



Hog Wash

February 2009



South Central Wisconsin
Janesville Chapter
Harley Owners Group 5547

Sponsored by Kutter Harley

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

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REMINDER: In order to remain an active member, you must renew your local chapter membership prior to the end of March. The website password will be changed approximately April 1, 2009 and will only be provided to the active membership.

Directors Corner----*Gene Schuetten*

We are now out of 2008 and we are all hoping 2009 will be better and we can see some positive things happen for us and our country.

The turnout for the January Sign-up meeting was tremendous and we had quite a few new members sign-up. There were speakers from Camden Park and MDA letting us know where the money goes, that our chapter donates and after you hear these speakers you know we are working with two very good organizations that use the money in the Janesville or within the counties of Southern Wisconsin. We will have some challenges this year raising the money this chapter has done in the past and we are asking the membership to volunteer and to participate in these events. Our chapter has 350 members ---make a point to participate and volunteer. Besides earning some points I believe you will enjoy by being involved with these events.

The new 2009 calendars are for sale and you can pick them up at the parts department at Kutter's. The calendars cost \$2.00. Don't forget the Bus trip to the Harley Museum on March 21st. If you can go please see Sonny at Kutter's.

February is a busy month, there is the collection of cell phones for the YWCA, Kutter's Have-A Heart for MDA Silent Auction, MDA bike raffle at the Moose club and Moonlight bowling & Euchre Tournament. You will have fun, do some good for the YWCA and MDA and have some fun bowling or playing cards. This will make this bitter winter a little shorter and get us closer to those warmer days and get us back on the bike.

The next chapter meeting is February 15th which is the day after the MDA bike drawing at the Moose Club and hopefully Dave Alwin will have great news on the money raised for the MDA---sell those tickets.

Stay Warm winter will come to an end----some day.

Assistant Director----*Perry Wolf*

Wisconsin State Rally News

Your rally committee hopes the holidays were good to you and that your New Year's Resolution involves plenty of riding time.

We are in the process of lining up some great entertainment, and wanted to let you in on what we have so far.

The rally site will offer bands on both nights, along with deejays and garage bands during the afternoon. At this time we have booked the famous Chicago-based band the Bluz Brothers for Saturday night. Enjoy a great party while listening or dancing to their ever-entertaining show. On Friday night the Dave Fitzpatrick Band will get your toes tapping to their 70's and 80's tunes. In addition, the city of Appleton will be having a party in the park for attendees on Friday evening featuring Boogie and the Yo-Yo's.

Fox Valley Technical College is dreaming up lots of interactive things for you to try your hand at. We can't let out all the secrets yet, but there will be opportunities for you to experience some unique things you wouldn't normally get to see at any rally!

Check with the website often, as details will be published when finalized. Pre-registration should be open sometime in mid-February www.wistatehogrally.com .

Your Wisconsin State Rally Committee

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

February 14th is a big day for our chapter...Make sure you keep your calendar open for all that is going on at Kutter's that day and later for the main event at the Moose lodge. This a big one for MDA. The following Saturday night is the Moonlight bowling and Euchre tournament at Cougar lanes, 6:00 is start time...Cost is \$15.00 per couple to bowl....with \$5.00 of that going to MDA....And \$10.00 per team for the Euchre tournament with total proceeds going to the MDA. Our chapter pays for pizza. Hope to see a large turn out for this new and improved bowling event.

Secretary----*Deb Duncan*

Gene Schaetten opened the meeting at 10:00am by welcoming everyone, thanking them for joining us and introducing Guest speaker, Sherry Kulz from Camden Park. Sherry informed the membership that SCWHOG Chapter 5547 has been the only supporter of Camden Park since prior to inception. Sherry provided an overview of the history of the park, explained how our donations are used and expressed sincere gratitude on behalf of the Camden Foundation for our continued support of this worthy cause. Donna Casey presented Sherry with a chapter shirt on behalf of the chapter.

Our next guest speaker was Cathy Stagmier from MDA who spoke of how important the Tub Run funds are, and about the MDA camp. Donna presented Cathy with a shirt on behalf of the chapter also. Dave Alwin talked about the bike drawing to be held February 14, 2009 at the Moose club and provided a quick run down of the events and times. Dave asked for members help at the drawing, sign up in chapter book. The MDA committee is looking for members; if interested complete an application. Also, searching to corporate sponsors.

Perry Wolfe talked about the trip to the Harley museum. The bus will leave at 9:00AM. New member meeting will be held after the chapter meeting.

Mike Blood talked about the years activities. All are outlined in the calendar, which is for sale at a minimal cost of \$2.00. Must sign up for bowling and euchre which is our February activity. Sonny Pabst, Treasurer provided treasurers report. Talked about chapter bike raffle. If each chapter member would sell one book of tickets, we would be in excellent shape. Please do your part to help make this successful. Tickets for the chapter bike raffle will be available at the February 15, 2009 meeting.

Phyllis Harle, Membership office, introduced 10 new members and announced we had 130 renewals as of this meeting.

Lucy Anderson, Dealer Representative discussed the bus trip and dealer website, the new pavilion ground breaking; MDA silent auction items, service department challenges and offered to be the "go-to" person if you have any problems with service.

Mary Jackson, Editor reminded members that e-mail address changes should be provided to either her or Phyllis Harle.

Jes Schild, Road Captain discussed after meeting rides, Assistant Road Captains, Road Guards for Tub Run and Git-r-done poker rides.

Connie Fisher, Ladies of Harley discussed Feb. 7 10 14 cell phone collection to include any accessories. Phones will be donated to domestic abuse center.

Dealer Representative --- *Lucy Anderson*

HI Everyone!

I am amazed at the bike sales in January and hopefully this will lead to new active HOG members! Feb. 7th starts Kutter's "Have A Heart For MDA" Silent Auction and the Ladies of Harley cell phone collection for the YWCA Domestic Abuse Program. The phones are erased and are then given to domestic violence victims for the use to call 911 only. Please bring in any chargers you may have to go with them as well. Thank You to Jim and Donna Casey for SO many great auction items donated by their business!!! Many thanks to Jess S., Dave A. and Ken W. for their hard work in making this auction happen! Obviously Feb. 14th will be the BIG day for the final bids on auction items, but you should stop out to get a preview of the items that you will want to bid on. We are having a jewelry special Feb. 1st thru Feb. 14th in celebration of Valentine's Day. Receive 15% off all Men's & Women's jewelry and watches...MVP receive 18% OFF! MVP can also STACK your discounts on the clearance jewelry and watches! You STILL have time to call service and get your bike scheduled for service and receive that EXTRA 10% off service! Have a great month everyone.

Editor---*Mary Jackson*

Newsletter articles due by February 25th. If you wish to receive club updates and reminders please make sure your email address is up to date.

Road Captain---*Jes Schild*

The long winter will be over soon, the sooner the better. As all things go, they don't always go as planned. That was the way it was for me this year. As some of you know, I retired the 1st of August last year. As a retired person, I thought I would be in the warm south land this winter. As I said, things don't always go as planned. I guess you could call this a Murphy winter, as nothing bad, bad happened, but I wasn't counting on those expenses. We'll get it next year.

We have lots of rides planned for this year. Between the Chapter, Kutter H-D, and Corporate Sponsors there is many to choose from. I am looking for people to lay out a poker run, or plan a lead ride, there is two. These are not hard to do, and I can help you. Not only is it fun to do, you earn points too. It's easy to be an Assistant Road Captain, just talk to me, call me at **608-921-6369**, e-mail me at **srcjes@hotmail.com**, or sign up in the HOG Book, in the Road Captain section, in the Chapter corner at Kutter H-D

May 2nd is the 20th annual Kutter Open House Poker Run for Camden Foundation. I need volunteers to help at the poker run stops, the end tally at Kutter's. Lucy also needs help for that day with parking and clean up and such. Sign up in the HOG book, under May, in the Chapter corner at Kutter's.

June 20th is the date for the MDA Tub Run, our 15th annual. I'm sure you seasoned Chapter Members know what that means. For you new soon to be seasoned members, I am asking you to join the fun and become an MDA Tub Run Road Guard. What does a Road Guard do you ask? A Road Guard stands at an intersection and stops traffic while the MDA Tub Run rides through. For you seasoned members that were Road Guards last year, please let us know you will be again this year. It's easy to be a MDA Tub Run Road Guard, talk to me or Bob Duncan, call; **Jes: 608-921-6369, Bob: 608-754-3706**, e-mail; **Jes: scrcjes@hotmail.com, Bob: duncs@t6b.com**, or sign up in the HOG Book, in the MDA section, in the Chapter corner at Kutter's

As always, Ride safe, Heads up - Rubber down.

Assistant Road Captain---*Rick Harle*

I think we had a good turnout for the Jan meeting, considering the weather and the economy. Can't wait for riding weather to get here, which when you think about it , should be only about two months away. Hope to see everyone at the MDA bike raffle at the Moose club and the Feb meeting.

Photographer---*Laura Farnsworth*

First, I would like to apologize for not having the DVD ready for you at the January meeting. It has not gone together very smoothly, and I am still working on the burning of the project. I won't go into details, but I hope to have it ready for the February meeting. Unfortunately, I will not be present at the Feb. meeting either, and will be seeking volunteers to take photos of the MDA bike raffle for me, and of the meeting on the 15th. I will contact those on my list. If I do have the DVD ready I will see if I can get copies to be shown at the next meeting. Hopefully you have all had good luck selling your tickets for the bike.

Membership Officer----*Phyllis Harle*

We had 10 new members join at our January meeting. Spc Edwin Krueger, Steve Caya, Gerald Nickels, James Jacobson, Steven and Cynthia Sears, Terry and Carol Thompson Cayn Oleston and Fawn Neisler.

If you are unable to attend the meetings in February or March you may send the registration form and a check for \$10.00 to my home.

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Please fill out the form attached to the newsletter or on the website, it will save time the day of the meeting. Please print clearly and double check your info, you would be surprised at the amount of information that we can't read.

Thanks and hope to see everyone at the MDA bike raffle and the meeting the next day at Best Western in Janesville.

Merchandise Coordinator ----*Donna Casey*

No news this month.

Ladies of Harley----*Connie Fisher*

Welcome to all new members.

February 7 - 14th is the Used Cell Phone Collection. Please donate your used cell phone for YWCA Rock County.

February 14th. from 10 -2 will the Ladies of Harley Bake sale. I am needing baked goods for the sale. If you are able to bring goodies please let me know. I will also need a few ladies for that time. This will be a good way to start earning your points.

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

As a follow up to the January 2009 Safety Article, I mentioned I would be talking about things relating to riding, which is only months away, being the positive person that I am. So let us begin.

There are certain conditions that increase the likelihood of being involved in a crash. Some of these conditions involve the ability to detect hazards, while others involve emotional factors that influence judgment. Fortunately, by recognizing these conditions, you can increase your ability to prevent a crash from happening.

Many people refer to mishaps as “accidents”, but most traffic safety experts prefer to use the term “CRASHES”. It’s not uncommon for a rider or driver to brush off an incident by saying “it was an accident” as though it was out of their hands. This person is vulnerable to another crash if he or she neglects to learn from their mistake or ask how they could have prevented it. By learning about the most likely scenarios that lead to crashes, you can more easily spot hazards before they become a problem.

This month, briefly, let’s talk about INATTENTION. It takes only a small lapse of attention to find yourself in the midst of a dangerous situation. An example, one missed clue about a left-hand turner at an intersection can put you in harm’s way. Another common inattention can lead to a misjudged corner entry, which can result in panic or an unintended off-road excursion. We’ve all experienced times when we couldn’t recall the last few minutes of travel. Whatever the reason for drifting concentration, it is important to snap back into the present moment. Another factor that contributes greatly to inattention is alcohol or drug impairment. Many cyclists have their own workable compromise on how much alcohol they can drink and feel completely attentive to what is happening around them on the roads and in situations. The best way to avoid problems associated with impairment and reduce the chances of being involved in a crash is to remain steadfast against any form of drinking and riding. Maybe the drinking can wait until the riding has been completed. Good Judgment is the key here. I know many of you are very conscious regarding your safety and those around you.

THINK SPRING and how we might all have another safe and healthy riding season until the fall weather causes us to hang it up again. As your Chapter safety officers, we wish that every rider and passenger in our Chapter enjoy the whole season thru. We all know of someone from our Chapter who has had a crash, an injury and this past season we lost some members who were very close to some or all of us. Treasure the memories and be attentive when you are riding.

Webmaster----*Michael Cullen*

Greetings all,

Is anyone else sick of this weather? On the bright side, the month has flown by so quickly that it must be Spring soon! I was out of town for the January meeting and will be working for the February meeting. I hope to see you all for the March meeting. I think I'll save my vacation time for warmer weather.

The calendar on the website is coming along.....I am through a few months already. Check in on it once in a while and plan your vacation time to coincide with our rides and major rallies.

I had to cancel the Bystander Awareness class for January in addition to the December class. Only 3 people signed up for January. I haven't figured out whether it was the date, time commitment, cost or just lack of advertising on my part. It's a great class. For those that have expressed interest; classes can be found at www.accidentscene.net with a class being held for the Madison, WI. Hog Chapter in March.

The website is still running well and people seem to be using it on a regular basis. If there is anything you want to see, articles, training, photos etc, please let me know and I will see what I can do.

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

Hey everyone. Well, we're 2-1/2 weeks from the MDA bike raffle as I write this. Have you guys been out to see the raffle bike yet? It's the Cobalt Blue, very sharp. We still have lots of tickets to be sold. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you to everyone that already sold some tickets. That's a huge help!! Speaking of help. I'm in need of about 14 to 16 people the day of the raffle at the Moose Lodge. There's a sign up sheet at the dealership in the white book. I would like you there at about 3:00 and you would be busy until about 6:00 that night. You sign in and I'll make sure you get your points for helping.

Make sure you get out to Kutter Harley Davidson between February 7th & February 14th, and check out the "Have a Heart for MDA" silent auction. Items will be on display at the dealership during that time, with the bidding ending the night of the 14th out at the Moose Lodge. So stop out, bid high, and bid often.

I can tell by the ticket sales of this year's bike, that it's going to be a very tough year raising money for the MDA. We can't let that get us down though. We need to just go out and do what we can to make the MDA Tub Run one of the best rides that MDA has in the country. And the only reason the Tub Run is such a huge success is because of you guys. You guys are so neat to watch that weekend. You're like a well-oiled machine. Just doing what 's asked of you and having a blast doing it. I was recently reminded by one of the committee members, that the key to the success of this event is having fun. Let's not forget that. Stay warm everyone!

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/ Sonny	Closed
March 25	Newsletter deadline		Mary Jackson	

April				
Date	Event / Location	Time	Contact	Open or Closed
April 5	April Fool's Ride	12:00 Noon		Closed
April 19	Chapter Meeting, Hackbarth Hills, Janesville	10:00		Closed
April 24	Dinner Ride, Owl's Club	6:00		Closed
April 25	Newsletter Deadline		Mary Jackson	
April 26	May Day Ride	12:00 Noon		Closed

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.

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