

Hog Tails

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Central South Dakota H.O.G.



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The first Tuesday of each month
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Membership is \$10 annually.

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Randy Bingner, Chapter Director

Springtime in South Dakota. If you are lucky, you are sneaking in a ride here and there between the days of snow and rain. Even if you had to leave your motorcycle in the garage a few days, it has been worth it just to see puddles again in central South Dakota.

I want to draw your attention to some important dates in April.

Thursday, April 12, we will have guests and a special meeting. Ron McKinley will be at Petersen Motors, beginning at 6:30 that evening, to present a rider safety seminar. This is something you don't want to miss. I don't want to sound like a cliché, but Ron is entertaining and informative. Our H.O.G. Regional Manager, Paul Raap, will be here also and has agreed to buy pizza for the Chapter members who attend.

Friday April 20, is the deadline for preregistration for the South Dakota State H.O.G. Rally. The State Rally will be in Rapid City on June 8 & 9. Visit the Rally Website at sdstatehogrally.com today. Check it out. You can register online. Registration will be available on site, so why preregister? Here is why: 12 attendees will be selected from the preregistration list to hike up Mt. Rushmore. Each name chosen can take a friend. So, if you preregister, or have a friend, you may get to hike where very few people are allowed. Names will be drawn at the dealer party Friday night, June 8.

Sunday, April 22, is the registration deadline for the CSD H.O.G. Annual Memorial Day Poker Run. More information and a registration form are available in this newsletter.

April 28-29. Motorcycle show at the Pierre Mall sponsored by Petersen Motors and Central South Dakota HOG. Get your bike cleaned up and come show it off.

Don't be left behind.

***Stop in at Petersen Motors and pick up your
2007 Central South Dakota HOG calendar:***

April 3	Monthly Meeting	6:30 p.m. at Petersen Motors
April 12	Rider Safety Seminar (Ron McKinley)	6:30 p.m. at Petersen Motors
April 28-29	Motorcycle Show	Sat/Sun at the Pierre Mall
May 1	Monthly Meeting (Ladies Night)	6:30 p.m. at Petersen Motors

Seventh Annual Memorial Day Run

May 25-27, 2007

This poker run is sponsored by the Central South Dakota HOG Club.

Meet at Petersen Motors in Pierre between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. cdt, Friday, May 25, and ride to Buffalo, Wyoming. Saturday, May 26, take in some gorgeous scenery on the way to Red Lodge, Montana. Sunday, May 27, leave Red Lodge, ride through Billings, and work your way back to Spearfish Canyon Resort to draw the last cards. Prizes and awards will be given out after the evening meal.

Friday: Approximately 418 miles – The ride starts from Petersen Motors. Riders can leave anytime after 7:00 a.m. once they have completed registration and drawn their first card. Registration closes at 8:00 a.m. We will be traveling west on Hwy 14/34, take Hwy 34 to Sturgis, travel to Belle Fourche and follow Hwy 24 past Devil’s Tower until it turns into Hwy 14, follow Hwy 14 to Interstate 90 through Gillette, then take Hwy 14-16 into Buffalo. Wyoming Motel lodging for the night. Second card drawn here.

Saturday: Approximately 289 miles. The shorter mileage this day allows for riding through scenic areas and a little more “touristing” (which means shopping, for some of us). Leave Buffalo on Hwy 16 to Worland, from Worland take Hwy 789-20 south to Hwy 431, follow Hwy 431 to Hwy 120, take Hwy 120 through Meeteetse to the junction of Hwy 296/72. Hwy 296 goes to Hwy 212 (yes there is that good old highway again, finally). Hwy 212 takes you on the scenic route over Bear Tooth Pass to Red Lodge (weather permitting). Or, there is the alternate route of Hwy 72 up to Hwy 308 and to Red Lodge. Remember, each poker run card holder must have a receipt from Meeteetse to get a bonus card.

Sunday: Approximately 351 miles. From Red Lodge, take Hwy 308 to Hwy 310 and travel north to I94 to Billings. At Billings, take Hwy 87 to Hardin, pick up I90 to Crow Agency, then take Hwy 212 through Alzada to Belle Fourche, take Hwy 85 to Spearfish, then Hwy 14A into Spearfish Canyon Resort. Fourth and Fifth cards will be drawn here.

Monday: You will have to find your own way home!!

Plan on having lots of fun and seeing some absolutely beautiful country with breathtaking views. Bring extra film. Bring warm clothes, these rides can be cool over Memorial Day.

Stop at Petersen Motors for more information. Registration forms with details on lodging are available. A detailed map is also posted at Petersen Motors.

Evenings call Bill at 224-4296, Frenchy at 224-1462, or Curt at 258-2415.

Print and Mail

Seventh Annual Memorial Day Pre-Registration
May 25-27, 2007

Fee: \$55 per person (includes short sleeve T-shirt and evening meal at Spearfish Canyon Resort Sunday night)
\$60 per person (includes long sleeve T-shirt and evening meal at Spearfish Canyon Resort Sunday night)

All shirts have a unique design on back with logo on front.

First Registrant

Name: Phone:

Address:

City: State Zip:

E-mail:

National HOG# Expires: Chapter:

T-shirt (circle one) T-shirt size (circle one)
Short Sleeve Long Sleeve Sm Med Lg XL XXL XXXL

Second Registrant

Name: Phone:

Address:

City: State Zip:

E-mail:

National HOG# Expires: Chapter:

T-shirt (circle one) T-shirt size (circle one)
Short Sleeve Long Sleeve Sm Med Lg XL XXL XXXL

Additional T-shirts may be purchased in advance

Indicate quantity by the appropriate shirt size

\$12.00 - Short Sleeve Sm ___ Med ___ Lg ___ XL ___ XXL ___ XXXL ___

\$17.00 - Long Sleeve Sm ___ Med ___ Lg ___ XL ___ XXL ___ XXXL ___

Registration and Payment must be postmarked by April 21, 2007, to receive T-shirts. All T-shirts must be picked up at Petersen Motors Harley-Davidson at pre-registration on May 24 or final registration May 25.

Send pre-registration and payment to: Central SD HOG
422 South Fort Street
Pierre SD 57501

Come Join Us

Harley Factory Tour Ride

June 29th – July 4th

This Ride is a closed event sponsored by the Central South Dakota HOG Club.

We leave Pierre on June 29th, meeting at Petersen Motors at 6:00 p.m. and riding to Watertown SD (188 miles). Saturday morning you can visit the Harley Dealer in Watertown and then ride to St. Paul, MN and stop at St. Paul Harley-Davidson. Now we go south to Winona, MN following the Mississippi River (325 miles). We will stay in Winona, MN on June 30th. On July 1st, we will ride to Lacrosse and then south following the Mississippi River to just south of Prairie du Chein, WI. Then we turn east to Sauk City, WI to visit the Harley shop there, which also has a Harley-Davidson outlet store. We will then ride into Madison, WI, and finally into Milwaukee, WI (299 miles). July 2nd we will be at the Harley-Davidson factory at 8:00 a.m. to take a tour of the factory. After the tour, you can visit any other attractions that you want. We will ride north of Milwaukee, then east to Wisconsin Dells for the night. We will only put on 114 miles, so you can take in the sites in the Milwaukee area. On July 3rd, we ride from Wisconsin Dells to Lacrosse, WI, and then a scenic ride going east of Lacrosse to Rochester, MN and on to Mankota, MN for the night (282 miles). July 4th ride on into Pierre, SD in time to watch the fireworks that evening (340 miles).

This ride will drive along some breathtaking scenery along the Mississippi River and give everyone a chance to stop at over 20 Harley dealerships.

A detailed map is posted at Petersen Motors. Directions, mileage, and a list of all Harley dealers along the way will be given out to all riders when they sign the release form.

Early Registration Deadline: June 3, 2007. We need to know how many riders will be going so we can give the Factory Tour a head count as to how many will be coming.

There will be no entry fee for this ride. We will have you sign a release form to participate in the ride. We have motel rooms blocked at each of the towns where we are staying. They are as follows:

June 29th – Super 8 Motel – 503 14th Ave SE – Watertown SD 57201 605-882-1900 Rates \$59.39 + tax

June 30th – Nichols Inn – 1025 Sugar Loaf Rd – Winona MN 55987 866-642-4667 Rates \$76.90 + tax

July 1st – Super 8 Motel – 5253 S Howell Ave – I-94 Exit 318 (Howell Ave) – Milwaukee WI 53207
414-481-8488 Rates \$59.50 + tax

July 2nd – Copa Cabana Hotel – 611 Wisconsin Dells Parkway – Wisconsin Dells, WI 800-2643-2672
Rates \$85.00 + tax. If all rooms are taken, rate will t \$75.00 + tax

July 3rd – Days Inn – Hwy 169 & 14, 1285 Range St – Mankato MN 56001 – 507-387-3332
Rates \$60.00 + tax

For more information call or email:

Kevin Flottmeyer – liv2ryd@pie.midco.net – 605-224-4809

Troy Roberts – mrtr1010@pie.midco.net – 605-223-2653

Check out the map at Petersen Motors. This is going to be a great ride!

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM AND RELEASE

CHAPTER NAME: CENTRAL SOUTH DAKOTA HARLEY OWNERS GROUP

Print and Mail

MEMBER NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ MEMBER NAT'L 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: _____

WITNESS: _____ DATE: _____

LOCAL DUES PAID: \$10.00 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
Central South Dakota Harley Owners Group 422 S. Fort St., Pierre, SD 57501**

Club website at www.petersenmotorcycles.com/HOG

Thanks to Safety Officer Larry Fry, who found this article that teaches safety lessons with humor.

Safety on a Bike is Not for Half-Wits: Learning to be safe on a motorcycle is serious business. Untrained riders are getting into accidents and some are dying needlessly.

I found this article of "9 Ways to Be a Half-Wit on a Motorcycle" to emphasize with a bit of humor, how NOT to be safe.

Don't try these tongue-in-cheek tips on the road. I'm sure you don't want to be a half-wit rider.

1.) Assume That All Drivers Can See You: This tactic assumes that everyone is a member of your family and they have all taken a pact to look out for your safety. They have each taken a special course in motorcycle recognition and always look three times in every direction before pulling out. They each have a GPS in their car that tells where you are at all times and each car has a warning device that sounds an audible alarm when you are within 500 feet.

2.) Always Stick Together With Other Vehicles: It's no fun being separated from all your friends on the road. Always hurry up to get close to vehicles in front and allow vehicles behind you to get close enough to hear your ride bell ringing. It's also fun to converse with the drivers on both sides of you since you know that the vehicles in front and back will watch out for you.

3.) Don't Worry About Anything: On the road, don't worry about unexpected traffic events. Nothing will ever happen to you. You are invincible. That's why you wear a T-shirt and shorts and sandals. You might find a beach somewhere and you need to be ready to get some rays.

4.) Forget About Left Turners: When you're riding along, be sure to ride at least 20 mph above the speed limit especially in heavy traffic areas. Sometimes an oncoming car will be waiting to turn left in front of you and will dare you to go by while you maintain speed. These vehicles like to have their wheels turned to the left so they can get a quick start when they see a break in traffic. Not to worry, they won't see you but remember you are invincible and you'll make it through.

5.) Keep Up With Your Buddies: There's nothing that irritates a seasoned rider more than riding with someone who can't keep up. It's your responsibility to keep up no matter what. Even if you see a buddy in front round a curve covered with sand or oil, you must speed up and slide right along with him as you both go horizontal and into the ditch together.

6.) Assume All Curves Are Easy: There will never be a problem with a curve. If you can't see around it, don't worry. In a few seconds, it will be straight again and you'll be able to see just fine. Curves are always free of debris and no oncoming vehicle will ever be crossing the centerline into your lane. Also, the drivers of stalled trucks on a curve are always courteous, set up flares, and push their vehicles completely off the road so you never have to worry about hitting them.

7.) Always Vent Your Anger on the Road: Other drivers sometimes give you a hard time. Your riding ability is always perfect so it must be the other guy who is at fault. Don't bottle up your emotions. Vent them before you have a heart attack. It's better to relieve your stress on those who are making life miserable for you. After all, it's better to get mad and vent than to pay those big medical bills later on.

8.) Don't Let Sun glare Bother You: The Sun is our friend. It warms us up after we pass through a cool section of road. We must expect that from time to time we will be blinded by the Sun but we need to press on oblivious to the sight deprivation. It will most likely be temporary and we don't need to slow down at all. We might lose half a minute from our schedule if we slow down and shield our eyes and that means we might have to back up our Tivo an extra click when we want to watch Desperate Housewives upon returning home.

9.) Always Ride At Night: Deer always see and hear you coming but they will always wait for you to pass before they step into the road. Also, drunks always give their keys to a sober driver before being driven home and road crews are careful to fix all potholes so your bike will never be damaged.

STOP! I expect you won't last too long as a motorcyclist if you follow much of what was said above.

With the warm season approaching, too slowly I might add. Let's all be safe out there and enjoy what we all love to do.