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NORTHERN CHAPTER H.O.G. 1ST ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE DINNER

APRIL 17

3 P.M.

\$5/person

BYOB

RSVP by April 9

We must be bored with no riding to do because we are coming up with lots of 1st annual events. We are having a progressive dinner starting at Emmanuel's house. The theme will be Mexican with all the food reflecting that. For those of you who don't know what a progressive dinner is—it is a 5 course dinner with each course being at a different house. We start at Deb & John Emmanuel's house for appetizers, then drive to Jeanette & Greg Sherman's house for soup, Janet & Jim Johnson's house for salad, Cheryl & Eric Fischer's house for the main course and Paula & Raggs Mack's house for dessert. We still need volunteers to help at each house—one person is not enough to handle this crowd!

You **MUST** call to let us know you are coming by April 9. We need to know how many are coming so we can plan. Call Paula @275-5403 or Cheryl @ 275-6658

Starting place is John & Deb Emmanuel's at:

9069 N. Tottenham Rd. off of W. Long Lake Road which is off S. Long Lake Road. If you need further directions, call them at 943-3569.



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February Chapter & Business Meeting Minutes

As of 01/20/04 we have 110 paid members for 2004. Once again a reminder if your dues are not paid you will NOT receive a newsletter until they are.

The newsletter can be obtained on the website – if you know the password. The password will be changed yearly to correspond with when dues are paid.

Cheryl is working on the list of who we send newsletters to. We may be able to remove some names or business that receive it. This would help cut the cost of processing them.

As of 01/20/04 we have \$4700.00 in our account. We would like to raise about \$1500.00 this year. We would like to do this in about three different events if we could rather than one large event. He will check into this. We will continue with our 50/50 drawings.

Raggs has the schedule of the first six months of dinner rides. We hope to have this in the next newsletter. The second half should be released at the June chapter meeting. If anyone has any suggestions for a ride or would like to host a weekend BBQ, contact Raggs or Tom. Remember all dinner rides meet Thursdays at Classic Motor Sports and leave at 6:30 sharp. When you arrive, have a full tank of gas, sign in and be ready to ride.

Jim Dow has agreed to chair the chapter picnic. He has reserved Peterson Park for Sunday, August 15th from 11am-4pm for the chapter picnic. The chapter will supply the food, drinks are BYO. Contact Jim if you have any questions.

The first official ride of the year is on Saturday, April 24th to the Kalkaska Trout Festival. Kiootees Bar had a bike blessing last year that we attended. Paula will check into this and see if it will be held that day again this year.

The First Annual Northern Chapter Pool Tournament was held on Saturday, February 7, 2004 at GT's pool hall. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards will be made. Bob O. will have the patches made.

Mike Cole has reported that the progress on the Northern Chapter HOG – 12th Annual Benefit ride is going very well. Saturday, July 24th will be the poker run with a bike display downtown. Still working out which street this will be on. Sunday, July 25th will be the ride with breakfast following at the VFW hall. We will help the VFW to serve this year to speed up the progress of serving everyone quicker. Volunteers are needed. More detailed information will be available as we get closer to this event. We would really like to thank Mike for all of his time and effort into bringing this event back to the chapter.

The date for the Progressive Dinner ride has been changed to Saturday, April 17th. More details to follow.

The new chapter phone directory will be produced in May as we will have a more complete list of members then.

The date for the 2004 Christmas party has been changed to Saturday, December 4. The change was made so that the Holiday Inn could accommodate the size of room we require. Fifteen members requested tickets after the cut-off date this last year, and were unable to attend the party due to the space limitation

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we had arranged. We want to make sure all who wish to attend this years party are able to! Members need to be reminded of the fact that there is a limit to the number of available seats even with the larger room.

Just a reminder-with your membership in HOG there is a "riders reimbursement" program for towing. Raggs has copies of forms.

RAGG'S ROAR



It has been a while, since, I wrote a letter, for the news letter. As most of you know, I can get up, in front, of a group of people, and talk all day, but, when it comes to putting my thoughts on paper, that's an entirely different matter. This year I will try and do better.

Our pool tournament has come and gone, everyone that attended said they had a great time. It did not matter whether you were a good pool player or not, it was a good excuse to get out of the house and socialize with your fellow members. Hopefully this will become a yearly event. Thanks to Tom from G.T.'S for donating that beautiful pool cue and case that was the first place prize of the tournament. Eric Fischer was the first place winner, with Jack Palazzolo, taking a close second. (See story and photos on Pg 7!)

Snow, snow, snow, it's seems that it will never end, but spring, is right around the corner, Your officers are all busy putting together rides and events for the up coming year. As always, we ask you for your input. We will continue working towards our main goal, RIDE AND HAVE FUN.

Participation in all events was up over 300%. The Saturday and Sunday rides were a huge success, as was the weekend trips to the U.P. As a result, we will have either a Saturday or Sunday ride every weekend during the riding season. Currently we are working on at least two weekend trips to the U.P., and possible a third to the new dealer supported Upper Peninsula State Fair-RUMBLE U.P. SUN TOUR.

More information on planned riding events, and other possible events will be forthcoming, as the riding season gets going.

As always Ride Safe and Have Fun

RAGGS

Chapter Website Newsletter

New Username: newsletter

New Password: 2360HOG

The work Mark has done this year to bring us this website is **AWESOME!** Check it out if you haven't lately. Our website now has a link on the National HOG website thanks to Mark's hard work and persistence.

www.northernchapter.com

Ladies Of Harley Meeting

March 20

1 p.m. @ Sleder's

February Chapter Meeting Drawings

50/50 Drawing – Cheryl Fischer

Jack Palazolla won the \$25 Classic Gift Certificate, because he was wearing a Classic Shirt. Next month the drawing will be for a \$25 gift certificate.

Membership drawing was won by Cheryl Fischer, and she won \$140. There is no Chapter meeting for March, so April's drawing will be for \$40

You could be the Next Lucky Winner!

Note from editor: Yes, I did go out and buy a lottery ticket that night—but I guess my luck only went as far as the Chapter!

Thanks to Michael Cole, who has started printing our newsletters for us at considerable savings to the chapter! Thanks, Mike!!



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Gail Yanska	3/1
George Reinbold	3/2
Dave Arnold	3/4
Raggs	3/5
Tim Schultz	3/6
Craig Matthews	3/10
Roger Yanska	3/14
Joe Rabanus	3/16
Cheryl Fischer	3/21
Greg Sherman	3/30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...



The Holidays are past, but thought this article was worth reprinting:

CHEERS TO THE HOLIDAYS!

By Bob Schmetzler, H.O.G. Legal Counsel

The winter holidays are fast approaching, and that means one thing. Well, actually, it means a lot of things, but it means one thing in particular to me as H.O.G. legal counsel. It means there are going to be a lot of questions about the H.O.G. alcohol policy, like:

1. DOES OUR CHAPTER'S GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY INCLUDE LIQUOR COVERAGE?
2. CAN WE SERVE ALCOHOL AT OUR CHAPTER HOLIDAY PARTY?
3. IF WE DECIDE TO SERVE ALCOHOL, WHAT DO WE NEED TO KNOW? AND
4. HEY, BOB, WANT TO COME TO OUR CHAPTER HOLIDAY PARTY?

The answers to these questions, are "No," "Sort of," "Several things," and "We'll see!" The H.O.G. Chapter Alcohol Policy is pretty straightforward, but there are a few nuances you should be aware of. Let's tackle the above questions one by one...

1. *This one is easy: No, your policy does not include liquor liability. Which leads very quickly into question number 2...*
2. *It depends on what you mean by "we." If you decide to have alcohol at any club gathering, we strongly recommend that you do it on a BYO/BYO basis. That is "Bring Your Own" or "Buy Your Own" from a vendor licensed and insured to sell alcohol.*

You see, liquor liability cases generally have everything to do with who furnishes the alcohol, whether it's sold or given away. The BYO/BYO approach shifts the liability away from you: If you're not the one furnishing the drinks, it's much less likely you'll be found liable in the case of a lawsuit.

A couple of tips:

A) If you hire a vendor, don't assume they're

properly licensed and insured. Check it out! If you don't ask, liability could come back your way if one of your guests acts irresponsibly while impaired. Your best option may be to hire a hall that includes a liquor service.

B) Arrange to have the vendor sell drinks by the glass (or pitcher), as opposed to having an "open bar." Including an open bar in the price of the event—even if you hire a vendor—will be construed as you providing the liquor. Also, it's fairer to everyone—drinkers and non-drinkers alike—to have each guest pay for his or her own drinks.



3. *Here are a few more things to keep in mind. Limiting your Chapter's legal liability does not diminish your moral responsibility to look after your guests. Remember, we're all family here! Take a few extra steps to help all your guests get home safely. Have the number of a taxi service readily available. Set up a designated driver program. Arrange to shut down the bar a little early if you feel it's appropriate. Encourage your guests to keep an eye on one another and remind them (before the drinking starts) that friends don't let friends drive drunk. It sounds like a cliché, but it's true. And finally, absolutely, never mix drinking and riding.*
4. *Send me an invitation, and I'll see what I can do! I like parties as much as the next guy. But remember: Having a lawyer around won't change your Chapter's responsibilities!*

Make your holiday season as festive and safe as possible by following the above recommendations. It's in everyone's best interests.



NORTHERN CHAPTER HARLEY OWNERS GROUP 2004 Schedule of Events

DATE	THURSDAY—Dinner Ride	SATURDAY RIDE	SUNDAY RIDE
MARCH	4	Gordie Howe's	
	18	Giovanni's, Interlochen	
APRIL	1	Chapter Meeting—Elks Club	
	15	Peninsula Grill	
	24		Trout Festival
	29	South City Limits	
MAY	2		Mesick & Frankfort
	6	Chapter Meeting—Location to	
	8		Central Lake
	13	Cedar Tavern	
	16		Baldwin Blessing of Bikes
	20	Laughing Horse Saloon	
	23		Petoskey
	27	Fife Lake Inn	
JUNE	3	Chapter Meeting—Location to	
	6		Ironton
	10	Friendly's	
	13		Manistee
	17	Woody's—Northport	
	19		Cadillac
	24	House BBQ—Vince O'Brien	
	27		Gaylord



1st Annual Pool

Tournament Winners

- 1st Place Eric Fischer**
- 2nd Place Jack Palazzolo**
- 3rd Place Chuck Heck**

Everyone had a great time (even if some people ended up with negative scores)!

Our Thanks to GT's for the beautiful cue stick and case they donated to us for 1st place and the gift certificates for 2nd and 3rd place.



What is the Membership Drawing??

A lot of people have asked me just how the membership drawing works, so I thought it would be a good thing to explain. At every Chapter meeting, the membership secretary brings a list of all the current members, sorted in alphabetical order and then each of them are numbered. For example—Bobbie Akey is number 1 and Roger Yanska is the last number, whatever that number might be that month. The numbers for everyone (except Bobbie & Neil, who have been numbers 1 and 2 for as long as I have been doing this!) change every month as new members join and are added to the alphabetical mix. At each Chapter meeting a number is drawn from a bag and whoever's name corresponds with that number wins the drawing—if they are at the meeting. We add \$20 each month and if the winner isn't there it rolls to the next month. That's the reason I won \$140 at the last meeting.





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Welcome New Members!

Char Kirchner
Kim & Laurie Stinson

MARCH CHAPTER MEETING:

*THE MONTHLY MEETING
HERE HAS BEEN CANCELLED
IN LIEU OF THE ONE IN KEY
WEST, FLORIDA AT THE
HOG'S BREATH ON MARCH 8!!*

Think Spring!

MARCH BUSINESS MEETING

March 15
7:00 pm
South City Limits Restaurant
ALL MEMBERS WELCOME!

MARCH DINNER RIDES

Thursday, March 4

No Chapter Meeting

Gordie Howe's

Thursday, March 18

Giovanni's in Interlochen

There is no March Membership Meeting—Director & Asst. Director are going to be in Florida.

Meet at the restaurant at 7:00.

Dinner Ride Questions?

Call Tom French @

(231)218-4971

