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From the Director

Welcome Spring!! How many have had their motorcycles out riding? I have seen some crazy people out there. They are ready to enjoy the riding season. I for one will not have mine out until the roads are a little better. I really do not want it getting ruined with the salt and sand on the road. Most importantly, my motorcycle cleaner will not clean it if I ride it. Priority!!! Let's just hope spring starts showing its true colors and starts melting this snow that we hope will not linger around until June.

Our Motorcycle Raffle has begun. We need everyone's help to be successful. If you could take 10 tickets to sell that would be great. If you have time on a Saturday to spend at L-A Harley and sell tickets that even more appreciated. A thank you to Frank Welch for taking on this journey for us, please get in contact with Frank to get your tickets.

We have been having some fun during these miserable winter months. Family bowling was wonderful. About 30 members were there with their family and friends and everyone had a good time. Special thanks to Sandra Bruno and Anita Maheux for putting together a great day, and the cake was beautiful and so, so, so good.

After our April meeting we will be having our Ride Planning Brunch meeting. We ask everyone to bring a dish to share as we sit and make up our schedule for the season. Bring your ideas for rides you would love to see this year. Something new is always welcome. The more ideas, the better riding we will have.

Here's hoping that we will be on the road soon. See you at the April meeting.

Kathi Yergin
Director



Mid-Maine Lewiston HOG, Chapter 1980
Monthly Chapter Meeting – March 6, 2015

9:00-9:10AM Social time; Official meeting opened with Pledge of Allegiance with 39 members and guests present.

Director –Kathi Yergin:

- Welcome / Introduction of Officer's
- Guest Speaker Next Month – Pam Payeur of Wounded Heroes
- New Bike Deals – Dave Whitaker 2015 Black Limited Low
- Chapter meeting notes from last meeting accepted
- Treasurer reported beginning and ending balances for the month
- April Meeting – Potluck Brunch with Ride Planning Meeting to Follow
- One more volunteer needed for Ladies Garage Party, March 13th 6-9
- Volunteers Needed – In Store Poker Walk Saturday April 11th 9:30 to 2pm

Membership – Anita Maheux:

- New member introduced
- Birthdays recognized
- Membership Update: Currently we have **118** paid members
- Please – if you are not getting emails, check with Anita.

Assistant director – Cindy Rogers

- See Maine Rally website (www.mestatehogrally.com) for current details

Activities Coordinator – Sandy Bruno

- **Chapter Bowling** - March 8th, 12-3 at Spare Time in Lewiston.

Merchandise- Karen Tanguay (Away)

LOH – Jessie Poore

Newsletter Editor - Karen Tanguay (Away)

- Newsletter cut off is a week. Articles welcomed.

New Business:

- Frank Welch – Bike Raffle tickets are in. Please sign up for selling in store and/or take tickets to sell.
- Special Thank you to Scott Tanguay for filling in as Treasurer last year and support in other activities.

Upcoming Events:

- April meeting will be potluck brunch with ride planning to follow.
- Watch for Blasts
- March 8th, Bowling at Spare Time in Lewiston 12-3
- March 13th - Ladies Garage Party 6-9
- April 11th – In Store Poker Walk 9:30 to 2pm
- Check L-A Harley Website for Activities
- Saturday, April 4th, 2015 – Next Meeting in the Hog Den @ 9:00 am

Meeting closed, fun meeting activities, door prizes.

Minutes by Donald Gabriel / Secretary



January Volunteer of the Month
- Ben Loft



February Volunteer of the Month
- Sandra Bruno

Help make this year's bike raffle a success... Contact Frank Welch to get your raffle tickets. Raffle tickets are in for our Motorcycle Raffle. If everyone could take 10 tickets to sell this would truly be appreciated. The monies raised help out with our annual Holiday Party, yearly expenses, ice cream stops. All monies raised are given back to its members. As well as the charities we will be helping.

Mid- Maine Lewiston Harley Owner's Group

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**2014 Harley-Davidson Road King
or \$9,995 cold cash!**



Only 3,000 tickets sold \$10 each

To buy tickets: call 207-753-6768 or stop in at L-A Harley-Davidson

**Drawing will take place on
December 12th, 2015 at L-A Harley-Davidson**

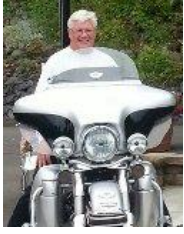


Portion of proceeds to benefit:



All applicable taxes and all fees are the responsibility of the winner.

From the Head Road Captain -*Brent Tanguay*



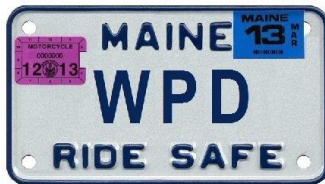
Hello everyone,

Spring is finally here, really, it says so on the calendar. I know it sure doesn't feel like spring but the days are getting longer and the thermometer is consistently on the north side of zero, so that's encouraging. It won't be long now before we get our Harleys all dusted off and ready to ride. There is one very important order of business that needs to be taken care of before you hop on for that first ride of the season,

Registration and inspection...

This is a reminder that all motorcycle registrations will expire on March 31. This is a result of a new Maine law, effective 03/01/2012, stating that all motorcycle registrations, issued on or after March 1, 2012, will expire on March 31st of the following year. Also under the new law, Maine Inspection Stations are required to issue a certificate of inspection and an official inspection sticker for each motorcycle.

- The inspection sticker must be attached to the upper left corner of the motorcycle registration plate.
- The inspection certificate must be kept with the motorcycle registration certificate.
- When a registration plate is re-assigned to another motorcycle, the certificate of inspection and the inspection sticker expire and the other motorcycle must be inspected to receive a new certificate and sticker.
- The motorcycle registration stickers will include the month and year of expiration and must be placed in the upper right corner of the plate.



Make sure that your bike is properly registered, inspected and insured and keep all corresponding paperwork on the bike at all times.

Also, our next HOG Chapter meeting is Saturday April 4th and is our annual ride planning meeting. If you are tired of going to the same places now is the time to suggest something new. Rides can be long or short, straight or curvy, flat or hilly, with a lunch stop or perhaps a byo picnic lunch, but most important of all is the ice cream stop at the end of the ride!

That's all for now!

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



A trip to remember -Fred Zikowitz

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



So now a year later I find myself on a road trip with my daughter sitting in a restaurant in Moncton New Brunswick. Angela had heard the story of the previous year's trip before but we were having a new laugh about it. After we finished I asked our waitress where I would find the nearest fire station so I could get my wife a Moncton Fire Department tee shirt. The waitress told me the closest one is on the way back to our hotel. So we hopped back on my Harley and as we were riding back we spotted a Gelato or frozen yogurt place. After turning in we pulled up next to two other bikes, one a Harley the other a Yamaha. The couple that owned the bikes were enjoying their treat with their young son, when as often happens with bikes, we started conversing. I was admiring his touring model Harley as I've been thinking about getting one sometime. Well one thing led to another and we told him about our road trip and the Moncton Fireman story from the previous trip. We busted up laughing when he told us that he is a fireman! This was too funny. We exchanged phone numbers. He told me to call him in the morning and he will get me a tee shirt!

My daughter and I had such a laugh. It turns out when I called him in the morning he asked me to stay at the hotel for another twenty minutes and he would come over with the shirt! Like I said, the Canadians I have come in contact with are warm, accommodating people. He brought the shirt and even signed it for us. We took some photos and he even asked to have his dog in one of the pictures. I have met some wonderful people on my motorcycle road trips!

After parting with our new friend we headed for Cape Breton Island. We traveled east on RT 2 and crossed the provincial line into Nova Scotia. We then decided to ride part of the way off the highway and so we took a secondary road, RT 6 which meanders along the Northumberland Strait and eventually turns into the Gulf of St. Lawrence. We were in awe of the beauty surrounding us. We passed farms and small towns as we enjoyed the rolling hills overlooking the open spans' of water. I have often read of other riders' accounts of the purr of the engine and wonderful peaceful feeling that is so unique to riding a Harley. I have experienced it many times in the past but this was extra special as we rode along together, my daughter and me ... I could feel the shared serenity.

Off of RT 6 we then rode on RT 104, the Trans-Canada Highway. I have never been a fan of highway riding. It isn't particularly as enjoyable as a country road to me. With that said I admit I do enjoy riding the Canadian highways in comparison to the north eastern states such as RT I-95. The Canadian Highways are not nearly as congested, at least not those I have experienced riding, in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. They have many areas of wide open spaces.

We crossed the causeway and bridge onto Cape Breton.

We settled in for the night at the Silver Dart Lodge at the center of Cape Breton Island, a mile or so from the center of the town of Baddeck. The lodge sits high on a hill overlooking the upper portion of a lake named "Bras D'Or Lake" the lodge was a perfect place to start and stop after riding around the famous Cabot Trail, which was on our morning agenda. For now, after checking in at the lodge, Angela and I rode into town and reserved seats for a "Ce'ildh" or Ka-Lee (*which is Gaelic for "a gathering of friends"*). After a relaxing meal with outdoor seating facing the main street downtown we went to the Ce'ildh".

You will find wonderful fiddle music and dancing there. Cape Breton Island is well known for its fiddle music. It is rooted in Scottish and Irish heritage. While we were there a woman running the event asked for volunteers to come up and learn some traditional dances. She asked for four couples to come forward. At first, no one would get up. I prodded for Angela to try it with me. Being the spirited soul that she is, she got up. Others were apprehensive. While standing there waiting for others to come out of their shells I spotted a sign sitting on the window sill that tugged at my heart, it read.... "Dance like no one is watching". I held it up for all to see, waving it from side to side. It worked, and we got three other couples to join in the dance. The next morning after breakfast we started our journey on the Cabot Trail. The Cabot Trail encompasses the northern tip of the province of Cape Breton. We chose to ride it counter clockwise because that would put us riding with the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of St. Lawrence on the edge of the road.

...Story to be continued in next edition



Fighting back against the long, cold winter.... Photos by Greg Davis



BEACH PARTY



SATURDAY FEBRUARY 21ST



**CARIBBEAN MUSIC BY
STREAM REGGAE AT 5PM**



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UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 2015		MAY 2015	
11	Poker Walk & BBQ Giveaway	2	Black & Orange Open House
16	New Bike Owner App. Night	16	Demo Days
18	Ready to Ride Workshop	23	Ladies Ride
		23	Harleys & Hashbrowns
		30	UBM Bike & Car Show

**SATURDAY
APRIL 11TH
10AM TO 2PM**

**IN-STORE
POKER WALK**



GRAND PRIZE

**STAN, HEIDI & TEDDY
BACKYARD BBQ
GIVEAWAY**

Win a new grill, patio furniture along with a Backyard BBQ Party for you and a dozen friends hosted by Stan, Heidi & Teddy! They will even bring a dozen steaks, burgers, dogs, sides, salads and desserts!



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