides are listed on the calendar section of the website www.mmlhog.org

Here are a few things you need to know before you show up for a ride.

- Most of our rides start at L-A Harley-Davidson.
- Arrive prepared: full gas tank, empty bladder, proper gear and a good attitude.
- The posted ride time is the DEPARTURE time! Please arrive at least 15-30 min. before the departure time.
- All current chapter members will need to sign the sign-in sheet. As a member you are allowed one guest, who **MUST** sign an Adult Waiver form prior to going on the ride.
- Non-chapter members need to sign the sign-in sheet and note that they are a guest. All non-chapter members are required to sign an Adult waiver release form. Minors have two special releases: one form to be signed by a parent or guardian and the second (for minors between the ages of 12 and 18) – a Minor's Assumption of Risk – to be signed by the minor involved. Forms can be downloaded from our website or the Ride Captains will have them.
- All rides are led by a Ride Leader (typically a Road Captain) assisted by other qualified Road Captains – the Road Captain riding at the back of the pack is called the Sweep Road Captain and there are normally Middle Road Captains also. They will serve as Lead Road Captain should the riders become separated. Typically the Ride Leader and the Sweep Road Captain communicate via CB radio. The channel will be announced at the pre-ride for anyone wishing to join in.
- The Ride Leader will give a pre-ride briefing which will include the route, gas and rest stops, a review of riding rules, an introduction of Road Captains for the ride, mention of any hazardous conditions discovered on the pre-ride and the destination plan.
- We ride in a double row, staggered formation – the Ride Leader will ride in the left hand side of the lane and the next rider in the right hand side and so forth.
- Riders will maintain at least a 2 second distance from the rider directly in front of them and 1 second behind the rider to their right or left. The actual distance will increase as speed increases – Note: if you cannot see the face of the rider diagonally in front of you in their mirror, you are too close. You are in their blind spot.
- **You "own" your entire lane** – if a rider needs to swerve to avoid an obstacle or use another line through a corner the lane must be clear. **Do NOT slide up on the bike in front of you!**
- Hand signals will be used as appropriate – these will be demonstrated at the pre-ride briefing,
- Riders should try to maintain their starting position in the group for the entire ride. This will allow them to become comfortable with the riding style of those riders around them.
- No one will be expected to ride beyond his or her comfort level.
- Mid-Maine Lewiston H.O.G does not block lanes at stop signs and traffic lights. Do not run red lights or stop signs in an attempt to remain with the pack. If riders become separated the LRC will either slow down or stop and wait until everyone is together again.
- Ride your own ride: Do not blindly follow the rider in front of you. **Remain aware – you are responsible for your own safety!** Remember the **SEE** technique: Search Evaluate Execute
- All rides end at the destination. Every effort will be made to ensure that all riders know where they are and how to get back from a destination. However it's always a good idea to carry a map of the local areas in case you are separated on the return.
- If there is a problem or a breakdown, the Sweep Road Captain will stop with the disabled bike and all other riders will continue on with the Ride Leader to a safe location before stopping.
- Mid-Maine Lewiston rides are drug and alcohol free events.

Remember *Ride and have fun then Ride some more!!!*

2013 Activity / Ride Schedule and Details

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

May 4 9:00am Monthly HOG chapter meeting

May 5 10:00am Kangamangas

Total Miles = 222 miles Approx. 5.5 hrs riding time. Picnic lunch at Kangamangas picnic area (Bring your own brown bag lunch) Dinner/Ice cream stop @ Mr. Pizza in Gorham, New Hampshire (approx. 4:00/5:00pm)
Arrive back in Lewiston/Auburn at approx. 6:00/7:00 pm.

May 12 10am Mother's Day Ride – Red Barn, Augusta

May 19 10am ABC Ride (Don Gabriel)

May 25 10am Bentley's

May 26 8am Stonington (John Billings)

This is a beautiful ride with most of it right on the coast so if you haven't ridden to the Deer Isle and Stonington area before, come and enjoy a nice ride and a good lunch. As per any self-respecting HOG Chapter, we will stop on the return trip for ice cream!

Itinerary:

Rt. 202 to Augusta

Right onto Rt-95 N to exit 113

Rt. 3 to Belmont Corner; stopping for gas, coffee, etc. break

Rt. 3 to Belfast

Rt. 1 N to Bucksport and Orland

Right on Rt. 15 to Blue Hill

Rt. 172/175 to Brooklin

Rt. 175 to Sargentville

Rt. 15 to Deer Isle/Stonington

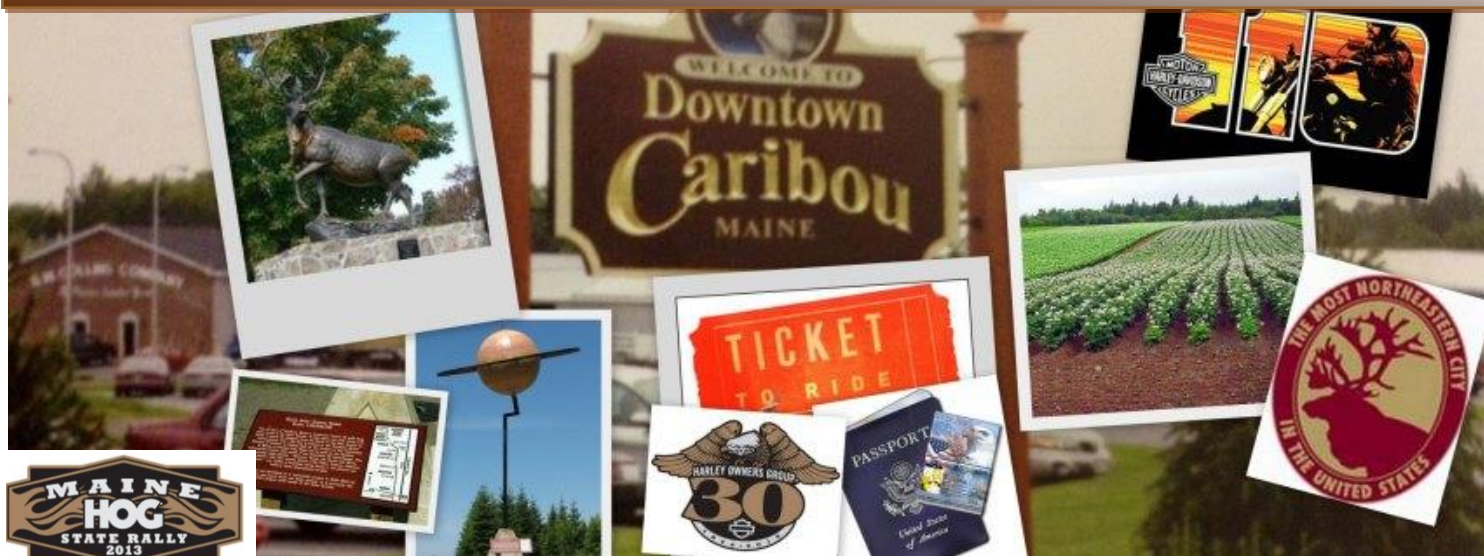
Lunch in Stonington.

Return in reverse order-mostly...

If anyone lives along the route and would like to pick up the group there, let me know (549-7207). I'm looking forward to leading this ride and hope that you will enjoy it.

June 2 6:30 Kiwanis Charity Run (host pancake breakfast)

MAINE STATE HOG RALLY



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/>

Make sure your passport is up-to-date for the state rally...



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Wallet size

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- \$30 for adults

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Adults: \$165
Minors: \$120

For additional passport information please visit our website, Travel.State.Gov.



Happy Birthday to the following chapter members*:

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

Janyce Thurlow
Jerry Yergin

April 14
April 23

Volunteer of the Month



Walter Tarbox



Walter trying to catch a few bucks in the money booth.

Dealer sponsored:

UPCOMING EVENTS

BLACK & ORANGE SATURDAY SPECTACULAR **MAY 4, 2013**

9-11AM **Harleys & Hashbrowns**

6PM **PIG ROAST & \$1 DRAFTS**

7PM **COMEDIAN JUSTON MCKINNEY**

THE L-A HARLEY BAND PERFORMS 8-10PM

Join us in a ride to help **NAMI Maine**
National Alliance on Mental Illness

RIDE FOR MENTAL HEALTH

WE RIDE SATURDAY, MAY 11th, 12:00 NOON

L-A Harley-Davidson

Remember Mother's Day Mom's Ride Free on your Bike

\$25 per person
Includes Barbecue & Ride
(beer not included in price)

Prizes for the highest fundraisers!

End at Greenwood Mountain Inn
168 Greenwood Mtn Rd, Hebron, ME.
Beer, Barbecue & Music.

L-A Harley-Davidson **Call 800-464-5767 for more information**

Show your bike in support of **Breast Cancer**

Saturday, May 18th, 2013

at L/A Harley Davidson
Registration at 9:00am
Show 10:00am to 2:00pm

7 Classes
1st, 2nd place and Best of Show

All proceeds support Breast Cancer awareness

\$5.00 to enter your bike!

Hot food....cold drinks.....in house POKER WALK!

Best hand...worst hand....\$5.00 to play

AND CHANCES TO WIN OTHER PRIZES!

Prizes donated by 107.5 Frank FM

L-A Harley-Davidson



Androscoggin County UBM clothing and membership will be available!

We extend our most sincere thanks to John Story and L/A Harley Davidson for their continued support!

Contact Norm Ambrose at 207-402-5299

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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