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**SPRING HAS SPRUNG!
ARE YOU READY TO RIDE?
YOUR NEWSLETTER IS FULL
OF EXCITING DETAILS!
WE'VE GOT A GREAT MONTH
PLANNED!
SUGGESTIONS?
CALL ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR
TOM FRENCH AT 941-7289.**

NORTHERN CHAPTER H.O.G. "fyi" PAGE
Keeping an eye on what's happening around us!

BALDWIN BLESSING OF THE BIKES

Sunday, May 15th

RIDE LEAVES CLASSIC AT 10:00AM

LUNCHEON HOSTED BY KEN and SUE BUQUET

MANCELONA BASS FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, JUNE 4th

BIKERS OUT FOR BLOOD—WHEELS FOR LIFE

SUNDAY, June 5th

Starts at Blood Center—2575 Aero Park Drive, TC

Led by Kenny Olson from Kid Rock—Registration Information: 231-935-3030

BRIMLEY BLESSING OF THE BIKES

JUNE 10th—12th

Great event last year ! Willabee's (888-248-3008) is currently booked for the week-end. However, keep checking. Someone might cancel. Rooms are \$50.00 per night. You must mention Traverse City Harley-Davidson to get the special rate.

Rooms also available at Bay Mills for \$99.00

MICHIGAN'S LITTLE FINGER POKER RUN & VINTAGE BIKE SHOW

SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2005

Starts at Leelanau Sands Casino

Call 800-922-2WIN ext 8816 for info

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY CELEBRATION OF LIFE BENEFIT RIDE

SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2005

Ride will meet and depart from Benzie Central H.S.

Ride Day Registration 10am to 12:30pm

2nd ANNUAL VETERAN'S MOTORCYCLE RALLY

JULY 15-16-17th, 2005

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

**Additional details for any of the events listed can be obtained by
calling Bob Oliverius at 929-1239.**

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Kris Cole	May 2
Craig Vincent	May 4
John Iott	May 5
Jim Supina	May 5
Donna Drury	May 9
Kent Smith	May 11
Tara Baesch	May 16
Denise Pepler	May 24
Jerry Kocis	May 27
Randall Johnson	May 29
Don Pishney	May 29
Bob Schilling	May 30

Don't forget to pass along your birthday wishes!

LADIES OF HARLEY

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

JUNE LADIES RIDE (Details to be announced)

OUR NEXT PROJECT:

FLAG DESIGN for FR. FRED'S
"CAPTURE THE FLAG" EVENT

NOTE: No scheduled meetings for summer, but bring your ideas, etc., to regular Chapter meetings for discussion, or call Kim Lefler.

National Harley Owner's Group -NORTHERN CHAPTER- Chapter Meeting -April 7, 2005 - Location: Peegeo's

Called to order at 7:09 P.M. by Bob Oliverius. Minutes recorded by: Kristine Cole (Secretary)

Bob Oliverius: (Director) Introduction of guests (Apologize for misspelled names) Dennis Flynn - Experienced rider - left his Gold Wing for the Harley experience; Chuck Galen -2004 Softail last fall; Steve McCahey – 2004 Wide Glide; Mike O'Connor – Experienced rider. Saw the Father Fred ride and now has a 2005 Ultra Classic; Mike Rutter – 2005 Heritage. First official ride of the season will be to the Kal-kaska Trout Festival and blessing of the bikes. John Lefler having a retirement party Sat April 9 at 7pm at VFW hall everyone is welcome. Chapter ride to Brady's Bar on Thurs. April 21. Progressive Dinner is Sat. April 23. See Newsletter and Web Page for further details

John Lefler: (Asst. Director) Attended Primary Officer Training Program in New Orleans in March. Great experience. Lots of information shared and connections made. One topic at meeting was concerning noise from pipes. Message was to please be courteous. If we as riders do not control our behavior, legislation may be forthcoming. Avoid revving engine at stops etc. Suggestion box: 1) my only response to this letter is "I don't want to get a job." 2) Anonymous letter expressing concerns over recent happenings in the chapter. "Yes there have been changes all with a positive focus. Riding and having fun are the focus of this chapter and we are back on track."

Michael Cole: (Father Fred) Father Fred is alive and well. Sign up sheets will be at the next meeting. VFW hall will have quicker lines this year. T-shirts for event are ready to go to printer.

Kim Lefler: (LOH) Great Wolf Lodge was great. Progressive Dinner is set. See your newsletter. Dessert has been changed to Brian and Traci's new house. May 10th at Jonathan B Pub for dinner and movie (chick flick).

Lew Kirchner: (Treasurer) \$5500 in bank plus tonight's 50/50. \$ 2100 net income to date

Chuck Heck: (Road Captain) Official ride starts end of month. Be careful out there, not all roads washed clean yet. Be safe and be responsible "It's all about you."

STEVE SZASZ: (SAFETY)—REVIEWED HAND SIGNALS MUCH TO THE DELIGHT OF THE CROWD.

Paul Jarboe: (Public Relations) Check your HOG Tales - last of the Great Lakes Tours coming up. Still time to sign up. Extra issues of Hog Tales at the dealer. Check the WEBSITE.

Tom French: (Activities) Open for future ride suggestions. If interested in hosting a BBQ just let me know.

Jamie Rierson: (Merchandise) T-shirts can be picked up next week. Taking orders for nametags and caps. Softball will be after 5pm on Sundays. Looking for more women to play.

Greg Sherman: 50/50 Raffle to Brian Zionskowski \$105(½ back to chapter); \$25 T-shirt to Deb Whilden; \$40 membership Jessie Peterson (not present) - \$60 in May. Meeting adjourned by Bob Oliverius at 7:49 P.M.

NORTHERN CHAPTER—HARLEY OWNERS GROUP 2005 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
SATURDAY	APRIL 30TH	11:00 AM	TROUT FESTIVAL-BLESSING OF THE BIKES	KALKASKA
THURSDAY	MAY 5TH	6:30	CHAPTER RIDE	PEEGEO'S
SATURDAY	MAY 7TH	10:00AM	WEEKEND RIDE-CHARLEVOIX	FLIGHT DECK
THURSDAY	MAY 12TH	6:30PM	CHAPTER RIDE-CEDAR	CEDAR TAVERN
SUNDAY	MAY 15TH	10:00AM	BLESSING OF THE BIKES	BALDWIN
TUESDAY	MAY 17TH	7:00 PM	BUSINESS MEETING	SOUTH CITY LIMITS
SATURDAY	MAY 21ST	10:00AM	WEEKEND RIDE-GAYLORD	BIG BUCK BREWERY
THURSDAY	MAY 26th	6:30PM	CHAPTER RIDE-INTERLOCHEN	GRANDMA'S KITCHEN
SUNDAY	MAY 29TH	10:00AM	WEEKEND RIDE-FRANKFORT, EMPIRE	ART'S TAVERN
THURSDAY	JUNE 2ND	6:30PM	CHAPTER RIDE	PEEGEO'S
THURSDAY	JUNE 9TH	6:30PM	CHAPTER RIDE-EMPIRE	FRIENDLY'S
FRIDAY, SAT.,	JUNE 10TH, 11TH		BLESSING OF THE BIKES	BRIMLEY
FRIDAY, SAT.,	JUNE 10TH, 11TH		HARLEY ROUND UP-INTERLOCHEN	CYCLE MOORE
THURSDAY	JUNE 16TH	6:30PM	CHAPTER RIDE-KEWADIN	OASIS
TUESDAY	JUNE 21ST	7:00PM	BUSINESS MEETING	SOUTH CITY LIMITS
SUNDAY	JUNE 26TH	10:00AM	WEEKEND RIDE-JOHANNESBURG	SPOT BAR
THURSDAY	JUNE 30TH	6:30PM	CHAPTER RIDE—TORCH LAKE	DOCKSIDE
THURSDAY	JULY 7TH	6:30PM	CHAPTER RIDE	PEEGEO'S
THURSDAY	JULY 14TH	6:30PM	CHAPTER RIDE—FRANKFORT	VILLA MARINA
TUESDAY	JULY 19TH	7:00PM	BUSINESS MEETING	SOUTH CITY LIMITS
THURSDAY	JULY 21ST	6:30PM	CHAPTER RIDE—KEWADIN	OASIS
SATURDAY	JULY 23RD	TBA	CHAPTER RIDE—BBQ-DICK RUSAS	LEELANAU
FRI., SAT., SUN	JULY 29, 30 & 31	TBA	FR. FRED BENEFIT	TRAVERSE CITY

ALL RIDES LEAVE FROM CLASSIC

THURSDAY NIGHT RIDES LEAVE AT 6:30PM

WEEKEND RIDES MEET AT 10:00AM

BALDWIN BLESSING OF THE BIKES

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2005

MEETNG AT CLASSIC AT 10:00 AM

LUNCHEON HOSTS: KEN AND SUE BUQUET

Ken and Sue Buquet have invited us, once again, to attend a luncheon at their residence after our ride to the Baldwin Blessing of the Bikes!

Directions: From Baldwin Airport go North on M-37 about 2 miles to US 10. Turn right (East) on US 10 and go about 14 miles to Deer Lake Road. Turn left (North) on Deer Lake Road for about 3/4 mile. The house is a light brown chalet with green trim on the right (East) side of the road. The address is: 6268 S. Deer Lake Road. Balloons will mark the mailbox. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please feel free to call Ken and/or Sue at 231-832-4947.

THANKS FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY KEN AND SUE!!!



**OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS
GO OUT TO LOU and DEB
WIDRIG ON THE
RECENT PASSING OF LOU'S
DAD.**

CHAPTER WEBSITE NEWSLETTER

**Username: newsletter
Password: 2360HOG
www.northernchapter.com**

**LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER
TO HOST HOUSE BBQ
SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 23RD
CALL TOM FRENCH AT 941-7289**

**INTERESTED IN PLAYING
SOFTBALL ON SUNDAY NIGHTS?
Contact Jamie Rierson for further
details at Classic Motor Sports!**

**ATTENTION: BOB OLIVERIUS
HAS RESERVED A SPOT IN THE
EXPERIENCED RIDER'S COURSE
SCHEDULED FOR MAY 14th AND IS
NOW UNABLE TO ATTEND.
IF INTERESTED IN ATTENDING,
PLEASE GIVE BOB A CALL
AT 929-1239.**

**JIM DOW HAS ROOM AT
WILLABEE'S FOR
BRIMLEY BLESSING OF THE BIKES.
INTERESTED IN SHARING
THE COST? CONTACT
JIM DOW @ 267-5370**

**We're on the web!
www.northernchapter.com**

MARCH AND APRIL CHAPTER MEETINGS WELL ATTENDED!



APRIL CHAPTER MEETING WINNERS

CLASSIC GIFT CERTIFICATE: Deb Whilden

50/50 DRAWING (\$105): Brian Zionskowski (He donated 1/2 back to Chapter—two cheers for Brian!!)

MEMBERSHIP DRAWING: Jessie Peterson (Not in attendance -
May Membership Drawing worth \$60)

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

EUGENE MORRIS

GAIL LANE

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@teamelmers.com. Thanks for your input!

TIDBITS OF INFORMATION FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT!

- *The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV were Fred and Wilma Flintstone.
- *Coca-cola was originally green.
- *It is impossible to lick your elbow.
- *Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the US Treasury.
- *The youngest Pope was 11 years old.
- *The world's youngest parents were 8 and 9 and lived in China in 1910.

STEVE'S SAFETY CORNER

Well folks, riding time is here at long last. We are back on the road again and probably the most overlooked critical safety item is what is between us and the road; our tires. The portion of the tire that comes in contact with the road is known as the contact patch. Correct tire pressure is **critical** for safe handling and maintaining the contact patch. Check the tire manufacturer for correct inflation pressure and check it frequently. At least weekly or directly prior to a long trip. Inspect the tire for any cuts, nicks, bulges and tire wear. Most tires have a wear bar molded right into the tire. As the tread wears the bar will become visible. On OE tires (Dunlop) a small triangle visible on the sidewall will show the location of the wear bar. If the tread depth is 1/32 at the wear bar you are past due! When the wear bars become visible, the tire needs to be replaced. I've replaced mine at around 10-13 thousand miles. Over-inflated tires will reduce the contact patch and will mean a rougher ride and uneven tire wear. Under-inflation is the evil twin and is dangerous because of handling and stability changes and heat buildup in the sidewall setting you up for a blowout. In my years of riding I've had one and don't desire to ride another one out. If you are upgrading to a larger tire make sure you check all points for clearance issues. Belts, belt guards, bolts on fenders and struts, and swing-arms must be checked. Unbalanced tires can vibrate at certain speeds and accelerate tire wear and be annoying to say the least. Most tire manufacturers discourage the use of liquid balancers or sealers and will void a warranty if such products are introduced into their tires. On new tires, follow the manufacturer specs on tire run-in or break-in periods. Usually speeds less than 60, no hard cornering or maximum power for the first 150 miles. This gives the tire/rim assembly time to set and gets the shine off the new rubber so you get the maximum traction. Additionally, tire tread life depends a lot on riding style, front vs. rear wheel location, and tire compound--i.e.. a soft compound (sport) tire will provide much more grip, but it's life can be only 3,000 to 6,000 miles; a harder compound (touring) tire provides less grip, but will last 8,000 to 15,000 miles. Tire life and traction are a compromise. Generally front tires wear faster; typically two fronts to one rear tire. A complex answer to a simple question. A good tire pressure gauge is a good investment as well as a tread depth gauge, and remember to check frequently and ride safe...Steve

A note from Steve Szasz:

Dear Friends: The Aboriginal people of Australia, when confronted with life changes and situations, would leave their tribe and go for a walkabout. This gave them a chance to get away, see other parts, and then move on with their lives. I will be leaving early August on my walkabout. In my profession, I am able to take on travel nursing assignments in other parts of this great country. I plan on keeping in touch via e-mail and this newsletter, and plan on riding to some great places. I will miss you all and since joining HOG in "99" I have considered you part of my extended family.

P.S. My walkabout will be without all the walking stuff ... more like a "rideabout."



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CHAPTER NOTABLES

FROM: Jeanette Sherman, Membership Officer: LAST CHANCE FOR ANY CHANGES TO THE MEMBERSHIP

DIRECTORY. If any corrections and/or additions are required to your listing, please call at 275-5357. Deadline is May 15th!

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 Flags or Harley Logo Sign Flags. **T-Shirts ordered at Christmas time are finally in. They can be picked up at Classic Motor Sports!**

FROM: JOHN LEFLER—Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thanks one and all for attending my retirement party! I can't begin to express how overwhelmed I was by your thoughtfulness!

FROM: JIM DOW—Jim is looking for volunteers for the annual Chapter Picnic at Peterson Park. Interested? Please call at 267-5370.

FROM: MIKE COLE—Looking for volunteers for the Fr. Fred Fundraiser. Please call if you can help at 947-6655.

NATIONAL HARLEY OWNERS GROUP- NORTHERN CHAPTER-Business Meeting April 19, 2005 - Location: South City Limits -

Recorded by Kristine Cole (Secretary) - Called to order at 7PM by Bob Oliverius

(Director) **Bob Oliverius:** (Director) Lefler's thank all who were able to celebrate John's retirement party. Condolences to Lou and Deb Widrig on the death of Lou's father. Thank you to all who were able to participate in a memorial ride. Father Fred Benefit: Finalizing the ride route. Michael Cole has provided us with flyers to be passed out. Sponsors for the event are listed at the bottom of the flyer. Please see me if you can help distribute any of these. **Capture the Flag** - We are in the process of having a flag made that will be awarded to the visiting chapter that posts the most mileage to attend Father Fred. That chapter name will be embroidered on the flag. At this time the plan would be to allow that chapter to display the flag at their dealership until the following year.

John Lefler: (Asst. Director) Christmas Party: Have a contract with Holiday Inn. Have agreed that next year the drink prices will be posted and they will not exceed prices charged in other eateries on the premises. Vote taken and passed to sign contract with Holiday Inn

Jim Dow: Picnic is all set for Sunday Aug. 14 at Peterson Park in Northport. Will be bigger and better this year! Attendance was almost double last year.

Kim Lefler: (LOH) Progressive dinner is this weekend. Please call hosts and see if you can bring anything.

Jamie Rierson: (Merchandise) Would like permission to order 75 more event pins at a cost of \$2 each. Vote taken - approved .

Bob Oliverius: (Director) New Business- Definition of Chapter Events: Approved events go through National HOG 1) open events- we have to provide insurance for 2) closed events- insurance provided by HOG- 3) Thursday rides are events. Suggestion made by Kris Cole to place an asterisk next to approved events in the Newsletter. Review of mail received for upcoming events. Can look over at dealership. April 30th optional breakfast at 9:45am at Flap Jack Shack. Ride to Kalkaska Trout Festival and Blessing will leave Classic at 11am.

Tom French: (Activities) June 6th there is a Bikers Out For Blood Ride. Flyers passed out. This Thursday, April 21, ride leaving Classic at 6:30pm and ending at Brady's bar. Baldwin Blessing is May 15th and Ken and Sue Buquet will be hosting a luncheon again this year. All eateries are notified of our group dining plans by the activities director prior to event.

Jamie Rierson: (Merchandise) Looking for women to play on the softball team. Games start on May 15. Games are after 5pm on Sundays. Also looking for **sub players**.

Kris Cole: (Secretary) **Motion made** to purchase Road Captain patches for new road captains. The National Headquarters sends us one each year which was given to John Lefler. We have an additional 7 new captains. Patches cost approx. \$5. Vote taken and passed to purchase 7 patches.

Lew Kirchener: (Treasurer) \$5800 currently in bank. \$4700 approx. after shirts. We saw a 50% profit on shirts this year. Newsletter costs are projected to be down 10-15% this year

Kim Lefler: (LOH) Ladies of Harley will not hold meetings during the summer riding months. Please call or e-mail Kim with suggestions for activities.

Jamie Rierson: (Merchandise) Are we still planning to have a pig roast this summer. Bob O. will check with Raggs to see if they are hosting again this year. The chili cook off is still a go.

Jim Dow: What are the chapter plans for collecting monies for events this year? Kim Lefler will be collecting \$5 per person for the Progressive Dinner. After discussion, a plan proposed to make a decision at each business meeting about events for the coming month. If a fee is to be charged it will then be placed in the coming newsletter. No events planned for May will involve a fee. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm **CLASSIC LEGEND TIMES**