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From the Director

Well we are off to a great start to our riding season. We had a wonderful Mother's Day ride with beautiful weather, yummy food and great company. There were 19 bikes and 25 members. Also, the Memorial Day weekend ride was very successful with over 19 bikes and again 25 people. Thanks Rick Towle for putting this ride together.

We are looking for volunteers for the following events, if you are available please email me at <u>kril62@aol.com</u> as soon as you can.

• Kiwanis Breakfast, on behalf of John Story, Sunday, June 7th 5:30am at St. Dom's.

• Cooking at L-A Harley on Saturday, June 13th and Saturday, June 20th. Both days we will be cooking hamburgers and hotdogs.

Just a reminder, please, please, please when riding in a group make sure you stop at stop signs and look for oncoming traffic. Do not trust just driving through because others are. It was seen several times on the Mother's Day ride. Our first concern is your safety. So please take caution!!

Also, if you have people on a ride who are not Chapter members, please remember to have them sign in as a guest and make sure you have a release form signed by the individual. This takes the responsibility off of each of you on a ride if something happens and needs to be reported to Harley Davidson. With a Facebook page open to so many; visitors do attend our rides, but they <u>need</u> to sign a release form.

Looking forward to more wonderful rides that will be taking place in June!

Kathi Yergin Director

Mid-Maine Lewiston HOG, Chapter 1980 Monthly Chapter Meeting – May 9, 2015

9:00-9:10AM Social time; Official meeting opened with Pledge of Allegiance with 36 members and guests present.

Director –Kathi Yergin:

- Welcome / Introduction of Officer's
- Guest Speaker John Knox, Past Potentate Kora re: Shriners Hospitals
- New Bike Deals None Reported
- Chapter meeting notes from last meeting accepted
- Treasurer reported beginning and ending balances for the month
- In Store Poker Walk Saturday June 6th 11 to 2pm Volunteers needed
- H.O.T. (Harley Officers Training) Ideas and learnings shared

Membership – Anita Maheux:

- New member introduced
- Birthdays recognized
- Membership Update: Currently we have 99 paid members
- Please if you are not getting emails, check with Anita. Anita will send confirmation email to new members

Assistant director – Cindy Rogers

• See Maine Rally website (<u>www.mestatehogrally.com</u>) for current details. June 4th is pre-registration cut off.

Activities Coordinator – Sandy Bruno (Not Present)

Merchandise- Karen Tanguay

• This time the Nametags will be ordered the magnetic style. \$10 each and need (12) to order.

LOH – Jessie Poore

- A spa day will be rescheduled
- Looking for ideas for LOH sponsored events

Newsletter Editor - Karen Tanguay

• Newsletter cut off is a week. Articles and pictures welcomed.

New Business:

- Frank Welch Bike Raffle selling well. Please sign up for selling in store and/or take tickets to sell.
- Jerry Yergin Americade ride leaving Sunday May 31st, 8am from Exit 75 Irving station.

Upcoming Events:

- Sunday, May 10th Mother's Day Ride
- Sunday, May 17th Ride to Augusta State Museum
- Monday, May 25th Ride to Bray's Pub
- Saturday, June 6th In-Store Poker Walk
- Check L-A Harley Website for Activities
- Saturday, June 6th, 2015 Next Meeting in the Hog Den @ 9:00 am

Meeting closed, fun meeting activities, door prizes.

Minutes by Donald Gabriel / Secretary

From the Webmaster - Don Gabriel

Our Calendar has been updated for 2015. If you have any updates, additions or corrections please send an email to <u>webmaster@mmlhog.org</u>. I am also looking for ride leaders (or others) to add a description of their ride. For example:

- Confirm Start Time.
- Where the ride is going in general.
- How long is the ride and about what time would we return.
- Will we be eating out or need to bring a lunch?
- Any points of interest or areas to shop?
- Any admission fees, tolls or other items to note.
- Etc.

If you want to change the ride name I can do that also. I will cut and paste descriptions to update the Calendar as I get them.

Our photos are posted on our Facebook account and a **link to Facebook was been added on the website**. However there is a section in the member section to post pictures (<5 MB) of your license plate, favorite T-Shirt or motorcycle. If you don't want to post the photos yourself or have a problem, just send them along with the title to <u>webmaster@mmlhog.orq</u>.

Check out the Member section the next time you are at your computer, it will be worth your while.

Donald Gabriel

Webmaster



August 16, 2015

1 = \$15 Lobster dinner

(2 = \$20 Lobster dinner

Burger meal = \$10

Make your reservation now! Deadline to sign up and pay for your meal is the August 1st chapter meeting. Progressive Dinner Ride Plan: Leave L-A@ 8 am

Lisbon, Breakfast@the Jones'

Ride, Ride, Ride to Friendship

Park bikes @ Stu Harrington's

Take boat to island cookout

Ice Cream stop on way home

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, and ice cream stops. All monies raised are given back to its members. As well as the charities we will be helping.



From the Head Road Captain - Brent Tanguay



Hello everyone,

Our riding season is in full swing; warm weather, sunshine, long days and open roads. I hope everyone is taking advantage of every opportunity to ride because before you know it, the days will be getting shorter and the temperature will start to fall, welcome to riding in the great state of Maine.

For the benefit of our newer members, I would like to take this opportunity to recap some of The Mid-Maine Lewiston HOG chapter group riding rules of the road and responsibilities of the road captains.

Each scheduled ride has a road captain assigned that is responsible for planning and leading the ride. You are not required to be an official road captain to lead a ride. If you have a favorite ride that you would like to share with the chapter, you can lead the ride without becoming a road captain as long as you are familiar with the responsibilities of leading a group ride. If you would like to become a road captain, please get in touch with me or any other road captain and we can qualify you. The Head Road Captain is appointed by the Chapter Director and his/her duties are to ensure that all road captains are well qualified and have all proper release forms and sign in sheets for chapter rides they will lead.

- Our rides usually start at L-A Harley Davidson.
- The lead road captain 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 road conditions discovered on the pre-ride, and the destination plan.
- Arrive prepared: on time, full tank of gas, empty bladder, proper gear and a good attitude.
- All current chapter members must sign the sign-in sheet. As a member you are allowed one guest, who MUST 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 Minors assumption of risk- to be signed by the minor involved. Forms can be downloaded from our website or ride captains will have them.
- All rides are led by a lead road captain (LRC) assisted by other qualified road captains. The last road captain in the group is called the Sweep. For larger groups we also have middle road captains that can serve as lead road captains should the group get separated. Normally the lead road captain and the sweep communicate via CB radio. The channel will be announced during the pre-ride meeting for anyone wishing to join in.
- We ride in a double row, staggered formation. The lead road captain will ride in the left hand side of the lane and the next rider in the right hand side, and so forth.
- No one will be expected to ride beyond his or her comfort level.
- You "own" your entire land width—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!
- 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 <u>S E E</u> technique <u>S</u>earch <u>E</u>valuate <u>E</u>xecute.
- 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 in case you are separated on the return.
- Lastly, all Mid-Maine Lewiston Hog rides are drug and alcohol free events.

That's all for now!

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



BLACK IN AN A Saturday, May 2nd







Not exactly the raising of the flag at Iwo Jima with Tony Bruno assisting; but interesting! If they drop the bike, does that make it a low rider?





<u>April</u>

22 – 6:15pm Dinner Ride

May

- 2 L-A Harley Black & Orange Event
- 7 6:15pm Dinner Ride
- 9 9:00am Chapter mtg.
- 10 10:00am Mother's Day Ride-Red Barn, Augusta
- 17 9:00am ride to Augusta State Museum
- 23 11:00am LOH Spa Day
- 24 TBA Bray's Pub, Naples

June

- 6-9:00am Chapter Mtg. / In store Poker Walk
- 7 5:00am Kiwanis Breakfast, St. Dom's
- 9 6:30pm Dinner Ride
- 14 9:00am Poor Peoples Pub, Sanborn
- 18 8:00am Laconia
- 20 Rally in the Valley, HOG cook
- 21 9am Father's Day ride/cookout @ Karen & Brent's
- 27 9am Mt. Battie
- 28 8am Rockport, MA

<u>July</u>

- 11-8:30am Chapter mtg./ Wounded Hero's Ride
- 12 8am Bar Harbor

- 2015 Ride Schedule
 - August
 - 1–9:00am Chapter mtg.
 - 8 L-A Harley Sugarloaf Ride
 - 11 6:15pm Dinner Ride
 - 15 9am Mystery Ride
 - 16-8am Lobsters & Lighthouses Progressive Dinner Ride
 - 21 Balloon Festival Bike Night
 - 29 9am Kora Kares for Kids Ride In, Twitchell's
 - 29 Autism Ride
 - 30 9am Mystery Ride & cookout

<u>September</u>

- 5 L-A Harley Black & Orange Event
- 10 6:15pm Dinner Ride
- 12 9:00am Chapter mtg.
- 13 Toy Run & Breakfast
- 19 Jack & Jill Overnite
- 26 10am Leaf Peeping Ride
- 27 Mr. Pizza, NH

<u>October</u>

43– 9:00am Chapter Mtg. / Simone's Ride 6 – 8:am Fryeburg Fair 15 – 6:15pm Dinner Ride

- 13 6:15pm Dinner Ride
- 17-19 Vermont Overnite
- 23-25 Maine State HOG Rally
- 25 8am Ride to HOG rally
- 26 8am Fisherman's Friend, Stonington

This calendar is compiled from information made available at the time of publication. Dates and times are subject to change. Please check the website, or HOG Hotline for event updates.



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SATURDAY - JUNE 6TH

