



Hog Wash

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LOH BAKE SALE, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH: Please bring your baked goods to Kutter's Friday night (Feb 16th) or early Saturday morning (Feb 17th). The bake sale will run from 8:30 to 4:00. Please have them labeled. All proceeds go to MDA. Points will be given per items accordingly. Please, no items needing refrigeration, or containing cream cheese or whipped dairy toppings.

NOTE OF THANKS: Friends of SC H.O.G. Chapter – Your generous memorial contribution to Hospice Care in my Mom's name is greatly appreciated. Joanne Kutter & Family

DIRECTORS CORNER----*GENE SCHAETTEN*

Well, Mother Nature tried to stop our January meeting with snow and ice but she didn't stop the hearty members who made their way to the first sign-up meeting of the year. We had a great turnout and I want to thank the people who made it to the meeting.

The 2007 HOG calendar is out with a chapter photo for every month and it is being sold for a nominal fee to cover the cost to produce the calendar. All of the Chapter events and meetings are listed on the calendar. If you want to see pictures of 2006 events, Laura Farnsworth has put together a great CD with music of the events of 2006.

The January meeting created a lively discussion of the MVP program and its connection to the HOG chapter. It is my hope that you joined the chapter because you want to be with people who have the same interest as you --to ride a Harley, to do some good within our community and to enjoy the fellowship. The only requirement is to be a National Hog member and pay \$10 a year, and for that \$10 you can be as active in the Chapter as you want---nothing else is required. Kutter's is our sponsoring dealership and during the course of the year they include our events in their radio promotions, donate gifts to our events, allow use of their facilities for our fund raising events and give tires and gift certificates for our mileage contest, as well as give a 10% discount to Chapter members. These are just some of the things Kutter's does for our Chapter.

The M.V.P. program is open to anyone for a one-time fee and based on the point system, it determines what your everyday discount will be at Kutter's. If you have any questions about the program, please make a point to stop at Kutter's and get all your questions answered.

Make sure you sell those MDA tickets and we will see you at the Moose Club on February 17th to see who will win the bike.

The February meeting will include a speaker from the Humane Society. The chapter will sponsor a charity ride for the Humane Society on September 8th.

At the end of this newsletter, I have included information about the Chapter points system. Stay warm and we will see you February 18th at the Best Western.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR----*Deb Duncan*

Thanks to all for attending the January meeting even though the weather was not so great. The interesting exchange that took place serves as a reminder that we all are entitled to our opinions. Having said that, any questions about the M.V.P. program at Kutter's should be addressed directly to Kutter's – not your Chapter Officers. The chapter will continue to function as it has in the past.

We have 13 people signed up for the State Rally rooms in Racine. I will be contacting those who have signed up with the details for reserving your room before the February meeting. There are more rooms available, so if you are interested, please contact me. They will be released on a first come/first serve basis.

If you would like to sell 50/50 tickets at one of our meetings, sign up in the chapter book, I will contact you to let you know which meeting you get to work.

See you at the meeting in February! Any questions, please give me a call.

Activities Officers----*Bruce & Linda Schumacher*

First, the bad news - The Supercycle Show/Ladies Shopping Trip to Chicago scheduled for February 3rd has been cancelled. Not enough people signed up.

Now, the good news - It's time to bowl!! Please see the poster attached with this newsletter. See you at Cougar Lanes, Saturday, February 24th!

Secretary----*Donna McCormick*

Director Gene Schaetten opened our first meeting at the Best Western. The next two monthly meetings will be there also. Membership enrollment will be done at February and March Chapter meetings. Please have your registration form filled out before the meeting to help the line move faster. A big **thank you** to all of you who did this for the January meeting!

Deb Duncan announced that the people who signed up for a hotel room at the state rally will get the rooms. Deb also discussed how the chapter point system has been revamped and is integrated with the M.V.P. point system.

Perry Wolf, our new Membership Officer, introduced the new members.

Linda Schumacher announced the events that are coming up. Linda also talked about the Blood Donation Drive that the Chapter is thinking about doing. Anyone interested in donating blood, sign up in the white book at Kutter's.

Jim Palmer from Kutter's talked about the M.V.P. program. You can talk to him at Kutter's and he will be glad to explain the program to you.

Jes Schild has put sign up sheets in the white book at Kutter's. You can sign up to be road guards or to lead a ride as an Assistant Road Captain.

Sandy Bingham announced that LOH will have a bake sale at Kutter's on February 17th in support of "Have A Heart". If you donate, please have your goodies wrapped in baggies and priced. The state has stressed upon us the need to wash hands before and during food preparation.

Mike Fagan and Mike Borgwardt will write safety articles each month for the newsletter. If you have any safety tips you would like to share, please contact either one of the Mikes. They appreciate any suggestions.

Mike Cullen has a sign up sheet for the Safety Class. If you want to attend, sign up **BEFORE FEBRUARY 10th** in the white book at Kutter's.

Laura Farnsworth still has group photos that were ordered from the May 2006 Chapter meeting. She will only hold them for one more month. If they are not claimed by then, she will resell them.

Dave Alwin announced the MDA party February 17th at the Moose Club. Get your tickets sold and turned in to Sonny at Kutter's. Don't forget to put your name on the back of each ticket in case your ticket is the lucky winner. Dave also announced that any new corporate sponsor you find for the Tub Run will be able to set up a booth at the park this year.

Ed Zillmer won the 50/50. Congratulations!

Dealer News----*Roz McKennon*

No news this month.

Editor----*Teri Barbieur*

Newsletter deadline for March is February 25th. Contact info is listed on the front page.

Please remember to keep your e-mail address updated. If you change an address, or get a new one, send it to Donna McCormick and she will get it to me. We do send out e-mails during the month to disseminate information that does not make the newsletter, or to remind Chapter members of upcoming events or changes to events. Keeping your e-mail address current will ensure that you don't miss anything. Thanks!

Road Captain----*Jes Schild*

No news this month.

Assistant Road Captain----*Rick Harle*

As we begin a new year, I look forward to all the events we have planned. Welcome to all the new members! If someone were to ask me why I am a member of HOG, I would say the main reason is that I share a common interest, **TO RIDE** with the other members of the Chapter and for the camaraderie. To me, the points we receive are nice, but I would enjoy being a member even if we didn't have them. I think a lot of people would agree with me about this. See everyone at the February meeting!

Photographer----*Laura Farnsworth*

No news this month.

Membership Officer----*Perry Wolf*

I would like to thank everyone who came out to the meeting during the snowstorm. We had 146 members renew and 12 new members join. Welcome aboard new members! This means 231 members still have to renew. You still have February and March meetings to complete your renewal.

If you are interested in participating in a Chapter Blood Drive event, I put a signup sheet and the other Blood Drive info in the white book at Kutter's. We need 25-50 people for the Donor Coach to show up. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call or email me.

We get out what we put in. Please volunteer.

Merchandise Coordinators ----*Sandy Barth & Charlene Schaetten*

No news this month.

Ladies of Harley----*Sandy Bingham*

Now is the time to get our work done so we can have fun and ride many miles when the temps are warm and the sun is shining.

Save the date: Friday, February 16th – 5:30 to 7 at Kutter's. This is the date of our first planning meeting to start organizing the Humane Society and Cancer rides. We would like to have most of the details taken care of and our marketing pieces done by April 15th. We will also try to help set up for the bake sale, etc. for Saturday February 16th at Kutter's. Please bring your ideas. All are welcome.

We will have a meeting after each general HOG meeting to keep up to date with everyone. In March and April, we will plan the chapter breakfast, which is May 20th.

Anyone interested in planning a Saturday ride to the Milwaukee Medical College and to “A Taste of Home”? Please contact me for the locations. This will be open to the Chapter. Our breast cancer ride goes to this college for research and the tour is very interesting.

Anyone interested in planning a Ladies ride to “Millie’s” for breakfast and stop by the “Fuzzy Pig” near Whitewater on a Saturday? Contact me for locations.

I am looking forward to working with everyone and the fun year ahead.

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

What is there to write about motorcycle safety when most of our bikes are tucked away, hopefully secure and warm, until spring, whenever that may be! Here goes! Something very important, but not thought about unless it happens to you!

HANDLING A BLOWOUT! If a catastrophic blowout occurs, you will need to rely on your ability to CONTROL the motorcycle as best you can. It's a common mistake to look down and try to muscle the handlebars when in a panic situation. It's better to keep your eyes at the horizon to aid balance and to help steer the motorcycle straight as it fishtails beneath you. It's also best to let the motorcycle move from side to side without trying to force it to do otherwise. Eventually you will come to a stop. REAR tire blowouts are easier to control than FRONT tire blowouts, because the majority of your control inputs occur with the FRONT tire. Either way, follow the advice above and hope for the best. The way to avert a blowout related crash is PREVENTION, followed by quick response to early warnings, and finally catastrophe management. By the way, MOST BLOWOUTS occur from an under inflated tire which then overheats from road friction and then failure! Frequently CHECK YOUR TIRE PRESSURE. "MOTORCYCLE TIRES ARE A MAN/WOMAN'S BEST FRIEND". Happy February from your Safety Officers!

Webmaster----*Michael Cullen*

It finally looks like Wisconsin has found its winter weather. Ah well, such is life. I had the Harley out in early January so that should fix my craving until a nice early spring. Let's all hope that the groundhog doesn't see a shadow on February 2nd.

Please remember to sign up for the Accident Scene Management Bystander class by February 10th. The class is March 10th. Sign up in the white HOG book at Kutter's or by e-mailing me on JanesvilleHOG.com. I will need confirmation payment at the time you register and I will be sending confirmations out mid-February. This is a nice time to chat motorcycles while it is cold and nasty out.

The website will be losing the "Favorite Rides" section as we have NO-ONE that wants to share rides and stories with the membership. I am looking for ideas to replace it. If you have an idea of what you want to see on your chapter website, please e-mail me.

Please remember that February and March are "membership meetings" and it always helps our volunteer staff to have your registration form filled out prior to the meeting. This form is downloadable (is this a word?) on the front page of our website. Thanks for being prepared.

That's all I have - see you next month.

MDA TUB RUN UPDATE----*Dave Alwin*

Hey everyone!

Can you believe that the first month of the New Year is behind us already? That means that the bike raffle is right around the corner. I just peeked at the calendar – there are 23 days to be exact! We still have plenty of tickets left to sell. When I looked at the meeting on Sunday, we were handing out tickets in the 4,300's.

It should be a good time at the Moose Club this year. We're going to have a DJ playing from 3:00 to 6:00, and Junkmale will be playing from 6:30 to 10:30. We are hoping that the band will keep most of the people there after we draw for the bike. We're hoping to attract more people in after the band starts also. The Moose is a lot bigger than Jumbo's so there should be plenty of room for all the people. We will need help again during the drawing. We'll need people selling tickets, collecting \$1 at the door before the raffle, collecting a cover charge at the door after the band starts, and checking ID's at the door. If you are interested in helping out, please sign your name and phone number in the white book at Kutter's. I won't be calling you until the Tuesday or Wednesday before the raffle. If I miss calling you, get to the Moose Club by 3:00 on the 17th and you'll be just fine.

I'm very excited about the raffle this year and also kind of nervous at the same time. We're having it at a new place this year and I hope they are ready for the huge crowd this raffle brings in. I've had numerous meetings with them and I keep telling them how important it is that they are staffed properly. Oh well, you can't worry about everything! Just keep in mind that day, that this is their first year hosting the bike raffle, so I'm sure there will be some hiccups. So remember, please be patient with all the help that day and have fun.

Well, not much more to say. Don't forget to stop out at Kutter's the day of the raffle. They will be having the "Have a Heart for MDA" at the dealership. It sounds like they will have another great silent auction. You all should stop at Kutter's and check it out. I want to thank you for all of your support with this event again this year. It looks as though it's going to be another very successful raffle. These events would be nothing without all of you. You people make me smile. I hope to see you at the Moose Club on the 17th.

Take care everyone!

March				
Date	Location/Event	Time	Contact	Open or Closed
March 2	Daytona Bike Week Starts	--	--	Open
March 10	Accident Scene Management Course	TBA	Mike Cullen	Closed
March 11	Daytona Bike Week Ends	--	--	Open
March 18	Membership Renewal/Best Western, Janesville	9:00 – 10:00 A.M.	Perry Wolf	Closed
March 18	Chapter Meeting & LOH Meeting/Best Western, Janesville	10:00 A.M.	Gene Schaetten/Sandy Bingham	Closed
March 24	Moonlight Bowling/Cougar Lanes, Clinton	6:30 P.M.	Bruce & Linda Schumacher	Closed
March 31	April Fools Ride/Kutter HD	Noon	Jes Schild	Closed

April				
Date	Event/Location	Time	Contact	Open or Closed
April 7 th	Riders Edge Classes Start	TBA	Kutter HD	Open
April 14 th	Grays Brewery Tour Ride	TBA	Bruce & Linda Schumacher	Closed
April 15 th	Chapter Meeting & LOH Meeting/Afton Marine, Afton	10:00 A.M.	Gene Schaetten/Sandy Bingham	Closed
April 29 th	May Day Ride/Kutter HD	12 Noon	Jes Schild	Closed

May				
Date	Event/Location	Time	Contact	Open or Closed
May 5	Kutter HD Open House/Camden Park Poker Run	10:00 A.M.	Kutter HD	Open
May 18	Fish Dinner Ride/Kutter HD (Riding to Tubbies Too)	6:30 P.M.	Bruce & Linda Schumacher	Closed
May 19	Ride to Kutter HD Open House in Monroe/Kutter HD, Janesville	10:30 A.M.	Kutter HD	Jes Schild
May 20	LOH Chapter Breakfast/Thresherman's Park	9:00 A.M.	Sandy Bingham	Closed
May 20	Chapter Meeting & LOH Meeting/Chapter Photo/Thresherman's Park	10:00 A.M.	Gene Schaetten/Sandy Bingham	Closed
May 20	Road Guard Ride/Kutter HD	11:30 A.M.	Jes Schild	Closed (all members welcome)

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.

Dear South Central WI Janesville HOG Member;

A few years ago, a Points System was developed to reward chapter members for actively participating in our HOG Chapter and Kutter HD sponsored events. New this year, our chapter point system has been integrated into Kutter HD Motorcycle Value Program (M.V.P.), **if you choose to participate in this program**. Becoming an active member of your chapter provides the opportunity to meet other chapter members and also the chance to earn points in the M.V.P. program.

Point System

With the start of 2007, the chapter point system will look the same for all members. Points earned for selling tickets, volunteering and attending meetings will appear on the attendance log at each meeting. The log will be provided to Kutter after each meeting so points can be awarded to those who chose to join the M.V.P. program. Those points can be verified via the M.V.P. program website.

M.V.P. Party

An M.V.P. party will be held for members who have voluntarily joined the program by paying a one-time cost of \$39.95. For more details on how to join this program and about the party – see our sponsoring dealership, Kutter Harley Davidson.

Christmas Party (closed to chapter members and one guest)

Entrance to this party will cost each chapter member \$25 to attend. **However**, if you participate throughout the year enough to earn a minimum of 16 **chapter** points, your entrance fee will be waived. **All** members must accumulate the required points or pay the entrance fee.

Point Earning Details

Activity:	Chapter Points Earned	M.V. P Points Earned
Attend a chapter meeting	1 point per meeting	1 point per meeting
Perfect meeting attendance	5 points (bonus)	None
Provide a bake sale item	1 point per item donated	None
Set up a Ride	5 points each (Road Captain approval required)	None
Set Up an Event	5 points each (Activities Director approval required)	None
Work for an event	1 point per hour worked (maximum of 5 points per task)	1 point per event*
Sell 50/50 tickets at meetings	1 point	None
Provide raffle donation	1 point	None
Bring on a New MDA Corporate Sponsor	5 points each	None
Each full book of MDA Bike Raffle Tickets sold	5 points each book sold (full books only)	1 point maximum
First book HOG bike raffle tickets sold	10 points (full books only)	1 point maximum
Full books sold after that (HOG only)	5 points each book sold (full books only)	None
Photographer Assistant	1 point per event (Photographer Officer approval required)	None
Sell 1 book each: MDA Bike raffle tickets and HOG Bike raffle tickets	5 point bonus	None
Attend a ride requiring registration (waiver must be on file)	None	1 point per ride

*M.V.P. points are awarded per event and limited to 1 point per event. (i.e.: MDA = 1 point; Open House = 1 point, etc.)

Examples of the above:

- 1) Work 1 hour in registration and 2 hours serving food = 3 chapter points; 2) Work 1 hour in serving food, 2 hours in registration, then another 5 hours serving food = 7 points [2 hours in registration = 2 points. 1 hour + 5 hours (both serving food are 1 task) = 5 chapter points (max. 5 points); 3) Work 6 hours helping to serve beer = 5 chapter points (1 task)
- 4) Work a Poker Run stop, Carry a flag or Road Guard for MDA = 5 chapter points

Remember!!

Your “boss” (for participating in these events) is responsible to document the time that you worked. It is also your responsibility to make sure that your “boss” knows that you are working and what hours that you have worked. You need to check your point totals each month when you sign the attendance roster at the chapter meetings to assure you have been credited with the points you deserve. Adjustments to points will only be made up to a 60-day period after the event.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of us.

Regards,

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