

**NORTHERN
CHAPTER
H.O.G.**

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Mark your calendars!

Join your chapter members and special guest attendees for the opening night of the movie "WILD HOGS" on Friday, March 2nd—

Tickets can be purchased in advance at the March 1st Chapter Meeting at Peegeo's! For further info, contact Paul Jarboe.

LEATHERS REQUIRED!!!

Dinner after the movie!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE

4TH ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE DINNER

SATURDAY, May 12, 2007 — THEME: ITALIAN

Hosts are needed for the following:

Appetizers—Salad—Main Course—Dessert

If you're thinking about hosting one of the courses for this event, please give Jamie Rierson a call at 231-357-2975. We only need one house for each course, however, more than one person can provide the food and help needed at each location.

Remember, the theme is Italian each of the courses should reflect Italian cuisine in one way or another. Put your imagination to work! In the meantime,

let's hope for good bike riding weather!

"Winter is nature's way of telling you to polish your bike!"

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Director's Notes—March, 2007

Ever wonder what H.O.G. is really all about? Well, here is the official definition from our friends in Milwaukee:

"The Harley Owner's Group is an organization founded and sponsored by the Harley-Davidson Motor Company. The group was established to offer motorcycling benefits and services to Harley-Davidson enthusiasts throughout the world, and to develop a close relationship between the Harley-Davidson rider, the Harley-Davidson dealer and the Harley-Davidson Motor Company. The opportunity to start an independent chapter affiliated with the Harley Owners Group is offered to bring members together for the common interest of promoting motorcycling activities. The goal of each chapter is to generate an increased level of enthusiasm for riding Harley-Davidson motorcycles. The chapter shall be a family-oriented and nonpolitical organization."

Harley-Davidson established the Harley Owners Group in 1983 in response to a growing desire by Harley riders for an organized way to share their passion and show their pride. By 1985, 49 local chapters had sprouted around the country, with a total membership of 60,000.

Rapid growth continued into the 1990s, and in 1991 H.O.G. officially went international, with the first official European H.O.G. Rally in Cheltenham, England. Worldwide membership numbered 151,600, with 685 local chapters.

As the '90s continued, H.O.G. hysteria spread into Asia, including new chapters in Singapore and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. By 1999, worldwide membership had hit the half-million mark, and the number of local chapters totaled 1,157. Today, more than a million members make H.O.G. the largest factory-sponsored motorcycle organization in the world and it shows absolutely no signs of slowing down.

Your mission as a H.O.G. member – if you choose to accept it – is a simple one: "To Ride and Have Fun."

So, take pride in the fact that you are one of over one million H.O.G. members world wide. Each of us is part of one big family; from the folks in Milwaukee to our newest Northern Chapter member. Your membership in the Harley Owners Group helps turn the vision established 24 years ago into reality.

Paul Jarboe

Director, Northern Chapter

Two of our members, Road Captain, Brian Zionskowski, and Chapter Director, Paul Jarboe, will be a bit under the weather as they are both having surgery in early March! If you see either of them, please extend your best wishes for a speedy recovery!

MEMBER SPOTLITE



*Spotlite members,
Jim and Vicki Beam*

Jim and Vicki began riding their Harleys at the end of May, 2006. They had always talked about getting bikes to go riding together so they had something they enjoyed doing together during the summer. Vicki was thinking Huffy and Jim was thinking Harley when she suggested that they get bikes last spring. Vicki had ridden motorcycles growing up, even getting her endorsement at age 16. Jim had always wanted one. A quick trip to Classic, and Jim had picked out not one, but two Fat Boys — white and yellow.

With two Fat Boys they signed up for the motorcycle safety class over Memorial Day weekend, and have been riding together since. The highlight of their first Harley year was a trip to Sturgis — they rode their bikes both ways — no trailers for them!!

When not riding, Jim is busy selling furnaces and air conditioners for Bob's Furnace and Vicki is a financial advisor and co-owner of Fortitude Wealth Planners. Vicki is also enjoying her first few months as Membership Officer for the Chapter. Other hobbies include snowmobiling, yes, they each have one — boating, fishing, hunting (Jim), traveling to the Caribbean and enjoying life. They will celebrate their 12th anniversary this fall — along with Jim's 40th — doing what they enjoy best — riding their Harleys with their new Harley family! Look for a great party in September!

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

Keeping an eye on what's happening around us!

March 17th — ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION @ PELICAN ROOM

(For more info, contact Mark or Viv Winn 231-599-2745)

April 25th-29th—KALKASKA BLESSING OF THE BIKES

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)—FR. FRED BENEFIT

NORTHERN CHAPTER—HARLEY OWNERS GROUP 2007 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	DESTINATION
Thursday	March 1st	7:00pm	Chapter Meeting	Peegeo's
Friday	March 2nd	TBA	Opening Night-Wild Hogs	TBA
Wednesday	March 7th	6:00pm	LOH Jewelry Show/Movie	Deb Emanuel House
Friday	March 16th	7:00pm	Chapter Dinner	Ruby Tuesday's
Tuesday	March 20th	7:00pm	Officer's Business Meeting	South City Limits
Friday	March 30th	7:00pm	Chapter Dinner	Laughing Horse
Saturday	March 31st	10:00am	Accident Scene Management Course	Peegeo's
Tuesday	April 3rd	5:30pm	LOH Dinner & Movie	Jonathan B Pub
Thursday	April 5th	7:00pm	Chapter Meeting	Peegeo's
Friday	April 13th	7:00pm	Chapter Dinner	Sledders
Tuesday	April 17th	7:00pm	Officer's Business Meeting	South City Limits
Saturday	April 21st	TBA	2nd Annual Swap Meet	Sherman's Garage
Friday	April 27th	7:00pm	Chapter Dinner	Mackinaw Brewing
Thursday	May 3rd	7:00pm	Chapter Meeting	Peegeo's
Saturday	May 12th	TBA	Progressive Dinner Ride	TBA
Tuesday	May 15th	7:00pm	Officer's Business Meeting	South City Limits
Friday	May 25th	7:00pm	Chapter Dinner	Auntie Pasta's

Note: New Meeting time for Thursday/Friday Chapter Dinners during winter season is 7:00 pm
Be advised that all events are subject to change, so dial Classic at 943-9344 (Ext 8) for up-to-date news.

GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN!

By the time this March edition of the newsletter is published, members Mike and Jenny Rutter (with baby Addie in tow) will be headed to (if not already there) Minnesota where Mike has taken a new job with the Holiday Inn in Minneapolis! We will miss all of you dearly and hate to see you go!

Our best wishes for a safe move and "easy" adjustment to your new life!

Please keep us posted on your progress!

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

Gail Yanska	3/1
George Reinbold	3/2
Vicki Samp	3/2
David Arnold	3/4
Timothy Schultz	3/6
Thomas Horgan	3/7
Joe Patanella	3/7
Ken Risselade	3/10
Roger Yanska	3/14
Joe "Doghouse" Rabanus	3/16
Dave Bellemore	3/23
Garry Plane	3/26
Greg Sherman	3/30
Perry Marcero	3/31
Lori Heminger-Vandermeulen	3/31

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

Okay, gang! I need some help! We are in the planning stages for 2007. Please provide some suggestions for winter activities and summer rides. Book your House BBQ now before the calendar is full!! If you have a "favorite" spot, please let me know!

If you can volunteer your home as a "Host House" for the upcoming Progressive Dinner, please give me a call as soon as possible!

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.

ACCIDENT MANAGEMENT CLASS

We finally have our confirmed date! Accident Management Class will be held on Saturday, March 31st, from 8:30am to 4pm at Peegeo's. Class size is limited to 30-40 people. If you are interested, we suggest that you sign up now! The cost for the class will be \$35.00 per person. The Chapter is covering the cost for Road Captains. Please call Brian Zionskowski at 645-4448, or you can e-mail him at toomany-toys@hotmail.com if you are interested in attending the class.

LADIES OF HARLEY

A NOTE FROM LOH OFFICER KIM LEFLER

Ladies of Harley (LOH) is another benefit of membership, not a separate organization within HOG or local chapters. LOH was established to help women become more active members of HOG and their existing local chapter. You cannot open a separate LOH chapter and offer activities exclusive to LOH members. You can, of course, organize events that may be more appealing to the LOH members, but all members must be welcome.

The following is a list of some of the activities our Northern Chapter of LOH does:

- 1) Select the theme of the Progressive Dinner Ride
- 2) Design the pins for both the annual Fr. Fred Event and the Chapter Christmas Party
- 3) Design the T-Shirt for the Fr. Fred event
- 4) In 2006, we started the Chick Flick during the non-riding season, October thru April. We meet for dinner and a movie the first Tuesday of each month.
- 5) During the riding season, we have a Ladies Ride on the 1st Tuesday of each month, May thru September
- 6) We have a yearly Pa "JAMA" party and spa night.

Our goal is to get together for friendship and fun. We are open to all ladies and encourage your participation with this great group of women.

Any questions or ideas, feel free to contact me by e-mail at Heavyroller2002@yahoo.com or by phone at 231-218-4282.

TOM'S SAFETY CORNER

Our contribution to TOM'S SAFETY CORNER comes from fellow member Joe "Doghouse" Rabanus who lives in Chicago, but has a beautiful home on Long Lake in Traverse City. You are most likely to see Joe during the summer at Chapter Rides and events, and he most always attends the Chapter's Annual Christmas Party. Thanks for the contribution Joe!

Practice, Practice, Practice...Your Riding Skills!

The temperature today in Chicago is supposed to top out at a frigid 15^o. Traverse City is headed for a heat wave: 17 degrees! Doesn't that sound like a **great** time to begin the 2007 riding season! Huh? Bike Week held early this year? (I wish!). Nope.

Despite seeming like an eternity from now, it really won't be too much longer before we all get the 'itch' to fire up the bikes again (don't forget to check all your nuts, bolts and tire pressure!) and head out onto the local salt and sand coated hi-ways and bi-ways (**more** precautions!) during the first warm days of spring.

That being said, I don't know what the percentage is for accidents occurring early in a new riding season, but I **suspect** it's much higher than later on in the season...after riders have 're-learned' their sea legs again.

Remember that 'uneasy' (cautious?) feeling you had last spring, when you first rode your scoot? Did it take a few rides, and a little bit of saddle time (practice) before you felt comfortable again with your riding skills? Dangerous time. This year, start practicing your riding skills **EARLY**...while the snow's still on the road...so they're still **SECOND NATURE** when you first start riding again this spring. In short, keep practicing your Harley skills all year round.

Here's how: While driving around this winter, just pretend your 4 wheeler is your Harley! Drive with the same mind-set and skill sets as if it were summertime, and as if you were on your scooter. Here are some of the easily practiced skills...either on a two or four wheeled vehicle:

- Defensive driving: Scan and study all intersections, potential problems, etc. Plan to react.
- Get your braking done **before** you enter a corner. Then power on thru the curve.
- **Look** where you want to go...with head up.
- When going around a corner, delay 'turning the curve's apex' as long as possible.
- Practice **NOT** looking at objects (2X4's, road kill, etc.) in front of you, so you don't **automatically** run over the object (stare at it, and you **will** run over what you're looking at). Practice looking either left or right.
- Watch for objects in the road ahead...**WELL** out in front of you.
- Don't follow vehicles (especially trucks) too closely...give yourself plenty of room to see what it straddles, or dodge what it throws up into the air.

And no, you don't have to make Harley engine sounds while piloting the Blazer around town this winter. However, I **will** admit to cranking up my Harley Road Tunes CD's, and even sometimes rolling down the window a bit to let in some road breeze!

Use it...or lose it! Practice, practice, practice!

Joe "Doghouse" Rabanus

FEBRUARY CHAPTER MEETING PICTURE HIGHLIGHTS



Roger and Gail Yanska



**Bob & Sandy Oliverius and
Mike Cole**



**Char Kirchner and
Debbie Hocking**

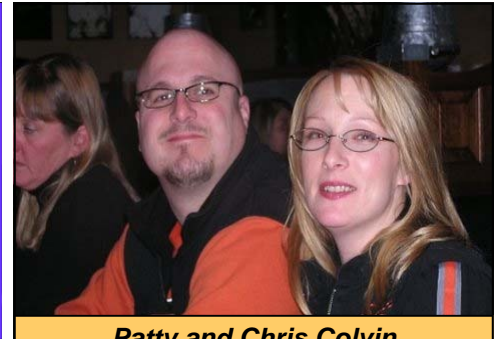
DINNER AT THE BLUE TRACTOR



Al and Lori Vandermeulen



Jessica and Brian Zionskowski



**Patty and Chris Colvin
It's Patty's Birthday!**

FEBRUARY CHAPTER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- ☛ Premier of Wild Hogs will be Friday, March 2, 2007.
- ☛ Looking for hosts for summer BBQ rides—contact Jamie Rierson if interested.
- ☛ Chapter is hosting Accident Scene Management course March 31, 2007. Call Brian Zionskowski if interested. Road Captains will be attending.
- ☛ March Newsletter will be sent to 2007 members only—sign up now!
- ☛ Jim Dow and Sherry Jones each won \$42.00 in 50/50 raffle. Kevin Rierson won the \$25 Gift Certificate for wearing a Classic Motor Sports shirt.

FEBRUARY BUSINESS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- ☛ Ionia Rendezvous scheduled for July 6th, 7th and 8th.
- ☛ Christmas Party 2007 at Holiday Inn—looking at the Park Place Dome for 2008.
- ☛ Vietnam Traveling Wall will be in our area for Cherry Festival through July 12th. Possible escort of wall by Northern Chapter during Cherry Royale Parade to Leelanau Sands Casino.
- ☛ Looking for “Host Homes” for Progressive Dinner scheduled for May 12th. Contact Jamie Rierson if interested.
- ☛ Wild Hogs movie night scheduled for March 2nd—look for e-mail regarding ticket purchase and further details.
- ☛ Membership numbers at an all-time high for this time of year — 155!

HIGHLIGHTS OF ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL POOL TOURNAMENT



The gangs all here!



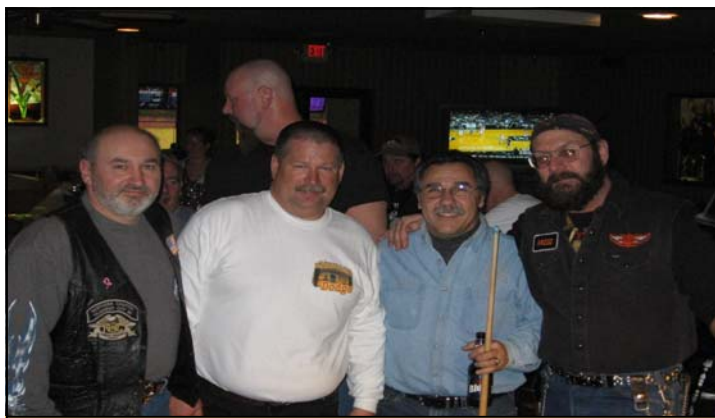
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Raggs hard at work!

**First Place
Winner:
Jack Palazzolo**

**Second Place
Winner:
Raggs**



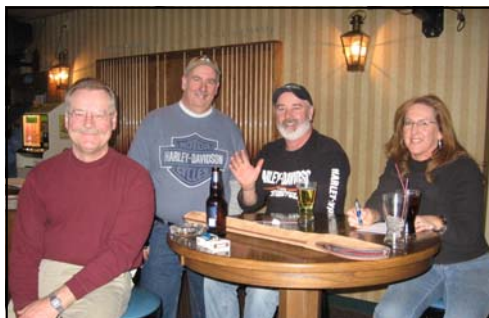
THE FINAL FOUR

Claude Gersky, Rich Baesch, Jack Palazzolo and Raggs

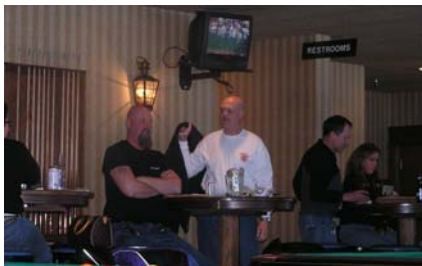
We had a great turnout at the annual Pool Tournament! Some intense pool playing and enough participants to fill four tables! What a great way to spend a snowy and cold Saturday afternoon!



Jack Palazzolo and Mike O'Connor tracking the scores!



Are we having fun yet?



What! No pool sticks?



This is a tough job!



The tension is killing me!!!



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We're on the web!
www.northernchapter.com

A Note to our Members:

Please be mindful of the effort of our hosts when we receive a special invitation to a House BBQ or other hosted activity. Every effort you can make to attend is appreciated.

CHAPTER WEBSITE NEWSLETTER

Username: newsletter
Password: Panther



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.

From Michael Cole, a quick quote from the MSF'S book of Motorcycling Excellence:

“Age and use are two factors that affect tire compound and performance. Every time we ride, our tires go through a “heat cycle” as they go from ambient to operating temperature and back down again. Each successive heat cycle slowly hardens the tire. In addition to heat cycling, tires “age” and slowly harden during non-use. (The harder the tire, the less traction it has). Beware when you come across low-priced closeout deals on tires that may have been stored for a few years. Inspect your motorcycle’s tires often and replace them if they show any signs of aging, cracking, worn tread, hardening, etc.”

Ride smart, ride safe! Michael Cole

Please extend a big “Harley” welcome to new members

Ronald Anderson, Steve and Sherry Purkiss, Kate and Shannon Gallagher, Kevin Scott, Eric Denoyer, Dan Isaac and Lori Heminger-Vandermeulen!

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!



Get Hitched at IONIA

This year's Michigan H.O.G. Rendezvous again includes an opportunity for you to get married or renew your marriage vows! The Michigan H-D Association will provide a Justice of the Peace and co-ordinate a wedding ceremony on Saturday, July 7th about 11:00A.M. The Michigan H-D Association will also provide each couple with a brides' bouquet, groom boutonniere, professional wedding picture and the option of leading the parade into Ionia. There is NO CHARGE to the participants other than the required purchase of a Rendezvous admission ticket.

To register, just complete the form accompanying this announcement. QUESTIONS??? Contact your Chapter President or Don Pishney at Classic Motor Sports, Traverse City, 231-943-9344, Ext. 610, for more details. The 24th Annual Rendezvous will be better than ever – make it more memorable by getting married or re-married at Ionia. Officials of the H-D Motor Company will act as your witnesses!!

HARLEYS, BURN-OUTS and ROMANCE-

Definitely a weekend to remember!



2007 Michigan H.O.G. Rendezvous

Marriage Registration Saturday, July 7, 2007

*YES!! We would like to be married or re-new (please circle one) our vows
at the 24th Michigan H.O.G. Rendezvous!!*

Brides Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Telephone: Home: Work: Cell:

Groom's Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Telephone: Home: Work: Cell:

*Ceremony to be held Saturday, July 7th at about 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM at the site of the Michigan
H.O.G. Rendezvous, Ionia Fairgrounds.*

Bring: 1) Marriage license if getting married.

*2) Photo copy of marriage certificate or I.D. showing same last name &
address if renewing.*

Mail or fax this registration by June 25th, 2007 to:

Donald Pishney

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