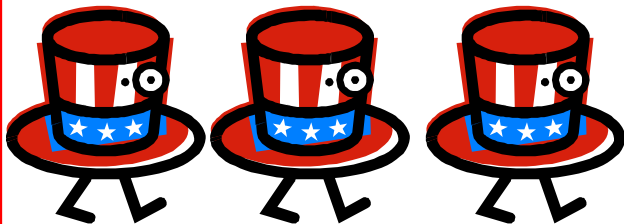


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4TH OF JULY PARADE

We will be meeting at 4:30pm at the Career Tech center on Parsons Rd near Three Mile Rd. Contact any officer if you need further directions!

If you have a small fire extinguisher that will fit in your saddlebag, please bring it, as they are asking us to have one for every two bikes!

We had lots of fun last year, and were the hit of the parade, so

CHAPTER U.P. TRIP

WHEN: JULY 16-18

LEAVING CLASSIC AT 10 A.M.

DESTINATION: SAULT STE. MARIE

We will be stopping at Bob Evans for breakfast and leaving from there around 11 a.m. on Friday, July 16. Rooms are available at Quality Inn (906) 635-6918 for \$69/night which includes a hot breakfast. (You need to make your own reservation!)

There will be a sign up sheet at the Chapter meeting on Thursday.

If you have any questions, call Tom French @ 941-7289.

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June Chapter & Business Meeting Minutes

MINUTES - Business Meeting 06/15/04

In the absence of Raggs, Bob O brought the meeting to order.

Update on the Father Fred Benefit ride: We may need a few more volunteers for traffic control downtown on Saturday night. Front street will be closed for us after the poker run on Saturday from 6:00 to 8:00pm. The poker run cards are ready - Eric has them at Classic.

Treasurer report: Total assets as of today are \$4443.91 Income year to date is \$1734.32 (we are \$1000 ahead of where we were last year at this time) Lew has a copy of income & expenses if anyone is interested.

Regarding the Chapter ride on July 16th to 18th: Our destination is going to be Ste. St. Marie. No alcohol is to be consumed while on the ride to our destination. As with all rides once we arrive at our destination the official ride is over and you are on your own to go where you would like or stay as a group. Tom is checking into getting a block of rooms at the Quality Inn.

Road Captain report: Eric said that the group continues to ride very well together. Everyone seems to be using their hand signals. He did mention to be aware of roads that are being fixed such as the "tar & chip" that is being used.

Dave McLeod spoke about the 4th of July parade that we are going to participate in. The parade is Sunday beginning at 6:30. We are to arrive by 6:00 to get in place. We will need to have fire extinguishers on some of the bikes - this will be discussed at the "pre-ride" practice. There was discussion of the group going somewhere together to watch the fireworks in the evening.

Please participate in this if you can - it is a lot of fun! Our group went over very well last year

Eric motioned to adjourn, Jeanette seconded the motion.

SAFETY CORNER—PARADE RIDING

BY BOB KLING

The following are general guidelines to enable a safe parade ride for both you, the rider, and the spectators:

1. Keep your bike well maintained
2. Have a full tank of gas and an empty bladder before you arrive
3. No passing out of anything to the spectators (candy, etc.)
4. No shaking hands with the crowd
5. Everyone MUST—MUST stay in formation
6. Always maintain spacing
7. **ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOL**

Remember, you will be representing the Northern Chapter, Hog National and the sponsoring dealer, Classic Motor Sports.



Chapter Nametags

Chapter nametags are available for a mere \$8 (payable in advance). Donna Weber, our merchandise coordinator is taking orders for them. You can find her at the Chapter Meeting on July 1. There is other H.O.G. merchandise available too—shirts, barware, hats, etc. You can look at them in the catalog she has with her. (some items require minimum order quantities and you may have to wait until we get enough orders to fill that.)

"In The Breeze"

By Michael Cole

There is a wonderful old poem by a Greek named C.P. Cavafy. The poem is titled "Ithaca" (not to be confused with Ithaca, MI). Although it talks about "Cyclops" and "Angry Poseidon", I thought it was especially appropriate for us. In it we are reminded that it is the voyage and the adventures along the way that are important, not the arrival itself. To other people with other modes of transportation this might be hard to understand. Not to say that the final goal is not important, for without the final goal we would not have started the trip. The goal may not be unlike the place we left, or even a place we've been before. It is the trip that is important. The freedom of the road, the sound of the bike, the tastes and smells along the way. As the poem says:

"Ask that your way be long,
At many a summer dawn to enter-
With what gratitude, what joy!
Ports seen for the first time
Always keep Ithaca fixed in your mind;
Your arrival there is what you are destined for.
But do not in the least hurry the journey.
Better that it lasts for years.
So that when you reach the island you are old
Rich with all that you have gained along the way
Not expecting Ithaca to give you wealth."

It's fair to say whether it's motorcycles or life, the journey is where it's at. In fact, the quality of the journey may even determine the destination.

June Chapter Meeting Drawings

50/50 Drawing:
\$50—Char Kirchener
\$34—Sue Burns

Tom Burns would have won the \$25 Classic Gift Certificate, but he wasn't wearing a Classic Shirt. Next month the drawing will be for a \$50 gift certificate.

Membership drawing would have been won by Vince O'Brien, but he wasn't present. June's drawing will be for \$60

CONGRATULATIONS!

Members Earning
Their Activity Pin

Ken Buquet

Jim Johnson

Sandy Oliverius

An Activity Pin is earned when you attend 12 events (AND SIGN IN). With over 75 events scheduled for the year—it is easy!

Chapter Website Newsletter

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NORTHERN CHAPTER HARLEY OWNERS GROUP 2004 Schedule of Events

DATE		THURSDAY—Dinner Ride leave Classic @ 6:30	SATURDAY RIDE leave Classic @ 10:00	SUNDAY RIDE leave Classic @ 10:00
JULY	1	Chapter Meeting		
	8	Dockside		
	9-12		West Branch	
	15	Villa Marine		
	16-18		U.P. Trip	
	17		Club 37	
	22	House BBQ—French's		
	24-25		Father Fred Poker Run	Father Fred Ride/Breakfast
	29	Yuma		
	31		Saginaw	
AUG	5	Chapter Meeting—TBA		
	8		Cross Village—Legs Inn	
	12	Fife Lake Inn		
	15			Chapter Picnic—Peterson
	19	Dockside		
	26	House BBQ—Bob Burns		
	28		Ludington	
	31		Saginaw	
SEPT	2	Chapter Meeting— TBA		
	5			Harrison
	9	Gordie Howe's		
	16	City Limits		
	18		Pig Roast—Mack's	
	23	House BBQ—O'Brien's		
	26			Road Captain's Choice Ride



NORTHERN CHAPTER HARLEY OWNERS GROUP 2004 Schedule of Events—Cont'd

DATE		THURSDAY—Dinner Ride leave Classic @ 6:30	SATURDAY RIDE leave Classic @ 10:00	SUNDAY RIDE leave Classic @ 10:00
OCT	7	Chapter Meeting—TBA		
	21	TBA		
	30		Chili Cook-Off	
NOV	4	Chapter Meeting—TBA		
	18	TBA		
DEC	2	Chapter Meeting—TBA		
	4		Christmas Party	



My thanks to Michael Cole for his contribution to this months newsletter (look for more “in the Breeze” from Mike in coming months!) Please remember that I welcome ALL contributions—this is the NORTHERN CHAPTER HOG newsletter—and that means all of you. If you take a trip write a small article and send it to me—everyone loves to live vicariously through other peoples experiences. Those of us who can’t ride much (because we are now working at a real job!!) love to hear about other peoples rides. It doesn’t have to be long—maybe just a paragraph or two about one incident that happened. Everyone loves telling their stories, so tell me the story in an e-mail and let us all hear about it.

Thanks

A great big thank-you to Ken & Sue Buquet for the WONDERFUL BBQ they put on for everyone who rode to the Baldwin Blessing.





12th Annual Northern Chapter H.O.G. Ride for Father Fred

July 24 & 25, 2004 Open to all motorcyclists!

**Saturday
Poker Run**
Registration
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
at Classic Motor Sports

**Saturday
Downtown TC
Bike Display**
Front Street • 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Live Entertainment provided by WKLT

**Sunday
Old Mission
Peninsula Ride**
Registration 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
at Classic Motor Sports
Escorted Ride • Ride 11:00 a.m.

**Sunday
Biker Breakfast
at TC VFW**
Serving 12 noon - 2:00 p.m.
Veterans Drive

\$15 for All Events • \$7.50 for Biker Breakfast
Free Camping Available at Cycle Moore

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

Andy Barnard	July 2
Doug Taylor	July 14
Alan Cracker	July 16
Vince O'Brien	July 16
Steve Brooks	July 19
Sandy Oliverius	July 29
Chris Berg	July 31

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...



21st Annual Michigan H.O.G. Rendezvous July 9, 10 & 11th

Tickets for the 2004 West Branch H.O.G. Rendezvous are on sale at all participating Harley-Davidson Dealerships. Prices remain the same as they have been for the last four years: \$50.00 in advance and \$75.00 at the gate for H.O.G. members and \$75.00 in advance and \$100.00 at the gate for non-members.

The 2004 Rendezvous promises to be the best ever with headlining talent including **George Thorogood and the Destroyers**, **Eddie Money**, and **Trick Pony**. More acts are being added. There will also be a daytime stage in the vending area featuring Chapter "sponsored" acts. The Bike drawing is back and fireworks are scheduled for both Friday and Saturday.

Tickets on Sale at Classic Motor Sports
For More Info: <http://www.geocities.com/mihogrendezvous/>



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Welcome New Members!

Sue Buquet Brent Schichtel
Rocky Brust Jo Crossett
Marsha Browning
Anne Marie Kucera
Doug & Angie Taylor

JULY CHAPTER MEETING:

July 1
Peegeo's
Ride Leaves Classic at 6:30 or
Meet at Peegeo's at 7:30

JULY BUSINESS MEETING

July 20
7:00 pm
South City Limits Restaurant
ALL MEMBERS WELCOME!

JULY DINNER RIDES

Thursday, July 1
Chapter Meeting

Peegeo's

Thursday, July 9

Dockside

Thursday, July 15

Villa Marina

Thursday, June 24

House BBQ

Tom & Peggy French

Thursday, July 29

Yuma

Thursday, Aug 5

Chapter Meeting

Peegeo's

The Ride leaves Classic at 6:30
SHARP or you can meet us at the res-
taurant around 7:30.

Dinner Ride Questions?

Call Tom French @
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