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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 3RD ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE DINNER

SATURDAY, May 13, 2006 — THEME: GREEK

STARTING TIME: 2:00 pm (1½ hours at each home)

Appetizers—Julie Rosner (946-5650)-2355 Pleiades Way, TC

Salad—Raggs/Paula Mack (275-5403)-7801 N Reynolds, Lake Ann

Main Course—Greg/Jeanette Sherman (275-5357)-740 Fisher Rd., TC

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

9069 N. Tottenham, TC

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

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

RSVP @ 231-943-3569 (Deb Emanuel)—A head count will help us to prepare!

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 held at Willabee's in Brimley at \$60 (plus tax) per night. Please mention Traverse City Harley-Davidson when reserving your room.

The actual blessing held on Saturday, June 10th, will be considered a "Chapter event."

ROOMS MUST BE RESERVED BY MAY 10, 2006.

CALL WILLABEE'S AT 888-248-3008.

**SAFETY CONCERNS? LOOK INSIDE!
WE'VE TRIED TO TOUCH ALL THE BASES!**

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DIRECTOR'S NOTES

It's been a busy month for your Chapter Officers! Here are some of the highlights:

- We started the month with one of the largest Chapter Meetings I can recall, with over 70 members and guests on hand at Peegeos-including new members Kelly and Cathy Looze from Traverse City, Anthony Neroni from Traverse City, Paula Robey from Traverse City and Lynn Brehler, who rides a 1200 Sportster. A big thank you to the staff at Peegeo's for their hospitality. The weather was nice enough for several of our members to ride that evening.

- We welcomed back Lou and Deb Widrig and Steve Szasz and Paula. What a warm feeling it was to see the Northern Chapter welcome Deb with a standing ovation!

- Paula Mack outlined our riding schedule for the season—check this newsletter for a list of the rides currently scheduled.

- The road captains and safety officer have met and outlined a series of safety topics to be addressed to our members, starting with providing group riding information in this newsletter. Ever wonder what a group ride leader's responsibilities are? Look inside for the answer. Want to be prepared for our group rides? Read the "Pre-ride Meeting Checklist" and "Group Riding Tips" contained inside. This information is important whether you are new to group riding or have been a chapter member for years. Watch for more information in future newsletters and at Chapter meetings.

- Five of your officers attended the Primary Officers Training in Milwaukee. Although some fun was had by all, we spent a total of 16 hours over two days in seminars put on by representatives of the Harley Owner's Group and Harley Davidson focusing on local HOG chapter management, local chapter event planning, regulatory issues, group riding skills and other issues important to the local chapters. These folks paid their own way (hotel and travel expenses), so thank them for their willingness to spend their time and money for the chapter's benefit. It is our hope to bring this information back to the membership over the course of the riding season. By the way, any rumors you may hear about your chapter director walking arm in arm and singing loudly with HOG members from Europe in downtown Milwaukee are not true (regardless of the pictures!).

Most importantly, I took delivery of my 2006 Ultra this past month! (Thank you to Eric, Don and the gang at Classic!)

As we move into high gear, remember the purpose of this chapter—to ride and have fun, and do it safely. Seek out new members at each of our events. Take the initiative to introduce yourself to them and let them know you are glad they are there. Remember, each of us was a new rider and a new member at one time.

See you on the road!

Paul Jarboe—Northern Michigan HOG Chapter Director

P.S. A big thank you to Greg and Jeanette Sherman for hosting the 1st Annual Swap Meet! More details will be forthcoming in the June Newsletter.

TOM'S SAFETY CORNER

RIDER LEADER RESPONSIBILITY

● Be proactive; ● pre-ride the route; ● meet and communicate before and during the ride; ● be a positive, enthusiastic, helpful mentor to riders; ● create a fun and safe environment; ● look through the eyes of all riders, new and experienced; ● understand that there are different riding styles.

PRE-RIDE MEETING CHECKLIST

● Identify ride leaders—make sure they will be easy to identify on the ride; ● discuss the ride destination—include any information riders should have about the destination; ● discuss the route—mention any hazards or special conditions riders may encounter; ● review staggered formation riding with the group—not everyone may be familiar with it; ● identify sweep riders; ● be sure everyone understands that although it is a group ride, safety is a personal responsibility; ● if it isn't safe to pass, go through an intersection or turn—DON'T; ● keep the pre-ride meeting short and to the point; ● review the T-CLOCK safety check with all riders: T-Tires and Wheels; C-Controls; L-Lights; O-Oil; C-Chassis; K-Kickstand.

GROUP RIDING TIPS

● Group riding requires an extreme level of awareness and concentration; ● know your limits, mental, physical, motorcycle, environment, and experience level, and ride within them—never ride above your abilities; ● come to the ride prepared—arrive with a full tank of gas and an empty bladder and bring appropriate riding gear for the expected range of conditions; ● maintain a constant speed - this helps prevent the “rubber-band effect;” ● novices or riders that are new to the group riding should ride at or near the back unless the riders wish to ride elsewhere; ● always ride a tight but courteous staggered formation or single file line; ● your eyes should be watching a few bikes up the road from you, not fixed on the bike in front of you. Always be looking at least four seconds ahead; ● riding side-by-side is very dangerous and against the law in some states. The only time bikes are to be side-by-side is when the group is stopped at an intersection; ● never come up on the motorcycle in front of or beside you; ● in a staggered or single-file formation, do not pass the bike in front of you; ● if a turn is missed, stick together as a group, proceed to the next turn, then return to the correct turn; when in a tight curve, the rider on the outside of the curve is required to give room to the rider on the inside in case the curve is too tight to negotiate at that speed without crowding.

HOG Alcohol and Liability Release Policies

Here are two things you should know before you participate in any Northern Chapter group ride:

ALCOHOL POLICY

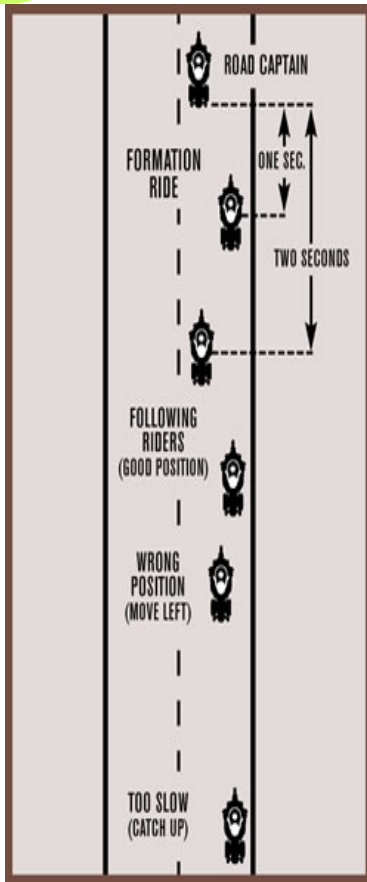
- We have a strict alcohol policy—no alcohol consumption is permitted before or during any Northern Chapter group ride. Anyone who consumes alcohol before or during a ride will be asked to leave the ride.
- All Northern Chapter group rides officially end when we reach our destination.
- Once the group has arrived at the ride destination, members are free to make their own decisions regarding the use of alcohol.

LIQUOR LIABILITY COVERAGE IS NOT PROVIDED BY THE CHAPTER GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY!

Liability Releases

- All guests and non-chapter riders and passengers must sign a release before each group ride. See any road captain for a copy of the release. The road captains will be checking for signed releases before each ride.
- All riders and passengers under the age of 18 must sign a release before each group ride, even if they are a member of the Northern Chapter.
- If you have not renewed your membership by submitting your membership application, you must sign a release before any chapter ride.

Knowing the rules will help all of us ride safe and have fun! Any questions, let me know. —Paul Jarboe, Director



STAGGERED FORMATION RIDING

- ▶ The example to your left is the primary staggered riding formation that will be used during our group rides.
- ▶ Single file is used when directed by the rider leader only.
- ▶ One-second rule: the bike in the lane to your left or right should not be less than one second ahead of you.
- ▶ Two-second rule: maintain at least two seconds between you and the rider in front of you.
- ▶ Four-second rule: look ahead four seconds at your immediate path of travel to give yourself more time to react to a hazard.
- ▶ Twelve-second rule: also look ahead at your anticipated path of travel-twelve seconds is about one city block.

STOPPING AT AN INTERSECTION

- ▶ Break staggered formation and pull up beside the bike in the adjacent lane.
- ▶ When the ride leader has determined it is safe, he/she will proceed, followed by the “number two” bike, the “number three” bike, the “number four” bike, etc.
- ▶ If you don’t make it through the intersection with the group, RELAX. Proceed when safe.

GROUP PARKING

- ▶ Orderly parking reduces the time needed to get off the road.
- ▶ Ride leader leads the group off the road. Rider leader should ride all the way around the lot to allow all riders to get off the road. If fueling, rider leader will pull all the way around, then pull up to fuel station.
- ▶ Follow the ride leader to the selected parking area and establish your parking position.
- ▶ Each bike should pull ahead of the intended parking place and then back up into the spot.
- ▶ After you pull into your parking position and the group has settled down, you can move to the fueling area.
- ▶ If you find yourself at the end of the group and can’t get off the road while waiting for others to park, GO AROUND.

PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

Studies show that the head, arms and legs are most often injured in a crash. Protective clothing and equipment serve a three-fold purpose for motorcyclists: comfort and protection from the elements; some measure of injury protection; and through use of color or reflective material, a means for other motorists to see the motorcyclist.

HELMET: This is the most important piece of equipment. Safety helmets save lives by reducing the extent of head injuries in the event of a crash. Many good helmets are available. Make sure it fits comfortably and snugly, and is fastened for the ride. In choosing a helmet, look for the DOT label on the helmet. The DOT label on helmets constitutes the manufacturer's certification that the helmet conforms to the federal standard. In many states, use of a helmet is required by law. Passengers should also wear a helmet.

GLOVES: Durable gloves are recommended. They should be of the non-slip type to permit a firm grip on the controls. Leather gloves are excellent, as are special fabric gloves with leather palms and grip strips on the fingers. Gauntlet-type gloves keep air out of the rider's sleeves. Appropriate gloves are available for all types of weather.

FOOTWEAR: Proper footwear affords protection for the feet, ankles, and lower parts of the legs. Leather boots are best. Durable athletic shoes that cover the ankles are a good second choice. Sandals, sneakers, and similar footwear should not be used since they provide little protection from abrasion or a crushing impact. Avoid dangling laces that can get in the way.

EYE PROTECTION: Since many motorcycles don't have windshields, riders must protect their eyes against insects, dirt, rocks or other airborne matter. Even the wind can cause the eyes to tear and blur vision, and good vision is imperative when riding. Choose good quality goggles, glasses with plastic or safety lenses, or a helmet equipped with a face shield. Goggles, glasses, and face shields should be scratch free, shatter proof, and well ventilated to prevent fog build-up. Only clear shields should be used at night since tinted shields reduce contrast and make it more difficult to see. Even if your motorcycle has a windshield, eye protection is recommended.

JACKETS AND TROUSERS: Clothing worn when riding a motorcycle should provide some measure of protection from abrasion in the event of a spill. These should be of durable material (e.g. special synthetic material or leather). Jackets should have long sleeves. Trousers (not shorts) should not be baggy or flared at the bottom to prevent entanglement with the chain, kick starter, foot-pegs, or other protrusions on the sides of a motorcycle.

NHTSA Motorcycle Safety—Revised October 1999

OUR SAFETY OFFICER AND ROAD CAPTAINS ARE AVAILABLE ON AN INDIVIDUAL OR SMALL GROUP BASIS TO INSTRUCT NEW RIDERS IN SAFE GROUP RIDING TECHNIQUES. CLASSES WILL BE SCHEDULED. CONTACT SAFETY OFFICER, TOM WHILDEN AT 231-276-6454 or tcwilde@aol.com FOR MORE INFORMATION.

NORTHERN CHAPTER—HARLEY OWNERS GROUP 2006 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	DESTINATION
Thursday	May 4th	6:30pm	Chapter Meeting and Ride	Peegeo's
Thursday	May 11th	6:30pm	Chapter Ride	Cedar Tavern-Cedar
Saturday	May 13th	3:00pm	Progressive Dinner	See Newsletter
Tuesday	May 16th	7:00pm	Chapter Business Meeting	South City Limits
Thursday	May 18th	6:30pm	Chapter Ride	Sleepy Bear-Honor
Sunday	May 21st	TBA	Baldwin Blessing of the Bikes	Baldwin
Thursday	May 25th	6:30pm	Chapter Ride	Minerva's
Thursday	June 1st	6:30pm	Chapter Meeting and Ride	Peegeo's
Fri., Sat., Sun	June 9, 10, 11	TBA	Thunderfest (formerly Brimley Blessing of the Bikes)	Brimley
Thursday	June 15th	6:30pm	Chapter Ride	Laughing Horse Thompsonville
Tuesday	June 19th	7:00pm	Chapter Business Meeting	South City Limits
Friday	June 23rd	6:30pm	Chapter Ride-House BBQ	Rich/Tara Baesch
Thursday	June 29th	6:30pm	Chapter Ride	Mushroom Cap-Mesick
Thursday	July 6th	6:30pm	Chapter Meeting and Ride	Peegeo's
Thursday	July 13th	6:30pm	Chapter Ride	Dockside-Clam River
Thursday	July 20th	6:30pm	Chapter Ride	Villa Marine-Frankfort
Fri. Sat. Sun	July 21, 22, 23	TBA	Father Fred Benefit and Ride	See Newsletter
Thursday	July 27th	6:30pm	Chapter Ride	Crystal Palace
Thursday	August 3rd	6:30pm	Chapter Meeting and Ride	Peegeo's
Thursday	August 10th	6:30pm	Chapter Ride	Gordy's Place-Fife Lake
Thursday	August 17th	6:30pm	Chapter Ride	Friendly's-Empire
Thursday	August 24th	6:30pm	Chapter Ride	Alden Bar-Alden
Thursday	August 31st	6:30pm	Chapter Ride	Elk River Inn

All Chapter Rides depart from Classic at 6:30pm and plan to arrive at the designated destination at approximately 7:30pm. All Chapter Meetings will begin at Peegeo's at 7:30pm during the riding season.

HIGHLIGHTS OF CHAPTER MEETING—April 6th, 2006

- ☛ Congratulations to the following drawing winners:
50/50—Roger and Gail Yanska (\$143.00)
T-Shirt—Terry Coates (\$25.00 Classic Gift Certificate)
Membership Drawing for \$120.00—Chuck Heck (not present)
- ☛ Current Membership is at 166!
- ☛ Welcome back to Steve Szasz and Paula, returning from one year of “travel nursing” in Arizona and California.
- ☛ It was fantastic to see Lou and Deb Widrig at the Chapter meeting. We have all missed you so much and are very happy you are doing so well. We hold you in our thoughts and prayers.
- ☛ We have a packed summer schedule (thanks to Paula Mack). Don't forget to check out your newsletter Schedule of Events!

HIGHLIGHTS OF BUSINESS MEETING-April , 2006

- ☛ Financial Report—\$400 ahead of last year! Membership continues to grow.
- ☛ Coming soon—WCCW will be airing a public service announcement to promote motorcycle safety. Thanks to the efforts of Mike Rutter, Tara Baesch, Mike Cole and the generosity of WCCW. Great job!
- ☛ Chapter Membership Drawing will be discontinued.
- ☛ 2006 Road Captain list compiled—seventeen people in all. Coming soon— new rider handouts/packets and road captain guidebook. Comments and suggestions are welcome at the Chapter Business Meeting.

(If you are interested in receiving a complete copy of the minutes of the Chapter and/or Business Meeting, please either contact our Chapter Secretary, Cheryl Miller, or go to the chapter website.)

NORTHERN CHAPTER H.O.G. “FYI” PAGE

Keeping an eye on what's happening around us!

May 20th (Saturday)—BOYNE CITY MUSHROOM FESTIVAL

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

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

June 3rd (Saturday)—BIKERS OUT FOR BLOOD—TRAVERSE CITY

(More information available at www.bikersoutforblood.org)

June 9, 10, 11th (Friday-Saturday-Sunday)—BRIMLEY BLESSING OF THE BIKES

June 9, 10, 11th (Friday-Saturday-Sunday)—GREAT LAKES HARLEY ROUND-UP

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

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

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Meet Jim Kavalor, a "CHARTER" member of the Northern Chapter H.O.G. Jim retired from Ford Motor Co. after 37 years of employment, and moved to the Traverse City area from Allen Park, MI, in 1988. Jim was widowed in 2000, and has been going steady with Lady Margo since 2001. Jim has three children.

Jim rides a 2005 Softtail Deluxe, his fourth Harley purchase. His longest trip, some 7,000 miles in four weeks, was a trip to California—the northern route out and a southern route return. Most of his riding now consists of day rides with retired bikers or Margo.

Jim has been around Harleys for quite a few years. His father owned a 1926 Harley and his youngest son is also a Harley owner.

Jim's other hobbies include riding in Margo's sport car and dancing. If any of you have ever had the opportunity to dance with either Jim or Margo, you would have experienced some fancy two-stepping!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

☺Kris Van Deusen (Cole)	5/2
☺James Hanks	5/2
☺John Iott	5/5
☺Jim Supina	5/5
☺Donna Drury	5/9
☺Gail Lane	5/15
☺Tara Baesch	5/16
☺Jerry Kocis	5/27
☺Randy Johnson	5/29
☺Bob Schling	5/30

OUR OFFICERS AT THE PRIMARY OFFICER TRAINING IN MILWAULKEE



From left to right:: Jessica Bootz and Head Road Captain, Brian Zionskowski; Assistant Director, John Lefler, and his wife, LOH Officer, Kim Lefler; Treasurer, Lew Kirchner and his wife, Char; and Director Paul Jarboe.

FROM MERCHANDISE COORDINATOR PATTY GRUNDER: I wanted to let everyone know that I am hoping to do a HOG name tag order in the very near future. If you are interested in purchasing a name tag, please stop in at Classic or contact me by e-mail or phone. The cost is \$10.00 per tag. I've received a few orders for clothing items and other HOG merchandise that isn't customized, but would like to get a few more orders in before I send it out so the shipping charges are lower. Again, feel free to look me up at Classic. I am there most days except Thursday. If you let me know you are coming, I can free my schedule a little to help you out. Safe Riding! Patty Grunder 231-943-9344 Ext 641



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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

KELLY LOOZE, NEMZ STANKOVIC
and ANTHONY NERONI

MUNISING/PICTURED ROCKS

August 18th, 19th and 20th

Our Activities Director, Paula Mack, is hard at work making plans for our summer schedule. On tap is a weekend chapter trip to Munising/Pictured Rocks in the Upper Peninsula. If you are interested in further information about this trip, please give Paula a call at 275-5403. Paula intends on reserving rooms in Munising and would like to get a feel for how many of our members might be attending

APRIL CHAPTER MEETING

DRAWING WINNERS

50/50 WINNER—Roger/Gail Yanska

MEMBERSHIP WINNER—Chuck Heck (Not present)

CHAPTER T-SHIRT—Terry Coates
(\$25 Gift Certificate from Classic)

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FACES OF THE APRIL MEETING



Janet Johnson and Margo Kaiser

The Membership Directory will be available to all members approximately June 1st. If the information you want in the directory differs from that on your Enrollment Form, please notify Jeanette Sherman, before May 20th, with any corrections. Thank you.



Welcome back to Deb Widrig!
(seated with Jeanette Sherman)



John Emanuel, Zane Rierson, and Roger Yanska



Returning members Steve Szasz and Paula, Lew Kirschner