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## From the Director

Well, what a great month of Chapter Rides so far. Even though the rain has not cooperated a few times, what we have had has been well represented with many members and fun times. If you haven't been able to make a ride yet hope you will soon.

Please remember that our July Chapter meeting has been changed to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month. This will give all those away for the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend a chance to attend the meeting.

Thank you to all the members who have come out and volunteered. Your help was truly appreciated whether it was at the Kiwanis Breakfast, Dyno Shootout Cookout, Family Fun Day or helping load and unload trailers.....it was TRULY appreciated.

Hope you had a great 4<sup>th</sup> of July and hope to see you all in July, either at the meeting or a ride!!!

Kathi Yergin  
Director



Ride to Rockport, MA

## Mid-Maine Lewiston HOG, Chapter 1980

### Monthly Chapter Meeting – June 1, 2013

9:00-9:20AM Social time; Official meeting opened with Pledge of Allegiance with 43 members and guests present.

#### **Director - Kathi Yergin:**

- Welcome
- Chapter meeting notes as submitted and published in the last newsletter accepted.
- Treasurer reported beginning and ending balances for the month.
- New Bike Deals: None this month
- Raffle: Starting out Strong. Please help sell the tickets
- Sign Up sheet is out for L-A Harley Family Fun Day June 22.
- Chapter Dinner ride, 6/12 6:15pm, Wednesday @ Chick A Dee – meet @ LA bike ride there.
- \*\*\*July Meeting is the 2nd Saturday of the moth (July 13th) due to 4th of July week\*\*\*

#### **Membership - Lenore Charest:**

- New Members: 1 new member introduced – Greg Saunders
- Birthdays: Lenore recognized the June birthdays
- Membership Update: Currently we have 93 paid members

#### **Assistant director – Cindy Rogers (unable to attend – Kathi reported)**

- Maine State Rally in Caribou (Theme: Your Ticket To Ride)
  - Proposals for 2014 being solicited, due three weeks before the rally.
  - Volunteers needed.
  - We are looking a Chapter T-Shirt design for the State Rally.
- Point list and rules for Biker Bucks passed out at meeting.

#### **Merchandise- Karen Schneider (unable to attend)**

- Orders being taken for merchandise: Ball Hats, T-Shirts, Jackets and Nametags.

#### **Newsletter Editor - Karen Schneider (unable to attend)**

- Please have newsletter info by 6/19. Looking for articles, letters, ride reports, maintenance tips, jokes, stories, etc.

#### **New Business:**

- Volunteer of the month: Ron Bilodeau.
- Raffle: We will be selling 600 tickets at \$5ea for a Hot Rod Grill. Drawing will be the day of the toy run.
- T-Shirts passed out to the volunteers working the Kiwanis pancake breakfast.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- June 1, 2013 - Boothbay Harbor, bring a picnic lunch - follow meeting (lead by Walter)
- June 2, 2013 - Kiwanis Breakfast - Blessing of the Bikes at L-A Harley
- June 9, 2013 - Ride to Laconia Bike Week, leaving L-A at 8:00am (lead by Dennis R.)
- June 12, 2013 - Ride Laconia International Speedway leaving L-A at 8:00am (lead by Dennis W)
- June 12, 2013 - Dinner Ride to Chick A Dee, Leave I-A at 6:15pm (lead by Jerry)
- June 16, 2013 - Father's day ride, leaving L-A Harley at 10:00am (lead by Brent T)
- June 22, 2013-L-A Harley's Family Fun Day
- June 23, 2013 - Rockport, MA leaving I-A Harley at 8:30am (lead by Jerry)
- June 29, 2013 - Cooking at L-A Harley Volunteers needed
- June 30, 2013 - Mystery Ride leaving L- A Harley at 9:00am (Lead by Lorrie/Jesse)
- Check L-A Harley-Davidson's website for all their upcoming events in June

Meeting closed, fun meeting activities: door prizes.

Minutes by Donald Gabriel / Secretary

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

It's finally here...*summertime riding!* Blue skies, warm weather and HOG rallies. Karen and I went to the Ohio State HOG touring rally and what a great experience it was. We left Lewiston on Wednesday June 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00am and rode straight thru to Steubenville, Ohio, 750 miles of Iron-Butt riding. We arrived at the Rally registration site at 7:00pm and picked up our rally packets. It was full of information for each day's events, ride routes and a good looking rally tee shirt and event pin.

One of the contests was called the DJR (dirty jean ride) contest. Each day there were stops which you could get your jeans stamped for a chance at a raffle prize at the end of the rally. The key thing to note is that these stamps all had to be on the same pair of jeans. This made packing easy.

The first day of the touring rally was Thursday, starting in Steubenville and ending in Athens, Ohio (approximately 250 miles). There were guided rides and self-guided rides with great directions and information. We chose to do the self-guided ride and go at our own pace. We met another very nice couple attending the rally and decided to ride together. The rally route was mostly along the Ohio River, good roads, great scenery, and a nice sunny day to ride.... It doesn't get much better than that! There were two Harley dealer stops the first day with, of course, shopping opportunities. The day's ride ended in Athens, where we checked into our hotel, cleaned-up and got a shuttle ride to the opening ceremonies site. There was food and a live band for entertainment, very nice.

Friday's ride was from Athens to Portsmouth (approximately 150 miles). We met two other couples who wanted to ride with us, so now we had four bikes in our group. Our route for the day included the Triple Nickel (Route 555), Ohio's answer to the Dragons Tail. It was another great sunny day to enjoy a motorcycle ride through the countryside of Ohio. All the groups stopped at Baxter Harley Davidson for a very nice free lunch and...another shopping opportunity. It was quite a sight to see all the bikes coming and going. We traveled on to Portsmouth for the night where there were shuttles to the American Legion Hall for dinner and a live band for evening entertainment. This is also the site of America's oldest motorcycle club, The Portsmouth Motorcycle Club, established in 1893.

Saturday's ride was from Portsmouth to Cincinnati (approximately 100 miles). It was another nice sunny hot day. Our first stop was in Ripley where we walked around town and had our jeans and cards stamped at four locations for the raffle, then off to Eastgate Harley Davidson for a nice free lunch and..... you guessed it..... another shopping opportunity. The final stop was a dinner cruise on a paddle wheel boat on the Ohio River with closing ceremonies and a live band. With just under eight hundred HOG Members attending, this was a very well organized touring rally. It takes a lot of hard work from some very dedicated HOG members to put together something like this for our enjoyment. It just goes to show what a great organization The Harley Owners Group is.

All in all Karen and I had a great time, we had great weather, met some new HOG friends, put on a lot of miles together and we definitely added to our Harley shirt collection with all those shopping opportunities!

HOG Rallies are all about riding and having fun, meeting new people and seeing new places is an added bonus. Our own Maine State rally is coming up on July 18<sup>th</sup> in Caribou, and I know our rally committee has been working very hard to make this event fun for everyone. Hope to see you all there!

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.

July 13	9:00am	monthly HOG meeting
July 14	9:00am	Ride to Castine by the Sea
July 18-20		Maine State HOG rally

## 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/>



## Happy Birthday to the following chapter members\*:

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

Ronald Deegan

June 22



## Volunteer of the Month (June)



**Ron Bilodeaux**

## FOR SALE

Ladies Harley Davidson denim jacket,  
size L

\$30 OBO

Ladies Harley Davidson leather vest,  
w/ Mid-Maine Lewiston Chapter HOG  
emblem on back, size M

\$50 OBO

Ladies, Harley Davidson Basic Skins  
leather jacket, size S

\$75 OBO

All are in nearly new condition

Contact Carolyn Jones at 353-8691 if  
interested

# Congratulations!!!



Linda Coffin for receiving her  
motorcycle license.



Janis Tanguay for earning a Bachelor of  
Science Degree in Communications and  
Technology (w/Honors)

# FAMILY DAY

SATURDAY, JUNE 22ND  
10AM — 2PM

**BOUNCE HOUSE  
WATER SLIDES  
BALLOONS  
FACE PAINT  
SNOW CONES  
ICE CREAM  
HAPPY MEALS  
COTTON CANDY**



**ALSO...  
SHRINERS CHIP PROGRAM  
FIRE SAFETY AWARENESS  
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL INFORMATION BOOTH**



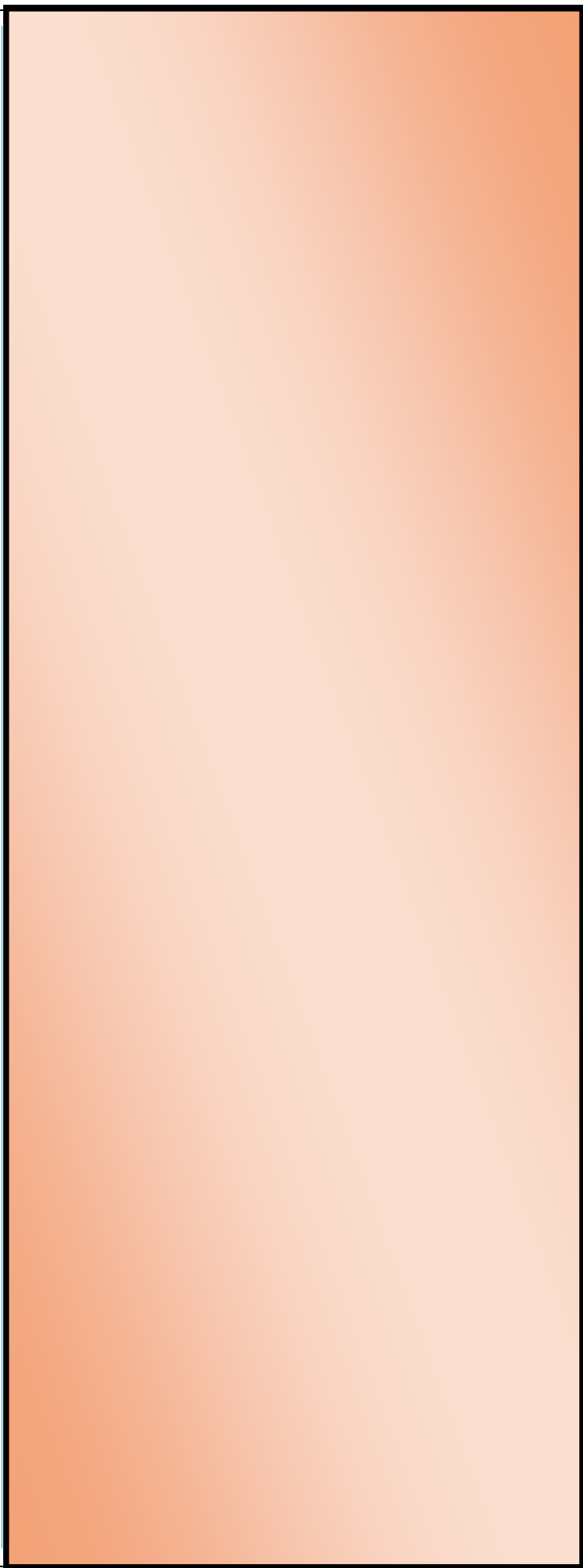
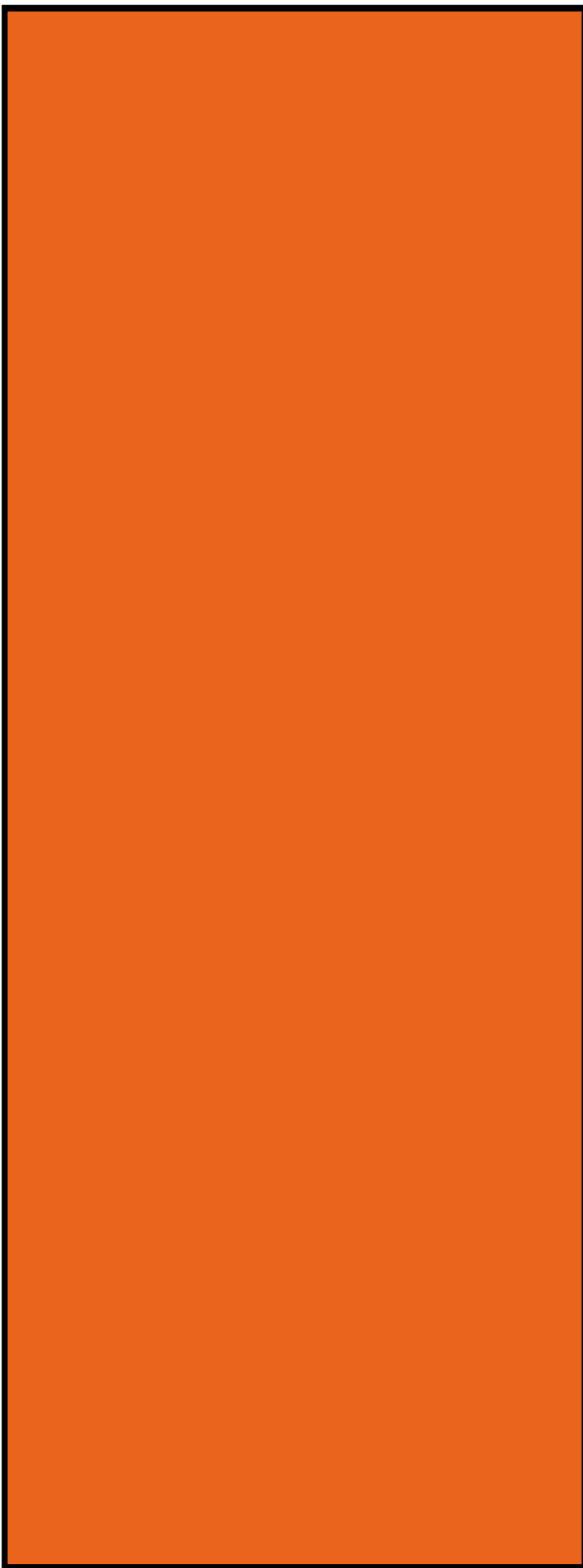
# WELCOME TO ROCKPORT



**WOODMAN'S**  
EAT IN THE ROUGH  
OPEN YEAR ROUND  
LOBSTERS FRIED  
STEAMERS CLAMS







## It's not a ride; it's an adventure *by Greg Davis*

It seems that every year, I have some sort of unexpected adventure while out on the rural roads of Maine or New Hampshire. But having put on more than 2,000 miles this spring, it was just a matter of time until the next one.

This year, a group of us "H.O.G.s" rode down and across on a nine-bike trek on a Sunday to experience that which is Bike Week in Laconia, N.H. Actually, this trip ran very smoothly. We experienced a slight sprinkle of rain at the beginning of the ride and then the skies cleared for the rest of the day.

We stopped at the train station in Meredith, N.H. and rode the train into Weirs Beach so we didn't have to fight the traffic. Having done this before, that is the way to do it: A relaxing ride in and out of the beach area, instead of inching along in traffic when invariably it is 90 degrees.

On Weirs Beach, it was the expected mass of humanity of all sizes and descriptions, as well as vendors hawking their wares. But there were no real surprises this year. The most unusual thing I saw was a man with a six-foot-long red-tailed boa constrictor around his neck, about as big as that species grows. You also get to drool on a number of custom bikes and get ideas for upgrades.

The ride back also went smoothly in fair weather, and it was good to get home in daylight. A one-day visit to Laconia is plenty for me.



It was actually the following Sunday, on another group ride to the Yankee Smokehouse in Ossipee, N.H. (live to ride, ride to eat), which turned out to be the next adventure for me. On the way back, we were stopped in a major intersection in Winslow, (of course - they never break down in your driveway), when my bike decided to cut out because of an electrical malfunction. Never fun when you are more than an hour from home. We rolled it into a nearby parking lot and fiddled with it with no result.

The speedometer was stuck on 45 mph, with no odometer reading and no turn signals working. Jerry Yergin, fellow H.O.G. member who has the right "connections," called one of the Harley mechanics at home, who suggested we try swapping an electrical relay. So he did that, and the bike started right up. The only problem was that from Winslow to Wilton, I still had no speedometer reading and no turn signals! I also didn't dare shut it down to don rain gear, so got rather wet and cold the last half hour of my ride, when the promised storm finally rolled in.

Nothing like having fingers so numb that you can barely turn the key in the door when you get home. But I did get home. Before this had happened, I actually was on track to get home high and dry, if there had been no problems with delays... Oh well, they say it's not a ride, it's an adventure!

The good thing about riding with a group is that I had fellow H.O.G.s and friends who didn't abandon me when this happened and checked to make sure I got home okay. In two past breakdowns, I was out on my own miles from home. Now, the techs will take over and troubleshoot the bike. See you on the road.

Dealer sponsored upcoming events:

**MDA BOOT DRIVE**

Friday, July 12th from 2pm to 6pm

**HARLEY'S & HASHBROWNS**

Saturday, July 13th from 10am to 1pm

**WOUNDED HEROES RIDE**

Saturday, July 13th - ride leaves at 11am

**HOG RIDE & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

Saturday, July 18th at 8am

**UBM RIDE FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS**

Saturday, July 20th

**LADIES DAY**

Saturday, July 27th from 10am to 2pm

**CAMP KEIVE RIDE**

Saturday, July 27th

**CHARITY NIGHT**

Saturday, August 10th

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