

## March 3, 2016 Northern Chapter Monthly Meeting Minutes

Director: Mike L. Welcomed 31 Chapter Members to the monthly meeting. He also gave out (2) 25 point pins to Faith Free and Robert Lesnau. Great Job!!

Assistant Director: Rocky M. Talked about the upcoming MI HOG Rally this August 17<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup> at Boyne Highlands. There is still time to get your registrations in. Area hotel rooms and campgrounds are filling up fast. A MI HOG Representative will be coming to talk to us about the Rally. Date is not know at this time. HOG registration was \$45.00 in the past now down to \$25.00 for an armband and pin, if you want a shirt they are available for and extra \$20.00.

Treasurer: Julie A. Gave the treasurers report of starting balance for the month was \$1,838.37 with 3 checks written in the amount of \$806.51, for Chapter shirts \$617.07, Business Cards \$59.58, check to Julie K for a new Chapter Flag \$ 129.86 and 1 deposit of \$332.00 for membership renewals, t-shirts pins etc. and .08 cents interest. Ending balance was \$1,363.94 Vista Print is a better deal for printing our Business Cards. For 500 more the cost is \$17.00. A show of hands agreed to get the extra cards.

Merchandise: Gayle S. Need 5 more so another batch of 10 name tags can be placed.

Mike L. Introduced our youngest associate members of the national HOG our local Chapter Nathan Buehler and Coleton Philley.

Per Thor at Harley "If you can breathe you can be a member". In the past Harley workers have signed up their unborn babies as soon as 24 hours after they found out their wife was pregnant.

Motorcycle Swap Meet in Cadillac March 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 4:00. We will be taking extra membership brochures that Don has obtained along with our business cards too.

Happy Birthday was sung to Gayle Watson-Soop. Thanks to Barb L.

Father Fred: Julie K. sent out an e-mail for March 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm meeting at the VFW to discuss what she is planning for this year's event. Don wants a big meeting to start off Father Fred and to keep members updated.

LOH: Barb L. LOH Crazy Bowling at Lucky Jacks March 6<sup>th</sup> 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Prices are the same as last November. A current LOH picture was taken at the end of the meeting of all women in attendance.

Don S. (Squeegie) Monthly breakfast fir March is at the Village Inn in Suttons Bay at 7:00 so the Classic staff and get to work by 8:30.

Activities: Julie K. Ale Trail has been changed from March 20<sup>th</sup> to March 12<sup>th</sup>. We have only 2 places left to complete the card. They are Rare Bird and Filling Station.

Membership: Keith F. Four bikes were sold recently 3 from Detroit and 1 from Manistee. Keith will contact the Manistee owner if they are interested to join our local HOG Chapter.

We have been given 6 (Free) wrist bands for the Swap Meet in Cadillac on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Our spot is 10' X 10' in size. We can go on Friday night and set up our area. Faith has tables and a truck to transport them. Nancy H. gave the black tablecloth to Julie K. Tom M has a 19" T.V. to show the disc of pictures that Keith is working on. Fremont and Muskegon HOG Chapters were there last year and may come again this year. To serve Beer for the 1<sup>st</sup> time this year.

No new members as of yet. Previous membership renewals are coming in for this year.

Group Discussion about selling stuff on Facebook through the Northern Chapter site.

Jason: Parts Manager at the dealership talked about new inventory coming in. Planning a Saturday in April for a session on Touring Luggage and LED Lighting. Rumble Bucks can be used on Harley clothes. Must save receipts and bring in after reaching \$1,000.00. For \$1,000.00 -10 % discount, \$1,500.00 – 15 % discount, \$2,000.00 – 20 % discount. Other discounts CANNOT be used with Rumble Bucks'

Nate in IT at the dealership is thinking about changing the software program so every time you buy something it automatically keep track of your Rumble Bucks so you don't have to save receipts and bring them in to the dealership.

Editor: Sherri B. Is starting our 1<sup>st</sup> Newsletter and wants members to send in note, stories, items for sale etc. All items need to be in by March 18<sup>th</sup> so copies can be at the Cadillac Motorcycle Swap Meet. State Hospital Tour of the Commons in March 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 2:00 pm. Cost is \$25.00 per person and nine people are need for the private group tour, Sign up on line if interested.

Safety: Faith F. Be safe!! More Safety information at our next meeting. Hope to be riding by then.

Director: Mike L. Points & Pins. Reminder to recycle your old pins. You receive points for functions: signing in at meetings, 2 on the Town dinners, Bowling, Movie Night, and Monthly Breakfast. If you have a party the sponsoring people get 5 points and all other get 1 point. Officers get 6 points at the end of the years and if someone is within 5 points of the next pin the Director can give out extra points. (123 points can increase to 125). We will order more of the 200, 300, and 500 pins.

Challenges: Keep it simple 1 point per challenge. No more 10 points and at the end of the year the person with the most points wins the tire.

ABC's of Harley can still be done every year. Need 25 points to turn in for a prize. All rules are on the Harley website under ABC's.

Road Captains: Mike L. Has talked with Don at the dealership that he is not too keen on Road Captains are need for every ride. If 2 or more show up at the dealership 1 lead and the rest follow and get credit for the rise. "We are all Adults"!! Mike will print out hand signals, laminate copies and give out to whoever wants them at April's meeting. These were given to all the Road Captains last year to review Hand Signals before the ride. In the past the Road Captain set up the ride, pre ride it, checked for construction areas and the best way to travel. You can look up construction areas on the SOM web site.

Hot Dog Cookout: Free Hot Dogs will be funded again by Don. He will pay the group \$50.00 for each Saturday from 11:00 to 2:00 starting Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend if Chapter Members show up. If it rains no hot dogs will be cooked. Those that want to take a ride after the hot dog cook out will leave from the dealership.

50/50 Drawing \$55.00 Julie K. Blue Ticket \$25.00 gift card at the dealership Don S. Membership # \$40.00 Rebecca Flees who was not there so it rolls over to \$60.00 at next month's meeting.

Barb Long Secretary, Northern Chapter HOG

