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**DON'T FORGET TO
MARK YOUR CALENDARS
FOR NORTHERN
CHAPTER H.O.G. SECOND
ANNUAL
PROGRESSIVE DINNER!
LOOK INSIDE FOR
DETAILS!**

TROUT FESTIVAL RIDE
AND BLESSING OF THE BIKES
SATURDAY, April 30th

The first organized ride of the season is just around the corner!! Bundle up to prepare for destination Kalkaska.
OPTIONAL BREAKFAST AT FLAPJACK SHACK—9:30 AM
Ride leaves Classic Motor Sports at 11:00 AM

BALDWIN BLESSING OF THE BIKES
Saturday, May 15th

BRIMLEY BLESSING OF THE BIKES
JUNE 10th—12th

Great event last year ! Additional rooms have been reserved at Willabee's (800-248-3008) at \$50.00 per night. You must mention Traverse City Harley-Davidson to get the special rate. Rooms must be reserved by May 15th. Also, rooms at Bay Mills for \$99.00, but must mention blessing to get special rate

2nd ANNUAL VETERAN'S MOTORCYCLE RALLY

JULY 15-16-17th, 2005

**American Legion Post #3, 3 Legion Drive
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49784**

(See Bob Oliverius for additional details)

LADIES OF HARLEY

NEXT MEETING:

THURSDAY, APRIL 7th @ 6pm—PEEGEO'S

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SATURDAY, APRIL 23rd—PROGRESSIVE DINNER

TUESDAY, May 10th— CHICK FLICK
(Meet at Jonathan B Pub @ 6:00pm)

JUNE LADIES RIDE (Details to be announced)

Note: L.O.H. meetings for the summer will have to take place other than on the same day as the Chapter Ride. Please come with your suggestions for a new day and meeting place!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- Sue Barner—April 3
- Michael Trailer—April 5
- Frank Trojanowski—April 9
- Andy Peterson—April 15
- Bill Swift—April 15
- Chuck Gannon—April 16
- Dennis Svec—April 18
- Gary French—April 19
- John Welsh—April 22
- Laurie Stinson—April 29
- Dave Berg—April 29

Don't forget to pass along your birthday wishes!

CHAPTER WEBSITE NEWSLETTER

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National Harley Owners Group-Northern Chapter—Business Meeting March 15, 2005

Location: City Limits- Time: 7 p.m. Recorded by: Kristine Cole (Secretary)

Bob Oliverius: Director: Old Business: Pool Tournament this Sat., March 19 at Timberlanes. Patches awarded for first and second place. Open bowling for those who do not shoot pool. Veteran's Rally, July 15-17th at Sault St. Marie; West Branch, July 15-17th along with "Get Hitched"- Beach Boys. Tickets available at Classic. 5th Annual America 911 Ride, Aug. 19-20th from Pennsylvania to New York City (see Bob for flyers); Brimely, June 10, 11, 12th. See newsletter for more info on booking rooms. Note that rooms are filling quickly. I will call and see if I can add rooms. Bay Mills also has rooms available for \$99, but remember to mention "Blessing" to get the special rate. Another option would be Eric Fischer's parents place. See Eric for info.

New Business: Father Fred Sat, July 30th. Final approval for street closing was given by the Downtown Building Authority on March 3. Front Street to be closed from Park to Union 6pm thru 9pm. Unable to close at 5pm as we had requested due to businesses still open. The Opera House has been booked for a wedding and reception that evening. City has asked that we be considerate of noise. Plan is to tape off area directly around Opera House and use that check in for Poker Run. Possibly use adjoining area for chapter bikes. Will plan to park bikes starting down by Horizon's Book Store. Will discuss again as we get closer. Mike Cole will provide a list of volunteer needs. Can we and should we look into advertising on National Web Page? We have newsletters from other chapters that we receive. Will place them in a binder on the file cabinet at the Dealership for review. May 15th is the 5th American Cancer Ride in Bellville Illinois. T-shirts are almost ready for printing. Eric working on artwork disc. Order for nametags being taken. The nametags are back to the 3-D style from a year ago. Very nice. See Jaime.

Eric Fischer: BIKER BUILD-OFF at Classic. Vote on favorite bike until March 26. Drawing will be on Monday March 28th for dinner for two at Modes Bum Steer. All bikes are for sale.

Kim Lefler: (L.O.H.): Spa night Thursday, March 17th at Great Wolf Lodge. Request to Chuck Heck to provide road captains for proposed girl's ride we are planning.

Bob Oliverius: (Director): Kalkaska Trout Festival and Coyote Blessing of Bikes Sat. April 30th will be the opening of our riding season. Tentative plan to meet at Flap Jack Shack for breakfast 9:30 am leave dealership at 11:00 am. Thursday May 5th will leave Dealership at 6:30pm and ride to Peegeos for monthly meeting at 7:30pm. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

NORTHERN CHAPTER—HARLEY OWNERS GROUP 2005 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
THURSDAY	APRIL 7TH	6:00PM	LADIES OF HARLEY MEETING	PEEGEO'S
THURSDAY	APRIL 7TH	7:00PM	CHAPTER MEETING	PEEGEO'S
SATURDAY	APRIL 9TH	7:00PM	JOHN LEFLER'S REITREMENT PARTY	VFW
TUESDAY	APRIL 19TH	7:00PM	BUSINESS MEETING	SOUTH CITY LIMITS
THURSDAY	APRIL 21ST	6:30PM	CHAPTER RIDE	BRADY'S
SATURDAY	APRIL 23RD	3:00PM	PROGRESSIVE DINNER	See Newsletter for Details
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 27TH	TBA	TROUT FESTIVAL	KALKASKA
SUNDAY	MAY 1ST			
SATURDAY	APRIL 30TH	11:00AM	BLESSING OF THE BIKES	KALKASKA
THURSDAY	MAY 5TH	6:30	CHAPTER RIDE	PEEGEO'S
		7:30	CHAPTER MEETING	
SATURDAY	MAY 7TH	10:00AM	WEEKEND RIDE-CHARLEVOIX	FLIGHT DECK
THURSDAY	MAY 12TH	6:30PM	CHAPTER RIDE-CEDAR	CEDAR TAVERN
SUNDAY	MAY 15TH	TBA	BLESSING OF THE BIKES	BALDWIN
THURSDAY	MAY 19TH	6:30PM	CHAPTER RIDE—TRAVERSE CITY	SLEDER'S
SATURDAY	MAY 21ST	10:00AM	WEEKEND RIDE-GAYLORD	TBA
THURSDAY	MAY 26th	6:30PM	CHAPTER RIDE-INTERLOCHEN	GRANDMA'S KITCHEN
SUNDAY	MAY 29TH	10:00AM	WEEKEND RIDE-FRANKFORT, EMPIRE AND NORTHPORT	TBA
THURSDAY	JUNE 2ND	6:30PM	CHAPTER RIDE	PEEGEO'S
		7:30PM	CHAPTER MEETING	
SATURDAY	JUNE 4TH	TBA	MANCELONA BASS FESTIVEL	MANCELONA
THURSDAY	JUNE 9TH	6:30	CHAPTER RIDE-EMPIRE	FRIENDLY'S
*FRIDAY, SAT.	JUNE 10TH, 11TH	TBA	BLESSING OF THE BIKES	BRIMLEY
SUNDAY	& 12TH			
FRIDAY, SAT.,	JUNE 10TH, 11TH	TBA	HARLEY ROUND UP-INTERLOCHEN	CYCLE MOORE
SUNDAY	& 12TH			

ALL RIDES LEAVE FROM CLASSIC —THURSDAY NIGHT RIDES LEAVE AT 6:30PM—

WEEKEND RIDES MEET AT 10:00AM

SECOND ANNUAL NORTHERN CHAPTER H.O.G. PROGRESSIVE DINNER SATURDAY, APRIL 23RD—3:00 PM

\$5.00 PER PERSON—BYOB

PLEASE RSVP BY APRIL 16th to KIM LEFLER—941-1457
OR DEB EMANUEL—943-3569

THEME: CHINESE

DESTINATIONS:

APPETIZERS: JULIE ROSNER (Please call for directions)
2355 Pleiades Way, Traverse City
Phone: 946-5650

SOUP/SALAD: JOHN & DEB OCKERT
6505 Rahe, Kingsley
Phone: 263-7255

MAIN ENTRÉE: SHELLY DAYTON & TERRY COATES
207 South Brownson Avenue, Kingsley (next to post office)
(Parking also available in the Municipal Parking Lot)
Phone: 263-2519

DESSERT: JIM & JANET JOHNSON
2979 Old Farm Lane Traverse City
Phone: 929-4155

Last year's event was a huge success, and we are hoping for the same again this year. As you know, this group can get quite large. Therefore, please call one of our hosts to offer your help! It seemed to work best last year with two or three of our members at each house. We will be at each destination for approximately 1-1/2 hours, then travel to the next destination.

YOUR RSVP IS IMPORTANT- we need to know how many will be attending, especially for the main entrée!



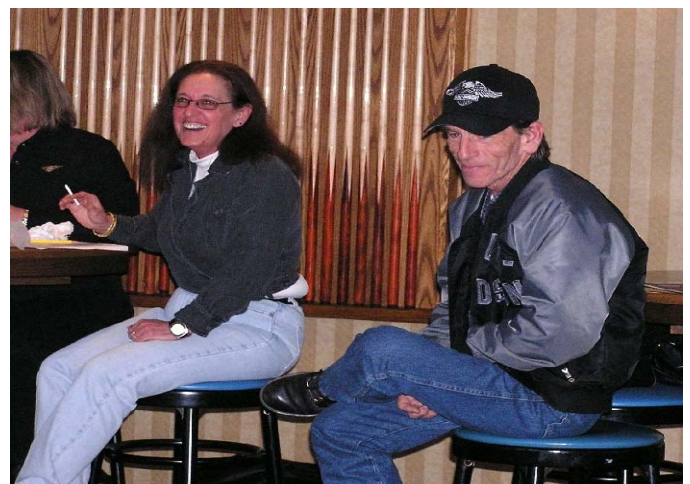
**The Ladies of Spa Night
Great Wolf Lodge—March 17th**

We were pampered with back massage, facial, pedicure and manicure—enjoyed appetizers, wine and most of all, good company.

(Top) From left to right: Cheryl Miller, Char Kirchner, Kim Leffer, Chris Cole, Cheryl Fischer, Sue Barner, Carolyn Risk, Deb Ockert

(Bottom) From left to right: Jeanette Sherman, Deb Emanuel, and Shelly Dayton

**RAGG'S ROTATION POOL TOURNAMENT—ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL EVENT!
RAGG'S TAKES 1ST—CHUCK TAKE'S SECOND**



HELP MAKE 2005 A MEMORABLE RIDING SEASON

We are in the planning stages of our riding season and we need your help. We are looking for destination suggestions for our chapter and weekend rides. Keep in mind that we may need to accommodate up to 50 people at any given destination. Last year's chapter rides were a big success, and we'd like to continue in that direction.

Additionally, we are looking for volunteers to host the house BBQ's, which were also a huge success last summer.

Contact Tom French at 941-7289, or e-mail your suggestion to frenchie@teammembers.com. Thanks for your input!

IT'S TIME TO BRUSH UP ON YOUR RIDING SKILLS

The **BASIC RIDER'S COURSE** (through Ferris State University) will offer classes every weekend beginning in May, with the exception of the holiday weekends. You can hit the Ferris State Website (<http://www.ferris.edu/cpd/motorcyclerrider/>) or call Ferris State University at 231-591-5819 or

888-378-4378 anytime after March 1st.

The **EXPERIENCED RIDER'S COURSE**

dates are May 14th, June 18th and July 30th. Chuck Heck is coordinating the Road Captain sign-up. For those of you interested in either course, please

contact Chuck for your application and additional information.

THE COURSES COME HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
FOR ALL RIDERS!

STEVE'S SAFETY CORNER

Have you ever watched a movie where the leader of a cavalry troop, aka road captain, signals his troops following in close formation or an old war movie where a platoon leader gives his men direction using hand signals to alert them of danger or give them direction, and likened it to the hand signals our road captains use during a group ride? Here it is folks, hand signals. Before the season gets under way (soon we hope) we will be revisiting hand signals. There are several different ways to communicate while riding. Some groups use lights, others use radios, we use hand signals to communicate with each other to pass on relevant information about hazards in the road, conditions, or group intentions (rest stops, gas, etc.). Prior to the ride the road captain will review hand signals along with relevant trip information. There are several different signals and some slight variations but the basics are the same. The signals are initiated by the road captain and passed back by each successive rider. The group then can really function as a group and make smooth transitions and safely flow with traffic. Printed in your March/April Hog Tales are picture examples of hand signals or you can visit the HOG or the AMA website to see them. We will be reviewing them at the next chapter meeting. I will have copies of them for those of you that want them. So until then, be safe and thumbs up!

INTERESTED IN PLAYING SOFTBALL ON SUNDAY NIGHTS?

Contact Jamie Rierson for
Details at Classic Motor Sports!

JIM DOW IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE ANNUAL CHAPTER

PICNIC @ PETERSON PARK
Call Jim at 267-5370 if interested.

**Raggs Mack has recently
resigned his position on the Board of
Directors for Northern Chapter H.O.G.
as well as Road Captain. Thanks for a
job well done! You will be missed!**

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER!
WAYNE GATZKE**



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CHAPTER NOTABLES

FROM: Jeanette Sherman, Membership Officer: It won't be long and our new Membership Directory will be ready for the press. If any corrections and/or additions are required to your listing, please give me a call.

FROM: JAMIE RIERSON, Merchandise Coordinator: Taking orders for H.O.G. Name Tags, H.O.G. Baseball caps—need 12 for each order. Anyone interested, please contact Jamie at Classis or via e-mail at jkrierson@chartermi.net. Still have Harley Legendary Flag or Harley Logo Sign Flag. T-Shirts are ready for printing—the company was having a little difficulty with the back, but I think we have it now. Thank you for your patience.

FROM: JOHN LEFLER, Asst. Director: Join us April 9th at 7:00 pm for my retirement party at VFW Hall, 3400 Veterans Dr., Traverse City. RSVP at 941-1457—BYOB.

NORTHERN CHAPTER H.O.G.- Chapter Meeting -March 3, 2005-Location: Peegeo's

(Recorded by: Kristine Cole - Secretary) Called to order 7:03 p.m. Jim Dow: Moment of silence in honor of Bruce Willett

Bob Oliverius: (Director): Members should refer to newsletters concerning schedule of upcoming events. Season kick off to be Kalkaska Trout Festival and Coyote Blessing of the bikes. After blessing we hope to start our weekly rides.

Raggs Mack: (Past Director): Pool Tournament March 19th at 2pm Timberlanes located by LaSenorita. Open bowling available for those who do not shoot pool. "Raggs rotation" will be the rules for the tournament. It's a lot of fun and hope to have good turn out.

Bob Oliverius: (Director): Welcome new member Eric Bader. Eric rides a 2004 Deuce purchased at Classic. Looking forward to riding with Eric and his wife Dawn.

Kim Lefler: (LOH officer): Spa day planned for March 17 at Great Wolf Lodge; Progressive Dinner April 23--Chinese theme; Chick Flick night May 10 Jonathan B Pub 6pm; June ride to be announced

Paul Jarboe: (Public Relations): Basic Rider Course will be held in South Boardman again this year. Cost \$25. Starts in May. Call 1888BikeNow

Chuck Heck: (Head Road Captain): Experienced Rider Course was changed to July 30th. Note that this is Father Fred weekend.

Jaime Rierson: (Merchandise): T-shirts are in stock. Printing is the issue and should be started soon. Have the HOG 2005 catalog for anyone to look at. I am ordering name pins. If you are interested, see me. Harley Davidson flags are available also.

Eric Fischer: (New Members): Classic is hosting a Bike Build-Off Contest. Each department customized a bike and they will be on display by March 12th. Bikes are for sale and we will be having a vote for best bike. Come in and cast your vote.

Paul Jarboe: (Public Relations): National Owners Group sponsoring final Great Lakes Tour this year. Ride scheduled for Sept. Leaving from Cleveland and finishing in Mackinaw City. 1200 riders max. Fills quickly. This would be a great ride, give it a thought.

Bob Oliverius: (Director): 22nd annual Tennessee Rally in Chattanooga, August 27. Chapters invited to attend and may be represented by 2 bikes with chapter flag in parade of flags. See me if interested.

Jim Dow: Thanks to Mary and the girls from Peegeo's who take such good care of us. I'm looking for someone who would like to share cost of a room for the Brimley trip.

Greg Sherman: (Gaming): 50/50 Raffle \$95- Claude Gerskey (returned \$50 to chapter); T-shirt drawing \$25- Frank Schroeder; Membership for \$40- Jim Munson - Not Present. Next month drawing for \$60. Meeting Adjourned at 7:30pm

