

**NORTHERN
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE

3RD ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE DINNER

SATURDAY, May 13, 2006 — THEME: GREEK

Your hosts are as follows:

Appetizers—Julie Rosner (946-5650)

Salad—Raggs and Paula Mack (275-5403)

Main Course—Greg and Jeanette Sherman (275-5357)

Dessert, Drinks and Games—John and Deb Emanuel (943-3569)

PS—Your help is needed to make this a successful event.

*PLEASE call one of the hosts listed above and offer
your assistance!*

BRIMLEY BLESSING OF THE BIKES

JUNE 9TH and 10TH, 2006

This is a great weekend and is well attended by our Chapter members! If you're interested in attending, 20 rooms have been reserved at Willabee's in Brimley at \$60 (plus tax) per night. Please mention Traverse City Harley-Davidson when reserving your room.

ROOMS MUST BE RESERVED BY MAY 10, 2006.

CALL WILLABEE'S AT 888-248-3008.

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RAGG'S ROTATION POOL TOURNAMENT



**Winners: Kevin Rierson (1st) and
Bob Oliverius (2nd)**



John and Deb Ockert and Mark Miller



Happy Birthday Mike Rutter



Jenny and Mike Rutter

TOM'S SAFETY CORNER

I would like to take this opportunity to pass along information received from our State Safety Coordinator, Jim Yaney.

Group Riding Accidents: Since 2003, there has been a reportable 11 accidents a year in Michigan, most of which are minor. He also stated that most accidents are not even reported. The most common causes of group accidents are running wide in curves, improper braking techniques, and low speed handling ability.

The number two reason riders leave HOG Chapters is because of safety. If riders do not feel safe in a group setting, they will not ride with the Chapter. How do we try to help prevent this from happening you ask? Educate yourself to be the best rider you can be out there. Practice what you learn and ride and ride. How you ask?

Jim will be presenting two Safety Programs on April 1, 2006, at Birch Run. The first program, **DOWNED BIKER**, will begin at 10am. The second program, **SEASONED RIDER**, will begin at 1pm. These programs are free!! I am very interested in attending and have several others who are interested as well. Let's get as many as possible from our Chapter to go — we can car pool to save money on gas. It will also be good to meet members from other chapters as well. Give me a call if you are interested in attending at 276-6454 or by e-mail at tcwilde@aol.com.

On another note ... the Experienced Rider's Course and New Rider's Course dates and location will be available after March 1st. Please let me know if you are interested in either of these courses.

Additionally, once I've heard back from Michigan State regarding the State Police Motorcycle Safety Program I will pass the information along to you.

There is a lot happening! Let's all get involved to make it safe out there!!

“RIDE ON — RIDE SAFE — KEEP THE TIRES ON THE ROAD AT ALL TIMES!”

Tom Whilden, Safety Director

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LOH PA “JAMA” PARTY



ONE BRAVE MALE!

The LOH Ladies with Mike Rutter (From left to right: Cheryl Miller, Jenny Rutter, Donna Weber, Margo Kaiser, Paula Mack, Char Kirchner, Wanda Haag, and Kim Leffer)



Cheryl Miller, Jeanette Sherman, Julie Rosner and Wanda Haag

“Pretty in Pink” Char Kirchner with Jeanette Sherman testing the chocolate fondue



GOOD FOOD!

Margo, Cheryl, Jenny and Deb



Donna Weber - the life of the Party!



NORTHERN CHAPTER—HARLEY OWNERS GROUP 2006 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Thursday	March 2nd	7:00pm	Chapter Meeting	Peegeo's
Friday	March 10th	7:00pm	Chapter Ride	Big Eazy-TC
Tuesday	March 14h	5:30pm	LOH Dinner & Chick Flick	Jonathan B Pub
Tuesday	March 21st	7:00pm	Chapter Business Meeting	South City Limits
Friday	March 24th	7:00pm	Chapter Ride	Bubba's-TC
Thursday	April 6th	7:00pm	Chapter Meeting	Peegeo's
Tuesday	April 11th	5:30pm	LOH Dinner & Chick Flick	Jonathan B Pub
Tuesday	April 18th	7:00pm	Chapter Business Meeting	South City Limits
Friday	April 21st	7:00pm	Chapter Ride	Brady's-TC
Saturday	April 29th	TBA	Kalkaska Blessing of the Bikes	Kalkaska
Thursday	May 4th	6:30pm	Chapter Meeting	Peegeo's
Thursday	May 11th	6:30pm	Chapter Ride	Cedar Tavern-Cedar
Saturday	May 13th	3:00pm	Progressive Dinner	See Newsletter for Details
Tuesday	May 16th	7:00pm	Chapter Business Meeting	South City Limits
Thursday	May 18th	6:30pm	Chapter Ride	Sleepy Bear-Honor

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Keeping an eye on what's happening around us!

April 29th (Saturday)—KALKASKA BLESSING OF THE BIKES

May 21st (Sunday)—BALDWIN BLESSING OF THE BIKES

June 3rd and 4th (Saturday-Sunday)—MANCELONA BASS FESTIVAL

June 9th-10th (Saturday-Sunday)—BRIMLEY BLESSING OF THE BIKES

June 24th (Saturday) CELEBRATION OF LIFE RIDE (Benzie County)

July 22nd and 23rd (Saturday-Sunday)—FR. FRED BENEFIT

HIGHLIGHTS OF CHAPTER MEETING—February 2, 2006

- ☛ We have 138 members enrolled so far this year.
- ☛ Future newsletters will be sent by e-mail to members with current e-mail addresses. Printing and postage is costing more than the cost of each member's annual chapter dues. Exceptions may be requested—contact either Paul Jarboe or Jeanette Sherman.
- ☛ Check out monthly newsletters for “Calendar of Events.”
- ☛ Remember to return the “Ride and Have Fun Survey” for input on future events.
- ☛ Shirts and other merchandise available for ordering. May either preview at classic or see sample at next chapter meeting. Contact Patti Grunder for more information.
- ☛ We will have five chapter officers attending the Primary Officer Training Seminar in Milwaukee on April 21st and 22nd—Paul Jarboe, John and Kim Lefler, Lew Kirchner and Brian Z.

HIGHLIGHTS OF BUSINESS MEETING-February 21, 2006

- ☛ Finances are doing well—\$2,600 in black.
- ☛ Membership approximately 150.
- ☛ Merchandise catalog is available and priced—see Patti at Classic or at next chapter meeting.

MAKE YOUR MILEAGE COUNT (MILEAGE PROGRAM)

HOG® is all about riding and having fun. The HOG Mileage Program rewards you for doing what we all love to do most ... ride. The more miles you log on your Harley®, the more recognition you receive. Pins, patches, motorcycle medallions — all awarded to you because you ride.

A HOG Mileage Program pin and patch will be sent to all HOG members upon enrollment in the program. If you have more than one motorcycle, be sure to enroll each additional bike. After enrollment, additional awards can be earned by achievement of the mileage levels listed in your *HOG Membership Manual* and online at members.hog.com, starting at just 10,000 miles. Don't waste another mile! Take part in the Mileage Program and make every mile count!

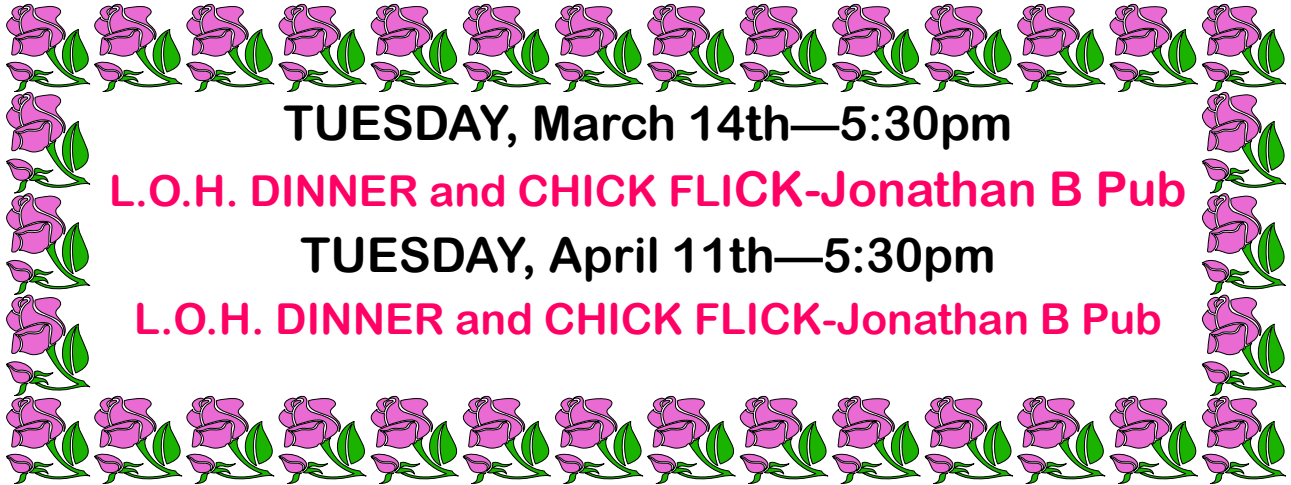
KNOW YOUR ABCs (ABCs of TOURING)

Knowing your HOG® benefits should be like knowing your ABCs. Take, for instance, the ABCs of Touring...it's not as if any of us really need an extra incentive to ride. But there's something thrilling about exploring the back roads and happening upon a town that begins with the letter “Z”. It's the little discoveries that make riding so fulfilling. Not to mention, all the great prizes you could win.

It doesn't take much to take part in the ABCs of Touring. All you do is collect photos of yourself and your Harley® holding a current edition of *Hog Tales®* in front of the “official” sign for various entities — cities, counties, states, countries, etc. —and you could be eligible for great prizes. Check your *HOG Membership Manual* for more details on how to take part, or visit members.hog.com.

FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THE PROGRAMS MENTIONED ABOVE ARE AVAILABLE AT THE HOG®WEBSITE

LADIES OF HARLEY



TUESDAY, March 14th—5:30pm

L.O.H. DINNER and CHICK FLICK-Jonathan B Pub

TUESDAY, April 11th—5:30pm

L.O.H. DINNER and CHICK FLICK-Jonathan B Pub

HOG Rendezvous - Press Release

(If you are interested in organizing a group from the Northern Chapter to attend the Rendezvous, please contact Paul Jarboe for additional information)

The Michigan Harley-Davidson Dealers Association (MHDDA) is excited to announce that the 2006 Michigan H.O.G. Rendezvous will be held at the Ionia Free Fair fairgrounds along the Grand River in Ionia, Michigan. The dates for the 23rd annual Rendezvous are July 7-9, 2006.

The move to Ionia gives the Rendezvous a more centrally located venue, has unlimited space for campers, motor homes, and trailers, has a much larger grand stand area, many more buildings for indoor activities, a track that could be utilized for future programming, and outstanding camping along the river. Ionia is conveniently located within thirty miles of both Lansing and Grand Rapids, which offer many Hotel/Motel choices for those that don't camp. According to Ray Clemens, President of the MHDDA, "It's a very exciting opportunity for the Rendezvous to grow and reinvent itself."

Clemens went on to say "while we have made a lot of friends in West Branch and have some tremendous memories from past events it was no longer economically feasible to stay without raising the ticket prices and we just didn't want to do that. We believe that we offer the best bang-for-the-buck in the entertainment business, by far, and we intend to keep it that way. Over the last five years our expenses have increased over 40% and yet we have only raised the H.O.G. member ticket by 10% and haven't raised the non-member ticket at all. For the event to sustain itself we needed more space and a centrally located venue. Ionia was the perfect call."

The three-month process of moving the event concluded with unanimous support by the MHDDA Rendezvous committee and the Michigan H.O.G. Chapter Rendezvous committee.

FROM YOUR ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR PAULA MACK

We've had a pretty good response to our **Ride and Have Fun Survey**. If you haven't had an opportunity to complete the survey that was included in the February Newsletter, please do so as soon as possible so that your suggestions can be included in our summer riding schedule. Your input is important.

Also, for those of you who have not yet received your activity pin from last year's events, and have been told that you have earned one, please let me know. I will have the pins with me at the next Chapter Meeting and will be happy to get your pin to you then.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Meet your Safety Director, Tom Whilden, and his beautiful wife, Deb.

Let me also introduce you to the new member of their family ... a 2006 Screamin' Eagle Ultra Classic, which was purchased in November, 2005. Believe it or not, Tom rode the bike home in 25 degree weather!

Tom is employed at Munson Medical Center as a nurse in the emergency department. He plans on retiring in three (3) years. Deb works at home and also sells on ebay. They have been married for 32 years and have 2 children (a son and daughter, who is engaged to be married), a daughter-in-law and a beautiful granddaughter, Emily.

Tom's after-bike hobbies include hunting and paintball. Deb is an avid bingo player. They also enjoy long walks and spending time with their granddaughter.

On tap for 2007—building a new house in the Lake Ann area.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- ☺ **Gail Yanska—3/1**
- ☺ **George Reinbold—3/2**
- ☺ **Dave Arnold—3/4**
- ☺ **Raggs Mack—3/5**
- ☺ **Timothy Schultz—3/6**
- ☺ **Ken Risselade—3/10**
- ☺ **Roger Yanska—3/14**
- ☺ **Joe Rabanus—3/16**
- ☺ **Greg Bickel—3/19**
- ☺ **Cheryl Fischer—3/21**
- ☺ **Steven Gregory—3/22**
- ☺ **Greg Sherman—3/30**
- ☺ **Perry Marcero—3/31**

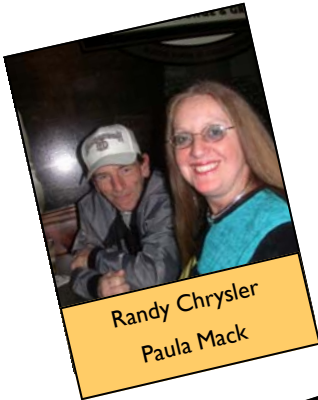


All memberships to our local chapter have a renewal date of **January 1st**. If you haven't renewed by January 1st, you will not receive these great newsletters. (NOTE: anyone who joined after October 1st of the prior year doesn't need to pay dues for new year — they are already covered!) Membership renewal applications are available at Classic or through any officer of the Northern Chapter Harley Owner's Group.

"GARAGE PARTY"

For those women who would like to learn more about riding, please join us for the next "Garage Party". It is a general orientation for women to address the barriers and fears they have about motorcycling. This venue will allow any of our ladies, who currently do not ride, an opportunity to talk to other women about making the move from the back to the front of the bike.

For more information, please contact Barb at Classic—943-9344



Randy Chrysler
Paula Mack



Jeanette Sherman-Deb Emanuel-Julie Rosner

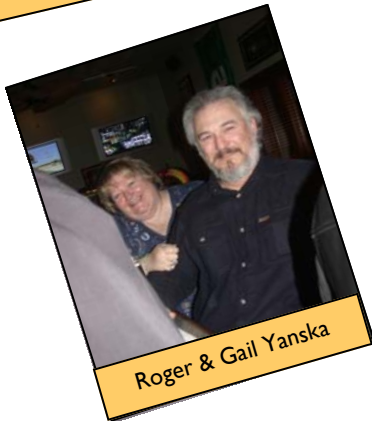


Paula Mack-Sandy Oliverius



John Emanuel-Jim Dow-Deb Emanuel

THE FACES AT IN-KAHOOTZ



Roger & Gail Yanska



John Emanuel



Jamie Rierson

CHERYL MILLER'S
"BEDROOM BIKE"



STORAGE OPTIONS

Unfortunately, for those of us who live in the great state of Michigan, winter weather arrives and the sad task of putting the bike away is once again a reality. We wash and polish, check the fluids, check the tires, and then drape the bike with the Harley cover to protect it from the dust and grime of winter storage.

Have you ever sat down and discussed your storage options with your fellow Harley rider? I am amazed at the treatment our bikes receive. Through the years, I've discovered that some of us treat our bikes as though they were our kids! This is no joke! I've seen the heated garage, the "Harley" garage (yes, Harley from top to bottom), storage barns ...even a basement or two.

But low and behold, just last month, I believe I stumbled upon the "ULTIMATE" storage option! THE BEDROOM! I know some of you may find this hard to comprehend! It's true! And, I've got the picture to prove it! Take a look at the picture on your left! Your eyes are not deceiving you! Cheryl Miller's bike is sitting in her bedroom! This one tops the cake gang!



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www.northernchapter.com

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A NOTE TO OUR READERS:

For updates on Deb Widrig's condition,
please refer to our website @

www.northernchapter.com

Thanks!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Perry Marcero

*If you are interested in
becoming a Road Captain, please
contact Brian Zionskowski at 645-4448
or at toomanytoys@hotmail.com*

A GREAT BIG THANK-YOU!

Thank you for all the cards, thoughts and
prayers I received while I was in the hospital.
I feel so lucky to belong to such a great family.

Deb Whilden



**Raggs Mack, Jessie and Andy
Peterson at Little Bo's**

FEBRUARY CHAPTER MEETING DRAWING WINNERS

50/50 WINNER—Tom Whilden (\$64.00)

MEMBERSHIP WINNER—Jerry Olmstead
(Jerry was not present—next month's value is \$80)

CHAPTER T-SHIRT—Lew Kirchner
(**\$25 Gift Certificate from Classic**)



**Little Bo's—Dick Rusas, Lew Kirchner, Mike and Jenny
Rutter and Bob Oliverius**