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Dear Chapter Members,

Well, as you can see by the calendar another summer month is drifting away. The WY State H.O.G. Rally is in the history books and if you missed it you missed a lot of great riding, sites, and food. The pig roast was excellent! Probably one of the best ever. There was a number of Cheyenne folks who attended this years rally and won numerous trophies, CONGRADULATIONS. Just for your planning purposes, next years WY State H.O.G. Rally is in Sheridan WY so please start making plans to attend. The dates are 8, 9, 10, July 2010.

The Saturday HOG NOBs and the Sunday Chapter meetings will become one Starting on Saturday August 8, 2009. Meet at Maverick's at 3:30 PM KICK- STANDS up at 4:00 PM DEPARTING for the STAMPEDE STEAK HOUSE in CHUGWATER.

I Thank all of you for your attendance in the activities we have had going on so far this summer, and hope you will continue. There are still a lot of things planned for the remaining months. Please remember to log your miles because we want to keep Colorado from getting the trophy.

Remember the year is fast coming to an end and Chapter elections are coming up, so please start thinking who you would like to see as your Chapter officers.

Ride and be SAFE

Gary

Meeting Minutes

Laura Hauffe - Secretary

July 12, 2009

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

Guests and New Members: Kenneth Kenny, new member who rides a 2005 Road King. Welcome!

Birthdays In July: Gerry Blessing, Tosca Jones, and Erick Salverson.

Old Business: Dennis brought to Chapter Members attention that the 2009 Wyoming State HOG Rally in Lander is next Thursday, Friday and Saturday. All of the Rally Committee Members (who are most of the Chapter's Officers) will be heading up Wednesday to prepare for the Rally. Anyone who would like to go up Wednesday is more than welcome to join them. They're looking to leave Cheyenne about 8:00 AM. Most everyone else going to the Rally will be going up Thursday. Contact Safety Officer Howard Segal and make plans to meet him at the Dealership at 8:00 AM Thursday morning if you want to ride up to Lander in a group.

The Membership voted to change the way we do meetings. They will now be combined with HOG Nobs on Saturday nights starting in September. Cheyenne HOGsters should choose from four or five places that are big enough to hold our group AND are fun to go to. We will have dinner first and then the Meeting afterward. By combining these two events, we will be freeing up Sundays for a ride. Meetings will start at 5:00 PM unless otherwise decided. A few of the places suggested we have our combo meetings were T-Joes, Terry Bison Ranch, Avanti's, and The Bunkhouse.

We still have the ongoing Mileage Challenge with the CCT HOGsters down in Thornton. Several of those folks will undoubtedly be riding to Lander for our Rally and racking up some miles that way. So keep working on you mileage.

If you have any issues with your bikes that you can't solve on your own and would like some help with, remember you can submit them to the Q&A portion of our newsletter.

Rick Collord spoke briefly about the upcoming Hogs 4 Dogs on August 29th. Rather than being a Poker Run this year, it's going to be more like the Stride Ride Parade through town. Riders will leave from the Dealership, ride past the shelter and then down to the Depot Plaza for a party. Registration for the event can be done on-line. Cost is \$25 and will get you a patch. Rucker patches will be given for future runs. Watch for the new Poster about the event coming out with all the details – they will be put up at Mavericks and all over town, plus more information will be presented at the next meeting.

Still working out the logistics to possibly make a road trip back to Washington, DC next June as a HOG Chapter. Timing could be such that this ride would coincide with the Virginia State HOG Rally. If any Members would like to participate, and/or have ideas, please get with Scott Nelson.

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Laura Hauffe - Secretary

July 12, 2009

New Business: Chapter Photographer Don Hendrickson spoke of the new HOG Bulletin Board that is going to be installed at the Dealership on Tuesday, July 14th. Be sure to stop by and check it out. The new bulletin board will have all the latest Cheyenne HOG Chapter news, pictures and other pertinent information.

A new component of our meetings is going to be Open Floor. This is where any and all members can get up share their experiences on rides – whether as a group, or any rides maybe they made by themselves or with their significant other.

The Cheyenne Chapter is going to now have a new video library dedicated to riding safe and perhaps some motorcycle films. Howard Segal is going to be in charge of the video library and Members will be able to check out videos to watch at home. Some of the titles of the movies already in the library are “How To Ride Like A Pro”, and “Surviving The Mean Streets”. Our new library will also be stocked with other safety information for the benefit of our Members. This promises to be very informative and helpful to riders no matter what their skill level.

Chapter Director Gary Rusk spoke about a quilt he commissioned to be made for this year's Rally. It was made by Nancy Nelson's Aunt and consists of bandanas all sewn together to make the quilt. One of the bandanas has Willie G's signature which only adds to it's value. The quilt will be raffled off at the Rally and looks great. Someone is going to end up with an excellent keepsake.

Our friend and Chapter Member Henderson Bryson has returned from his successful kidney transplant. He informed the Chapter that he's doing well and wanted to thank all for their support, well wishes, and the great fundraiser done on his behalf. We're so happy to see and hear that he's doing well. Welcome back Henderson!

Don and Max Hendrickson made and donated beautiful cribbage boards for the upcoming State Rally. They will be used as prizes at the Rally. The boards are beautiful and will be excellent prizes to win. Director Rusk and Assistant Director Rafferty took to the Open Floor to describe their recent trip to the Virginia State HOG Rally. They won the award for the attendees who traveled the furthest to get there -1,700 miles – one way. They spoke about the higher 'ala carte' pricing that is charged at some of the bigger Rallies around the country. Virginia HOG charges folks \$25 to attend; if you want a pin – it's extra; same thing if you want a Tshirt or other Rally memorabilia ; and if you want to attend the banquet and closing ceremonies – you had to pay another \$10. The cost of the Wyoming State Rally includes all of these things for one price – a much better bargain for attendees. 3,000 people attended the Virginia Rally and Dennis and Gary were minor celebrities back there. They were interviewed for newspaper and on local TV and referred to as “The Guys from Wyoming”. Sounds as though they had a great trip and we're glad they made it back safe.

Don Hendrickson was next on the Open Floor where he related his trip to Arizona Bike Week with Max. I apologize that I didn't catch all of the details but know they had a great time despite the heat down there.

Meeting Minutes con't

Laura Hauffe - Secretary

July 12, 2009

Laura Hauffe described the recent trip she and her husband made to the Black Hills of South Dakota and Wyoming. They got rained on a couple times and suffered really bad winds on the last 100 miles coming from the north through Laramie to Cheyenne.

If you have any pictures from your recent rides that you'd like to share on the Chapter's website, send them to webmaster Erick Salverson and he'll get them posted.

Keep in mind that elections for new Chapter Officers are coming up. We will be taking nominations in November, and voting in December. I can personally attest that it's a great way to participate in all of our Chapter's activities and a lot of fun to do too. So if you're interested, I encourage you to run.

Prizes:

Phil Jones \$20.00

Tosca Jones \$15.00

Joker Draw from the HOG Nob

Karen Nagel 7 (didn't hear which suit)

Scotty Nelson 5 of Spades

Max Hendrickson \$5.00

Ladies of Harley (LOH)

Gretchen Wells

Just a quick note, at the next meeting I would like to discuss LOH picnic. Please bring your suggestion and ideas.

Gretchen

Membership Officer

Gerald Blessing

There was one new member:

Julienne Harrower



Assistant Director

Dennis Rafferty

The Other Corner

Now that the Wyoming State HOG Rally is over and a good time was had by all, its time to focus back on the chapter. But I have to confess, there was a term that I was not use to hearing, but maybe you can ask Tal or Andy, what is a (kick stand) and how do you benefit from it.

The first half of the riding season is now over and we had some great rides and events. As we start into the second half, our Activities officer along with LOH, still have some wonderful events and rides planned. Keep your eyes open to the newsletter and e-mails explaining when and where these events are going to happen.

Just a quick reminder, the last meeting, we voted on having the HOG NOB & Chapter meeting as a combined event. If you miss the meetings, you miss a lot of important information that concerns the club.

Dennis

Activities Officer

Scott Nelson

Angie needs three people to help with the fights Saturday night. It will be first come first serve. Call her at Mavericks.

Don't forget the highway cleanup on July 28 at 6pm. Meet at mile marker 21 on US Highway 85.

Also a reminder for Saturday August 8th meeting and Hog Nob will be combined at the Stampede Steak House in Chugwater. Meet at Mavericks at 330-kick stands up at 4pm.

Thanks Scott

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

Riding When It's HOT:

The Facts:

- Hot weather drains your energy, so you will become fatigued more quickly
- Exposed skin will cause you to dehydrate more quickly than covered skin
- Fast moving air that is hotter than your body temperature will not cool you down
- Heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and even heat stroke are real possibilities and can be life threatening
- When a rider overheats, they start to lose both the mental AND physical skills they need to identify and deal with hazards

The Strategies:

- Take breaks frequently so you (and your passenger) can cool off in the shade or in an air conditioned room - and drink plenty of fluids
- Wear riding gear that covers your skin to reduce dehydration
- Consider wetting down your shirt under your riding jacket – this can work like a “swamp cooler” and keep you more comfortable
- Consider products such as “cooling vests” to keep your body’s core temperature down

Warning signs of heat exhaustion include:

- heavy sweating
- paleness
- muscle cramps
- tiredness
- weakness
- dizziness
- headache
- nausea or vomiting
- Fainting

Different people may have different symptoms and signs of heat stroke. But common symptoms and signs of heat stroke include:

- high body temperature
- the absence of sweating, with hot red or flushed dry skin
- rapid pulse
- difficulty breathing
- strange behavior
- hallucinations
- confusion
- agitation
- disorientation
- seizure
- Coma

In short, be careful out there in the heat and know your limitations when riding.

Ride safe!

Howard

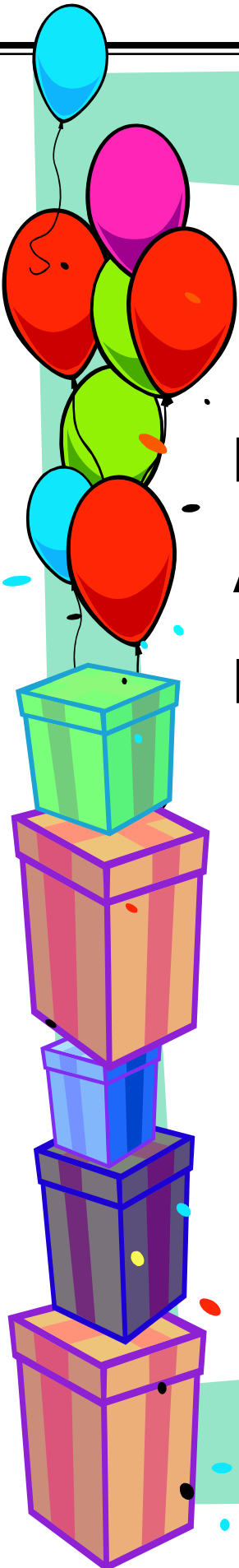
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Pamela & Russell Anthony

Andy Ottaway

Patrick Wilson

Happy Birthday!!



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