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## 5th ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

WHEN: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22ND @ 7:00 PM

WHERE: RAGGS AND PAULA MACK,  
7801 N. REYNOLDS RD., LAKE ANN, MI

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN! BRING A **CROCK POT** OF YOUR FAVORITE CHILI RECIPE TO BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN THE CONTEST.

**OUR OBJECTIVE THIS YEAR IS TO BEAT 4-TIME WINNER NEIL AKEY!** BRING AN APPETIZER OR DESSERT IF YOU CHOOSE NOT TO BRING CHILI! THE MARGUERITA MACHINE WILL BE IN FULL SWING OR BYOB! IF YOU NEED DIRECTIONS, OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CALL RAGGS OR PAULA AT 275-5403.

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**A NOTE TO OUR READERS:**

Deb's condition changes from day to day.  
Please refer to our website for current

updates. Thanks.

**COMMUNICATION**

In an effort to improve the communication within our HARLEY FAMILY, and to keep our membership updated on a regular basis when a fellow rider is involved in an accident or becomes ill, please notify either Jeanette Sherman (275-5357) or Deb Emanuel (943-3569). Thereafter, an e-mail will be sent to all members who have provided Jeanette with an e-mail address. It is our hope that this system will keep us all posted and in the loop.

**NORTHERN CHAPTER H.O.G.****Chapter meeting - September 1, 2005 - Location: Peegeo's**

Recorded by: Kristine Cole (secretary)

Called to order by: John Lefler (Asst. Director) at 7:45p.m. Bob Oliverius is on vacation

Lou Widrig initiated phone call to Deb and everyone enjoyed hearing her voice and sense of humor. After the call Lou updated the group on Deb's condition. Expecting to be in Grand Rapids for several more months. Skin grafts to her left leg have taken 100%. Deb has started to eat on her own. She has been outside on the hospital grounds. Wanted to know if her LOTTO ticket was a winner. Looks forward to visitors. Cards and flowers are appreciated. No charge for bike parking just check with the parking valet.

Invitation was extended to the group to attend the wedding of Roger and Gail Yanska's daughter to Brian Zionskowski's brother. Date Sept 24<sup>th</sup>. John Lefler has the invitation if you are interested.

**John Lefler:** (Asst. Director) VFW has changed the date for the spaghetti dinner fundraiser for Deb. New date is September 10<sup>th</sup> from 2pm – 11pm. Looking for 6 volunteers. Contact Terri at the VFW if you can help.

**Eric Fischer:** (Member Liaison) Tonight someone stopped the ride to light up a cigarette. This is unsafe.

**Kim Lefler:** (LOH) September 23<sup>rd</sup> will be another chick flick night. Meet at Jonathon B Pub at 6pm. Everyone is welcome.

**Jim Dow:** Picnic was a success. Thank you note sent to Dan Deering of Tom's Acme for the great food.

Introduction of New Members by John Lefler.

**Lew Kirchner:** (Treasurer) No change in financial status.

**Jamie Rierson:** (Merchandise) Chapter Pins, Name Tags, Baseball Hats for sale. I have one Large and one X-tra Large chapter T-shirt for sale.

**Raffle:** 50/50 -- Jamie Rierson for \$109 \$60 to Deb Widrig fund; T-shirt -- Jeanette Sherman not wearing classic shirt \$50 in October; Membership – Eugene Morris not present \$160 in October.

Meeting adjourned 8:25pm

**HAVE YOU SEEN JOHN WEBER??**

**THERE HAVE BEEN RECENT SIGHTINGS OF JOHN WEBER!  
THE FIRST WAS AT CLASSIC, BUYING A NEW HELMET. THE  
SECOND SIGHTING WAS AT FRANK SCHROEDER'S BEACH  
BBQ! IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU UP AND AROUND JOHN, AND  
PUTTING SOME MILES ON THAT BIKE !**

**A NOTE FROM STEVE SZASZ**

Hope all is well. Nice to read about updates on Deb Widrig. Enjoying Flagstaff. The apartment is about a mile from Route 66. I went to a HOG Chapter Meeting with the Grand Canyon Chapter and was invited to join them for some rides. Weather has been great, but altitude takes some getting used to. Riding around here is fantastic. Mountains and roads stretching out for what seems like forever. Just makes you want to let the horses run! I start work on 9/12 at Flagstaff General. Thanks for the newsletter, it helps when I start missing all of you. Please share my address with the membership.

**STEVE SZASZ—3601 S. Mary Lake Road, #322, Flagstaff, AZ 86001**

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## NORTHERN CHAPTER—HARLEY OWNERS GROUP 2005 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 6	6:30PM	CHAPTER RIDE—MEETING	PEEGEO'S
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 8	10:00AM	WEEKEND COLOR RIDE (RAIN DATE: SUN., OCT. 16TH)	TBA
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 13TH	6:30PM	CHAPTER RIDE—TRAVERSE CITY	IN-KAHOOTZ
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 18TH	7:00PM	BUSINESS MEETING	SOUTH CITY LIMITS
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 20TH	6:30PM	CHAPTER RIDE—TRAVERSE CITY	HAYLOFT
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 22ND	7:00PM	CHILI COOK-OFF	RAGGS & PAULA MACK
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 27TH	6:30PM	CHAPTER RIDE—TRAVERSE CITY	BRADY'S
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 3RD	6:30PM	CHAPTER RIDE—MEETING	PEEGEO'S
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 15TH	7:00PM	BUSINESS MEETING	SOUTH CITY LIMITS
FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 18TH	6:30PM	CHAPTER RIDE-TRAVERSE CITY	THE BIG EASY
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 1ST	6:30PM	CHAPTER RIDE—MEETING	PEEGEO'S
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 3RD	TBA	CHRISTMAS PARTY	HOLIDAY INN—TC
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 16TH	7:00PM	CHAPTER RIDE-TRAVERSE CITY	BRADY'S
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 20TH	7:00PM	BUSINESS MEETING	SOUTH CITY LIMITS

**IT'S TIME ONCE AGAIN TO RENEW YOUR LOCAL MEMBERSHIP. ALL MEMBERSHIPS TO OUR LOCAL CHAPTER HAVE A RENEWAL DATE OF JANUARY 1ST. HOWEVER, IF YOU JOINED AFTER OCTOBER 1ST, YOU ARE COVERED UNTIL JANUARY, 2007.**

**REMEMBER—IF YOU DON'T PAY YOUR DUES, YOU WILL NO LONGER RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER!**

**OCTOBER  
BIRTHDAYS**

★ Steve Trahair	10/1
★ Cheryl Miller	10/2
★ Mark Miller	10/2
★ Brian Patterson	10/3
★ Temma Simo	10/4
★ Jo Crosset	10/5
★ Chuck Heck	10/9
★ Lisa Siklich	10/13
★ Bobbie Akey	10/15
★ Frank Schroeder	10/16
★ Jeremy Parliament	10/17
★ Sue Campbell	10/18
★ Gary Sievert	10/18
★ Mike Drury	10/19
★ Eric Fischer	10/20
★ Jamie Rierson	10/23
★ Daniel Isaac	10/24
★ Bob Smith	10/24
★ Lew Kirchner	10/27
★ Tracy Howard	10/27
★ Neil Akey	10/29
★ Bob Becker	10/29
★ John Emanuel	10/30
★ Robert Peck	10/30
★ Jim A. Johnson	10/30
★ Mark Roi	10/31

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO  
ONE AND ALL!**

**CONGRATULATIONS !!**  
**MEMBERS EARNING THEIR ACTIVITY PINS**  
**John Emanuel, Andy Karnowski, Char Kirchner**  
**And Deb Whilden**  
**An Activity Pin is earned when you attend 12**  
**events (AND SIGN IN LEGIBLY!!!) With over**  
**75 events scheduled throughout the year,**  
**it's very easy!**

**"FATHER FRED—2005" DVD AVAILABLE**  
 Rick and Shen Smith have put together a  
 delightful rendition of the Father Fred ride and the  
 proceeds are being donated to Deb Widrig. If you  
 are interested in purchasing the DVD at a cost of  
 \$15.00, please contact Jeanette Sherman at  
 275-5357 or [gsherman@coslink.net](mailto:gsherman@coslink.net).

**SALVATION ARMY**  
**FOOD DRIVE**

Another Salvation Army food drive is planned for No-  
 vember (date to be announced). As always, we need  
 volunteers to work at the collection sites, preferably in  
 two-hour blocks. Please consider donating your time  
 to this worthy cause. Sign-up sheets will be available at  
 the October and November Chapter Meetings at  
 Peegeo's. If you can't make the meeting and would like  
 to volunteer your time, please give Raggs a call at  
 640-0002 and he can provide you with a list of the time  
 slots that are available.

**OUR SUCCESS IS A DIRECT RESULT**  
**OF YOUR EFFORTS!**  
**THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR**  
**ANTICIPATED PARTICIPATION!**

# LADIES OF HARLEY

**NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 3rd**

**PEEGEO'S**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

**LOH SPA NIGHT – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13**

**GREAT WOLF LODGE SPA—4pm to 8pm**

**\$90.00 - Package includes: 20 Minute Massage, Facial, Pedicure**

**Wine and Appetizers (Gratuity Included)**

**Those of you interested in attending must confirm with Kim Lefler  
(941-1457) on or before October 10th—we need at least 10 confirmations in  
order to make this work.**

## GET WELL WISHES

On September 10th, another one of our members, Cheryl Miller, incurred serious injuries when she hit a patch of gravel on Garfield Road when returning home from the fundraiser held for Deb Widrig. Her injuries consist of 2 fractured ribs, a lacerated spleen, and numerous scrapes and bruises. Cheryl spent five days at Munson Hospital, and has been sent home to recover from her injuries with specific instructions: "no strenuous activity for the next six (6) weeks."

To further complicate things, after Cheryl's discharge from the hospital, she began to feel numbness/tenderness and significant swelling in her arm. After a return trip to the hospital, she was diagnosed with blood clots in her arm, which cannot be treated with medication because of the spleen injury. I've talked to Cheryl on the phone and she sounds good, everything considered.

Get well wishes can be sent to Cheryl at:

5619 Walton Road, Kingsley, MI 49649.

Her telephone number is: 231-357-1158.

Location: City Limits-- Recorded by: Kristine Cole (Secretary)—Called to order: Bob Oliverius (Director) - Time: 7pm

**Bob Oliverius: (Director)** In order to help communicate with the membership, anyone who has knowledge they wish to pass on should contact Jeanette Sherman and Deb Emanuel who will make sure the information is passed along by e-mail and included in the newsletter. Recently Cheryl Miller was involved in a motorcycle accident and many people are just finding out by word of mouth.

## OLD BUSINESS

**John Lefler: (Assist. Director)** Christmas Party Update. New contact person at Holiday Inn. We have just met and re-freshed previous arrangements. Rooms are available for \$59. You must mention Northern Chapter HOG to receive this rate. Rooms will be directly above our party room. Currently, 15 nonsmoking rooms. Every third room has one king bed. Other rooms have 2 queen beds. Once these rooms are reserved they will be able to book additional rooms on the floor above, for the same rate. Five smoking rooms are also blocked for us, but they are located in a different area. Meal cost is \$21 and that includes a \$2 fee for the beef entrée. There will be no charge for the room this year. 18% gratuity will be added on. Then 6% sales tax added on. Drink prices will be posted. Can handle 150 people this year. Still will be able to set up 3 – 6ft. skirted tables for the auction, table at entrance to sign in, and space for DJ and dance floor. We have already placed a \$212 deposit. Discussion concerning ticket cost. Lew Kirchner states \$3200 currently plus about \$600 in savings (reserve) in the account. Estimate for pins is \$450. Decorations \$300. Motion by Lew Kirchner to charge \$20 for a ticket. Second by John Lefler. Motion passed to charge \$20 for a ticket to Christmas Party. Cheryl Fischer was asked to run tickets again this year and graciously agreed. Submit receipt for materials to Lew for reimbursement. Tickets to go on sale at next chapter meeting on October 6, 2005. Sales will close on November 21, 2005. Tickets will be available at Classic. Bob Oliverius to investigate DJ's for the party and will communicate with John Lefler. The Fischer's have donated their sound system in the past and this year would prefer to just be able to enjoy them selves and not have to set up and take down. Pins for the party came from Mission Awards last year. John Lefler will contact them and get info on pins for this year. Kevin Rierson will ask Jamie to check with Harley to see if they have jingle pins to purchase this year. Deb will run info on party in the Newsletter coming out. Reminder to members, 150 tickets are available and we have sold out previous two years.

**REMINDER:** Gail and Roger Yanska's daughter is getting married this Saturday and everyone is welcome.

Deb Widrig has been moved to a different hospital ( Kent Community) as she is done with surgeries for now. Doctor said he hopes to have her walking within a month. Phone number is 616-486-3665. Jim Dow will contact Mark Winn to get web page updated.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Bob Oliverius: (Director)** The Mack's are hosting the Chili cook-off on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm. Bring your chili in a crock-pot. If you do not bring chili please bring an appetizer or dessert to pass. Margarita machine will be present.

Salvation Army food drive of 2004 was the largest they have ever benefited from. Raggs has asked if there is interest this year. Deb Emanuel will ask Raggs if he would like to organize one this fall. Tentative date November 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. This is before gun season and should make it easier to get volunteers. John Lefler offered the use of his trailer again. Spartan Store harvest food sale is in October, the group does not think we can organize the drive quickly enough to take advantage of this.

Color Tour ride is set for October 8<sup>th</sup>. Rain date is October 15<sup>th</sup>. Destination to be announced – Road Captain choice.

Minutes from chapter meeting reviewed and corrections made. Kris Cole (Secretary) will change minutes to reflect these changes.

**Jim Dow:** Obtained Willie G's autographed message for Deb Widrig on the final leg of the Great Lakes Ride. He wrote a message on the program for the event and signed it. Deb was thrilled.

**Kim Lefler: (L.O.H.)** Second Spa night at the Great Wolf Lodge to be held Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>. Cost will be \$90 and include appetizers, wine, facial, pedicure, and massage and gratuity. May plan to arrive after 4pm. Let Kim know if you plan to attend.

**Eric Fischer:** Chapter membership renewals will start Oct. 1, 2005. Jeanette Sherman will have more information.

Motion by Kristine Cole to adjourn meeting, second by Kim Lefler. Motion to adjourn passed 8:15pm.

**“BANDS OF LOVE FOR DEB WIDRIG“ FUNDRAISER  
 AT CYCLE MOORE  
 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15th (RAIN OR SHINE)  
 1:00 PM until 8:00 PM**

**There will be live music, entertainment, silent auction and 50/50 Drawing.  
 No cover charge—just bring your heart, your pocketbook, a dish to pass and  
 donate what you can afford.**

**SEPTEMBER CHAPTER MEETING WINNERS**

**50/50 WINNER \$ 109**

Jamie Rierson (\$60 donated to Deb Widrig Fund)

**T-SHIRT WINNER**— Jeanette Sherman

(but she wasn't wearing a Classic Shirt)

Next month prize is

\$50.00 Gift Certificate from Classic

**MEMBERSHIP WINNER**—Eugene Morris

(not present) Next month's prize is worth \$160.00!

Because we have so many new members, a suggestion was made that we reiterate the rules followed for the contest drawings.

**MEMBERSHIP:** A random number is drawn and matched to the membership list. This drawing increases \$20 each month if the member called is not present to claim his/her prize.

**T-SHIRT:** Classic Dealership donates a \$25.00 Classic Gift Card if your ticket stub is drawn AND you are wearing a T-shirt bearing the Classic logo. If the winner does not have a Classic shirt on, the Gift Card is passed on to the next month for an increased prize for the lucky winner.

**50-50 DRAWING:** Tickets available to purchase for \$1.00 each, or 6 for \$5.00, at the beginning of each meeting. Winner takes half the pot—balance to the chapter account.



**NORTHERN CHAPTER  
 HARLEY OWNER'S GROUP  
 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY  
 HOLIDAY INN**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD  
 Dinner—Dancing—Silent Auction  
 \$20.00 per person**

**Tickets will be available at the October  
 6th Chapter Meeting at Peegeo's and  
 thereafter at Classic.**

**Rooms available at the  
 Holiday Inn for \$59  
 Call 947-3700**

**Tickets limited to 150.**

**We suggest an early purchase if you  
 plan on attending (we sold out last  
 year!) Tickets must be purchased by**

**November 21st.**

**Don't forget an item for the Silent Auction!**





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## CHAPTER NOTABLES

**FROM: JEANETTE SHERMAN**—Don't forget to keep your **"National HOG Membership"** current if it is about to expire. Technically, you cannot receive your newsletter if you are an inactive member in the National Directory.

Additionally, if you think you should have received an Activity Pin, please let me know and I will go back through the sign-in sheets and recheck them. I feel that I have had a good handle on the tracking of activity pins, but you never know. Like we have said before, if you are at an event but don't sign in, you're out of luck! Thanks.

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**THANKS, FRANK, FOR HOSTING  
THE BEACH BBQ IN FRANKFORT!  
YOUR TIME AND EFFORT IS  
APPRECIATED BY ALL!!!**

## **GREAT LAKES TOUR—FINAL CHAPTER**



**WILLIE G., PAUL JARBOE, ANDY KARNOWSKI  
CLAUDE GERSKY and JIM DOW**



**ANDY KARNOWSKI and CLAUDE GERSKY  
PORT HURON, MI**

Harley Owner's Group Great Lakes Tour-Final Chapter. The tour included stops at cities on Lake Erie, Lake Huron and Lake Michigan. We started in Cleveland, Ohio, where we were treated to an exclusive members-only party at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. We traveled to Port Huron and attended a 9-11 memorial service at the Port Huron Memorial Park, where we watched Willie G. Davidson place a wreath in honor of the 9-11 victims. From there, we traveled to Mackinaw City for a group ride across the Mackinaw Bridge. Just over 1150 national HOG members participated in the tour. The highlight was the four of us from Traverse City getting our picture taken with Willie G. and Nancy Davidson! It was a great time! (Submitted by Paul Jarboe)