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Dear Chapter Members,

I have heard a lot of talk about changing the time and/or the day of our Chapter Meetings. We just changed the meeting place from the Eagles Lodge to the Plains Hotel, and also the time from 11 AM to 10 AM. All of this was brought to, presented at, and voted on by all that attended one of the Sunday Chapter meetings. If you would like to change our meetings to a different time and/or place that works for me, but remember - what works for some may not work for others. Here's my suggestion: Let's find 4 or 5 places we can go and have our HOG Nobs and Chapter meetings on a Saturday evening, and leave Sunday for going on rides. This is your Chapter so if you are dissatisfied please bring it to the meetings to our attention so we can fit it.

I know there are some problems with the website and the newsletter and we are trying to fix both problems.

Thank you for your attendance. All of the Chapter Officers hope you are enjoying the rides, meetings, dining places, and the food. Please feel free if you have a suggestion to share it with one of the officers you know.

Ride and be SAFE

Gary

Meeting Minutes

Laura Hauffe - Secretary

May 10, 2009

This month's General Membership meeting began with Assistant Director Rafferty asking for a motion to forego the reading of the minutes from the April HOG Meeting. The motion was offered, seconded and passed unanimously.

Guests and New Members: Henderson Bryson (husband of Stacy Bryson) new Member who rides a sweet 1998 Electra Glide Ultra Classic (Director Rusk's former bike).

Old Business: Right off the bat, Director Gary Rusk brought to Chapter Members attention that one of our own, Rick Swaney, won the Grand Prize at the 2009 VNV Bikers' Ball – the 2009 Harley Davidson FLHT Electra Glide Standard! This year's Bikers' Ball was another great success and we're very happy that one of our members won the Grand Prize. Assistant Director Rafferty admitted to the Membership that he had offered to buy Rick's ticket from him for a thousand dollars before the drawing, but Rick told him no way. Smart move Rick. Pictures from the event and Rick winning the bike are posted on the Chapter's website: www.cheyennehog.com . Congratulations Rick!

The next order of business was to vote on a new name for the Chapter Newsletter. Ballots were handed out with a list of potential names submitted by Members. The votes were tallied and the winning name, which won by only one vote, was HOG C.H.I.T. The winning name was submitted by Eric Keyes. When pressed on what the C.H.I.T. stood for, Eric said there were multiple meanings like Cheyenne Has It Together and a couple others, but the one he repeated was Cheyenne HOG Information Technical Bulletin (huh? – where's the B?). Doesn't matter, HOG CHIT is the name the Membership liked and voted for. For his winning submission, Eric won a \$50 gift certificate from Mavericks'. Congratulations Eric!

Gary reminded Members about the mileage contest we have with the Laramie and Thornton HOGsters. Looks like the barbeque will now be at the end of the riding season, which is never the same date up here in Wyoming. So it could be around the 1st of October or sooner. Or later. Please continue to keep track of your miles. We want that trophy.

There were no new questions for the Q&A portion of the Newsletter / website. If anyone does have a question for Q&A, please send it to Webmaster Erick Salverson and he'll get it on the website. This way anyone who has a solution to your predicament can post it to the website where you and everyone else can take advantage of the information.

Dennis brought up the New Member Ride and HOG Member Appreciation Steak Feed that took place on Saturday, May 9th. Both were huge successes. Everyone who participated had a GREAT TIME and the food was excellent. Some members remarked that the baked beans (which somehow arrived a little later than the rest of the food) were the best they ever had. Ever. In their whole lives.

Meeting Minutes con't

Laura Hauffe - Secretary

May 10, 2009

Worth waiting for. Yup. They were excellent. All of the food was EXCELLENT! Many thanks go out to everyone who volunteered to cook, prepare, set up and put on the Ride and the Feed. It was a great way to spend a Saturday.

Dennis reiterated that our club and the Dealership rely on the work of volunteer Members to put on fun events. Volunteering gets more punches for your Membership card. And the Volunteer Of The Year will receive a substantial prize at the year-end Christmas Party. So please volunteer whenever you can. It's fun and could be really rewarding.

The topic next was the upcoming Wyoming State HOG Rally in Lander. Eric (with a C) Keyes said that 59 people had registered so far. Preregistration deadline is May 28th. Like last year, the Rally is being held at the Inn at Lander Best Western. There are still rooms available, but you'd better hurry if you haven't reserved one yet. Summertime tourists might just get yours. Eric said that this year instead of wrist-bands to signify that you've registered, we will be doing dog-tags. Sometime in June the Committee will be contacting all those of you who have preregistered asking what name you'd like on your dog-tags and verifying the size of your Rally t-shirt. If you cannot make it to the Rally this year and want a t-shirt, please contact Eric. The price is going to be around \$20 bucks.

New Business: Gary Got His Bike! Finally, the long wait is over. Gary's new bike has arrived and he is a happy camper. Rest assured he'll want to be participating in all future rides. Unless, of course, something more enjoyable comes along – like building fence. ;-) Congratulations Gary!

There was no representative from Mavericks so we don't have an update as to the latest developments at the Dealership. Gary and Dennis did mention that Mavericks has begun their summertime barbeques every Saturday from 11:00 to 1:00. Angie from the Dealership is *a/ways* in need of help with the barbeques. So if you want to have fun, meet people, have a free lunch AND get punches for your Membership card – then volunteering to help out at these is a great way to go.

Gretchen Wells, LOH Director, thanked all of the Members who participated in the LOH Ride on Wednesday, May 6th. The ride was great, despite the ever endearing wind, and everyone enjoyed the supper at T-Joes afterwards. Gretchen went on to say that Mavericks will be hosting a Ladies ONLY Garage Party on Saturday May 30th. There will be refreshments, wine and cheese, demonstrations and clinics about bike maintenance and safety put on just for the gals. (There might also be a few specials on Motorclothes and accessories offered by the Dealership.) The Garage Party isn't just for LOH or women Harley riders either. It's geared towards ALL women who have an interest in motorcycling, whether they're beginners or advanced riders, or just curious. Some of our male Members grumbled that if no men were allowed to go to this party, then no credit cards were going either (you know who you are). Yeah, right. We'll see about that. The Garage Party starts at 6:00 PM and will be a great time.

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Head Road Captain, Bill Paterson, presented the Group with a neat little statistic for so early in the riding season. Our first two Group Rides of the year (LOH Ride and The New Members Ride) have totaled 145 miles. Bill said that he knows it's still early in the season, but he'd like to see us try to keep our group a little tighter together rather than getting all strung out for a quarter of a mile. So he urged Members to try to ride a little closer to the riders in front of you, but never to the point where you're uncomfortable or don't feel safe. As Head Road Captain he promised that we're going to do a lot more group rides this season. Good deal. One of the Members suggested that anytime we take a group ride that will be longer than 50 miles, that a restroom / smoke break be built into the route. This Member reasoned that the ride would be a lot more fun if we did that. Several Members agreed. Bill next spoke of the National Veterans Awareness Ride that will be coming through Wyoming on its way from California to Washington, D.C. The folks making this ride will be in Laramie about 2:00 Friday at the VFW if anyone wants to ride over to meet them and escort them to Cheyenne. Once in Cheyenne they will go to the VA to place a wreath and visit with the patients. There will be a free spaghetti dinner Friday night at the Cheyenne VFW for anyone who wants to go and support the guys traveling across the country. Saturday morning there will be breakfast at the Cheyenne American Legion for the riders and any well wishers starting at 7:00 AM. Then they'll start out heading east on I-80. In years past several folks from Cheyenne have ridden with these guys all the way to Sidney, Nebraska where they'll gas up, have lunch and say Goodbye. The Cheyenne riders usually hit Cabela's and then come home. And that's the plan this year if anyone wants to participate. Remember, Nebraska has a MANDATORY HELMET LAW if you're thinking about throwing in on this. Contact Bill Paterson if you have any questions.

Dennis asked Members to think about the possibility of changing the time and/or date of our meetings. Also to consider whether or not we maybe wanted to combine the meeting with the HOG Nob like we did last month. A motion was offered and seconded to vote on a time and /or day change at the next meeting. All Members affirmed.

Webmaster Erick (with a K) Salverson suggested Members check out the new Yahoo feature on our website that is geared strictly for Cheyenne HOG Members. Assistant Director Rafferty said that it didn't work, but after several other Members said that it did work, and worked just fine, he withdrew. Operator error was suspected as the cause of Dennis' problem.

Treasurer Tosca informed the Membership that we \$812 in our account and five Chapter HOG pins remaining. Please let Tosca know if you'd like one.

PRIZE WINNERS:

HOG Window Cling - Nancy Nelson

HOG Window Cling - John Baker

HOG Mug - Erick Salverson

50/50

\$20.00 - Rick Swaney

\$12.00 - Rick Swaney again. (See why Dennis tried to buy his ticket at the Bikers' Ball?)

Assistant Director

Dennis Rafferty

The Other Corner

Finally, it seems that the riding season is upon us. It was great to see everyone that attended the 2 rides and steak feed. The food was good, (thanks to Nancy, Scott & Stacy) but it was the company that made it GREAT.

Now I like to address the members that are on the books, but do not attend the events, functions & meetings.

GET INVOLVED

You're missing a great deal of information and FUN.

It is very easy to get involved, by attending the meetings; you receive information on all the activities that the chapter is occupied with. Then you can start having fun with the group and that is what it's about. With all the events, functions and rides that we have planned, you should not take the chance of missing out.

Live free,
Dennis

Ladies of Harley (LOH)

Gretchen Wells

To start out I want thank everyone who attended these last two rides, and especially Bill for leading them, and to Nancy and Stacey for the great food for the steak feed and Dennis for being the cook. It was great to see everyone we had about 17 bikes and about 22 people for the LOH ride, 11 bikes for the new member ride, and 30 + people for the steak feed.

It would be great to see more members take part in the rides and events that we have planned. It's a lot of fun and everyone has a great time. Therefore, let's get out there and ride.

Gretchen

Webmaster

Erick Salverson

I have created a group on yahoo if you would like to join. To join, please go to our home page www.cheyennehog.com scroll down to the bottom of the page and put in your email address in the space provided. This yahoo group is restricted to members only of the group. You will be able to send messages to the group upon approval from me through the site. You will be able to receive calendar of events emails one day prior to the event itself and more.

Thanks.

Erick Salverson
Cheyenne H.O.G. Webmaster

Activities Officer

Scott Nelson

Hey summer's upon us, I hope. Thanks again for your turnout and support. For you guys and gals that haven't had a chance to jump in and join us, have some fun, but most importantly get out there and ride. Here's what's coming up:

May 23 - Pigs Nite Out. Ride to the Golden Corral in Fort Collins. Meet at Maverick's at 4:30 PM.

May 30 - Bikers for education LCCC Poker Run.

June 13 - HOG Nob Dinner run to Rock Ranch in Pine Bluffs. Meet at Maverick's at 4:30 PM.

June 14 - Chapter meeting at the Plains 10 AM.

For any more details call Scott at 307-286-8773

Thanks again

Ride on

Scott

Membership Officer

Gerald Blessing

There were no new members added as of this mailing



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 for any suggestions you feel would improve our newsletter.

Safety Officer

Howard Segal

Hey Everyone-

It's springtime and another riding season is here, I think!

With motorcycle popularity at an all time high, many people, young and old are hitting the road for the very first time. All of this is great news.

Unfortunately, with every new season, it also brings with it a slew of accidents.

So I thought it would be a great time to give you some safe riding tips and reminders.

1. From what I can gather, a whopping 77% of all motorcycle accidents are the result of rider error. Thus, every time you hear about a rider going down, there is a 77% probability that it was because of riding too fast for conditions, lack of proper training, drinking and riding or just plain being stupid. Please start your brain as well as your bike.

2. Get into the front brake habit.

The next time you have a chance, I want you to go out to your garage and practice squeezing, not grabbing, but squeezing the front brake, with all four fingers, while counting out loud, "one, one thousand." Don't "jerk" or "grab" the front brake, Squeeze it. If you have squeezed the front lever to a complete close before you have counted "one, one thousand" out loud, you are squeezing it too fast. Your front brake does the majority of the stopping, more so as you slow down due to the weight transfer, but you must also use the rear brake in conjunction with the front for a more balanced stop. As you come to a complete stop, release the front brake and hold the rear. During slow, parking lot speed riding, try and stay off the front brake. I know I just told you to use the front brake, but not at slow speeds. By using just the rear brake and the clutch, this will give you better slow speed control for maneuvering your motorcycle. Try it, it really works.

3. Inflate your tires to the manufacturer's specs. This will most likely be different pressures for the different brands of tires. I use Metzeler tires, and they recommend higher pressures than the stock Dunlaps that came on my bike. Try and check your tire pressures at LEAST once a week or before any ride you do. You will be surprised at how much the pressures change. It will also help gas mileage and tire wear.

4. Always remember to look FAR ahead of your motorcycle. 10-12 seconds is the ideal time horizon. In addition, limit your speed to your site distance. Obviously, if you can see 10-12 seconds ahead, you can throttle pretty hard. Conversely, if it is foggy or you are on a twisty road and you can only see 4 seconds ahead, slow down some.

5. Counter steering is the fastest way to avoid an object in the road. It doesn't sound like it should work, but it does. If you need to steer right, push the right handlebar forward; steer to the left, push left. Got it? Try it sometimes. This only works when you are moving at faster than parking lot speeds. Slower than that, turn the handlebars normally. This works because of the gyroscopic effect the spinning wheels have on the bike. By pushing the handlebars right, it makes the bike try and lay over to the right, which makes it turn that way, and vice versa for turning to the left. Sounds confusing, but it does work.

Safety Officer

Howard Segal

6. When you are turning through an intersection, curve or making a slow parking lot maneuver, remember to TURN your HEAD and look where you are going. Sounds silly, I know, but try it. Believe me; it will make a HUGE difference. Your bike will go where you are looking and you will find yourself making smoother turns.

7. When you want to pass, check your mirror. If something is in your mirror, don't even bother. If nothing is there, turn your head and take a look. If nothing is in your blind spot, only then should you begin to pass.

8. I wouldn't recommend putting your bike in neutral while you're stopped out in the street. You wouldn't put your car in park at a stop light, would you? So why would you put your motorcycle in neutral? Sometimes I see a lot of people doing this at stop lights. The ironic thing is that this is the time when you should be the most paranoid, not the least. Instead, keep the bike in first gear, one eye in your rearview mirror, the other looking forward with some space available in front of you at all times. That way, if the car coming up behind you is doing everything but driving, you have a way to bail out of the way and avoid being the meat in the sandwich.

Above all, no matter the situation, don't ever stop riding.

The lifestyle of motorcycle riding we choose is inherently dangerous. People are out to get us, and it's our job to keep that from happening by being properly trained and aware of our surroundings.

Ride safe and I'll see you on the road!

Howard

**June
Birthdays**

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

Debbie Baker

Bryson Henderson

Rick Collord

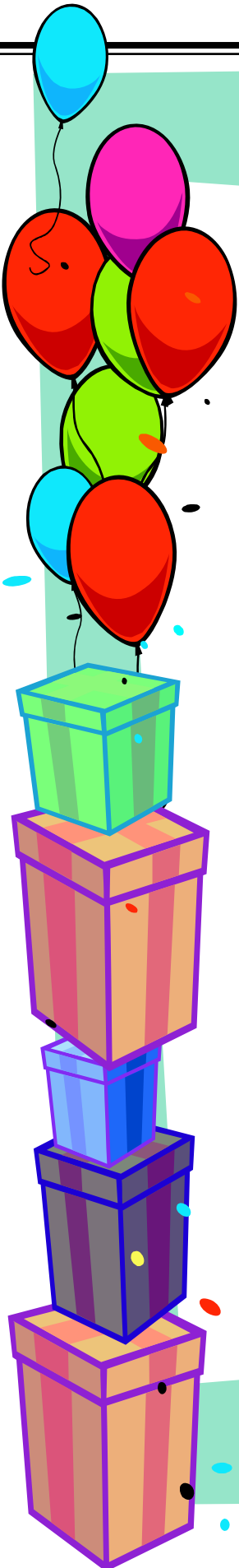
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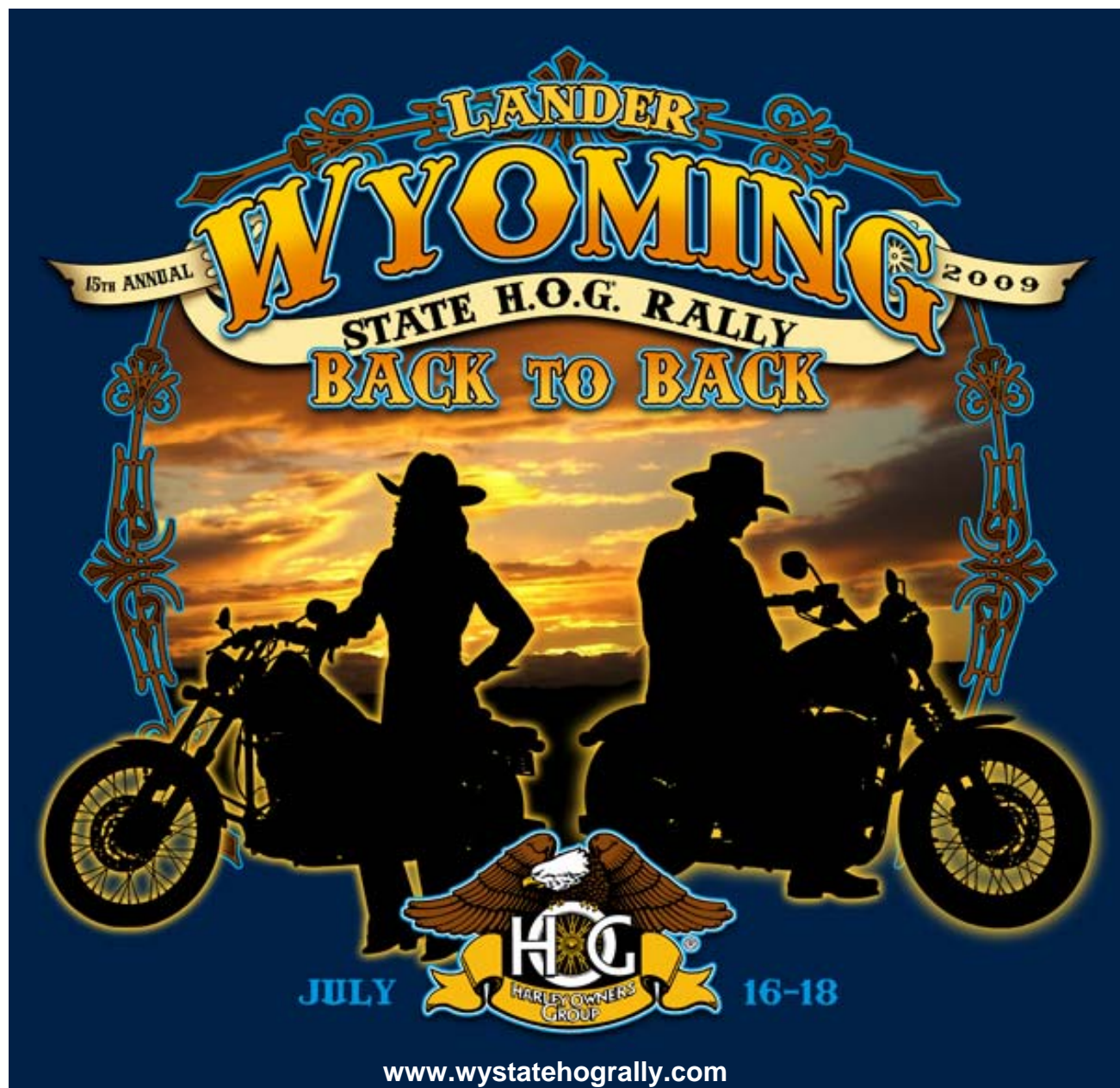
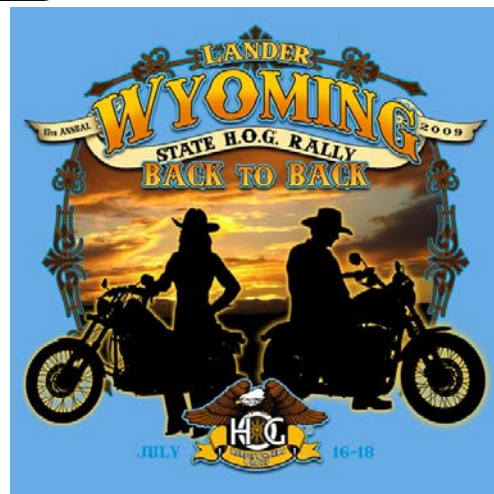
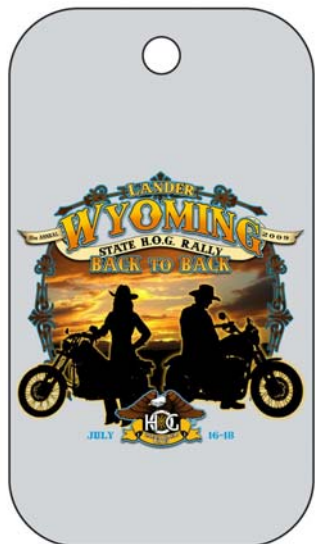
Phil Jones

Gretchen Wells

Happy Birthday!!



An Upcoming Event
You Don't Want to Miss



**Classifieds
FOR SALE:**

- Complete Electric Glide Hitch;
- Small Harbor Freight Trailer;
- Handle bars and reach seat for a Sporty; and
- Touring mufflers with turn-outs.

Call Scott Nelson, TRs Dad, at 286-8773

For Sale: Barely used Harley Davidson Sportster Leather Saddlebags. Come with mounting brackets and mounting bolts. These cost \$599 new, will sell for \$275. These bags have the embossed "Sportster" logo for style and the quick-disconnect clips under the traditional chrome buckles for easy access. Harley Part # 90342-04A. These bags look brand new at less than half the price. Please call Laura at 634-6609.

For Sale: One set of 2 Harley Davidson stock touring mufflers, and stock air cleaner / intake setup. Came off of an '05 Road King Police after a Stage One Upgrade. All are in pretty good shape. \$100 for the lot or best offer. No reasonable offer turned down. Please call Laura or Tal at 634-6609.

For Sale: 28' 5th wheel, excellent condition & 78 Reinell boat w/ 87 150 Hp Johnson motor also. both a steal, if you know anyone that might be interested give them my number, the ad will be coming out in the paper soon! Max and Don @ 307-637-5842 & 307-220-1564

**Classifieds
Wanted**

Old prestige auto, truck, and/or motorcycle license plates.

Please call Larry Pitmon @ 632-6109

June 2009

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