

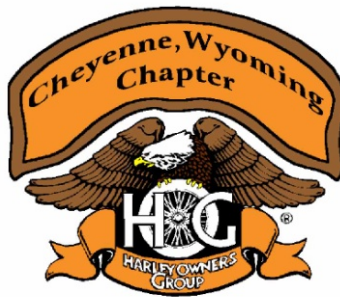
H.O.G. C.H.I.T.

(Cheyenne's Harley Informational Technical) - Bulletin

Newsletter of
Cheyenne Harley Owners Group
Chapter 1257

Website: www.cheyennehog.com

December 2009



Eric Keyes – Editor
ezeekyes@bresnan.net

DIRECTORS CORNER

Gary Rusk

Cheyenne Chapter Officers

- **DIRECTOR**
Gary Rusk
630-4717
- **ASSISTANT DIRECTOR**
Dennis Rafferty
635-4026
- **TREASURE**
Tosca Jones
307-797-0519
- **SECRETARY**
Laura Hauffe
634-6609
- **HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN**
Bill Paterson
631-0431
- **MEMBERSHIP OFFICER**
Gerald Blessing
630-4754
- **LADIES OF HARLEY (LOH)**
Gretchen Wells
514-2633
- **EDITOR**
Eric Keyes
421-0067
- **SAFETY OFFICER**
Howard Segal
631-3354
- **ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR**
Scott Nelson
634-0115
- **PHOTOGRAPHER/HISTORIAN**
Don Hendricksen
637-5842

Dear Chapter Members:

Well I missed another Hog Nob and Chapter meeting. This weekend and next weekend was the start of our Holiday season open house here at Wyoming Prairie Alpacas. All of you are invited to come out next weekend either Saturday or Sunday. Sorry I missed out we have had some great rides, food and just plain good old fun.

I hope all of you that want to be an officer for next year 2010 got nominated for the office you wanted. If you were nominated for more than 1 office you must decide which one you want because you can only run for 1 office. Voting will take place on December 12 2009 at Mavericks and YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO VOTE along with chapter Christmas shopping. Good Luck to all whom tossed their hat into the ring.

I would like to say THANK YOU to all of you that supported me over the past 3 years as director. Thanks to each one of the officers that have help me run this great chapter and especially the Sponsors from Mavericks, Justin and Jason for their help and support. Please give your new officers the same support.

Don't forget the chapter Christmas Party at the Plains Hotel December 19, 2009

Ride and be SAFE
Gary



Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2009

Bunkhouse Saloon & Steakhouse



This month's General Membership Meeting and HOG Nob was held at the Bunkhouse Saloon & Steakhouse 17 miles west of Cheyenne. Even though the roads were mostly clear, snow the night before made Members think twice about riding to the meeting. Assistant Director Dennis Rafferty got things going by pointing out the Nelson clan had their own table (7 Members) and then asking for a motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the October HOG Meeting. The motion was offered, seconded and passed unanimously.

Guests and New Members: We had no new Members join us for this month's meeting. But we did have a guest: Chuck Bates, who is John Baker's son-in-law, joined us. WELCOME!

Birthdays In November: Only one of our members has a Birthday this month: Phil Hitchcock. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Regular Business: Assistant Director Rafferty got straight to business asking for a report on how the Dealership's Float for the Christmas Parade is progressing. Henderson Bryson informed the Membership that this year we're looking at possibly using two trailers mounted with three rows of bikes – from a little 50 cc up to a bagger, and a sleigh donated for use by Ron Kisicki. They're working out the other decorations and maybe having the Maverick Girls walking along side the float tossing candy to the kids. Help constructing the float is requested. The Dealership will be building it November 23rd, 5:00 PM at the Dealership. If needed, they will finish up on the 24th – same time – same place. RJ Nelson was reported to be in charge of the music that will be played from the float during the Parade. Hopefully that decision will be reviewed and changed prior to the Parade.

News from the Dealership went like this: Friday, November 27th from 6:30 to 8:00 PM will be the *LOH Ladies Only Shopping Spree*. Several discounts will be offered: 30% off on clothing; 20% off H-D parts & accessories; 20% off all H-D Jewelry and novelties. Consultants from Scentsy, All American Home, Lemongrass, CheyGirl Creations, and the Pampered Chef will be there too. So ladies, for more information or to RSVP, please contact Andrea at Mavericks (638-8307 or andrea.backoff@maverickms.com) if you'd like to attend this special event. You're sure to get some good deals for the people on your Christmas list.

Old Business: The Chapter Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 19th at the Historic Plains Hotel in Downtown Cheyenne. The menu for this year's party looks fantastic. Baked salmon, Italian Chicken, and savory roast beef, along with multiple salads, choice of potato and decadent desserts will be offered. The plan is for a buffet set-up just like we had last year. Plan on limiting-out so you can try at least one of everything on the menu because the food is always excellent at the Plains. Prices this year will be as follows: If you have three filled punch cards – your supper is free courtesy of the Chapter and Mavericks.



Cheyenne HOG Members trying to decide what to do for lunch at the 2009 Wyoming State HOG Rally.

Meeting Minutes con't

November 14, 2009

Laura Hauffe - Secretary

Two filled up punch cards – your meal is \$12.50. Less than two filled out punch cards – the price is \$25.00. Guests will also be \$25.00. There will be a cash bar and a dance floor. Turn in your punch cards (if you haven't already done so) and/ or purchase your tickets at the door. We will also be doing a gift exchange at the party just like last year. Women bring a wrapped gift for another gal, and men bring a wrapped gift for another guy. Gift cards are also totally acceptable. Dollar limit on gifts is \$25.00 MAXIMUM – even though some jokers in our midst tried to say \$25.00 was the minimum. Please do not spend more than \$25.00 on the gifts.



Two seriously good looking bikes at the Popo Agie Rise in Sinks Canyon.

The date of the Mileage Challenge party has been set. It will be held at 2:00 PM on December 6th at Bruce's in Severance, Colorado. We will meet at the Dealership at 1:00 and convoy our cars (or bikes if the weather works) down to Severance. Dennis brought to the meeting the FABULOUS trophy we will be handing over to the CCT HOGsters at the party. The Greenies just barely won this year's challenge. They accumulated 298,000 miles compared to our 218,000. When you consider that their Chapter has over 300 members versus the small number of us and Laramie, we *seriously* out rode them. They might get the trophy this year, but we'll be winning it back next summer. Please plan to attend this event because it promises to be a lot of fun.

Nominations for next year's Chapter Officers are now closed. Nancy Nelson informed the Membership that each office has at least two people on the ballot. Elections will be held at the next General Membership meeting on December 12th, 3:30 PM at Mavericks.

Scott Nelson next spoke about the possibility of getting a group together to ride out to Virginia for their State Rally. It will be held June 26th through the 29th in Virginia Beach. The plan right now is to leave the Saturday before and ride about 600 miles a day to get there. Five rooms have been reserved at the Host Site so far, but more can certainly be added. Side trips to Washington, DC and Chesapeake Bay will be part of the trip. The more Members who elect to make this trip, the more miles we gather for next year's Mileage Challenge with the Greenies. Anyone interested should contact Scotty soon because detailed planning for this ride needs to start next month.

New Business: New punch cards have been fabricated and will be distributed at the next meeting on December 12th at Mavericks. We will hold elections, do our drawings and Joker Poker, and then the Dealership will be offering Members Only discounts on parts, accessories and apparel. After the meeting we will be going to Scotty's Pizza on Del Range for supper and Hog Nob.

The All Biker Christmas Party will also be held December 12th at the AmVets which is across Lincolnway, south of the Dealership. There will be a DJ, dancing and if you're going to attend they ask that you bring a covered dish.

The Polar Bear Run will be held on New Year's Day –road conditions permitting. We'll meet at the Dealership and ride to the First Interstate Bank Sign on Del Range for a picture.

In other New Business, it was suggested that this summer our Chapter look at possibly attending as a group the South Dakota and Nebraska State HOG Rallies. Nebraska's Rally will be held May 28th – 30th in Scottsbluff; and South Dakota's will be June 11th -12th in Keystone, which is just down the hill from Mt Rushmore. We could easily ride to both rallies as a group and take them over much like the

Meeting Minutes con't

November 14, 2009

Laura Hauffe - Secretary

Thornton HOGsters try to do at ours. Most Members thought this might be a good idea that deserves more discussion in subsequent meetings.

Next Eric Keyes spoke about the 2010 Wyoming State HOG Rally. It will be held July 8th – 10th in Sheridan at the Best Western and the Historic Sheridan Inn. Room rates are \$104 / night. On January 1st the Rally Website will be up and running with all of the details and registration information for the Rally. We have a big 7 card Poker Run planned that will go over the Big Horn Mountains and back to Sheridan along some of Wyoming's spectacular Scenic Byways. Cost to register this year will be \$50 again and if you register early you'll receive a Rally T-shirt. If you register onsite, the price is still \$50, but no T-shirt.



If you have any suggestions on bike games, things to do in Sheridan, or observation rides, please let Eric or someone on the Rally Committee know. They are always open to new ideas.

Dennis then informed the Membership about a new "Toy Run" Director Gary Rusk has been working on that will benefit children in Cheyenne Regional Medical Center. Gary has been working on putting this together for a while now and it looks like we can get it going this summer. Because of the strong need, this run will collect donations for car seats instead of toys for the kids. The hospital has informed Gary that many of the people whose children are being treated there just don't have this very basic safety necessity. We already have two seats donated to get us started. Look for more information on this worthy cause to come.

Brief Officer's Reports: Treasurer Tosca informed us we have \$\$\$\$ in the bank. She asked that if you have any *Chapter* related receipts to get them into her for reimbursement. Again, that's *Chapter related* receipts, not your own gas and credit card bills. LOH Director Gretchen let the Members know about the American Legion Post #6 buffet Breakfast taking place Sunday, November 15th at 9:00 AM until noon. The breakfast is being held to help supplement the cancelled Toy Run this year. The price is \$8.00, with a dollar off if you bring a toy. Henderson said Goofy's Bar is also helping out with toy collection this year. Because the weather really ruined this year's Toy Run, help is really needed with toy donations so we can provide disadvantaged kids around Cheyenne a better Christmas than they might have otherwise. So please donate a toy or two if you can. Because of the economy, the need is definitely there this year. Chapter Photographer, Don Hendricksen, let us know about the 40 or 50 new pictures he has posted on the Chapter's Bulletin Board down at the Dealership. Get down and take a look when you get a chance because there are some great shots. Be ready for an e-mail blast concerning where to meet for the tailgate party during this year's Christmas Parade. Scotty says we still don't have the position number for our float yet, so that will determine where we set up. But he will be letting everyone know just as soon as he knows. No matter where we set up, the tailgate party will start at 3:00 PM on the 28th. Volunteer Of The Year award turns out to be a tie between two members this year. They will be recognized and receive their fabulous gifts of appreciation at the Christmas Party on the 12th.

Meeting Minutes con't

November 14, 2009

Laura Hauffe - Secretary

Start thinking about doing the following types of rides next year. The Membership suggested we do some overnight rides, destination unknown rides, mystery rides, and perhaps some theme related rides. More information coming.

Prizes:

50/50 RAFFLE

Treasurer Tosca - \$30.00

Dorothy Blessing - \$26.00

JOKER POKER (The Pot is up to \$713.00)

Max Hendricksen – 9 of Spades

Henderson Bryson – Jack of Spades

Dennis Rafferty - \$5.00 Consolation Prize

MEETING ADJOURNED

Assistant Director**The Other Corner****Dennis Rafferty**

It is, not over yet, there's plenty to do yet this year. Just keep an eye on what the activities director has coming up soon. It should be great fun for the rest of the year. Check out the following, more pictures on the HOG board at the dealership, women's only sale, Christmas float and the mileage challenge at Bruce's the sixth.

The next meeting should very busy with the elections of our officers, shopping with incredible savings at Maverick's (for yourself and for the Christmas party) and start getting ready for the new officers and the upcoming year.

I just want to mention, that I am very happy to see so many people nominated to so many different positions and offices. In past years, it was some times hard to find anyone that was willing to step up for the chapter, so many thanks to all that did. Its just so very satisfying to see so many members take an active role and a level of commitment towards the chapter. Good luck to all running for offices.

LIVE FREE,
Dennis

Ladies of Harley (LOH)**Gretchen Wells**

Hello, it was really good to see everyone at the meeting.

Just a reminder about the Ladies night at Maverick's, it starts at 6:30 to 8:00 on the 27th of November they will have consultants from Scentsy, All American Home, Lemongrass, and more so please don't forget to RSVP with Andrea. Would like to thank everyone who helped me this year with all the activities and for your vote for the 2009 year.

It won't be long before the elections are over and we might see some new officers and have some new ideas. So good luck to who all got nominated for the 2010 year.

Gretch

Safety Officer

Howard Segal



Hey everyone, how's it going? I know we are getting into the slower season for riding, but there are those of us out there that will ride all year long if the weather cooperates.

One of the things to remember are there are a lot more cars and trucks on the road than motorcycles and unfortunately the drivers of some of those vehicles don't recognize that we have the same reaction times and similar stopping distances to those vehicles that we share the road with, and therefore tend to ignore our presence or don't show us the courtesy that they would of larger vehicles.

Because of the relevant small size of the motorcycles in comparison to a car or truck, we may look farther away than we actually are and make it hard to judge the speed of an approaching motorcycle when entering an intersection, exiting a driveway or changing lanes in traffic as the small size of a motorcycle is easily hidden in larger vehicle blind spots and can also be masked by objects or backgrounds outside the vehicle.

Remember when you are out there on your motorcycle and you are approaching stop signs or traffic lights use your brakes and don't just downshift. If you only downshift, you are not alerting the vehicles behind you that you are slowing down! A lot of us use devices that flash our brake lights automatically several times just for this reason! This is to let the cell phone talking, just not paying attention, eating in the car drivers know that we might be slowing down and would prefer not to be run down or turned into roadkill.

Also try and make sure that when you come to a stop, it is in first gear just in case that cager behind you doesn't feel like stopping and you can get out of their way before you become part of their bumper.

Ride safe and alert out there. Because of the weather , people are thinking that most motorcycles have been put up for the season and they no longer have to worry about them out on the road anymore (not that they did before).

See you "out there"!



Ride Safe!

Howard

Activities Officer

Scott Nelson



23-24 Nov – Christmas Float Building – Maverick’s

27 Nov – Ladies Shopping Spree – Maverick’s

28 Nov - Pigs Night Out – Tailgate Party

28 Nov - Christmas Parade

6 Dec – Mileage Challenge Party – Bruce’s

12 Dec - Membership Meeting @ 3:30 PM – Maverick’s

19 Dec - Chapter Christmas Party

1 Jan 2010 – Polar Bear Run

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.

Membership Officer

Gerald Blessing

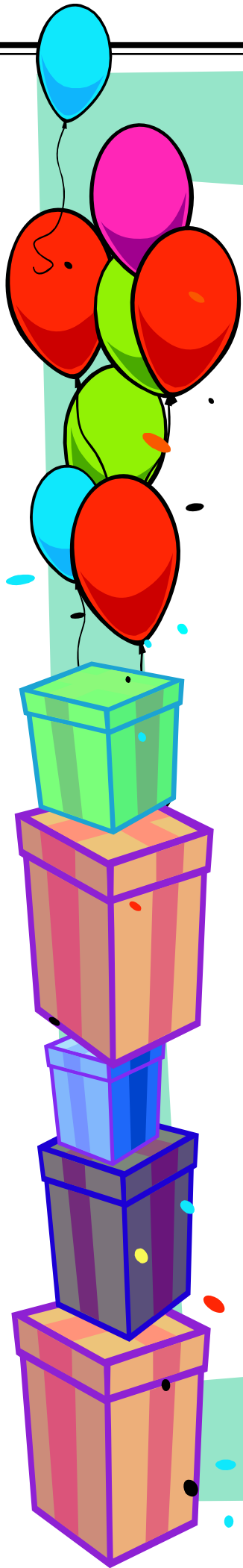


There were no new members to report

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

***Peggy Quigley
&
Carol Thompson***

Happy Birthday!!



CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP
ENROLLMENT FORM AND RELEASE

CHAPTER NAME Cheyenne, Wyoming Chapter # 1257

MEMBER NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ MEMBER NATL H.O.G. NUMBER _____

EXPIRATION DATE OF NATIONAL H.O.G. MEMBERSHIP _____

I have read the Annual Charter for H.O.G. Chapters and hereby agree to abide by it as a member of this dealer sponsored chapter.

I recognize that while this Chapter is chartered with H.O.G., it remains a separate, independent entity solely responsible for its actions.

- THIS IS A RELEASE, READ BEFORE SIGNING -

I agree that the Sponsoring Dealer, Harley Owners Group (H.O.G.), Harley-Davidson, Inc., Harley-Davidson Motor Company, my Chapter and their respective officers, directors, employees and agents (hereinafter, the "RELEASED PARTIES") shall not be liable or responsible for injury to me (including paralysis or death) or damage to my property occurring during any H.O.G. or H.O.G. chapter activities and resulting from acts or omissions occurring during the performance of the duties of the Released Parties, even where the damage or injury is caused by negligence (except willful neglect). I understand and agree that all H.O.G. members and their guests participate voluntarily and at their own risk in all H.O.G. activities and I assume all risks of injury and damage arising out of the conduct of such activities.

I release and hold the "RELEASED PARTIES" harmless from any injury or loss to my person or property which may result from my participation in H.O.G. activities and EVENT(S). I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS MEANS THAT I AGREE NOT TO SUE THE "RELEASED PARTIES" FOR ANY INJURY OR RESULTING DAMAGE TO MYSELF OR MY PROPERTY ARISING FROM, OR IN CONNECTION WITH, THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR CHAPTER DUTIES IN SPONSORING, PLANNING OR CONDUCTING SAID EVENT(S).

WAIVER OF RIGHTS UNDER STATE STATUTES

I further agree to waive all benefits flowing from any state statute which would negate or limit the scope of this Release and Indemnification Agreement including, but not limited to, Section 1542 of the California Civil Code which provides:

"A general release does not extend to the claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which if known to him must have materially affected his settlement with the debtor."

By signing this Release, I certify that I have read this Release and fully understand it and that I am not relying on any statements or representations made by the "RELEASED PARTIES".

MEMBER SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

LOCAL DUES PAID \$ _____ DATE _____

(Dues not to exceed maximum amount prescribed in, "Annual Charter for H.O.G. Chapters", as contained in the H.O.G. Chapter Handbook.)

RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR CHAPTER

Chapter dues are \$20 for individual or \$30 per couple (Need separate form for each)
Mail form and dues to:
Cheyenne, Wyoming Hog Chapter
P.O. Box 20981
Cheyenne, WY 82003

Classifieds FOR SALE:

For Sale: 1999 Ford F350, 4x4, DRW, Crew Cab Lariat, 6.8 EFI V-10. EXCELLENT Condition, loaded plus. Original Owner \$9,995.00

Please call Don or Max at 307.637.5842 or cell 307.220.1564.

Classifieds Wanted

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

Please call Larry Pitmon @ 632-6109

December 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Mileage Party – Bruce's	7	8	9	10	11	12 Chapter Meeting - Mavericks
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Chapter Christmas Ptry
20	21	22	23	24	25 	26
27	28	29	30	31	1 Polar Bear Run	