

Northern Chapter HOG membership meeting

VFW Hall on February 5, 2015

Members present: 34

Meeting started at 6:30 pm

Opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Mike Lince, Director: Introduction of the 2015 Chapter Officers.

Presented chapter point pins to members: 50 -John Long, 75- Fred Nelson and Joe Rabanus; 100-Joey Priest; 125-Andy Karnowski.

2014 Challenge Ride patches and rockers: Jim Morris, Sharon Morris, John Whittaker, Tom Wentzel and Paula Wentzel.

Harley Davidson 2014 event pins: Paula Wentzel, Tom Wentzel, and John Whittaker.

Harley Davidson 2014 volunteer pins: Fred Nelson, Joey Priest, Jim Morris, Paula Wentzel, Tom Wentzel and John Whittaker.

The Great Lakes Harley Round-Up XXXIII will be on June 12-14, 2015 at Cycle-Moore Campground, Interlochen. www.cycle-moore.com for more information.

The second Erik's Awareness Ride will be on May 16, 2015 in Rapid City. On Facebook

Abate Membership within the chapter. Current members: Steve Purkiss and Trent Tomlinson

Charley, service manager at Classic Motors will be the liaison between the chapter and the dealership.

Officer's reports/updates:

Dave Kroll: Presented information about the 2015 Michigan State HOG rally in Marquette. Chapter hotel is Settle Inn; there are 3 rooms still available under the name of Ken Johnson or Northern Chapter, (906) 228-8100. Chapter will arrange group rides to the rally; more rally information to follow. Report your 2015 beginning mileage to Dave by email. Dave will keep track and set a chapter mileage goal for this year. National HOG mileage program presented. You must report your mileage to the dealership; dealership staff will complete the form and send it in to Harley. VIP ride to Milwaukee starting June 13-Sept 7, 2015. \$25.00 each and 10 people or more members to tour the museum. Possible over night chapter ride if members are interested.

PitStop, Treasurer: Current balance, \$806.02. Beginning of January 2015 there was \$2370.35 in the account, paid expenses for Winter Gala, approx \$1500.00. Reports will be submitted to the dealership monthly. Membership: Renewal forms available. If membership is not renewed by April 2, 2015; email messages will be disconnected and website password will be changed. National HOG membership must be current. Photographer: Alison will be taking pictures for the webpage and Facebook; if you have a picture to post, please send to photographer@northernchapter.com

Julie Kincannon, Secretary: All meeting minutes will be posted to the chapter website under the newsletters tab. (Username: newsletter; password: Letsride). Editor: Membership newsletters will be posted quarterly and on the website. Links to the website will be attached to the email blasts. Apple devices may not be posting clearly, shifting when viewing when using a smart phone, computer or tablet. View on chapter website. New categories can be added to the newsletter including your riding stories, classified ads, officer's reports, etc. Facebook has 2 Northern Chapter sites. One is general information for the public to view; Northern Chapter HOG #2360 Traverse City, MI (non-profit organization). Second is a closed group for members only to view; Northern Chapter HOG Michigan (skull head). Send a request to join the closed group and I can be added. Activities: Email blasts and website calendar will include upcoming events, please view. Hockey game at Centre Ice on Saturday night; 02/14/2015 starts the Ale Trail for the next 3 weekends, (explained by Dave Kroll) an afternoon of visiting local brewery's and dinner at the end around 4:30 pm. Each brewery you will get a stamp in your passport. Check the website calendar. 02/15/2015 Chili and bonfire at Brian and Gayle Soop's house in Interlochen. Bring your snowshoes and cross country skis (if you want). Idea sheets are on the tables, please complete. We welcome your ideas. We will be having a meeting for members to discuss and review events before posting on the calendar.

Brian Soop, Safety Officer: July 12, 2015 return riders course in Suttons Bay is full with our chapter members. Brian is taking a list of member's names that might be interested to fill in if someone can not attend. Must be there by 6:45 a.m.; cost \$25.00. You can ride your own motorcycle or use one provided. Go to the links page and review the material ahead of time. Northern Chapter will get a plaque for participation. Chapter will practice on the course ahead of time. See Brian for more information.

Dave Kroll for Carl Archambeau, (absent) Head Road Captain. Group rides will not be cancelled this year if there is not a road captain present; anyone can be a ride leader. Hand signals and group riding will be reviewed before the riding season. Riding season calendar not completed yet. Looking for riding ideas; destinations, overnight etc.

Gayle Soop, Merchandise: There are old (\$8.00) and new chapter pins (\$12.00) available tonight. One hooded black chapter sweatshirt \$55.00. (Thank you Rich Brown for modeling!) Taking names for chapter name tags. Need a required amount before we can order, see Gayle. Check with Mandy at the dealership, she handles merchandise. Unable to find list from last year. The dealership has chapter patches available also.

Barb Long, LOH: Review of the LOH program and activities. Group is looking at fund raising at the dealership with possible brownie sales, chili cook-off, etc. Still need to discuss with the dealership. Soop's house on 02/15/2015 for bonfire, chili, snowshoeing, cross country skiing. Recipes request from the LOH Pensacola HOG requested to help them out with a cookbook. Ideas for our own LOH cookbook and a 2015 HOG scrapbook. Helping out 2015 Father Fred with donations depending where will live. Nancy Harper will keep LOH informed. Added note: Next LOH meeting 02/27/2015 starting at 6:30 pm @ VFW.

Steve Purkiss, Webmaster: Links on the website are up to date. There a links to all state rallies, forms etc.

Wanda B. was the winner at the Winter Gala of the free Grand Traverse Resort overnight stay. Certificate presented.

Committee reports:

Trent Tomlinson, Father Fred Chairman: Frostbite food drive 2015 is starting and they are looking for volunteers to represent the Northern Chapter. A sign-up sheet is being passed around with the available time slots and locations. Please sign up if available. 23rd Ride for Father Fred poster is not final; copies available for review. Three year pins series started in 2014 through 2016. We will be using a red, white and blue theme. Ride has been moved to earlier dates this year; June 27-28, 2015; not to compete with other events and rides. Price \$25.00 per rider and \$15.00 per passenger. Saturday there will be a participate ride and ending with a early evening party starting at 5:00 pm at the VFW to include a Taco Bar, bike show, entertainment, etc., ending at 8:00 pm. Sunday ride registration starts early; including a blessing of the bikes, guided tour to Old Mission Peninsula and brunch ending at the VFW. Nancy Harper will again chair for corporate sponsors /donations.

The 2015 Harley Davidson World Ride dates have not been announced.

Charley, Service Manager/ liaison from Classic Motors: Before the riding season, bring your bike into the dealership, and if you live within 25 miles, Charley will pick-up and deliver your motorcycle free. Charley will also give a 10% discount to HOG members, be sure to get in now to take advantage of this offer. Get service work and accessorizing done before it gets busy at the dealership. 10% discount offer is available for a short time only, see Charley. There is a large inventory of used and new bikes at Classic Motors. Rumble Bucks are still being used at the dealership. Northern Chapter HOG wall has been moved to the outside the service department; a new chalk board will be added. This is to promote the chapter and bring awareness to the public. Dave Kroll's traveling trophy from the 2014 Michigan State HOG rally is out for display.

Classic shirt winner, \$25.00 gift certificate to Classic Motors: Bob Lesnau
Membership \$20.00 winner: Dave McLeod, not present. Roll over to next meeting: \$40.00
Don Szilagyi, \$62.00 prize. \$62.00 to Northern Chapter treasurer

Meeting adjourned: 8:00 pm

Minutes submitted by Julie Kincannon, Secretary
Approved by Mike Lince, Director 02/08/15