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NORTHERN CHAPTER HARLEY OWNER'S GROUP ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

HOLIDAY INN

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1st—6:00 PM

Dinner—Dancing—Silent Auction

\$20.00 per person

Tickets will be available at the November 1st Chapter Meeting at Peegeo's and thereafter at Classic (see Eric).

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

Ticket sales limited to 150. We suggest an early purchase if you plan on attending (we sold out last year!)

Tickets must be purchased by November 20th.

Volunteers are needed to help with the decorating.

Starting time is 3pm

SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS

Our Christmas Party is just around the corner and we are requesting donated items to place in the Silent Auction. As you know, the silent auction items cover a big portion of our Christmas Party expenses. If you have an item to donate, please contact Roger and/or Gail Yanska at 231-263-2633 as soon as possible.

***Bring your donated items with you the night of the party.
Your contribution will be greatly appreciated.***

REMINDER— November Business Meeting moved to November 13th @ 6:00pm due to the Thanksgiving holiday. There will be no Chapter Meeting for the month of December!

ALSO, Business Meetings for the remainder of the year will be held at 6pm at South City Limits. It is important to have both 2007 and newly appointed 2008 Officers at the December Business Meeting.

A NOTE FROM YOUR DIRECTOR

Final Director's Notes

All good things must come to an end, and the same is true with our Northern Chapter officer positions. Next month marks the end of my tenure as director—completing an incredible ride from a newbie chapter member in 2001 to director for 2006 and 2007. This month also brings my total HOG miles to over 35,000 over seven riding seasons. Not bad for a guy who had never ridden before 2001.

As I look back over the past two years as director, I am especially proud of the growth of our chapter in both membership and participation. Our goal is to “Ride and Have Fun”—and I’m proud to say our chapter members certainly know how to do both very well.

I had a chance this week to go take a look back at some of the highlights of the past two years. Do you remember these times?

- Two great years of community fundraisers for the Father Fred Foundation and the Salvation Army;
- Attending the opening night showing of “Wild Hogs”—with over 80 chapter members in full leather at the Grand Traverse Mall;
- The excitement of our first ride of the season to the Kalkaska Trout Festival;
- Greg and Jeanette Sherman hosting our first and second annual “Swap Meets”;
- Two great trips to Milwaukee for Primary Officers Training (and hoping that the pictures never make it into our newsletter!);
- Two wonderful Progressive Dinner Rides—with great weather and great attendance both years;
- Countless rides, dinners and chapter events—with the opportunity to meet new members and build strong, I suspect lifelong friendships with chapter members that are now more like family than just friends.

The members who have served as officers for the past two years have also been good stewards of your chapter dues. Other than the cruise our treasurer took during December last year, I think we have done a good job of managing your finances responsibly (just kidding, Lew!).

We have also built a strong relationship with our National HOG family in Milwaukee, as evidenced by visits in the past 60 days from both a writer and photographer from Hog Tales and our Regional HOG director.

All of this is a credit to your current Northern Chapter officers. It is also a credit to our past chapter officers, especially our previous Northern Chapter directors. I would personally like to thank both Raggs Mack and Bob Oliverius for their leadership in the three years leading up to my two years as director.

As I move to the back of the pack for awhile, I am confident our 2008 officers will continue to move our chapter forward with our primary purpose in mind—to Ride and Have Fun. I’m looking forward to 2008. I hope you are, too.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve, and thanks for the great memories.

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SALVATION ARMY FOOD DRIVE

The Northern Chapter HOG will be once again sponsoring a food drive to benefit the local Salvation Army food pantries. This year's event is planned for **Saturday, November 10th, and Sunday, November 11th, 9am to 5pm**

The collection locations are Oleson's on Long Lake Road and Oleson's on Hammond and Three Mile Rd. 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. If you haven't signed on to help, please give Raggs a call at 640-0002 and he can provide you with a list of the time slots that are available.

OUR GOAL CAN WE BETTER LAST YEAR'S TAKE?

"After Party" at Kilkenny's (basement of North Peak) on Saturday, Nov. 10th @ 6pm

Membership Dues and Economics

(Or another reason to attend the Chapter meeting on November 1, 6:30pm at Peegeo's)

Normally at this time of year we would be encouraging membership renewal for 2008. However as a Chapter we have not reviewed our level of dues and related Chapter economics for about a decade. In that time a lot has changed including costs and technology. Before we start our membership renewal campaign, we should consider our Chapter economics in relation to our level of dues.

Currently our annual Chapter dues are \$20 per person. Approximately \$8 of the \$20 is spent on Chapter expenses such as our annual picnic, awards and membership directory. An almost equal amount is spent on publishing our newsletter, and the remainder of our dues is spent on miscellaneous expenses/activities.

The focus of this article is the \$8 per member spent on the newsletter. We have no cost in sending our newsletter by email, but those that we hardcopy and use postal mail cost about \$3 per copy per issue. That works out to about \$24 per year per member to whom we mail or about \$1,500 annually. (Now the advanced math majors have quickly figured-out that we copy and post about 60 copies per issue.) This cost is subsidized by the other 150 members receiving the newsletter by email; email is free, mailed hardcopy is about \$24 per recipient per year.

Depending on your outlook on things, we could run our Chapter with annual dues of about \$10 per person and ask the hardcopy newsletter recipients to pay for the copying and mailing of their newsletter, an additional annual fee of about \$24 per recipient. Of course, we can also just continue on as we have charging every member \$20 per year. And, there are many other alternatives that can and should be considered. Bring your Democrat or Republican approach to the issue and help the Chapter discuss and make this decision. The 6:30 PM, November 1 meeting at Peegeo's is the place to express your opinion. Then we can let it rest for another decade.

Regardless of the Chapter's decision, if you have an email address and can receive and download your newsletter using the Internet, you can significantly reduce the expenses of the Chapter by receiving your newsletter by email and allow more of your dues to be used for fun activities. Having your email address allows the Chapter to communicate with you throughout the month as plans change and new activities are added. Furthermore, email can allow the newsletter editor's job to be less time consuming and reduce deadline stress. Technology is a wonderful thing!

Submitted by Don Pishney

A CALL TO POTENTIAL OFFICERS!

LOOKING FOR MEMBERS TO FILL VACANCIES FOR 2008!

Members are needed to fill leadership roles in our Chapter. We have at least six positions available: Secretary, Activities Director, Photographer/Historian (at least two volunteers filling this position), Public Relations Officer and Safety Officer. If you are interested in serving your growing Chapter, please call Paul Jarboe at 935-3771 or Don Pishney at Classic. Also, we are requesting that all 2007 and 2008 Officers attend the December Business meeting at South City Limits to discuss our direction for the year ahead.

NORTHERN CHAPTER—HARLEY OWNERS GROUP 2007 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	DESTINATION
Thursday	Nov. 1st	6:30pm	Chapter Meeting	Peegeo's
Tuesday	Nov. 6th	5:30pm	LOH Chick Flick	Jonathan B Pub
Friday	Nov. 9th	7:00pm	Chapter Dinner	Hooters
Sat./Sun	Nov. 10/11th	9am/5pm	Salvation Army Food Drive	Oleson's Stores
Tuesday	Nov. 13th	6:00pm	Officer's Business Meeting	South City Limits
Friday	Nov. 16th	7:00pm	Chapter Dinner	LaSenorita (Garfield)
Saturday	Nov 24th	7:00pm	Paul Jarboe's 50th Birthday Party	Streeters
Saturday	Dec. 1st	6:00pm	Christmas Party	Holiday Inn
Friday	Dec. 14th	7:00pm	Chapter Dinner	Hofbrau
Tuesday	Dec. 18th	6:00pm	Officer's Business Meeting	South City Limits

Note: New Meeting time for Thursday/Friday Dinners during winter season is 7:00 pm

Be advised that all dinners are subject to change, so dial Classic at 943-9344 (Ext 8) for up-to-date news.

**** Please note that the Business Meeting is being held on the 2nd Tuesday in November due to the Thanksgiving holiday.**

THERE WILL BE NO "CHAPTER MEETING" IN DECEMBER.

END OF SEASON HOUSE BBQ'S SEE GOOD ATTENDANCE!

Great big thank-you's are extended to Dick Rusas, John and Deb Ockert along with Terry Coates and Shelly Dayton, and Eric Fischer and Kris VanDeusen for hosting outdoor BBQ's during the months of September and October! We've had a busy riding season that has ended with three well-attended events. Thanks to all of you for opening up your homes to the Chapter members!

GUESS WHO'S TURNING 50?? OUR DIRECTOR, PAUL JARBOE!

***A celebration is at hand! Not quite over the hill, but on his way!
Let's make sure this milestone doesn't go un-noticed!***

***When: November 24th (Saturday) —Where: Streeters — Time: 7:00 pm
Munchies and cake will be provided. Cash Bar. Band starts at 8:30pm!***

***Four wheels move the body
Two wheels move the soul.***

***Two lane blacktop isn't a highway...
It's an attitude!***



1st place winners—Dennis & Christine Lake



2nd place winners—Rod Bock & Stacey



Jim & Bonnie Supina



Andy Peterson and Raggs



Deb Emanuel & Cheryl Miller



Jamie Rierson and Lori Vandermeullen

7th ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF A "MONSTER SMASH"



Our hostess, Paula Mack



Bonnie Supina

Just one look at these pictures and you know the party was a huge success! Thanks to our host and hostess, Raggs and Paula



Deb Bolton, Jim Dow, Cheryl Miller



Paul and Suzanne Jarboe



Terry Coates/Jim Beam



Mark Miller, Sherry & Steve Purkiss



Mike O'Connor & Brian Z.



Jack & Nina Palazzola



Jeanette Sherman & Shelly Dayton

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LADIES OF HARLEY

CHICAGO! CHICAGO!

*While I could write pages on our wonderful and eventful trip to Chicago, I'll keep it brief. Our weekend started on Thursday evening in Grand Rapids at Bar Divani! Deb Emanuel's son played host to our gathering of 10 for dinner and wine. On Friday morning, an early train leaving Grand Rapids for Chicago had us all up and out by 7am, which was not an easy feat for those of us out late the night before. Just an hour into the ride we met our conductor, Rambo, a Harley rider himself, who had nick-named us "scooter trash." A great guy (visit his website at <http://chicagolandfft.org/beginnings.htm> and you'll see why), Rambo had arranged for a porter to meet us at our arriving train (and departing train on Sunday) with a motorized luggage car. It's amazing how a Harley can really bring people together! Our luggage was loaded and we were on our way to an exciting weekend ahead. Besides very cooperative weather, mountains of shopping and wonderful places to eat, we attended the play *Wicked*. The play was fantastic! The music, costumes and special effects were "Wizard of Oz" all over again! Saturday night we enjoyed dinner at PF Chang's and then left for the comedy club Zanies where we all enjoyed a laugh a minute with some wonderful comics! Laughter is the best medicine! Some of the girls managed to find time to visit museums and Navy Pier! What a great city! What a great group of friends! Fun was had by all! We are definitely planning a trip for next year! Mark your calendars girls! You won't regret it! Deb Emanuel, Editor*



Boarding the 7am train out of Grand Rapids



Dinner at PF Changs—Jeanette Sherman, Carolyn Risk, Shelly Dayton, Suzanne Jarboe, Renata Wilson, Mary (Vicki's friend), Vicki Beam, Linda (Jamie's Mom), Jamie Rierson, Laura Reavely (Deb's friend) and Deb Emanuel



The "Ladies" at Chicago Harley



Jamie Rierson w/our conductor Rambo



Suzanne Jarboe & Renata Wilson



The "Ladies" pose for a picture perfect moment before shopping!



Renata Wilson, Carolyn Risk and Laura Reavely

Don't forget to visit Rambo's website. It's another example of the big hearts Harley Riders have!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

Tom French 11/01
 John Stewart 11/02
 Bryan McColley 11/07
 Christine Lake 11/10
 Thomas Dawson 11/11
 Kathryn Chrysler 11/13
 Stephanie Altrock 11/14
 Bill Rice 11/19
 Janet Johnson 11/21
 Michael Morgan 11/21
 Harry Holmes 11/22
 Bob Warner 11/23
 Paul Jarboe 11/25
 Lane Peterson 11/27
 Debbie Ockert 11/30

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

Viv Winn 12/01
 Scott Hocking 12/01
 Paula Mack 12/03
 Jessie Peterson 12/04
 Ronald Anderson 12/04
 Nina Palazzolo 12/05
 Jonathan Jensen 12/06
 Bob Israel 12/07
 Dick Rusas 12/08
 Gary Potter 12/11
 Mino Trucks 12/13
 Mark Winn 12/15
 Allan Vandermeulen 12/16
 Anthony Neroni 12/17
 Jim Dow 12/18
 Patrick Schneider 12/18
 Carole Kocis 12/19
 Carl Archambeau 12/22
 Steve Purkiss 12/22
 Sherry Jones 12/23
 Eugene Morris 12/24
 Claude Gersky 12/25
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OCTOBER CHAPTER MEETING WINNERS

50/50 Drawing

Classic Gift Certificate

Steve Purkiss

CONGRATULATIONS!

ACTIVITY PINS

CONGRATS!

Baesch's, Beam's, Bonk's,
 Terry Coates, Mike Cole,
 Rick Cole, Shelly Dayton,
 Jim Dow, Emanuel's, Eric
 Fischer, Gersky's,
 Hocking's, Jarboe's,
 Johnson's, Sherry Jones,
 Andy Karnowski,
 Kirchner's, Chuck Langford,
 Lefler's, Mack's, Maier's,
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 Steve Szasz, Vander-
 meulin's, Kris VanDeusen,
 Whilden's, Wilson's,
 Yanska's, Brian Z.

If your name is on the list
 and you have not received
 your Activity pin, please let
 me know at the next
 Chapter and/or Business
 Meeting. Thanks! Jamie

We're on the web!

www.northernchapter.com



Hot Air Balloon descends upon a group ride!

