



Hog Wash

January 2009



South Central Wisconsin
Janesville Chapter
Harley Owners Group 5547

Sponsored by Kutter Harley

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Janesville, WI
9:00 sign up, 10:00 a.m. meeting

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Directors Corner----*Gene Schuetten*

As I write this article it is December 20st—it is 8 below zero---better than a foot of snow. On the bright side the days will begin to get longer and spring is 3 months away---there is always hope. Hopefully you all had a great Christmas and New Years.

As we enter the New Year there is an air of uncertainty with our economy here in Janesville. It is understood that this could affect our membership and the participation in the events of 2009.

Hopefully you will be able to renew your national and local membership in HOG and join in on the events and meetings of 2009. The next three meetings are normally our biggest meetings and it time to see people you have not seen in a while and it is also an opportunity to hear speakers from the organizations that our chapter supports during the year. The January meeting will have a speaker from Camden Park.

The Christmas Party was a success again, your cash donations went to help out families in three counties around Janesville. While there is not any big event when our people go out to help these families your donations do make a difference in other peoples lives-----Thanks for your support. Hopefully by the time you read this newsletter I will have sent out a notice that the 2009 calendars are complete and ready for sale. I am trying to keep the cost as low as possible but it has been a challenge.

Assistant Director----*Perry Wolf*

Happy Holidays to you all.

I have a couple of motorcycle shows to tell you about, to get rid of the winter blues.

Chicago Motorcycle Show.

Jan.31 - Feb.1 2009

Contact #: 800-800-6034

McCormick Place, Chicago IL.

Cycle World International Motorcycle Show

Feb.6 - Feb.8 2009

Donald E. Stevens Convention Center

5555 N.River Rd. Rosemont/Chicago area IL.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Perry and Kim Wolf

Activities Officers---*Mike Blood / Linda Kuhnle*

Not much biking news this time of year. But, if you want some wind in your face there is plenty of SNOW out there to take your kids or grand kids sledding. That fresh air in your face is sort of like riding your bike...Happy winter!

That's all we have for this month.

Secretary----*Deb Duncan*

I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas filled with family and friends in addition to enjoying a safe start to the New Year. Membership renewals start in January and continue thru March at which time the password on the website will change; to remain a chapter member, you must renew each year and have an active National HOG membership. Any questions, please feel free to check with any of the officers either by phone or e-mail. See you at the January meeting!

Dealer Representative --- *Lucy Andersen*

Hi Everyone!

It warms my heart to look back on all the new friendships I have formed and strengthened with my HOG Family! What a pleasure and honor to be a part of the great things you do for our community and MDA!

Speaking of warming...DON'T wait for the warmer weather to get your Harley "ride ready".

Now is the time to get those belts checked, oil changed, themed accessories installed...I could go on and on. Give our service department a call and Aaron or Randy will get your bike scheduled for pick-up (at NO charge within 70 miles), have one of our talented technicians show your bike some TLC and return it to the comforts of your garage BEFORE the Robins start chirping. We do still have some room left in winter storage if you would like some extra room in your garage for that snow blower!

Thank you for letting me know about the postcards from our "friends" to the North who are trying to lure our customers to their dealership. I always love a great deal, but we strongly feel that all of us at Kutter have the entire package to offer you! We like to welcome you into our dealership, offer a great selection of clothing, great service and always a friendly face. We appreciate your loyalty and understand that there are always going to be other choices...we so appreciate it when we are your choice!

Have a Safe and Happy New Year!

Editor---*Mary Jackson*

February newsletter articles are due January 25th.

Road Captain---*Jes Schild*

I don't have much to say this month, except:

Have a very merry Christmas and

a happy New Year!!!!

Assistant Road Captain---*Rick Harle*

Well, I think everyone had a good time at the Christmas party. I think the twelve days of Christmas song we did went very well. Its always nice to have some new Ideas. Look forward to seeing everyone at the January meeting.

Photographer---*Laura Farnsworth*

No news this month.

Membership Officer----*Phyllis Harle*

Membership will be up for renewals at our January, February and March meetings at the Best Western in Janesville. There will be a copy of the membership form attached to the newsletter. It is required to have a current National Membership and to maintain it, in order to join our chapter. The dues are once again only \$10.00. Please print on the form and have correct change. If you are writing a check make it out to SCWHOG.
Thanks, see everyone on the 18th.

Merchandise Coordinator ----*Donna Casey*

No news this month.

Ladies of Harley----*Connie Fisher*

No news this month.

Safety Officers----*Mike Fagan & Mike Borgwardt*

Happy New Year 2009! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas with family and friends, and a safe New Years Eve.

Since Motorcycle riding seems like a long way off, and it really isn't, I have a few pointers to share which may get the mind thinking towards that day when we can do what we enjoy best, riding our Harley's. HOW CRASHES HAPPEN? 1. Inattention 2. Distraction 3. Looking Away 4. Fatigue 5. Feeling Rushed 6. Unfamiliar Bikes 7. Group Riding 8. Overconfidence 9. Nighttime. I will cover some of these issues in the monthly newsletters during 2009. I am sure we all can benefit from some reminders. Last but not least, I want to mention something very important. Wearing ear plugs when riding. I had been totally ignorant of the effects of riding without ear plugs during my first 20 years on a bike, and as a result, now suffer from more than moderately-sever tinnitus. A lot of damage has already been done, but at least I have the opportunity to keep it from getting worse IF I wear ear plugs. Think about it, it is a good time to start, if you have not, SAVE YOUR HEARING. When you get older, it comes in really, really useful. I know.

Webmaster----*Michael Cullen*

Merry Christmas All,

As another year comes to a close, I look back on all the great riding I did over the summer of 2008. I miss summer, this weather sucks! Hey, at least we will have a white Christmas! I hope I get chrome under the tree this year. I hope you all get what you want also.

For those chapter members that find themselves looking for work this season, I hope you find something and pray that things work out for you. I sincerely hope that 2009 is a better year for everyone.

Over the Christmas break I am planning on updating the calendar on the website. Thank you to all that have given suggestions, pointed out mistakes and corrected errors on the site. Please keep the suggestions rolling in for 2009.

My Bystander Assistance class is still scheduled for January 17th, although I only have one registration as of today. Your registration may be reimbursed by signing up, and volunteering, with Rescue Riders (see www.rescueriders.org) for details. I will have to make a decision on this class in early January due to supply ordering and room reservation. If you have any questions about the class you can see information at www.accidentscene.net or e-mail me at Beloitfiremedic@sbcglobal.net

That's it. That's all I have. I hope you all have a safe and joyful Holiday! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

MDA Tub Run Update----*Dave Alwin*

Happy New Year everyone! Now that we got that out of the way, let's get down to business. We still have lots of tickets for the bike left to sell. Stop out to Kutter and pick up a book to sell. We would really appreciate any help we can get on this. Don't forget the bike raffle is at the Moose Lodge in Janesville on February 14th. It should be another great time.

We have about three open positions on the MDA Tub Run Committee. We are going to pick these people the way we did the last ones. Stop out to Kutter in the White Book, and under the MDA Tab, you'll find a questionnaire. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please fill out the questionnaire, and drop it off in the parts department before January 30th. We will discuss all questionnaires at our February 1st meeting, and let the people know shortly thereafter. This is going to be a very trying time for our community and surrounding area. These people that will serve on the committee will have to hit the ground running.

January				
Date	Event / Location	Time	Contact	Open or Closed
Jan 1	New Year's Day			
Jan 18	Chapter Meeting, Best Western Sign up 9:00, Meeting 10:00			Closed
Jan 25	Newsletter Deadline			

February				
Date	Event / Location	Time	Contact	Open or Closed
Feb 7-14	LOH Cell Phone Collection, Kutter's		Connie Fisher	Open
Feb 14	MDA Bike Raffle, Moose Club		Dave Alwin	Open
Feb 14	Valentines Day			
Feb 15	Chapter Meeting, Best Western Sign up 9:00, Meeting 10:00			Closed
Feb 21	Moonlight Bowling, Euchre Tournament, Clinton Lanes	6:30	Mike Blood, Linda Kuhnle	Closed

March				
Date	Event / Location	Time	Contact	Open or Closed
March 15	Chapter Meeting, Best Western Sign up 9:00, Meeting 10:00			Closed
March 21	Bus Trip to the Harley Museum, Milwaukee		Lucy	Closed
March 25	Newsletter deadline			

Closed Events are those chapter events, which are open to chapter members and one guest per member.

Member Events are events that are open only to H.O.G. members.

Open Events are those chapter events, which are open to chapter members, national H.O.G. members, and other guests as desired.

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP
ENROLLMENT FORM AND RELEASE

CHAPTER NAME _____

MEMBER NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ BIRTHDAY _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ MEMBER NAT'L H.O.G. NUMBER _____

EXPIRATION DATE OF NATIONAL H.O.G. MEMBERSHIP _____

ENTER IN CHAPTER DATABASE? YES NO

I have read the Annual Charter for H.O.G. Chapters and hereby agree to abide by it as a member of this dealer sponsored chapter.

I recognize that while this Chapter is chartered with H.O.G., it remains a separate, independent entity solely responsible for its actions.

- THIS IS A RELEASE, READ BEFORE SIGNING -

I agree that the Sponsoring Dealer, Harley Owners Group (H.O.G.), Harley-Davidson, Inc., Harley-Davidson Motor Company, my Chapter and their respective officers, directors, employees and agents (hereinafter, the **"RELEASED PARTIES"**) shall not be liable or responsible for injury to me (including paralysis or death) or damage to my property occurring during any H.O.G. or H.O.G. chapter activities and resulting from acts or omissions occurring during the performance of the duties of the Released Parties, even where the damage or injury is caused by negligence (except willful neglect). I understand and agree that all H.O.G. members and their guests participate voluntarily and at their own risk in all H.O.G. activities and I assume all risks of injury and damage arising out of the conduct of such activities.

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I further agree to waive all benefits flowing from any state statute which would negate or limit the scope of this Release and Indemnification Agreement including, but not limited to, Section 1542 of the California Civil Code which provides:

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By signing this Release, I certify that I have read this Release and fully understand it and that I am not relying on any statements or representations made by the **"RELEASED PARTIES"**.

MEMBER SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

LOCAL DUES PAID \$ _____ DATE _____

(Dues not to exceed maximum amount prescribed in, "Annual Charter for H.O.G. Chapters", as contained in the H.O.G. Chapter Handbook.)

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