

## Northern Michigan Chapter H.O.G. Membership Meeting

February 2, 2017

Meeting was called to order at approximately 7PM by Keith French followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Keith thanked everyone for attending. Meeting was held at new venue- Elks Lodge.

Barb Long read the minutes from the last meeting and then formerly resigned as Secretary. Ken Johnson was announced as the new secretary.

March 1 is the renewal date for memberships. Fee is \$20 and can be paid at meeting or at Classic Motor Sports.

Activities: Director Don Keith reminded group of the Guns and Hoses game on Saturday Feb. 4 at 6PM. Anyone interested can also meet for dinner at Agave at 4PM.

A paper was passed around for people to write down ride/activity suggestions.

May 19 to the 21<sup>st</sup> is the Baldwin Blessing of the Bikes. The actual blessing is on Sunday May 21.

A \$5 donation is requested.

Memorial Day Weekend is Bubbas Memorial Classic.

Rides will most likely start in April.

A ride to the Lumberman's Monument will possibly be scheduled for June.

There will be a ride to Hell.

Treasurer: Jewelz was absent due to illness. The account balance as reported at the Officers meeting was \$1674.27 in the checking account plus \$1000 in the savings account.

Safety: Tom Miller handed out emergency medical cards to anyone who wanted one or two for their bike/wallet. A handout of hand signals was also passed out. Motorcycle safety books and rider training information was also available.

Tips for safety included watch out for sand/salt once riding season starts; dress for the weather not the ride.

Road Captain: Tom Miller had copies of a Guide to Group Riding available. Inexperienced riders should ride in the front of the group and the group should ride to the inexperienced rider's abilities.

Any inexperienced/new riders can contact Tom and he will get a small group ride together.

New rider rides and a garage night are two possibilities.

The "ride captain" or person who leads any ride should be the person that knows the route/area/destination the best.

Keith French had a group discussion and then vote on this year's Challenge Ride. Four choices were presented: Ice cream parlors, wineries, diners and drive-ins, and marinas. The discussion narrowed the choices to ice cream and wineries. Wineries – con- the implication of drinking alcohol and riding; pro- more scenic / rural areas. Ice cream- pros- easy to find and located in many small towns; cons- could be crowded during riding season. "Wineries" was changed to "vineyards" . A vote was held and the vineyards had it 11 to 8. Keith will come up with a list of wineries to use.

When posting rides, they will be designated as "challenge" ride or regular rides. "Challenge" rides will stop at designated places for pictures. Stops may be frequent. Regular rides will not stop to take pictures. Three or more members posted on email or facebook make up a ride.

Mileage points were awarded to :

Nathan "Bubba" Buehler- 25

Wanda Buehler- 100

John Long- 225 dangler

New Business:

H.O.G. Training- Don and Keith are attending Feb 9<sup>th</sup> thru 11<sup>th</sup>. If any members would like to go, openings are available. They will bring back as much info as possible.

Thank You! To the participants in the Father Fred Food Drive- Don, Keith, Rocky, Wanda, Tom

H.O.G. Rally- If you are staying at the resort and would like a room close to the rest of the group, make sure Carl A. or Keith know so that the hotel can add your name to the group list.

Christmas Party- will be held at Boones on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. The room is already booked.

Kalkaska Swap meet- Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup>- we will have a booth there to encourage new membership.

Mileage- take a picture of your odometer and get it to Keith before you start riding for the season.

Merchandise: Wanda has two lists going- one for name tags at \$10 each and one for Black Skull Hoodies a \$49.

50/50 winner was Steve Purkiss \$30

Blue ticket (\$25 gift certificate) winner was Chris Draple

Member drawing went to the winner of Heads or Tails- \$20 was awarded to ??