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“FISH AND PANCAKES RIDE”

KALKASKA, MI

SATURDAY, APRIL 28TH

Bundle up for the first official organized ride of the season!

For those interested in breakfast, meet at 9:30am for the “ALL-U-CAN-EAT” Pancake and Sausage Breakfast at Traverse City

Christian School, 753 Emerson (Garfield & Brimley)

KICK STANDS UP for group ride at 11:00am from the school parking lot for the Kalkaska Trout Festival

Join us for either or both!

SECOND ANNUAL SWAP YOUR STUFF DAY!

SATURDAY, APRIL 21st

Where: The “Sherman’s” Garage, 740 Fisher Rd., Traverse City

Time: 2pm to 6pm

Buy, Sell and trade your Harley parts, accessories and clothing.

Hot dogs and chips will be sold.

Please direct any questions to Jeanette Sherman at

275-5357 or gdsherman@centurytel.net.

Sometimes it takes a whole tank full of fuel before you can think straight!

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A NOTE FROM YOUR ROAD

CAPTAIN, BRIAN ZIONSKOWSKI

“WORDS TO RIDE BY”

***Hello** my fellow Hawg riders! I'm writing with the same excitement we all share at this time of year! It's time to kick the tires and light the fires! The April 28th ride to the National Trout Festival will be the official kick-off of our Chapter riding season!*

***This** Chapter made me very proud during last year's riding season. We had great turn-outs for the weekly rides, lots of new faces, and your support for all of our efforts.*

*I am happy to say that we have the majority of last year's Road Captains returning once again this year and have a few new folks joining our ranks. Please take the time to get to know these individuals. Introduce yourself, say "HI," pat them on the back, and let them know of any riding ideas you may have. These individuals are responsible for the route, safety, and to help us achieve our goal to "RIDE AND HAVE FUN." **As** we do every year, there will be a slight change in our processes, always striving for the betterment of our rides.*

***Until** next time, I'll see you at the rides!*

Brian Zionskowski
Head Road Captain

You start the game of life with a full pot o' luck and an empty pot o' experience. The object is to fill the pot of experience before you empty the pot of luck.

LADIES OF HARLEY

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE

4TH ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE DINNER RIDE

SATURDAY, May 12, 2007 — THEME: ITALIAN - COST: \$5 p/p

Your hosts are as follows:

Appetizers—Ken & Lynn Brehler—218-3722

Salad—Paul & Suzanne Jarboe—935-3771

Main Course—Mike O'Connor and Sherry Jones—392-2773

Dessert—Rich & Tara Baesch—499-4352

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

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

NORTHERN CHAPTER H.O.G. "FYI" PAGE

Keeping an eye on what's happening around us!

April 28th—FISH AND PANCAKES RIDE (Kalkaska Trout Festival)

May 20th—BALDWIN BLESSING OF THE BIKES

BRIMLEY BLESSING OF THE BIKES (Date to be announced)

MANCELONA BASS FESTIVAL (Date to be announced)

June 16th—MICHIGAN'S LITTLE FINGER POKER RUN

June 30th—CELEBRATION OF LIFE RIDE

July 4th—TRAVERSE CITY 4TH OF JULY PARADE

July 6th, 7th & 8th—IONIA RENDEZVOUS

July 21st and 22nd (Saturday-Sunday)—FATHER FRED BENEFIT

NORTHERN CHAPTER—HARLEY OWNERS GROUP 2007 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	DESTINATION
Tuesday	April 3rd	5:30pm	LOH Dinner & Movie	Jonathan B Pub
Thursday	April 5th	7:00pm	Chapter Meeting	Peegeo's
Tuesday	April 10th	7:00pm	Chapter Dinner	Hooters
Friday	April 13th	7:00pm	Chapter Dinner	Sledders
Tuesday	April 17th	6:00pm 7:00pm	Road Captains Meeting Officer's Business Meeting	South City Limits
Saturday	April 21st	2-6pm	2nd Annual Swap Meet	Sherman's Garage
Monday	April 23rd	6:15pm	New Member's Ride Rain date: Wed., April 25th	Culver's
Friday	April 27th	7:00pm	Chapter Dinner	Mackinaw Brewing
Saturday	April 28th	9:30am	Fish & Pancake Ride Meet at Traverse City Christian School	Kalkaska Trout Festival
Tuesday	May 1st	6:30pm	Ladie's Ride	TBA
Thursday	May 3rd	6:30pm	Chapter Meeting & Ride	Peegeo's
Saturday	May 12th	2:00pm	Progressive Dinner Ride	Brehler's Home
Monday	May 14th	6:15pm	New Member's Ride Rain date: Wed., May 16th	Culver's
Tuesday	May 15th	6:00pm 7:00pm	Road Captains Meeting Officer's Business Meeting	South City Limits
Thursday	May 17th	6:30pm	Chapter Ride	Little Bo's
Thursday	May 24th	6:30pm	Chapter Ride	Auntie Pasta's
Thursday	June 7th	6:30pm	Chapter Meeting & Ride	Peegeo's
Saturday	June 9th	TBA	Vince O'Brien's BBQ	O'Brien's Home
Thursday	June 14th	6:30pm	Chapter Ride	Minerva's
Tuesday	June 19th	7:00pm	Officer's Business Meeting	South City Limits
Thursday	June 21st	6:30pm	Chapter Ride	Hacienda Vasquez
Thursday	June 28th	6:30pm	Chapter Ride	Blue Pelican

Note: Meeting time for Thursday Chapter Rides during summer season is 6:30 pm, and expected arrival time at pre-determined destination will be approximately 7:30 pm. All rides start at Classic Motor Sports. Be advised that all events are subject to change, so dial Classic at 943-9344 (Ext 8) for up-to-date news.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS!**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ONE & ALL!**

<i>Vicki Beam</i>	<i>4/1</i>
<i>Sue Barner</i>	<i>4/3</i>
<i>Michael Trailer</i>	<i>4/5</i>
<i>Brent Windemuller</i>	<i>4/9</i>
<i>Frank Reno</i>	<i>4/10</i>
<i>Kate Gallagher</i>	<i>4/10</i>
<i>Judy Jewell</i>	<i>4/13</i>
<i>Andy Peterson</i>	<i>4/15</i>
<i>Bill Swift</i>	<i>4/15</i>
<i>Chuck Gannon</i>	<i>4/16</i>
<i>Dennis Svec</i>	<i>4/18</i>
<i>David Berg</i>	<i>4/29</i>

**A NOTE FROM YOUR ACTIVITIES****DIRECTOR, JAMIE RIERSON**

Book your July & August House BBQ now before the calendar is full!!

I'm also looking for some volunteers who would like to put together a summer Scavenger Hunt.

You can reach me by calling 231-357-2975, or by e-mail at jkrierson@chartermi.net.

MEMBERS EARNING PINS!

Deb Emanuel, John Lefler, Kim Lefler, Mike O'Connor and Jamie Rierson!

Congratulations to you all!!

A NOTE FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP OFFICER, VICKI BEAM

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 me before May 20th with any corrections. Thank you.

GET A JUMP ON SPRING!!!

Riding season is just around the corner. In fact, due to a wonderfully warm end-of-March, many of you are already out there on the roads! Along with spring comes the beginning of the Northern Chapter H.O.G. weekly rides. As most of you know, the Northern Chapter membership is growing each year. Because of the many new members (the seasoned members can use these articles as a refresher course) we feel it necessary to elaborate on safety issues and policies that govern our group. Therefore, the next couple of pages will concentrate primarily on safety issues and concerns.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to discuss same with our Director, Paul Jarboe, our Safety Officer, Tom Whilden, or any of your Road Captains. They are more than happy to help!

Want to learn or practice group riding skills? Meet your Road Captains on Monday, April 23rd at 6:15pm at Classic Motor Sports to discuss and practice Group Riding Techniques. Get a head start on your group riding skills and join us for ice cream at the end of the ride! Questions? Call Safety Officer Tom Whilden at 276-6454.

TOM'S SAFETY CORNER

A big **THANK YOU** to Joe for bailing me out last month. Other priorities took all extra time away from me!

OOOHHHHH YAAAA BBAAAABBBBYYY, YAA-HOOOOOOOOO! IT'S SPRING!

Okay, so you are ready to go fire up your trusty Harley and head on down the road for the first ride of the year, but wait....take some time and do the following: check fluids, tire pressure, high and low beams, brakes, brake lights, turn signals, and clutch. Did a mouse build a nest in your seat while the bike was covered up? Don't forget to unplug your battery tender. You should have had your service done before putting your ride away, but if you didn't, do it now and beat the rush!

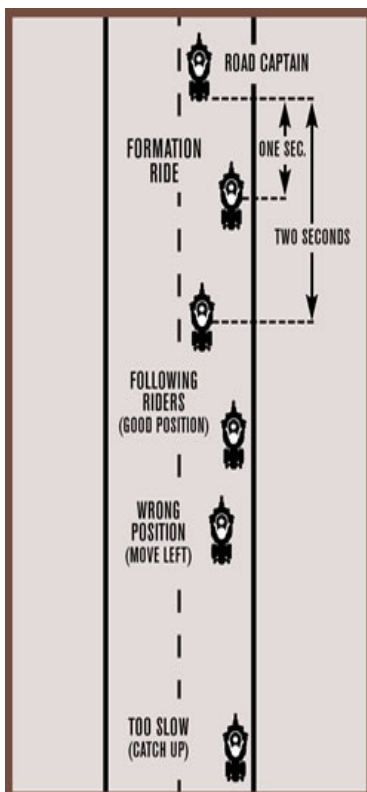
Next, like Joe told us, get to a parking lot and practice for awhile. Practice your turns, braking and evasive maneuvers, but on the way there be careful. Have you managed to walk on the roads lately? The inner and outer portions of the lanes are covered with sand and salt residue and will likely be there until we get some hard spring rains. The intersections and corners are covered with gravel which, if you are not careful, become marbles. The "Great Pothole Monster" will be raising its ugly head and will be looking for you, so you need to be looking for it first.

The other big thing is to remember all those 4-wheelers out there haven't had much to watch for over the last few months, and we surely know they have trouble seeing us in the best of conditions. **BE CAREFUL!**

We had a terrific season last year, let's see if we can repeat it this year!!!

LIGHT-EM-UP! Tom

P.S. The Riding Courses are now posted for Ferris State's riding classes. I will have information at the next chapter meeting, or you can obtain information at www.ferris.edu/cpd/motorcyclerider/



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.

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.

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.**

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



Claude & Gail Gersky
Relaxing in the Florida Keys



Shen and Rick Smith
Riding in the Florida Keys

It has come to our attention that Patty Colvin, our Merchandise Coordinator, will be leaving us as her and her husband, Chris, are moving to Saginaw.

You will both be missed and we hope the move goes well! Please keep us posted. In the meantime, Patty has resigned her position as Merchandise Coordinator. Anyone interested in filling her shoes can contact Director, Paul Jarboe.



WE'RE HAVIN' A PARTY!!

At a place called Tanz Haus many years ago, Tara met Rich and asked him to the show.

He said "yes" and away they went, all the way to the altar they were sent.

We have been blessed with Lynden and Billy, and have seen life's agility.

Celebrating 20 years has been filled with sad and joyous tears.

The good has outweighed the bad, and there is not a day that goes by that we regret what we've had.

*The party will be on **April 28th**, the Saturday after the actual date.*

We simply ask that you bring your own booze, and a dish to pass if you choose.

It's our friends that we want here, so we can properly celebrate the year!

970 Shamrock Lane, Traverse City

Saturday, April 28th at 7pm

BYOB, Dish to Pass

For more information, call Tara's cell 499-4352



MARCH CHAPTER MEETING WINNERS

50/50 Drawing

Deb Emanuel & Steve Szasz

Classic Gift Certificate

Chuck Heck

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NORTHERN CHAPTER MILEAGE PROGRAM

For those of you interested in participating in the Northern Chapter Mileage Program, now would be a good time to get your mileage information to Eric Fischer or a Chapter Road Captain. Riding season is just around the corner!

New address for the Rutter's:

Mike, Jennie and Addie Rutter




19064 Everest Trail

Farmington MN 55024

Phone: 651-463-0041

Email: mrutter221@charter.net

MARCH BUSINESS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

-  *Road Captains have had their first meeting. Accident Scene Management Class scheduled for March 31st.*
-  *Schedule for the Motorcycle Safety Classes offered through Ferris State is out. Two Advanced Rider Classes offered in June. Members are encouraged to sign up.*
-  *Father Fred events are planned for July 21-22. The Harley Davidson Mobile museum will be at Classic Motor Sports on Saturday, July 21st.*

If you are interested in viewing a complete record of the Chapter and/or Business Meeting Monthly Minutes, you may do so by accessing the Northern Chapter H.O.G. website.

PRIMARY OFFICERS TRAINING

No Jack Daniels left in Milwaukee after the Primary Officer's Training Party!

Although none of the Northern Chapter Officers can be blamed, there was no Jack Daniels left at the end of the Friday night party held for the Officer's Training ... we were drinking something else.

Several of us were fortunate to have recently attended the annual training held in Milwaukee. The group included Paul Jarboe, Lew Kirchner, Brian Zionskowski, Kevin Rierson and Vicki Beam. We were also joined by Jessica Zionskowski, Kevin Rierson, and Jim Beam.

Friday and Saturday the five officers attended nine working sessions to learn ways to run an even better chapter than we already have. We were able to get the best idea's from chapters across the country covering many topics, including membership, group riding, risk and financial management, newsletters, events—to name just a few.



Your Northern Chapter Officers with Ben Week, our H.O.G. Regional Manager

*We all feel very fortunate to have such a great chapter to begin with—and we each hope to put some of the ideas to work to make it even better for everyone—RIDE SAFE AND HAVE FUN!
Vicki Beam, Membership Officer*



Your Northern Chapter Officers enjoying the company of Capital Area H.O.G. at Primary Officers Training in Milwaukee, WI