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Dear Chapter Members,

A BIG thanks to all of you that turn out for the first combined HOG NOB and Chapter meeting on Saturday, August 8, 2009. It was a great turn out and we even got to meet some of the officers from the Laramie Chapter. Sunday's ride out to the Bunkhouse was another great turn out, we enjoyed a good lunch.

I would like to thank Brad Jenkins and the Laramie Chapter for letting us join them on Sunday for their meeting. It was good to meet the folks from the Laramie Chapter.

I hope all of you are getting some riding in and enjoying this nice weather. It won't be long and we will be wishing we had some weather we could ride in. Please be very careful while out riding, you never know when something will turn up. Keep collecting those miles the challenge with CO is still going on.

Don't forget the BREAKFAST at the EAGLES NEST at 10:30 on August 22, 2009. NEXT SATURDAY we are planning on going on a ride once breakfast is finished

Ride and be SAFE

Gary



Meeting Minutes

Laura Hauffe - Secretary

August 8, 2009



This month's HOG Nob and 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: The Laramie HOG Chapter Director, Brad Jenkins, and Sergeant At Arms, Mark Jenkins, joined us from Laramie. We also had Annette from Arizona, a friend of Max & Don Hendrickson, throw in with us too. It was great to have them join us. Please remember, any friends or potential members you want to bring to our meetings or HOG Nobs are always welcome. The more the merrier!

Birthdays In August: Pam Anthony, Russ Anthony, Andy Ottaway, and Pat Wilson. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Old Business: Dennis reminded Members that we still have the ongoing Mileage Challenge with the CCT HOGsters down in Thornton. A meeting amongst the decision makers for all three Chapters (Cheyenne, Laramie and Thornton) is coming up wherein they will settle on a final date for the challenge and the barbeque. So keep working on your mileage.

No one had anything for the Q&A portion of our newsletter or for the Dealership.

A couple Members asked if it would be possible to start including pictures in our Monthly Newsletters. We could include shots from recent rides the Group has been on or different functions. Assistant Director Rafferty said that this suggestion would be passed on to Editor Eric Keyes to see if it was doable. Adding pictures would be a nice touch and give the Newsletter a more polished look.

Brad Jenkins of Laramie HOG was introduced and spoke about their upcoming Stadium Ride. It will be held over Labor Day weekend in conjunction with the 1st UW Home Game of the season and they have several fun things planned. Starting on Friday afternoon (September 4th) there will be a bike wash at the Laramie Dealership from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. The UW Spirit Squad gals will be washing bikes. The bike wash will be followed by a barbeque there at the Dealership from 4:00 to ? along with the usual events all night. Saturday, September 5th, meet at the Laramie Dealership at 10:00 AM, then ride to War Memorial Stadium at 10:30. There will be special Biker parking and a pre-game tailgate party. Kick-off is at 1:00 PM against Weber State. Sunday at 9:00 AM will be the Snowy Range Poker Run starting at Laramie H-D with the first card drawn. The ride will finish up back at the Laramie Dealership with prizes given out about 2:30 PM. Sounds like a lot of fun. Tickets are \$40 if you want to do all of this AND go to the football game, \$30 if you don't. Check out the Laramie HOG website at <http://www.laramiehog.org/> for more information. Brad and Mark also invited the Cheyenne Membership to join the Laramie HOGsters for lunch and their General Membership Meeting the next day (Sunday, August 9th, 1:30 PM) at the Bunkhouse.

The Chapter's Video Library is now open for business. Safety Officer/Video Librarian, Howard Segal, has three DVDs on safe riding that members are encouraged to check out and view. Please contact Howard if you would like to check out a video.

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Laura Hauffe - Secretary

August 8, 2009

Video checkout is free, but please return the videos in a timely fashion so that others can enjoy them too. It is planned to grow the video collection to not only include safety topics, but maybe some cult classic motorcycle movies as well.

Chapter Officer Elections are coming up at the end of the year. Nominations will be in November, and the voting will be at the December General Meeting. If you are interested in being a Chapter Officer, please be sure to get your name on the ballot. It's a lot fun and a great way to participate in our Group's activities.

New Business: Director Rusk explained the upcoming All Bikers Poker Run scheduled for Saturday, September 19th. The idea behind the All Bikers Poker Run is to have a run where all of the proceeds go ONLY to the bikers who participate. Because the motorcycle community contributes so much to all of the different charities around town and the region all year long, it was decided that a poker run benefitting riders only would be a good idea. The run will start and finish at the Eagle's Nest where there will be a barbeque included. More information will be presented at the September Membership meeting.

Gary also informed the Group about next year's State HOG Rally. It will be held in Sheridan, Wyoming, July 8th, 9th, and 10th. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend because the State HOG Rallies are a lot of fun. Plus, there's a lot of good riding up in the Sheridan area with the Big Horn Mountains; the Rosebud and Little Bighorn Battlefields, and Ft. Phil Kearney all right there. Sheridan promises to be a really great Rally location. More details will be forthcoming as the Rally Coordinators start getting everything put together.

Our Chapter now has three Trikes as part of our group and a question was asked on where trikes should be positioned during group rides. Should they be in the middle? The correct positioning for Trikes is like that of any other bike on the road – side by side and staggered.

Chapter Photographer Don Hendrickson told the Members about his trip through Sturgis during Bike week. He said it was very crowded, but he and Max had a good time and were able to get some nice souvenirs. They stopped in Rapid City at the Convention Center to check out all of the 2010 bikes and other new things from Harley Davidson. Don said the color schemes and paint jobs on the new bikes are really pretty, so nice in fact, he was almost tempted to buy a new one right then and there. The new Fat Boy Lo looks especially nice. Some of the new bikes have digital speedometers and analog tachs combined in one instrument – very exciting.

Don't forget to get down and check out the new HOG Bulletin Board at Mavericks. Lots of new information and pictures posted.

Treasurer Tosca reported that the Chapter's Bank Account has money in it.

Prizes:

JOKER POKER (The Pot is OVER \$330.00!)

1ST Card Drawn: Henderson Bryson – 7 of Clubs

2nd Card Drawn: Cheryl Rafferty – Ace of Clubs

\$5.00 went to Derrick Wells

POKER CHIP DRAWING

\$20.00 – Derrick Wells

\$12.00 – Gerald Blessing

Assistant Director

Dennis Rafferty

The Other Corner



Even though the riding season is coming closer to an end, we still have plenty of great things and events planned. Such as, progressive dinner, LOH picnic, Stadium Rally (Laramie), and the all biker poker run. All these events promise to be a great time with lots of fun.

There is still enough time to keep adding miles so we can take out that dreaded chapter from Colorado and do not forget the passenger miles also count.

I would like thank everyone that attended the first official HOG NOB and chapter meeting Saturday. The joker draw is somewhere in the neighborhood of \$400 and is still waiting for you to claim it. In addition, big thanks for all that attended the Laramie Chapter meeting on Sunday. What a great day to ride.

If you have not been to a meeting lately, you are missing a lot of information and FUN. Try to make time and come see what your chapter can do for you.

DO YOU REGONIZE THIS PAIR? ANSWER @ NEXT MEETING



Dennis

Ladies of Harley (LOH)

Gretchen Wells



Just a quick note, the LOH picnic is coming up on Aug. 30, meet @ Mavericks @ 11:00 AM for the first half of the ride. A Q & A sheet and map with the planned ride and destination will be given.

Gretchen

Activities Officer

Scott Nelson



Hey thanks for your participation and to all the volunteers at the BBQ's at Mavericks. Also a BIG thanks to all the volunteers and any one who attended the HOG Rally. We had a great time. If you did not make it this year, make plans to attend next years rally In Sheridan.

Got a few things coming up

Aug 22 Breakfast at the Eagles Nest at 1000 Ride after to be determined.

Aug 28 Hogs for Dogs Before Party at the Train Depot

Aug 29 Hogs for Dogs registration starts at 11 am parade after and party at the Train Deopt.

Aug 30 LOH picnic to Granite Lake. Gretchen will have more details later.

Sept 5 Stadium Rally in Laramie more info to follow

Sept 12 Progressive Dinner and HOG Meeting
Meet at Mavericks at 3:30 PM Ride starts at 4 PM

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.

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Gerald Blessing



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Safety Officer

Howard Segal



QUICK TIPS: MSF's Guide to Group Riding

Motorcycling is primarily a solo activity, but for many, riding as a group – whether with friends on a Sunday morning ride or with an organized motorcycle rally – is the epitome of the motorcycling experience. Here are some tips to help ensure a fun and safe group ride:

Arrive prepared. Arrive on time with a full gas tank.

Hold a riders' meeting. Discuss things like the route, rest and fuel stops, and hand signals (see diagrams on next page). Assign a lead and sweep (tail) rider. Both should be experienced riders who are well-versed in group riding procedures. The leader should assess everyone's riding skills and the group's riding style.

Keep the group to a manageable size, ideally five to seven riders. If necessary, break the group into smaller sub-groups, each with a lead and sweep rider.

Ride prepared. At least one rider in each group should pack a cell phone, first-aid kit, and full tool kit, so the group is prepared for any problem that they might encounter.

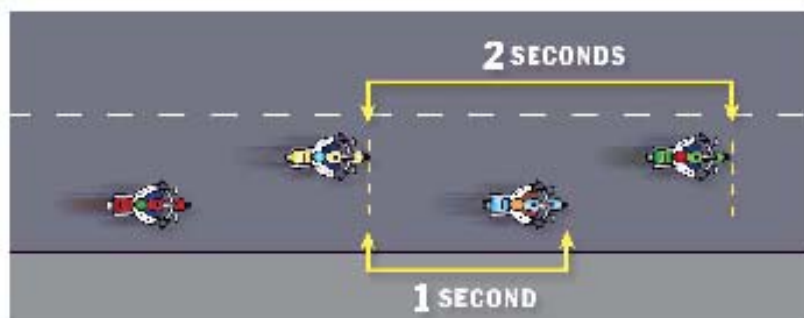
Ride in formation. The staggered riding formation (see diagram below) allows a proper space cushion between motorcycles so that each rider has enough time and space to maneuver and to react to hazards. The leader rides in the left third of the lane, while the next rider stays at least one second behind in the right third of the lane; the rest of the group follows the same pattern. A single-file formation is preferred on a curvy road, under conditions of poor visibility or poor road surfaces, entering/leaving highways, or other situations where an increased space cushion or maneuvering room is needed.

Avoid side-by-side formations, as they reduce the space cushion. If you suddenly needed to swerve to avoid a hazard, you would not have room to do so. You don't want handlebars to get entangled.

Periodically check the riders following in your rear view mirror. If you see a rider falling behind, slow down so they may catch up. If all the riders in the group use this technique, the group should be able to maintain a fairly steady speed without pressure to ride too fast to catch up.

If you're separated from the group, don't panic. Your group should have a pre-planned procedure in place to regroup. Don't break the law or ride beyond your skills to catch up.















For mechanical or medical problems, use a cell phone to call for assistance as the situation warrants.



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Safety Officer
Howard Segal

MSF's Guide to Group Riding: Hand Signals

<p>Stop - arm extended straight down, palm facing back</p> 	<p>Single File - arm and index finger extended straight up</p> 	<p>Turn Signal On - open and close hand with fingers and thumb extended</p> 
<p>Slow Down - arm extended straight out, palm facing down</p> 	<p>Double File - arm with index and middle finger extended straight up</p> 	<p>Fuel - arm out to side pointing to tank with finger extended</p> 
<p>Speed Up - arm extended straight out, palm facing up</p> 	<p>Hazard in Roadway - on the right, point with right foot; on the left, point with left hand</p> 	<p>Refreshment Stop - fingers closed, thumb to mouth</p> 
<p>You Lead/Change - arm extended upward 45 degrees, palm facing forward (pointing with index finger, swing in arc from back to front)</p> 	<p>Highbeam - tap on top of helmet with open palm down</p> 	<p>Comfort Stop - forearm extended, fist clenched with short up and down motion</p> 
<p>Follow Me - arm extended straight up from shoulder palm forward</p> 	<p>Pull Off - arm positioned as for right turn, forearm swung toward shoulder</p> 	

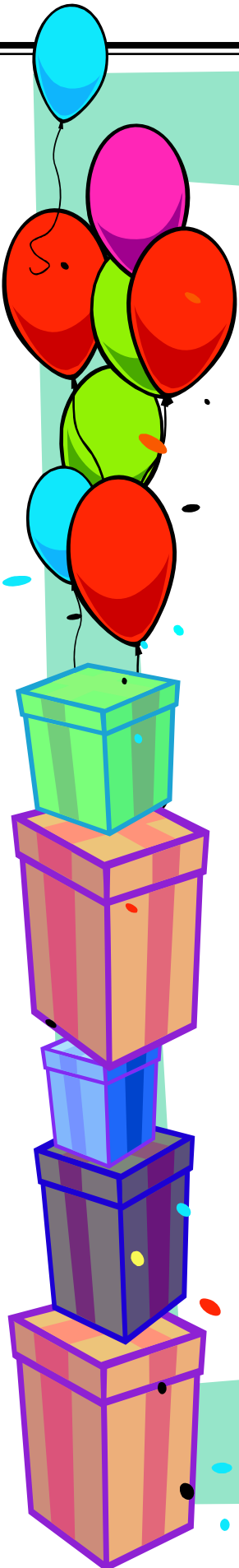
A Big Happy H.O.G.
Birthday Wish Goes To:

Dorothy Blessing

Dennis Rafferty

Derrick Wells

Happy Birthday!!



Classifieds FOR SALE:

Nothing Reported

Classifieds Wanted

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

Please call Larry Pitmon @ 632-6109

September 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 HOG NOB & Meeting
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