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NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY

APRIL 7

7:00 PM

H-D OF UTICA

FUTURE MEETINGS

MAY 5

7:00 PM

Cavallo's Restaurant

Up Coming Events

POT HOG Training APR
Uncasville, CT 16-17

~~Marcus Dairy Run APR
CANCELLED 18~~

Buell Demos @ APR
HD of Utica 24-25

25th Annual ECC Bike APR
Blessing 25

Beach Party @ MAY
HD of Utica 1

BIKEWEEK MAY
Myrtle Beach, SC 7-16

BIKE NIGHT KICKOFF MAY
@ HD of Utica 27

Rolling Thunder MAY
Washington, DC 30

What's New!

Chapter Officer Election for 2004

Peter "Frenchie" French, ECC Director put the word out in the February newsletter. It was that time of year again to elect officers and that he would step down from Chapter Director.

Nominations for new officers were solicited during the February meeting and elections were held during the March meeting.

Steve Coupe, Manager of our chapter's sponsoring dealership provided parting comments that earned Peter "Frenchie" French a well deserved round of applause!

**Thanks! Frenchie for a
job well done!**

ELECTION RESULTS

Director...Tom McCarthy

Assistant Director...Mike Grogan

Treasurer...Joe Kappler

Secretary...Sue Wightman

On-Line Editor...Bill Stark

Newsletter Editor...Tom Chromczak

Ladies of Harley...Sue Wightman

Road Captains...Joe Debiase

Randy Lloyd

Congratulations!

To all of our officers

Breaking News!

The Start location for the "Ride for Kids" has changed due to the major construction at The Riverside Center.

The Ride will now be leaving from the Deerfield Volunteer Fire Department on Trenton Road.
By: Peter French

Great Lakes Ontario Tour Giveaway!

The Harley-Davidson of Utica drawing for two tickets worth \$300.00 to the U. S. National H.O.G. Rally Great Lakes: Ontario Tour was held on March 18th.

The Lucky winner is!

Alex Medlin

Rome, New York



Behind the Classic Windshield

By Tom McCarthy

The elections are over, Frenchie has retired as Director and I want to take a moment to thank him for the great job he has done over the last few years. I have accepted the responsibility of that position and will do my very best to make this an enjoyable year for our chapter. If you look at the front page, you will see who your current chapter officers are. Don't know the faces? Come to the meetings, currently held at the dealership, the first Wednesday of each month. We will be sure to introduce ourselves.

Now, for a little work. We have again been asked to take care of the concessions for the Thursday night Bike Nites. The first item we need to at-

tend to is volunteers. I know there are many of you that would help out if only asked. **Well, I'm asking!** Please, give us a hand. With enough volunteers, we can set up teams so the same few people don't have to do the majority of the work. I would like to set it up so each team would only have to work one Thursday night a month. What do you say? Let your officers know.

Do you want more rides and/or events? Come to the meetings; I promise to keep them short so we can *Ride and Have Fun*. Give us some destinations and/or routes you would like us to consider. We are already considering dinner rides in addition to the one on Sunday morning. Maybe one during the week?

Listen! What's that strange noise? Is that a... motorcycle? Well, it's almost here, riding season, that is. I've seen a few bikes on the road already and every day brings us a little closer to Spring, although it's snowing profusely as I write this. Mine is sitting in the garage waiting for me to put the fairing and windshield on. Maybe tomorrow. I want to be ready for the next time the roads are clean and dry. Enough rambling.

'Till next time, RIDE SAFE and HAVE FUN,

SUGGESTION



We are anxious to hear your suggestions:

Some folks are quick to complain when they aren't happy with a ride departure location, or destination, or even the route. The club is open to



your ideas and suggestions.

If you have a good idea or a favorite ride/route/destination, let's hear about it. Contact us via e-mail or fill out a suggestion card and drop it off at our next meeting

Welcome New & Returning Members !

Jim A. Abbott, Steven Abel, Dian M. Francis-Alder, Robert Althoff, Joseph Ancona, Brian D. Anderson, Glen Anderson, Scander Astafan, Jeffrey A. Baisley, Timothy H. Baker, Thomas A. Barber, William Barilla, Benson P. Barrett, Bart Bartolomie, Paul Barton, Richard Bergeron, Thomas Billman, Howard C. & Susie Boise, Rosemary & Mike Bonacci Jean M. Bonney, Gerald Borden, Walter Bouck, Leonard Bragg, Jerry Briggs, Joe Brognano, Barry Bushneck, Paul Callari, Leo Callari, Bradley Campbell, Louis V. Campola Janlu & Mike Chaparro, Daniel L. Chrillo, Tom Chromczak, Joe Chmielewski, Michael Cimo, Bill Clark, Chad Claus, Richard G. Clawson Sr., Gordon Collins, Walter G. Collins, Tim Converse, Alfred Cowan, Justin Crophier, John Crophier, George Crossley, Charles Czarnacki, John D'Esopo, Ginny & Steve Davis, Wayne A. Davis, Roy H. Davis, Tom Davis-Deb Hay, Tom & Deborah DeBiase, Joe DeBiase, Brian K. DeVoegel, Salvatore DiMartin, Peter Dinardo, Samuel DiNitto, Mike Dolan, Bill, Dow, Paul D. Dubai, Don Dubois, Ken Dudeck, Rob Dunne, JerryDussault, Alan Dust, John Dwyer, Stephen Edic, Chris Eggleston, Robert E. Ehlers, Donald D. Ehre, Robert Ehrhart, Janet & Stan Ezman, Lee & Al Farrell, Jamie Farrington, David W. Felton, Juanita & Richard W. Finn, David W. Flanagan, Dave Flemma, Gary Fontaine, Peter French, Tho-

mas M. Ganci, Rodney Giarusso, Anne Gibson, Dennis R. Giorgi, Charles G. Goetz, Mark Green, Don Grogan, Ellie & John Grosso, Doug Grygiel, Holly & Craig Hale, Dale Hampston, Alan R. Harjung, David L. Harp, Bob Herbert, Michael Henry, Brian Herman, John Hummel, Mark J. Iodice, John Ippolito, Basil Avery Jane Baker, Robert Jerome, Duane T. Jewett, Robert L. Joy, Bob Kane, Richard Kapala, Susan & Joe Kappler, Dwight D. Kerr, Don Kiefer, Wayne V. King, Wayne L. Kinville, Cynthia Kirkland, Mike Knupp, Michaline Kraszewski, Lisa & John Labuzzetta, Scott LaForest, Ralph E. Leiter, John R. Licari, Harry Livingston, Kim & Randy Lloyd, Daniel G. Lowengard, Wendy Lynk, Ron S. Macera, Lori Mackey, Daniel V. Mackey, Jan M. Manzi, Tom Marcelletta, Mary Minckler Marilyn Strong, Thomas F. McCarthy, William McCarthy, Robert H. McMullen, Bruce McMullen, Christine Mead, Joseph P. Mead, David J. Michel, Steve Milavec, Edward J. Monks, Sal Morgan, David Morris, John Mudge, Pasquale Mungari, Richard W. Nelson, Brian K. Niznik, Larry W. Omans, Richard Owens, John Palmisano, Chad Parkhurst, Nick Parrotta, Jason Passolt, Phil Paszko, Bob Patrick, Kristen & Darren Peebles, Caren & Paul Pepper, Carl Petrone, Mayford Pisiak, Joan & Gary Plano, Richard Polizzi, Dennis R. Pronovost, David E. Prosser, Anthony Pul-

verenti, Randy W. Ratnour, Tim Reynolds, Joseph Ross, Donald M. Roy, Tim Royce, Henry Ruiz, Rich Sabo, Russ Salvo, Raymond Savarese, Everett J. Scanlon Jr., Tom Scharf, Dyann & Gary Scharf, Fred Schell, Fred R. Schell, Dominick J. Sciorilli, Wayne Screeder, Alfred Sgroi, Dan Shea, Kevin Sheridan, George Sisley, James P. Skinner, Doug Slawson, Skip Slawson, Richard F. Slezak, Doug Small, Brian & Cindy Smith, Bob & Barb Smith, Timothy W. Smith, Anthony Sparagna, Michael J. Spost, Harvey Stannope, Colleen/Raphael (Bill) Stark, Patrice & Gunnar Stenske, Kim & David Storey, Kevin J. Storm, Katherine & Bill Storsberg, David Strife, Chris Syrell, Carol & Steve Szatko, Julie & Rex Tabor, Raymond S. Tantillo, Thomas G. Taylor, Robert Tew, Gary C. "Bear" Todd, William C. Todd, John Tuthill, Mark Usyk, Frankie & Dave Uvanni, Bruce Van Etten, Peter L. Vescio, Anthony Vinci, Miranda & Jason VonMatt, Jeff Wagner, Steven N. Wallace, Carl L. Ward, Ken Ward, Mike Weber, Michael Wendell, Crystal & Phil Wenzel, Steven Wheeler, Gene Whipple, Gary M. White, Susan L. Wightman, Mike Wisk, Edward Woolsey, Frank Wisley, Tom J. Wyrax, Deborah & Ken Yackel, Peter Yodice, Larry Zegarelli.

If your name is not listed, then you did not renew. Please RENEW Today!



Ladies of Harley

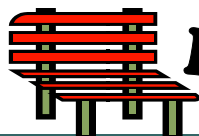


There was a time when a woman riding a motorcycle was looked at with scorn. Thankfully, those days are long gone - thanks, in large part, to the many women who ride their own Harley-Davidson motorcycles. We celebrate those women with the La-

dies of Harley (LOH) and encourage them to share their stories with our members. Sue Wightman is planning to energize the Eire Canal Ladies of Harley with

The Ladies of Harley will meet after our Chapter Monthly Meeting, Wednesday, April 7. Please join us Ladies!

some great rides and activities for the 2004 riding season! So turn-off the T.V. for one night and join us at our next meeting!



Bench Ridin'

Spring is here!
Are your riding skills ready?
Is your mental attitude adjusted?

RIDE DEFENSIVELY

Have you stayed in good physical shape over the winter?

EXERCISE YOUR REFLEXES

Have you inspected your bike?

REVIEW YOUR "WELCOME TO THE FAMILY VIDEO"

Here's a tip you may find helpful: Before heading out for your favorite roads find a big empty parking lot and practice. Left circles, right circles, figure 8's and then test your motorcycle's braking distances.

RIDE SAFE!



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OUR MISSION



Your mission - if you choose to accept it - will be a simple one:

"To ride and have fun!"

Here's the bottom line: We like to think of Harley-Davidson from the top corporate officer to the newest Harley owner and rider—as one big happy family, The Harley Owners Group helps us turn that philosophy into reality.

*Does that sound like something to want to be a part of?
Then participate in your local H.O.G. today .
You'll ride. You'll have fun.*

Mission accomplished.



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