

May 5, 2016 Monthly Chapter Monthly Meeting Minutes

Special Guest: Donna Hogard from Father Fred Marketing.

Donna was so grateful and Loves what our Harley Chapter has done for Father Fred over the years. She is getting more awareness such as Social Media on the local radio station, T.C. Ticker; light up bill boards throughout the city. She is looking into having a T.V. Reporter ride with someone during the Father Fred Ride. Donna hopes to have lawn signs available for next year's ride also. Tom Miller to help with his Go-Pro to film 2-3 segments of the ride so it can be put on T.V. for the 25th Anniversary Ride. Mike L. will be our PR person for the local Radio Stations. Encourage the people on the Peninsula to wave their American Flags and make it more family oriented .Donna would love to join us on the ride but due to legalities she is an employee not volunteer. We took a group picture with Donna so she can show it to her Dad that has Alzheimer's.

Julie K: 1st ticket for Father Fred was to Robert Lesneau.

Tom M.: Volunteers to be at the Poker Stops on Saturday of the Father Fred Weekend. 1st stop is Classic Motors in Grand Traverse County-John L. 2nd is Leelanau County at Miles Kimmerly Park-Julie A. and Randy S. 3rd is Benzie County-Wanda B, Nathan and his mom Nicole B. 4th is Kalkaska County at the Big Fish- Loren and Carol Hasse . 5th is Antrim County Alden City Park-Rich and Linda Brown. The end of the Poker Run is at the VFW in Traverse City.

Faith F.: Family First is doing an article on Nathan Buehler our youngest HOG member.

Mike L.: Old pins, patches and shirts from previous years will be available during the weekend. This year's 2016 Father Fred pins are in white so they are easier to read.

Mike L.: Pins were given to Nathan Buehler earned his white pin. Keith F. 50 point pin and Barb L. 150 point pin.

Guests attending: Jim Dow for previous HOG group years ago, Dennis Koenig and Kevin Kosewich.

Sherry B.: Showed us some examples of Stretch Exercises i.e.: wrist, head, and arm, ankle, and trunk circles, back and forth of all those listed and foot back and forth.

Rocky: Hog Rally is at Boyne Highland in Harbor Springs August 18th to 20th. Registration is open until June 30th. A Rally person has not contacted Rocky regarding more information about the Rally. Some HOG Members will be leaving on Wednesday and Thursday before the Rally.

Mike L.: Challenge Ride to Fire Departments during the Rally. The Challenge Ride pictures MUST have your Bike, Orange Sign and Fire Department Sign in order to count. A Group Picture which was done with 21 members had some of our bikes in it with the Orange Sign and Fire Department Sign. The 1st prize is a new tire mounted and balance, 2nd is a Free Oil Change and 3rd is a \$25.00 Gift Card all donated by Classic Motors. Last year at our Christmas Party 10 Members that participated in the Challenge had

\$10.00 off of their 2016 membership fee. Mike is still working with Heath Darling of the Manistee Fire Department to give us a tour of their Historical Fire Depart later in July.

Carl A.: Head Road Captain/Safety went over being ready to ride, full tank of gas, use the bathroom. Riders must know their limits and be aware. Ride their bike 1st and do hand signals when they feel comfortable to do them. Carl demonstrated Hand and Foot Signals and Biker Distress Signal. Place your helmet 7-8 feet behind the bike. Truckers know this signal and will call for Help. Staggered Riding 2 seconds behind the bike in front, is on bad roads add 2 more seconds. Leaders will do brief Hand Signals before the ride, place new riders in back by the sweep and NO ALCOHOL during the ride. Communication-Hand Signal are seen before turn signal or tap the brakes a few times. Groups with over 10 riders will be split into 2 groups until we get back together as 1 group.

Sherri B.: Hopes to get the Monthly Newsletter out the 1st week of June. Encourage Member to send in information of their favorite Father Fred memories so she can have them printed for the weekend.

Frank "Beenz" Miller inquired about ordering Chapter sweatshirts. We need 24 ordered before placing the order and we only have 12 ordered so far.

Keith F.: Membership we now have 64 Members as of tonight. Reminder you must be a Nation HOG Member before joining a Local Chapter.

Our monthly breakfast is this Saturday May 7th 8:00am at J&S Hamburger on South Airport Road.

Jason: Dealer Rep. As of today Charlie Lakritz the Service Manager resigned. Jason and Jim will now be running the Service Department. Jason has been a Mechanic since 1995 and all 4 Mechanics are Harley trained. A T.V. will be put in the HOG corner to show members on rides etc. and Free Hot Dogs and Chips start the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend. In order to receive \$50.00 for the Chapter, Members need to be there or Don will not give us the money for that Saturday.

Membership Drawing for \$20.00: Colton Philley who was not there so next month it will be \$40.00
50/50 Drawing: Jason \$50.00, and \$25.00 Classic Motors Gift Certificate Frank "Beenz" Miller

Barb Long, Secretary

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