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A great big **THANK-YOU** to the Traverse City VFW Hall for hosting our annual picnic.

Also, **thanks** to Michael Cole of Classic Gallery for the group picture! The picture is available by contacting Michael at 947-6655.

FATHER THOME ACCEPTS PROCEEDS OF APPROXIMATELY \$ 13,000.00 ON BEHALF OF THE FATHER FRED FOUNDATION

Pictured: Left to right: John Lefler, Marti, Fr. Thome and Paul Jarboe.

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A NOTE FROM YOUR DIRECTOR

We had a great turn out for our Chapter picnic hosted this year by the Traverse City VFW Cherryland Post. Almost 80 chapter members and guests enjoyed chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers and all the fixins'. A big thank you goes out to the folks at the VFW and also to chapter member Mike Cole of Classic Gallery for taking the chapter picture. Thanks Mike!

The annual MDA ride will be held on Saturday, September 15th in Frankfort. We are looking for up to 10 chapter members who would be willing to help serve hot dogs before the ride. You will be done in plenty of time to participate in the ride. If you are willing to help, give me a call or let me know at our September chapter meeting. More information about the ride is included in this newsletter and will be available at our meeting.

Want to learn more about riding? Look for the information inside about the "Ride like a Pro" class that our safety officer, Tom Whilden, has arranged for our chapter members. Safe riding is our number one goal. I hope to see many of you at this important class on September 29th.

Now is the time to start thinking about chapter officers for next year. If you are interested in serving as an officer in 2008, please talk with me or Don Pishney at Classic.

I'm pleased to announce we will have two special guests from Milwaukee with us this month!

First, Ben Week, our Regional Manager for the Harley Owners Group, will be visiting our chapter and joining us on our ride on Thursday, September 13th! Ben works for the motor company and is based in Milwaukee. He is our resource for all chapter related issues with HOG and Harley Davidson. Several of us spent time with Ben in Lansing for the Dealer and HOG officer meetings in the spring, and in Milwaukee during Primary Officers Training. Plan to join us on Thursday, September 13th for our dinner ride and say hello to Ben Week!

Second, Mike Zimmerman, staff writer and photographer for Hog Tales, plans to be in Traverse City on Thursday, September 20th and will be joining us on our dinner ride that evening! Mike has authored a number of articles for Hog Tales, including the "Great Destinations" series that are currently running. Could he be considering a story about riding in Northern Michigan? Or he is looking for the next Hog Tales "cover model"? Maybe! Plan to join us on the 20th to say hello to Mike Zimmerman!

September is my favorite time of year. The weather is great, and the riding can be great too. This is a perfect time to take a ride to Mackinaw City, over the bridge, or take a color tour of Leelanau County. Consider riding the "Tunnel of Trees" on M-119 north of Harbor Springs. The tourist will be home soon, so traffic will be lightening up, leaving more room for us locals.

This is a great month to put some miles on your Harley! Get out and enjoy our roads and wonderful scenery. See you on the road and at our chapter meeting!

Paul Jarboe, Director, Northern Chapter Harley Owners Group

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the following new members:

Michael Carlson, Chad Emert, Michael Morgan,
Larry Elliott, Rhonda Elliott, Philip Heinlen, Chris-
tine Lake, Dennis Lake, Jim Valrance and Jason
Lile ——— Total Member Count: 209

September 15th (Saturday)—NORTHWOODS MDA RIDE

Check-In: Frankfort—American Legion—9am-1pm

Bike Show, Group Bike Pictures and Silent Auction: 9am-1pm

Lunch: 11am—1pm

Police Escorted Ride Departs from Downtown Frankfort at 2pm

Dinner: Immediately following Ride

Cost: \$45.00 per person (includes lunch, ride, dinner and entertainment)

We are looking for about 5-10 volunteers to help prepare and serve hot dogs from 10:30 am to 1:00pm. The escorted ride leaves at 2pm, so all volunteers will be able to participate.

Friday, Sept. 14th—Friday night pre-party at Villa Marine— All Riders Welcome!

LUAU ENJOYED BY ALL!!

“THANK YOU” SCOTT & DEB HOCKING!!



Chuck Heck & Tom French



Greg Sherman, Brian & Jess Z.



Kevin Rierson & pilot Larry Elliott



**All dressed for the occasion!
Jamie Rierson & Brian Z.**



**Nimble John Ockert finding his
way under the Limbo Bar**



Mandy Jarboe preparing for flight!



Members Steve & Sherry Purkiss



Good turnout at the Hockings' Luau



George Reinbold & Kris VanDeusen

NORTHERN CHAPTER—HARLEY OWNERS GROUP 2007 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	DESTINATION
Thursday	Sept. 6th	6:30pm	Chapter Meeting & Ride	Peegeo's
Monday	Sept. 10th	6:00pm	New Member Ride (Rain date: Sept. 12th)	TBA
Thursday	Sept. 13th	6:30pm	Chapter Ride	Hooters
Saturday	Sept. 15th		Northwoods MDA Ride	See Newsletter for Details
Tuesday	Sept. 18th	7:00pm	Officer's Business Meeting	South City Limits
Thursday	Sept. 20th	6:30pm	Chapter Ride	Oasis
Saturday	Sept. 22nd	TBA	Fall Color Ride	Tunnel of Trees
Thursday	Sept. 27th	6:30pm	Chapter Ride	Agave (Old Gordy Howe location)
Saturday	Sept. 29th	2:00pm	Ockert/Coates Party	Kingsley
Saturday	Sept. 29th		Ride Like a Pro Classes	See Newsletter for Details
Thursday	Oct. 4th	6:30pm	Chapter Meeting & Ride	Peegeo's
Friday	Oct. 12th	7:00pm	Chapter Ride	Sledders
Thurs-Sun	Oct. 11th-14th		Ladies Chicago Weekend	See Newsletter for Details
Tuesday	Oct. 16th	7:00pm	Officer's Business Meeting	South City Limits
Friday	Oct. 19th	7:00pm	Chapter Ride	Blue Tractor
Saturday	Oct. 27th		Chili Cook-Off	Raggs/Paula Mack
Thursday	Nov. 1st	6:30pm	Chapter Meeting & Ride	Peegeo's
Friday	Nov. 9th	7:00pm	Chapter Ride	Big Easy
Tuesday	Nov. 20th	7:00pm	Officer's Business Meeting	South City Limits
Friday	Nov. 23rd	7:00pm	Chapter Ride	LaSenorita (Garfield)
Saturday	Dec. 1st	TBA	Christmas Party	Holiday Inn

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.

OUR WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP

BY: JANET JOHNSON

On Wednesday, May 23rd, Lew and Char Kirchner, Tom and Deb Whilden, Steve Szasz, Rick Cole, Gail and Claude Gersky, John and Kim Lefler, and Jim and Janet Johnson left for Washington, D.C. after meeting for breakfast at Yankee Boy. Lew planned the great route and took Highway 127 with stops at the Mendon, Ohio Harley Dealership, and Piqua, Ohio.

The dealer in Mendon has a spectacular Harley museum that displays Harley motorcycles and other Harley items from the 1930's to present time. There were all types of motorcycles, a scooter with sidecar, and old bicycles. There was a large barn filled with Harley paraphernalia. We spent the first night in Piqua, Ohio.

On Thursday, kick stands were up at 8AM. We traveled along the Ohio River being led by Lew and Char, and managed to go through Ripley three times hunting for a gas station. We stopped at two more Harley dealerships and toured a museum located in Huntington, W. Virginia. We went to the Galley Gorge and New River, Gorge. Some of us even walked the 150 steps to get a better view of the gorge. The walk up was breath taking. We spent the night in Summerville, W. Virginia. It was a great place and we had cocktails by the pool.

Friday we had a beautiful ride through the West Virginia mountains. Rick somehow managed a flat back tire, while John came to his rescue to help him pump. John attempted twice to pump the tire, while we watched and offered suggestions for improvement. The end result was Rick got hauled off in a truck with his cycle and Steve followed. The back tire got fixed and the rest of us rode on after a five hour delay. The next saga was a broken pulley on Lew's bike. We had another stroke of divine intervention as a Harley rider came into the gas station. He made some calls and Lew and Char were on their way to the proper repairs. The great guy worked on the bike right away. We all stayed in Winchester, Virginia. We did a little partying and then settled in for the night. A big thank you to the Harley crew for their assistance and support with the cycle problems.

Saturday we had a nice relaxing morning at the Comfort Inn while we waited for the return of Lew and Char's bike. Rick and Steve met us there. Our next stop was Fairfax to get Harley pins and see the festivities at the dealership. There was quite a crowd with a band playing, a few vendor booths and refreshment stands. From there we went to Sandy and Mick's house in the Washington, D.C. area. Such nice people and great hospitality. We enjoyed their 13 year old son, Sean, also. We were treated royally with wonderful food and drink. Gail and Claude stayed with a niece in the D.C. area.

Sunday, after Gail and Claude arrived, we took the metro to the mall area in downtown D.C. We saw the Washington and Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, Vietnam Nurse Memorial, Korean War Memorial, WWII Memorial, and the World War Memorial for those from the District of Columbia. This is the twenty year anniversary of the Vietnam War. Many cycles were in the parade and around the park area. It was a great place to be to pay tribute to all our soldiers who have given so much for our freedom. The day was very hot ... around 90. Once we got back to Sandy and Micks, some relaxed and some shopped. We went out for dinner at a nice Chinese Restaurant.

Monday kicks stands were up at 8AM and we were off for home. We stopped about an hour out meeting Gail and Claude at Roy Rogers for breakfast. We took mostly expressways home, but it still was quite scenic. We spent that night in Freemont, Ohio.

Tuesday we were on our way once again. Jim had some little gadget that wasn't working properly so we stopped at a dealer to get it fixed. We finally convinced some to head on as the wait was getting rather long. Tom and Deb stayed with us and we had a nice ride home. It was a fun trip and I thank Lew for all his preparation of the great route.

LADIES OF HARLEY TRIP TO CHICAGO!

Attention Ladies of Harley! Trip to Chicago being planned for the weekend of October 11th thru 14th. Some details worth noting:

Thursday evening, Oct. 11th @ 7pm—Grand Rapids for drinks and dinner at Bar Divani . We'll walk to "The Bob" for after-dinner drinks!

Friday Morning, Oct. 12th—Train to Chicago leaves @ 7:35am

Sunday Evening, Oct. 14th—Train returning to Grand Rapids leaves @ 5:20pm, arriving at 10:20pm

**What to do: Shop, dine, hit the theater, and have fun!
"Wicked" tickets have been purchased for Friday night!**

IF YOU PLAN ON JOINING US WE MUST HAVE A FIRM COMMITMENT, WITH DEPOSIT OF \$150.00, BY SEPTEMBER 15th.

**HOTEL ROOMS HAVE BEEN RESERVED FOR GRAND RAPIDS & CHICAGO!
Anyone interested should contact Vicki Beam directly by phone (231-883-5580) or by e-mail (mgobluefan2@hotmail.com) for additional details.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE LAST OUTDOOR PICNIC OF THE SEASON!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th—House BBQ

Hosted by John and Deb Ockert

Terry Coates, Shelly Dayton

TIME: 2pm until ??? (Ride leaves Classic at 1pm)

WHERE: 6505 Rahe Road, Kingsley

Contact John/Deb Ockert for additional information @ 231-263-7255

Beer and Margueritas available—Dish to Pass if possible —BYOB—

Campers Welcome!

Directions: South on M-37, turn East on M-113, go approximately 2-1/2 miles and turn North on Rahe Road. The house is located one half mile on right hand side.

FROM YOUR EDITOR: Please take note that you will not be receiving an October Issue of your newsletter. Therefore, your next issue will arrive in November. Thank you.

Saddlebags can never hold everything you want, but they CAN hold everything you need!

RIDE LIKE A PRO

“Ride Like a Pro” is a motorcycle safety class that is being offered strictly for our Chapter on September 29th.

Jim and Amy Kraus are the owners of this program. Jim is the lead instructor, and has graciously agreed to come to northern Michigan on this date to share his expertise with us. He is a motorcycle policeman from Lansing.

You will be amazed at what you can do with your machine by the end of your session, mostly SLOW speed handling and turning, swerving and enough circles and figure eights to make you dizzy. Additionally, you are talked through a series of handling techniques and then given the chance to practice, and just when you think you have it down right, they turn you around and go the other way.

I will have handouts at the September Chapter Meeting. They will instruct you on how to go about paying and reserving your spot for this day. It is a “rain or shine” event. Also, I hope to leave the rest of the handouts at Classic with Eric (I haven’t asked him yet, but I think he will be OK with that), so if you cannot make the meeting, you can get the paperwork from Classic.

So, get your registration in by the cut-off day No later than September 21 ... so they know how many instructors to send up.

The cost is \$125.00 per person. However, remember that you get \$50 a year back from Harley for taking these safety classes. I’m expecting 2 sessions—morning and afternoon. We are also hoping to limit the class to 10-12 bikes.

SO, COME ON GROUP! Let’s make a good showing and learn a few more tricks on handling your Harleys. I’ll be expecting input from those who participated to determine whether or not this would be a good offering for next year!

Thanks! Tom

A CALL TO POTENTIAL OFFICERS!

It’s once again time to start thinking about where you could best serve the Northern Chapter H.O.G.! If you’re interested in any of the officer positions, please contact either Paul Jarboe at 935-3771 or Don Pishney at 943-9344.

LAST NEW MEMBER RIDE OF THE SEASON

*LAST New Member Ride of the season will be held on **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 at 6:15 pm.** In case of rain, the ride will be held on **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 at 6:15pm.***

If you are new to the group riding experience or just want the opportunity to meet some really cool Road Captains, come join us.

This is really worth your time and effort, plus you get a certificate for your chapter pin. Any questions can be directed at Tom Whilden, our Safety Director.

The only good view of a thunderstorm is in your rearview mirror!

NORTHERN CHAPTER H.O.G.**HIGHLIGHTS—CHAPTER MEETING—August 2, 2007**

◆Chapter Picnic Sunday August 19th at VFW hall. Tickets on sale here tonight for \$5. Also available at the door. BBQ, live music, and group picture by Michael Cole.

◆Father Fred a great success. Thank you to the Record Eagle for the great coverage. Reporter along for the ride was a wonderful tribute. Thank you to all in the chapter who helped out.....we can't be this successful without great people!!!

◆MDA coming Sept 15th...Paul looking for participation and volunteers for hot dog lunch.

◆Ride Like a Pro coming Sept 29th...2 sessions. Tom Whilden finalizing arrangements

HIGHLIGHTS—BUSINESS MEETING—August 21, 2007

◆Picnic enjoyed by all. Attendance over 70. Suggestion for more activities next year to encourage people to stay after eating.

◆MDA Saturday Sept 15th. See Paul if you are going to participate. Chapter has been asked if we could help serve hot dog lunch. Great cause. Harley Davidson is an official sponsor of MDA

◆Tom Whilden has made arrangements for Ride Like a Pro to take place Saturday Sept. 29th. There will be 2 sessions, morning and afternoon, 10 -12 riders each session. Registration forms will be available at the chapter meeting Sept. 6th. This is an excellent course attended by both Tom and Jim Johnson earlier this summer that they highly recommend to experienced riders.

◆GET INVOLVED IN YOUR CHAPTER. LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR OFFICERS FOR 2008. SEE PAUL JARBOE OR DON PISHNEY AT CLASSIC. NEW FACES HELP KEEP FRESH IDEAS COMING IN. WE NEED YOU!!!!!!

CHAPTER MEMBERS ON THE KNOXVILLE TRIP

Members who participated: Claude and Gail Gersky, Jack and Nina Palazzolo, Mike O'Connor and Sherry Jones, and Chris O'Connor

7th ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

WHEN: SATURDAY, OCT. 27h @ 6:30 pm

WHERE: RAGGS and PAULA MACK

7801 N Reynolds Rd., Lake Ann, MI

Prizes for 1st & 2nd place winners

RULES: Bring your favorite chili recipe in a crock pot for all to sample. If you choose not to bring chili, an appetizer or dessert would be a great contribution.

Directions or additional info: Call Raggs/Paula Mack at 275-5403



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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!

Steve Trahair	10/1
Cheryl Miller	10/2
Mark Miller	10/2
Brian Patterson	10/3
Gordy Hays	10/6
Chuck Heck	10/9
Mark Rosseels	10/13
Bobbie Akey	10/15
Frank Schroeder	10/16
Larry Elliott	10/16
Mike Drury	10/19
Eric Fischer	10/20
Jamie Rierson	10/23
Bob Smith	10/24
Lew Kirchner	10/27
Neil Akey	10/29
Bob Becker	10/29
John Emanuel	10/30
Mark Roi	10/31

AUGUST CHAPTER MEETING WINNERS

50/50 Drawing

Brian Z.—\$65

Classic Gift Certificate

Tom Whilden

CONGRATULATIONS!

ROAD CAPTAINS

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

Michael Maier	9/3
Jeanette Sherman	9/3
John Weber	9/5
Gerald Olmsted	9/6
John Lefler	9/10
John Ockert	9/10
Alan Olson	9/12
Jim Beam	9/14
Larry Elliott	9/16
Bob Burns	9/21
Dan Isaac	9/24
Mary Nelson	9/25
Carolyn Risk	9/28
Ringo Bedtelyon	9/29

AUGUST ACTIVITY PINS

CONGRATS!

Claude Gersky
Gail Gersky
Char Kirchner
Cheryl Miller
John Ockert
Roger Yanska

ATTENTION TO ALL MEMBERS!

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PAINTBALL COMPETITION SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER HAS BEEN CANCELLED! THANKS JAMIE FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK! MAYBE NEXT YEAR???