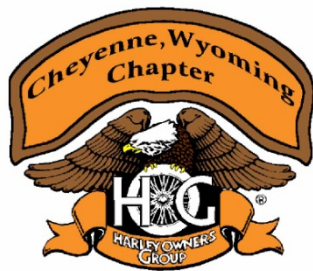


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# The Bacon Beacon

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Chapter 1257

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Dear Chapter Members,

I would like to thank all of you for the wonderful birthday card and cake, thanks so much.

I would also like to thank each and everyone for your great attendance at the chapter meetings and events we had going on during this non riding season. But just think, in just a very short while the weather will change, and your Harley's will start coming out of the closets were you had them stored during these past few months. For which we will be able to join together in some great events. If you have an idea for an event, function, or a ride you would like to take just let us know.

We as chapter officers challenge you to bring one person to our functions and get them interested and signed up as a member of the Cheyenne H.O.G. Chapter.

Remember to COLLECT those miles------. The WY State H.O.G. Rally is 16 - 18 July 2009 in Lander WY. Pre-register and save money and help us take all the trophies away from CO.

Don't forget the NAME the NEWSLETTER contest. How about that volunteer of the year that should be great for the lucky winner. Lots of things are planned, so hope aboard that HARLEY and let's GO!

RIDE and be SAFE . It is going to be a great SUMMER.

*Gary*

## Meeting Minutes

Laura Hauffe - Secretary

Cheyenne WY H.O.G. Chapter Meeting Minutes  
March 8, 2009

**Guests and New Members:** Elmo from the Vietnam Veterans M/C; Deb Mountain- Marketing Director for Law Tigers; Tom McAteer- Law Tigers attorney; Carol Thompson- guest.

**Old Business:** After the introductions of our guests, Assistant Director Rafferty got the meeting started by asking the Membership if there was any Old Business to discuss. Elmo kicked off the Old Business portion of this month's meeting by reminding Members that the Viet Nam Veterans' MC Annual Bikers' Ball is approaching fast. April 25th is just around the corner and if Members haven't bought their tickets yet, they'd better get to it soon. There aren't too many tickets left. Top prizes being offered this year are the 2009 Harley Davidson FLH and a 2009 Harley 883 Custom Sportster. Those aren't the only prizes being given out this year either. One ticket admits two people, so if you want to have a great time and maybe win some brand new bikes or other great stuff, get your tickets. Proceeds from the ticket sales go to the VNVMC Scholarship Fund which provides college scholarships to the children of veterans. Cheyenne HOG Member Max Hendrickson's daughter was recently a recipient of one of these scholarships. And with the high cost of education these days, every bit counts.

Cheyenne HOG Chapter Director Gary Rusk reminded Members of the Mileage Challenge we and the Laramie Chapter have going against the Thornton, Colorado HOG Chapter. The Chapter with the most miles wins what will become a traveling trophy to be displayed at the sponsoring dealership. We will also be having a big Barbeque for all three chapters at the end of the challenge. The HOG Member from the Cheyenne/Laramie United Team with the most miles will receive a free set of tires from the Dealership. Director Rusk let the Membership know that about 20 of the Thornton HOGsters went on a ride recently that was 150 miles long, obviously taking advantage of the milder conditions that exist down in the banana-belt called Colorado. But now the weather is getting warmer up here, so the time has never been better to get out and rack up those miles. We can't let them Greenies win this challenge.

The Wyoming State HOG Rally was the next topic under Old Business. Eric (with an H) Keyes, Rally Registration Coordinator, spoke of the opening of pre-registration on the Rally website. The Rally will be July 16, 17 and 18 in Lander at the Best Western Lander Inn. If you pre-register for the Rally, the cost is \$50 for HOG Members and \$40 for guests. Kids under 15 are free. Pre-registration is a better bargain because you get a rally T-shirt with your registration fee. It also helps the Committee plan for the event. Registration is a simple process that can be done by visiting the Rally website at [www.wystatehogrally.com](http://www.wystatehogrally.com). Members can also use the rally website to make hotel or camping reservations. State Rally Volunteer Coordinator Scott Nelson also asked that if anyone is interested in volunteering to help with the Rally, please go to the Rally website to fill out and submit the online Volunteer Form. As of our monthly meeting, Registration Coordinator Keyes indicated that 19 people had pre-registered, with 9 of those registrants being from Colorado. Suspicions abound that the Greenies are looking to show up in force to try and repeat last year's win of several of the Bike Games trophies. Eric (with an H) encouraged Members who are planning to

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attend the Rally to hurry up and get registered, and get their room reservations so they don't miss out.

Assistant Director Dennis Rafferty next brought up the subject of the New Member Steak Feed and Ride. This year's festivities will take place at DBR Distributing's warehouse on May 9th. Director Rusk is checking into appropriating pool tables and perhaps some other table games to set up in the warehouse for the Feed. We will grill steaks and have other great food, and Head Road Captain Bill Patterson will put together a route for us to ride to welcome all new members to our Chapter. This is going to be a good time that you don't want to miss.

**New Business:** Began with Elmo thanking Rich Collord for the Birthday Card and Elmo Towel Rich gave him down at the Dealership on Saturday.

Assistant Director Rafferty announced that the Chapter is instituting a new award to be given out to one Chapter Member at the end of the year. It is the Volunteer of the Year award and it will go to the Member who helps out the most over the course of a year. Ineligible for this award will be all Chapter Officers AND their spouses. The gift in appreciation for being the Volunteer of the Year is planned to be substantial and will be given out at the Chapter's Christmas Party in December. Volunteer status will be tracked by way of your Membership Punch Cards. Please turn your Punch Cards into Angie at the Dealership just as soon as you fill them up so you can get credit for your volunteering and attendance.

Assistant Director Rafferty asked if any Members had a question or puzzlement for the Question and Answer section of the Newsletter or on the website. No Members admitted to being vexed about anything at the present time. Next, Dennis and Gary asked if the Membership would like to change the name of the Newsletter. They suggested that the name change could be a contest and the new name suggestion that earned the most votes could perhaps win a prize. Members thought about this for a minute and no immediate suggestions were offered, other than to ask what the name of our Newsletter is now. The name of the Newsletter is The Bacon Beacon and it might just be time for a new one since people can't remember what the current one is called. The Director and Assistant Director will get together and work out a few more details of a possible name change contest.

National HOG Mileage Pins and Patches were discussed. Forms were passed around whereon Members are to record their bike's VIN Number and mileage now, then take to the Dealership to be recorded with National HOG. Membership Officer Gerald Blessing deftly modeled his vest showing Members what the Rocker Patches look like that National HOG will send Members once they've reached 1,000, 5,000, and 10,000 miles on their bikes.

Director Rusk informed the Chapter that the Colorado State Rally will be held in Montrose, Colorado on June 18 to 20, 2009. If any members would like to attend the Colorado Rally, they should visit the Rally website at [www.costatehogrally.com](http://www.costatehogrally.com). Registration deadline for the Colorado Rally is April 30th, 2009. Gary then invited Elmo to describe the upcoming Viet Nam Veterans Run To The Wall coming up in Cody. The Run will take place on July 10 to the 12th. Riders from Cheyenne will ride to Casper and hole-up for the first night. There will be camping available, supper served and a beer-bust. The next morning they will head out for Cody. There will be a Bug-Dot contest on the way up along with a Poker Run for the entire route. Cost is \$75 per couple, \$40 for lone wolves, and it gets you 2 nights camping, the beer-bust and supper in Casper, as well as the party and supper in Cody. It's going to be a great run full of good times and great folks so plan on making this run if you can.

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Assistant Director Rafferty then introduced our featured guests for the meeting: Deb Mountain and Tom McAteer from Law Tigers. Tom related to the group an experience that he had when he was younger where he got into an accident while riding his motorcycle in another state. He spoke of not knowing where to go, who to talk to, where his wrecked bike was, how he was going to get home and all of the other problems that manifested themselves because he was in an accident far away from where he lived. It was an excellent story where the bottom line came down to this: If you are ever in an accident, you are going to need someone to help you. You are going to need someone to make sure the right questions are asked, the right people are contacted, the right procedures are followed. Law Tigers is a group of lawyers who will be that person to help if an accident happens to you on your bike. They are lawyers who ride themselves and know motorcycle laws. Law Tigers will be there if you're ever involved in an accident or need legal advice to make sure your rights are protected. Deb passed out Law Tigers Biker Benefit cards that fit in wallets and contact cards that fit on key rings. Law Tigers is a nationwide consortium of attorneys who will be there to help you if you have an accident, whether it's here in Cheyenne or out on the road somewhere. Members were encouraged to visit [www.lawtigers.com](http://www.lawtigers.com) (or call 1-888-LAW TIGERS) for more information about all of the services Law Tigers offer to bikers, and to register themselves and their bikes.

Rick Collord then informed the Membership that the 2nd Annual Hogs For Dogs Charity Poker Run will be held August 29th this year – shouldn't be as cold this time – but then again, this is Wyoming. The route and stops will be the same as last year – from Cheyenne to the Lincoln Summit on WYO 210. Starts at 10:00 AM at the Maverick Motorsports and ends at the Bunkhouse for prize drawings and lunch. Registration is \$20 and Special Event T-shirt is \$20. Proceeds to benefit the Cheyenne Animal Shelter. Last year's run was a blast, despite the weather, and this year will be great too. A lot of money for a very worthy cause was raised, so mark your calendars for this one.

Assistant Director Rafferty moved the meeting on by asking each of the Chapter Officers to give their reports to the Membership (which I won't recount here because they have their own sections of this newsletter for that information).

### **Prizes:**

Hog Nob Mug	Derrick Wells
Lanyard	Derrick Wells again (huh?)
HOG Window Cling	Russ Anthony
HOG Beer Glass #1	April Keyes
HOG Beer Glass #2	Gretchen Wells

### **50 / 50**

\$20.00	Gary Rusk
\$40.00	Eric Keyes

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**Assistant Director**

**Dennis Rafferty**

**The Other Corner**

Can you feel it, can you see it, its spring just around the corner. This is going to be an exciting year to be a HOG.

It will not be much longer before Scott and Gretchen's planned rides become reality. With everything planned, it cannot happen without you, (the volunteer). If you have not volunteered lately or in the past, maybe it is your time to get involved. There is much to gain for yourself and the event you are helping with.

So let us all get involved and maybe you can win the prestige volunteer of the year award.

Live free,

Dennis

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**Ladies of Harley (LOH)**

**Gretchen Wells**

Has anyone ever entered the LOH Motorcycling Memories Contest? Well maybe we can get a few in this year. The deadline is not until December 15, 2009. Therefore, I think we have plenty of time.

Contest is open to all current LOH members except Harley-Davidson employees and their immediate family.

The three categories are: Most Memorable, Most Adventurous and Best Tour.

Send a good picture of you and your Harley and a one page typed story along with your membership number.

To: Motorcycling Memories, c/o Harley Owners Group, P.O. Box 453, Milwaukee, WI. 53201

You can enter as many times as you would like but each story must be sent separately.

The Prizes:

- Grand Prize: \$500 HOG Gift Certificate
- First Prize ( each category): \$200 HOG Gift Certificate
- The winners will be announced on members.hog.com.
- All we need to do, is get out there and ride.

Gretchen

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**Webmaster**

**Erick Salverson**

As you can see, there has been changes to the website [www.cheyennehog.com](http://www.cheyennehog.com). I want to thank Patrick Wilson at Maverick's for assisting us in getting the website set up and rolling. So just a brief as to the website. All photos are clickable so they can be enlarged for better viewing. On the Rides/Events page you can click on some of the events to get further information. These should be in a grayish color. If you don't see what was on the website at one time, they may have been added to the archive site which can still be accessed. If you look to the left hand side of your screen toward the bottom you will see "Archives" and the year. Click on the year to view the happenings. Newsletters are in pdf format. If you have any questions, comments or concerns about the website please feel free to contact me via email at [esalverson@hollandhart.com](mailto:esalverson@hollandhart.com) or you can click on the "Contact" name on the bar. Thanks.

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**Activities Officer**

**Scott Nelson**

Hi Scott here hoping for warmer weather.

Thanks to all for the good turn out at the Pigs Nite Out, Hog Nobs, and Chapter Meeting. Keep it up! (maybe soon we will be able to ride to them).

Anybody have any ride suggestions??

Coming up:

March 28th at 2pm at DBR Distributing 308 Southwest Dr #J 635-8300 a presentation by a Cheyenne Police Department Motorcycle Patrolman.

April 11th ,6pm, Avantis 4620 Grandview Ave next to Office Depot for Hog Nob and Chapter Meeting.

Don't forget to get your ticket for the Biker Ball. It will be a blast!!!!

Thanks Scott

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**Membership Officer**

**Gerald Blessing**

National Members in our Cheyenne Wyoming H.O.G. Chapter are 11 Associate members, 45 Full members, 4 of whom are ladies, and 8 Full Life members.

In 2009 we've had 7 new members join our chapter, they are:

- Jesse & Jo Ann Hernandez
- Erick Salverson
- Jo Ann Swaney
- Al Trainer
- Dale Trainer
- Patrick Wilson



*Lets all welcome our new members .*

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**Editor**

**Eric Keyes**

If you have a classified add you would like to run in the newsletter please do your best to let me know at least by the second Sunday of the month (H.O.G. Meeting). Please keep in mind that ads are only for Chapter Members and will run for 3 months.

Please do not hesitate to email me at [ezeekeyes@bresnan.net](mailto:ezeekeyes@bresnan.net) for any suggestions you feel would improve our newsletter.

**Name that newsletter contest**

Submit your ideas or suggestions to Gary [wolfchey@aol.com](mailto:wolfchey@aol.com) or Dennis [dbrdist@aol.com](mailto:dbrdist@aol.com) the winning name will receive a gift card for Maverick's. Contest will run from now until the May meeting (May 10th).

**Safety Officer**

Howard Segal

**Parking Skills**

Many of us believe that it is unmanly for our motorcycle to lack a few scars. (Not me!) Anyway, many riders also seem to want to keep their fairings unscratched, their mirrors unbent and their foot pegs straight. A grasp of the basics of parking your motorcycle will help you considerably.

- No rule is absolute, but most of the following rules apply most of the time. Start with parking your rear wheel to the curb. Most roads slope down to the curb and with most of our motorcycles only having forward gears, by backing in your bike, you can use the engine to pull away.
- Your tires never sink into even the softest ground, but metal side stands can and do. If you have the slightest worry about the surface (mud, soft asphalt, etc.) you can put a “foot” (plastic or metal plate, usually attached to a line for easy retrieval and stored in a pocket on your bike when not in use), flat rock, wood or the common flattened beer can (I mean “soft drink can” officer) under the side stand in such a case.
- Park at between 90 and 45 degrees to the flow of traffic (depending on how wide the road is). Parking parallel to the flow of traffic makes the bike far less visible to other road users, without reducing the actual width all that much. If you can't park safely at 45 degrees, you probably shouldn't park there at all.
- If the road is so steep that you need to leave it in gear to stop it from rolling, it's probably not the right place to leave it. Remember, it's possible for the engine to creep past compression-so leaving it in gear does NOT make a good parking brake.
- Think before you park! Look at the ground and look for any signs that might tell you not to park there - so your bike will still be there when you come out!
- If you possibly can, whenever you do have to move the bike under your own steam, sit astride it. If you are walking alongside the bike and have to turn or brake it sharply, it can and sometimes will fall away from you! As the bulk of the bike itself prevents you from placing your feet to brace yourself, this quickly leads to the embarrassing position of you lying on top of your bike!

Just remember, up to 80% of accidents happen while parking or moving your bike around!

Ride safe.

April  
Birthdays

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*A Big Happy H.O.G.  
Birthday Wish Goes To:*

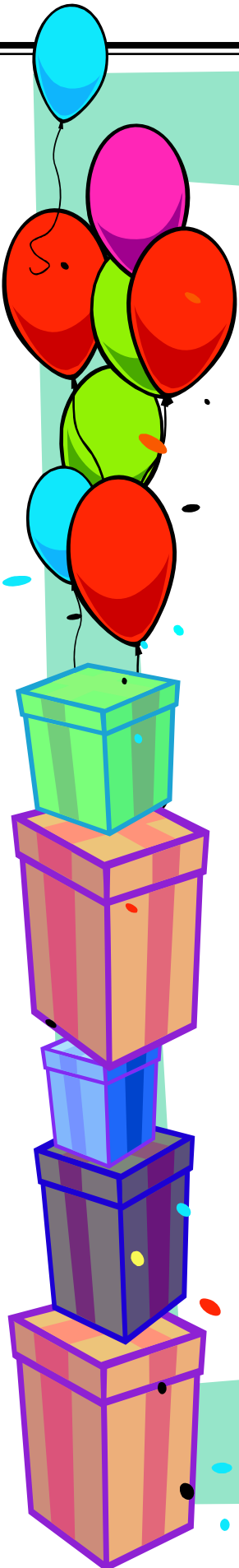
**Barry Faass**

**Max Hendricksen**

**Eric Keyes with NO H**

**Bill Paterson**

*Happy Birthday!!*



**Upcoming Events You Don't Want to Miss**

**Viet Nam Vets MC**  
Wyoming Chapter D

**Legacy Vets Mc**

**PRESENTS 2nd Annual 2 for 2009 Biker Ball**

*Benefiting Vietnam Vets M/C Scholarship and Benefit Fund*

**PRIZES**

**GRAND PRIZE**  
Harley Davidson FLHT

**1ST PRIZE**  
Harley Davidson  
XL 883 Sportster



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Each Ticket Admits Two for Dinner at the Holiday Inn, 204 Fox Farm Rd., Cheyenne, WY  
Drawing April 25th, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.  
Drawing and Party/Dance to follow!



**\$125/ticket (only 400 tickets sold)**

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**Elmo at 634-5274**

**Limey at 635-9358**

**or Daniel at 630-9339**



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\* This will be the HOG Nob & Chapter Meeting @ Avantis @ 4620 Grandview

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