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From the Director

I write this letter after just finishing up shoveling a foot of snow. Not sure about anyone else but I am counting the days down to spring.

Even though it is cold and our bikes are stored away, we try to keep active during the winter months. Of course we had family bowling which is always so much fun. Coming up next on February 20th is Ladies of Harley night out at Cinemagic, Saco. Happy Hour is 5:00 to 7:00pm at Previews Grill and bar. The movie "Sex & The City" starts at 7:00pm. Cosmo's served during showing and the best part of all is that all proceeds go to Make-A-Wish-Maine. What a great cause. So purchase your ticket today at <http://hpoo2.ticketfill.com> or go to Saco Cinemagic and click on the link.

We are looking into Dinner & Movie night for March. A silent auction in April and hopefully riding begins.

If you are not receiving emails from me, please email me at kril62@aol.com. I try to send out a weekly blast of upcoming activities. Also, if you are not friends on Facebook yet, please go on, updates are available there as well as the website.

See you at our next meeting on Saturday, March 1st with our riding meeting to follow. This will be a potluck brunch so please bring a dish to share and your rides for our calendar. Stay safe!! Spring is only 34 days away.

Kathi Yergin
Director



Family Bowling – more pictures next month and on Facebook

Mid-Maine Lewiston HOG, Chapter 1980

Monthly Chapter Meeting – February 1, 2014

9:00-9:20AM Social time; Official meeting opened with Pledge of Allegiance with 38 members and guests present.

Guest Speakers:

- Maine State Rally Team (Tony Baker, Denise Neal)
Good presentation with lots of information. OOB June 26-28. See the rally website (www.mestatehogrally.com) and like them on Facebook (www.facebook.com/Maine.State.HOG.Rally). \$40 Pre-Register online and get a t-shirt and pin. Come all or any day. There is registration on site also. You don't have to stay overnight but we encourage it to join more of the fun.
- Barry Gates – Shriners
Barry presented a slide show and a couple of videos about Shriners Hospitals and the work they do. Brent told about a Road Trip March 8 to tour the Boston hospital and see the Northeast Motor Expo. Also asked to save the date for the Kora Kare for Kids Ride-In September 6, 2014. This information will be on our website or check www.korashriners.org for more details.

Director – Kathi Yergin:

- Welcome & Introduction of Officers
- Review of Secretary Report and Treasurer Report
- New Bike Deals: None This Month
- Holiday Party Recap (Big thank you to Cindy & Kathi for all the work done on this)
- Ride Planning Meeting – Following March 1st meeting (Potluck)
- Garage Party – March 14th (Friday) (LOH Volunteers Needed)
- Grill Raffle tickets \$5 each. Drawing Saturday May 31th. See Henry if you can donate some time on Saturday to sell tickets.

Membership – Anita Maheux

- New Member: Jack & Leslie Gaudet, 2010 Limited
Harold Small 2013 CVO Road King
- Birthdays: Anita recognized birthdays for the month.
- Membership Update: Currently we have 112 members

Assistant director – Cindy Rogers

- 2014 ME State Rally will be in Old Orchard Beach. We are looking at supporting the non-perishable food drive. Looking for a chapter t-shirt design similar to the last few years that we can wear for the ride in and parade. Also like to see some mini flags.
- Blood Drive – We got a 130 usable pints. Next drive is scheduled for Oct 11th and will be coordinated by the Activities Coordinator (Jesse Poore)
- Biker Bucks will continue. Please be sure you sign in at all events.

Other Officer Reports:

Activities Coordinator – Jessie Poore

- Bowling for the whole family and guests will be February 16th at Yankee Bowling in Brunswick. \$10 per person includes bowling, shoe rental, pizza, pop & fries. Sign up or email Jessie poorejessie@yahoo.com or call 522-4930 with number coming. Time is 3 – 4:30 but watch blasts for any changes.

Newsletter Editor - Karen Schneider

- Please have newsletter info by 2/8. Looking for articles, letters, ride reports, maintenance tips, jokes, stories, etc.
- Name Tags are on order and will be starting a new list.

New Business:

- Volunteer of the month: Marcel Charest
- Dinner ride planned – See details under events. Email Walter skiptarbox@aol.com or call 783-9125 if you plan to come so they can have a table ready.

Upcoming Events:

- February 16th, Bowling at Yankee Bowling in Brunswick 3 – 4:30 Notify if attending.
- February 19th, Dinner Ride meet at L&A 6:30, Dinner at Pepper's Garden & Grill in Winthrop
- March 1st, Chapter Meeting @ 9:00am
- May 31st, Raffle Ticket Drawing
- June 26-28, Maine State HOG Rally, OOB
- October 14th, Blood Drive
- Check L-A Harley-Davidson's website for all their upcoming events

Open Discussion:

- Ideas discussed for fund raising. Without a bike raffle we haven't had the income like previous years. The grill raffles have helped and we are sending less people to HOT this year. Cindy is looking into a silent auction and we are looking at a new bike raffle.

Meeting closed, fun meeting activities: door prizes.

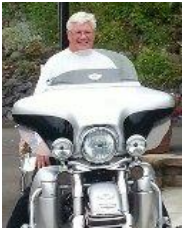
Minutes by Donald Gabriel / Secretary

Happy Birthday to the following chapter members*:



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

Carol	Zack	2/1
Jack	Gaudet	2/6
Cindy	Rogers	2/8
Pam	Welch	2/12
Fred	Zikowitz	2/22
Stewart	Harrington	2/23
Lorrie	Fernald	2/26



From the Head Road Captain *Brent Tanguay*

It's February in Maine; snow on the ground, sand all over the roads, wicked cold, definitely **not** riding weather at all. Everyone I talk to seems to have **PMS** (Parked Motorcycle Syndrome). To that I say, "Enjoy February for what it is, a time for lovers. Turn that **PMS** into **TLC**. Most of us celebrate Valentine's Day with the one we love the most, but what about our other love? Yes, that Harley that is out in the cold garage all covered up. Why not spend one of those dreary, snowy, cold February days and give your other love the **TLC** it deserves. Crank up some heat and take that cover off. Wipe it all down and give her a coat of wax. If you can't ride it, might as well wax it! Then just sit on it for a while and dream of the places you'll go and the things you will see with all of your friends at Mid-Maine Lewiston HOG Chapter"..... Just as soon as all that dammed snow is gone!!

That's all for now!

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

Ladies of Harley ~ Ladies Night Out! Thursday, 2/20

Coast 93.1 Presents

SEX & THE CITY (The Original Movie)

- Showtime 7:00pm
- Cinemagic Stadium Theatre – Saco, ME
- Happy Hour: 5:00-7:00pm at Previews Grill & Bar
- \$5.00 Cosmos
- Cocktails Served In The Theater
- Theater Seating Begins At 6:00pm
- You Must Be At Least 21 Years Old With Legal ID to Consume Adult Beverages
- This Movie Is Rated "R". No One Under 18 Will Be Admitted
- Proceeds From Ticket Sales To Benefit Make-A-Wish Maine

Buy your tickets on line at http://hpoo2.ticketfill.com/index.php?index_type=promo-detail&h=4296782

Any questions contact your LOH officer, Janis Tanguay 207.650.2646 JETanguay@AOL.com

\$\$ BIKER BUCKS \$\$

1. Biker Bucks is a fun game for Mid-Maine Chapter members.
2. Only current chapter members can collect Biker Bucks.
3. Members can only use Biker Bucks to purchase auction items at the annual holiday party. Members can only use their own bucks.
4. All members will receive the same amount of Biker Bucks for the same event.
5. It is the responsibility of the member to sign in at every event. You will have until the end of the event to sign in. Once the event is over the sign in sheet will close.
6. Members can collect Biker Bucks through December 31st.
7. Volunteering at events is a great way to earn Biker Bucks, as well as attending meetings and going on chapter rides.
8. Biker Bucks have no monetary value.
9. The Chapter Primary Officers will rule on any questions that may arise.

Points

Chapter meetings	10pts
Chapter rides	10pts
Cooking on Saturday	10pts per hour that you work
Large event (Pancake breakfast)	50pts
Grill raffle sales	1pt per ticket sold
Selling raffle tickets on Saturday or at special events	TBD
Article submitted to newsletter	20pts

What you had to say...

Do you winterize your motorcycle? And if you do, do you add a fuel stabilizer?

Yes on the fuel stabilizer. I use it on all my stuff. - Don Gabriel

I do not winterize my trike , I keep it parked in the shade so as its not to hot to get on. However I do keep it full of Hi test gasoline because of the dry air. And carry a cooler of beer and water. AHHHHH! Lovely beaches. It was near 80 deg's today.

Enjoy life. See you all this summer. - Louise and Barry

Yes, I winterize my Bike, not much chance of riding it this winter.

1. I go to nearest Gas Station from Home and Add Stabilizer and Top Off Tank. *Full tank helps prevent corrosion.*
2. Change Crankcase Lube Oil. *No sense in letting all those particulates/corrosives set and work on engine all winter.*
3. Place it on 2 ft x 8 ft sheet of plywood with piece of Indoor / Outdoor Carpet over the plywood. *No sense in letting tires sit on cold concrete all winter.*
4. My garage never gets down to Freezing Temps.
5. Plug In battery tender to maintain battery
6. Maybe once a month I back my bike up and then roll it back onto the plywood. Prevents tires from sitting on the same flat spot all winter.
7. Every so often I may also back it out of the garage and run it to get lubes hot and circulating. Get rid of condensation in exhaust system

Cheers
DR

2014 STATE H.O.G. RALLY
Maine



This year we will rally in the town of Old Orchard Beach; where there is always something to do!

Many of the activities will take place at the Old Orchard Beach High School. The Waves Hotel is the host hotel and closest to the high school. However, should you want to park your Harley and just enjoy the rally and other OOB activities there is a trolley (public) that moves throughout OOB so you can move from various event areas with ease.

The 2014 Maine HOG rally will be supporting local food banks. For each non-perishable food item you bring to registration you will receive a ticket for a drawing at closing ceremonies. Come on! Join us as we go Cruzin' to the Beach!

MAINE STATE HOG RALLY

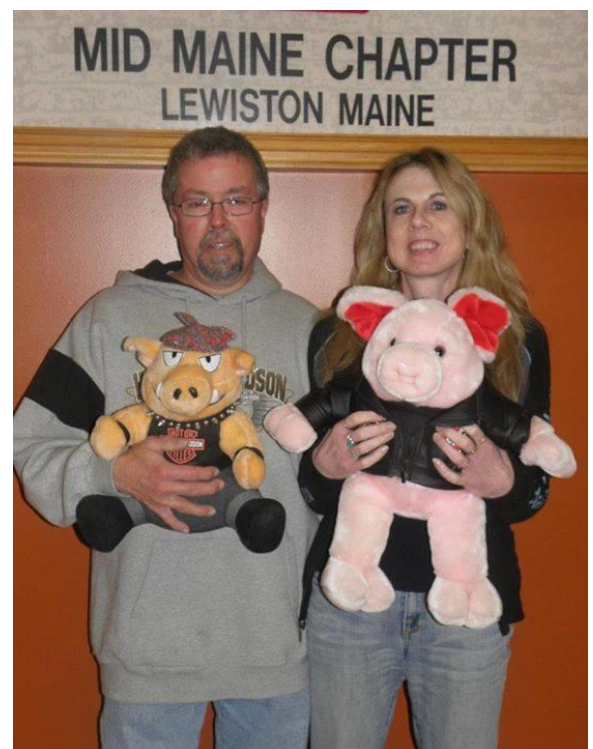
JUNE 26-28, 2014

OLD ORCHARD BEACH

www.mestatehocrally.com

*Thank you to our
volunteer of the month!*

Marcel Charest
(pictured with his wife Lenore)



2014 Black & Blue Ball





A trip to remember...*Fred Zikowitz*

For those who do not know me, my name is Fred Zikowitz. I bought my first Harley (and still only Harley) in June of 2007, at the age of 52. Prior to this, I had a 500 Kawasaki for one year which I rode on a permit. I did not have a bike in all the years since I was 19 and that was a 160 Honda and I had it for only about six months...too long ago to count anyway.

Point being, motorcycle riding was very new to me at the time. I'm happy to say my FLSTN has 69,500 miles on it now :) This is an excerpt from my journal that I kept, so please forgive me for grammar or lack of journalism. Thank you for letting me share one of my bike experiences with you.

I did ride my bike home in the springtime for a ride to remember and I was fortunate enough to have to repeat the trip.

Bike Ride from Dunedin Florida to Key West

March 2, 2008

This morning I'm sitting at a pool side table at the Florida home of Bob & Julie White, neighbors from my hometown of Readfield, Maine. I'm here as it happens by a series of events and plans to chase after my desire to tour on my Harley.

Back in November I decided to ship my bike down to Florida to ride occasionally with my brother, Zeke who lives in Dunedin and owns a 2006 Fat Boy. Since I bought my Softtail Deluxe last June, it has given our relationship new-birth. We talk more often on the phone about motorcycles and planned visits for me to ride. The first two trips were great, with good weather and nice rides (although, Zeke and I have completely different riding philosophies; and for me, it is difficult sometimes).

This trip I'm going out alone, with Key West as my destination. Zeke was to ride with me as far as Cape Coral where we were to visit an old friend of his. Yesterday was a beautiful day and after talking to Joan on the phone, we departed and headed south. I experienced my first mishap traveling on Route 19. I felt my bike swerve a bit. At first I thought perhaps it was groves in the road, it turned out to be my rear tire being deflated by a nail. After a tow truck ride to St. Petersburg to a Harley Dealership and \$320.00 and four and a half hours later, I made my way South. Bob and Julie have been very welcoming to me, and I'm thankful.

Zeke called to see if I made it here last night. He has a soft spot every once in a while.

I realize I started this journal writing as if telling a story to someone else, I'll try now to write as if just writing my thoughts....

Sure wish I had a hot cup of coffee!

Feeling a little less apprehensive about the ride. The opportunity is here and now and this will be good for the upcoming ride home to Maine in the spring. Sure glad I had HOG road side assistance yesterday.

With regards to work and the slowdown in business... keep the faith, who is in control? God.

I'm glad I had my bike blessed and went to confession. I felt chains being released as the priest gave absolution in the name of Christ. I wish though he had more time, I'm a piece of work.

3/3/08

Made it to Florida City last night. As I rode in a couple of bikers from Cincinnati Ohio followed behind. We pulled over to introduce ourselves and they were headed for the Keys as well. After checking price and availability at the hotel where they were staying the night I decided to look for a less expensive room elsewhere. Found one but not much less. Last night at this hotel I met people from Canada, not far from Toronto. They were heading to the Keys as well on their bike. They were very nice and I tried my limited French as usual. I also met some guys from Michigan, also on bikes and heading to Key West. Had a nice conversation with them and was invited to ride to the Keys with them this morning.

After waking up this morning I turned to the weather channel and I hope and pray I can make it back to Zeke's OK. There is a lot of storm activity from the Gulf to my home in Maine.

12:00 Midnight:

I just got in from experiencing night life on Duval Street..... I'm not in Readfield anymore! Hung out with the people I met in Florida City, Gary, Amy & Chuck. They were very pleasant and respectful to me, although I'm in a different place in my mind than they are. I did really enjoy their company.

Earlier in the day I walked Duval Street and then went for a bike ride to find a beach to watch the sunset. I don't smoke but I decided to have a celebratory cigar just for making it this far on the bike. Tomorrow I'll head north to my brother Zeke's. I don't know if I'll make in one haul. It will be a long bike ride 420 miles!

3/5/08

Made it back to Zeke's place last night, rode straight through from Key West to Dunedin. I took a different route through the center of Florida. I went from Route 1 out of the Keys to route 997N to 27N to 70 West to 75 then 275 to Saint Petersburg and onto Dunedin. It was a very strange ride. RT. 27, a barren land, part of the Everglades I believe, unlike RT. 41 on my way down to the Keys which also was barren (more wild than barren) this had a different feel to it. It was the part I believe that was not in the National Park. You had a feeling of being nowhere... hard to describe. After riding at 65 MPH for what felt like an hour on a straight road with nothing but a few trucks or vans, white unmarked vans and no other traffic I thought I was in the Twilight Zone. I then spotted a sign that read "Road Closed 11:00/2:00.

I said to myself "Oh Shit" I went on a little farther and saw a State Trooper, I asked about the road and he said they have been blasting during the week but it was ok now. That road seemed to never end with nothingness everywhere. I stopped at Osaka's near John's Pass for sushi before heading to Zeke's place. It's a beautiful day today and I have completed laundry, bike washing, and job site update. I would like to go out for a ride to get Zeke a birthday card, etc. Called Joan before leaving, she was talking to her brother John so I'll call her back.



Upcoming dealer sponsored events

BIKE NIGHT AT PEDRO O'HARA'S
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH (6-10PM)

READY TO RIDE WORKSHOP
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND (10-11AM)

SERVICE OPEN HOUSE
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND (11AM-2PM)

WOMEN'S GARAGE PARTY
FRIDAY, MARCH 14TH (6PM-9PM)

BIKE NIGHT AT PEDRO O'HARA'S
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19TH (6-10PM)

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