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From the Director

Are you tired of all this snow? Although it is beautiful and this is Maine we are running out of room to put it. The more you look at it the more you wonder will spring ever get here!

Even though it's cold we will try and keep you busy during the winter months. Our annual bowling day is being planned, ride planning brunch plans are under way and parties are coming up at L-A Harley.

I hope you will find time to get out of your winter blues and join us at one or all the events. We would love to see you at the monthly meeting as well.

Thank you to all those who volunteered at the Blood Drive, although the weather held a lot of people home we were able to collect 70 useable pints, so thank you!!!

Looking forward to February moving on and the countdown to spring.

Stay warm and see you soon,
Kathi Yergin, Director



Mid-Maine Lewiston HOG, Chapter 1980
Monthly Chapter Meeting – January 3, 2015

9:00-9:10AM Social time; Official meeting opened with Pledge of Allegiance with 42 members and guests present.

Director – Cindy Rogers filling in for Kathi Yergin:

- Welcome / Introduction of Officer's
- Guest Speakers from American Red Cross – Brent Rolfe and Arthur Bouquet
- New Bike Deals – Les Gibson 2015 CVO Road Glide
- Chapter meeting notes from last meeting accepted
- Treasurer reported beginning and ending balances for the month
- Holiday Party Menu announced.
- Checkbook pasted from Scott Tanguay to Frank Welch
- Secondary Officers Announced (Home page of website updated)
- Volunteers needed for the Chili Cook Off

Membership – Lenore Charest filling in for Anita Maheux:

- New member introduced
- Birthdays for January recognized
- Membership Update: Currently we have **119** paid members
- Taking Membership Dues for 2015 - \$20

Assistant director – Cindy Rogers

- Rally Update – Online registration is open.

Merchandise- Karen Tanguay

- Only a two more needed to place order for nametags (\$10).
- For those interested in ordering jackets see Karen

Newsletter Editor - Karen Tanguay (Away)

- Newsletter cut off is a week. Articles welcomed.

New Business:

- Volunteer of the Month – Sandra Bruno
- Please do not take food from the kitchen. This belongs to the employees.

Upcoming Events:

- Saturday, January 10th – Holiday Party 6-10pm Carriage House, Lewiston
- Saturday, January 24th – Chili Cook Off
- Saturday, January 31st – 16th Annual Blood Drive
- Watch for Blasts
- Check L-A Harley Website for Activities
- Saturday, February 14th, 2015 – Next Meeting in the Hog Den @ 9:00 am

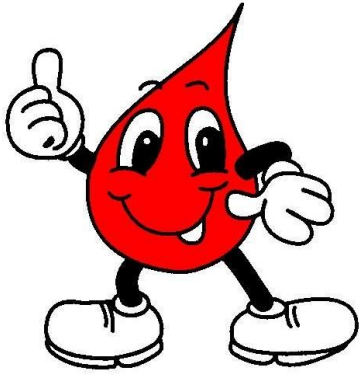
Meeting closed, fun meeting activities, door prizes.

Minutes by Donald Gabriel / Secretary

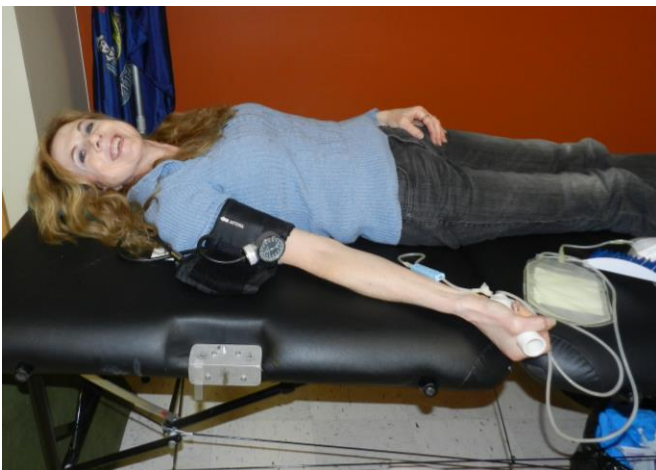
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\$20 dues to Anita Maheux.
*(Form can be found at end of
newsletter.)*



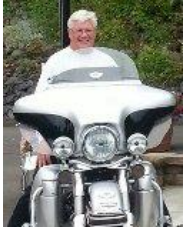


A huge Thank you to all those who came out and donated blood at L-A Harley. You took the time to help save a life. The weather held a lot of people back but we were able to collect over 70 usable pints. THANK YOU!!!



From the Head Road Captain -Brent Tanguay

This is Maine and it is January!



It's cold outside and there is snow on the ground with more on the way, not good conditions for motorcycle riding. So unless you are fortunate enough to pack your bike in a trailer and head south for some warmer weather, we will just have to wait it out and make the best of the Maine winter. Our HOG Chapter is very fortunate to have L-A Harley Davidson as our sponsoring dealer. There is always something going on at L-A like the Blood drive. I think our HOG Chapter does a great job running this event and we all have fun doing it. Even without a big event going on, L-A is a great place to go and get a mid-winter Harley fix. It seems like we all end up there at some point to hang out fellow chapter members or ogle all the new bikes, accessories and clothing.

It seems like forever since we all rode last. I walk by my bike every day in the garage and think about the places we have been last year and can't wait to ride again..... but not till it reaches at least 50 degrees outside!!! If we can't ride now, we can be ready for the new season by preparing our bikes and planning new trips. So, gather up your favorite rides and eating spots and have them ready for our ride planning meeting. And don't forget to include the all-important ice cream stop on your route.

Also, thank you all for your vote of confidence in my position as Head Road Captain again for the 2015 riding season, and my additional position as Safety Officer. I will do my best to steer you all in the right direction and keep our rides safe.

That's all for now!

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

A trip to remember -Fred Zikowitz

Father/Daughter Road Trip to Cape Breton Island Nova Scotia summer of 2014:



We left our home in Readfield, Maine on a Tuesday afternoon with much anticipation for the road trip ahead. It was a special time for my 22 year old daughter Angela and I to experience some quality time together traveling on my 2007 Harley Softail Deluxe. Angela has ridden on my bike many times but this was the first time we set out touring together. Angela is a very bright light in our family life. She can be dramatic (*I sometimes call her the "Drama Queen"*) but with that comes a passion and zeal for life and her faith that makes her a joy to be around. She has her own dance she calls the "Life is good/Happy Dance"

Our planned destination for Tuesday evening was to ride east on RT 3 out of Augusta, Maine towards Belfast and then north on RT 1 to my friend Dan's summer home along Prospect Harbor in Gouldsboro Maine. Within a few miles of traveling north on RT. 1, I felt a substantial drop in temperature. I thought "Come on! It is July". After pulling over and putting on our colder weather jackets, the thought ran through my mind that I left my heated gear at home, as I said... "Come on! It is July".

We spent the night looking out over the beautiful Harbor at the edge of the Atlantic as we studied our maps. After a good night's rest, we woke up to 50 degrees. Thankfully the sun warmed the day as we were on our way. We continued north on Rt. 1 to Calais Maine and crossed the border into St. Stephen, New Brunswick, Canada.

Our journey continued on RT 1 to Moncton, New Brunswick for our first night in Canada. After settling on a hotel, we went looking for a place to have dinner. While sitting in the restaurant, I shared my touring story with my daughter of the prior year's road trip to Prince Edward Island Canada. Here is an account of that story.

On the way to PEI 2013

After attending the 2013 Maine State HOG rally in Caribou, I rode my bike from Houlton Maine crossing the border onward to Fredericton, NB via RT 2 the Trans-Canadian Highway. The plan was to meet my wife Joan in Prince Edward Island. She would drive our car from our home in Readfield with my bike trailer in tow and after exploring the island together on my bike we would trailer it home together.

That night I settled into a hotel in Fredericton, NB and enjoyed myself at the pub on the premises. I had a beer and a bite to eat while watching soccer on the TV. I was very relaxed, (as is often the case while on a road trip away from the pressure of business and responsibilities) when a Canadian couple with two teen aged boys sat down at the table next to me. We soon started conversing and I enjoyed our discussions about family, about our countries and about life in general. After dinner they invited me back to their room for a beer and more conversation. I left after midnight with a smile on my face and just loving life on the road on my bike.

I have found the Canadians I have come in contact with for the most part to be warm hearted and polite people. They go out of their way to be helpful.

A trip to remember (cont.)

After checking out of my hotel room in the morning, being Sunday I looked up the local Catholic Church. When I found the church, I pulled up in front to park my bike but realized that the crown in the road was too much incline for the bike so I spotted a parking lot across the street and parked there instead. Not knowing whether or not it was permissible for me to park my motorcycle in the parking lot, I called out to an elderly gentleman to inquire about this as he walked in my direction. I must have looked like an “undesirable”, with black leathers and my black Harley, because he never acknowledged my presence. I like to think he had a hearing problem instead. Oh sure, you’re wondering... is this an example of my description of the Canadians I have encountered? Wait; there is more to this story...

While attending Sunday Mass the time came for the collection, I knew my wife would take care of our contribution back at our church in Maine before she would leave to meet me later in PEI. At the last moment when the collection basket came by I decided to donate some of the cash I had converted to Canadian currency. As I was leaving, a mother with a young girl was walking by. When the little girl saw me she froze. I guess it was the black leathers again because I’m not accustomed to scaring little children. Needless to say after the gentleman in the parking lot and now the reaction of this little girl I said to myself, “This day isn’t starting out to good”. Like I said, “There is more to this story”... After leaving the church and approaching my bike, a man in the parking lot commented to me about what a beautiful bike I have. We talked about riding motorcycles and he told me he also rides and had family in the states. Then he asked me if I had a few minutes to go get a coffee with him, to which I replied that as a matter of fact I hadn’t had breakfast yet and would love to. He then suggested we ride in his car together and he assured me that my bike would be fine there in the parking lot. Things were now looking up!

So off we went, engaging in conversation as I held onto my helmet on my lap. After a little bit of driving and talking I began to realize what kind of situation I had put myself into. I thought to myself... “This is exactly what you teach your children not to do!” My concerns quickly dissipated as we came upon the local breakfast spot, and so we went in.

We both ordered our breakfast and he told me about his children, some that live in New Brunswick and some in the western part of Canada. We talked about family, grandchildren and life. He also told me he had worked in Bangladesh for a while. (I love traveling on my Harley because you have the most unique experiences that just don’t happen while in an automobile, it is less likely I would be sitting there having breakfast with this gentleman had I been driving my car). After we finished our breakfast he told the waitress, “I’ll take the check”. When I questioned him about that he said it was his pleasure. I thanked him, and then he drove me back to my bike. He said to me “It is a great day for a ride and I saluted him and thanked him. I took away a very interesting spiritual lesson here in this exchange of humanity... The bill for my breakfast was almost exactly what I put into the collection basket!

Remember if you will, I’m still recounting all this to my daughter Angela while dining in Moncton on our trip a year later.

So if I may... one more mention of the trip to PEI the previous year... After leaving Fredericton NB. I rode to the Confederation Bridge that takes you across to Prince Edward Island. Before crossing I called my wife Joan to see where she was along her route so we could coordinate where we were to meet up. After deciding on meeting at the west end of the Island, I went looking for and found a room at a hotel on RT A1A heading west.

After unloading my gear from my bike at the hotel I left to grab a bite to eat. I called my wife again thinking that she should have arrived by that time based on our previous conversation. Joan informed me that she had gotten lost in Moncton and that she had asked for directions from a Moncton fireman. She repeatedly said how nice this fireman was, obviously impressed by his kindness and willingness to help. Being the wise ass that I am, I took this encounter and ran with it from time to time. I asked her if she had given him her phone number. This became the theme for a few laughs during the next few days riding around PEI with her.

...Story to be continued in next edition



For all the ladies in the Chapter and the men to if you have your favorite recipe. Please read below and if you have a recipe to share please contact Kathi Yergin.

We Need YOU!



Pensacola, Florida
Northwest Florida Chapter 0712

Happy New Year Fellow HOGs,

We have a favor to ask of YOU! We are kick starting a new 2015 Ladies of Harley project at Northwest Florida HOG of Pensacola, Florida, and would like to invite your Chapter to be a part of it. Our wonderful LOH will sponsor the creation of a custom cookbook with a focus featuring the favorite recipes of **HOG Chapter Members** across the United States. Our 2015 LOH Cookbooks will be professionally published and are sure to be a treasured keepsake.

As we prepare to put our cookbook together, we are inviting **YOUR CHAPTER** to have a showing of a recipe (or three) to be included in this publication. We will list alongside your chapter recipes, the recipe contributors name AND your HOG Chapter identification with city and state. Trust us, we know that to get to the top of food excellence, consult a HOG member!

Gathering recipes from across the states will give a good variety of what foods are preferred and prepared in different regions of the country. And what better place can we find those great recipes than within the heart of a HOG Chapter! (*You know our motto, "Live To Ride - Ride To Eat!"*) Categories will include Appetizers, Soups/Salads, Meats/Main Dishes, Vegetables, Breads, Beverages, and of course, Desserts.

We are excited about this project and do look forward to including your HOG Chapter in it. Please submit 1 - 3 of your favorite recipes so you may be represented in this book. Your recipes will help ensure that our cookbook is a success. One HOG Chapter in the Central Plains is having a little fun with this and are holding a Taste-Testing Contest in February to see which recipes will make the top 3 to be submitted.

It's fun, free and simple. All we ask is that you give this letter to any Officer or member of your HOG Chapter and have them email their recipes to our LOH Cookbook Chairperson, Peggy Blalock, at "editor0712@gmail.com". We also ask that all recipe submissions be sent in by March 1, 2015.

Please take just a moment and share a favorite recipe from your area. Your HOG recipe contribution is the key to ensuring our Ladies of Harley Cookbook project is unique and marketable. **Any officer or member is welcome to submit for your chapter.** Please contact me if you should have any questions.

Thank you so much and wishing you another fantastic year in the wind,

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21	Landshark Beach Party	21	Boom Audio Workshop
28	Heated Gear Workshop		

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