

Hog Tails

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Randy Bingner, Chapter Director

Although I witnessed some weather-related disturbances and a geriatric tumble from a stage, I think, generally, a good time was had by all at the 2009 69th Annual Sturgis motorcycle rally.

Each year Jeaneen and I have our usual reunion with rally friends we have collected over the years from across the country. Each year we think we may be getting too "mature" for the rally, but each year we seem to have more fun with old friends than we had the year before.

What is it that makes a Rally week something special?

Like many of you, Jeaneen and I like to travel on our Harley-Davidson motorcycles. Each gas stop or lunch stop plays out about the same. The conversation always starts the same way: "Where are you headed?" "Where are you from?" There is always something of an instant, but fleeting, bond when you stop for lunch or gas and meet another traveling motorcyclist. The conversation ends with "ride safely" or some similar, genuine, send-off.

The Sturgis Rally brings that all to another level. Your conversation with a fellow motorcyclist will certainly include "Where are you headed?", but it will probably be in the context of "Are you headed to . . . or from?" Your conversation will certainly include "Where are you from?", but that will also be in the context of the short term: "Where are you staying?"

We stay at one of the larger campgrounds. We camp with people who represent a varied cross section of jobs, backgrounds, and interests. With all this, I can grab my cup of coffee in the morning, or a mug of beer later in the morning, [sorry I mean - in the evening], sit down anywhere, and instantly have everything in common with my neighbors, or with any stranger. Conversation is light and easy. Friendships come quickly. Serious conversation of the economy, world troubles, work, and real life are something of a rarity. For that week, we can escape real life and live happily in the moment, a moment of motorcycles, friendships, and simple times, and just enjoy ourselves and enjoy people.

At the end of the week, part of me is ready to return home and sleep in my own bed, and part of me is sad the week is over. We each share our hugs, goodbyes, and wishes for a good year until we return again to our annual home away from home. The week ends with "ride safely" and "come back next year."

***Stop in at Petersen Motors and pick up your
2009 Central South Dakota HOG calendar:***

August 4 No meeting
August 2 to 8 - Sturgis Bike Week
August 13 – Thursday - Dinner ride to Onida and monthly meeting
August 19 – Wednesday - Dinner ride to Cattleman's Club
August 25 – Tuesday – Dinner ride to Outpost.
August 31 – Monday - HOG Officers meeting

September 1 – Tuesday -Monthly Meeting 6:30 p.m. at Petersen Motors
September 3 – Thursday – Dinner ride to Vivian
September 7 – Monday – Labor Day Holiday
September 20 – Sunday – CSD HOG Fun Day
September 26- 27 – Saturday and Sunday – CSD HOG Fall ride to Black Hills.

October 6 – Tuesday - Monthly Meeting 6:30 p.m. at Petersen Motors
Nov 3 – Tuesday - Monthly Meeting 6:30 p m at Peterson Motors

Club website at www.petersenmotorcycles.com/HOG

June 2 to July 7 is your chance to win the \$200 prize.

Ride you motorcycle for a total of 400 mile on any of the 4 weekends during this time. You must have a receipt form a location that is at least 200 mile from Pierre to be eligible for this prize. The State HOG rally in Watertown, National HOG rally in Oklahoma City and Million Mile Monday are all good opportunities to enter this contest. All valid entries will play poker at July 7 meeting.

The winning Texas Hold'em poker hand at the July 7 meeting wins the big prize. You must be present to win.

Harley Owners Group Ladies' Ride

The first Ladies Ride was held June 20, and we enjoyed a nice day and a beautiful ride along the river on the Native American Scenic Byway from Pierre to Lower Brule. There were eleven attendees on the ride, including five women motorcyclists. The group had lunch together at the Golden Buffalo Casino, then we rode through Fort Thompson and stopped at the casino there as well. Arnie was the big winner at the slot machines with a win of over \$75 at the casino. Ride prizes were the 50/50 tickets where Marv Engelhaupt had the lucky ticket for a prize of \$30.00, and the bug target contest where Nancy Peck won \$20.00. From Fort Thompson we returned to Pierre on Highway 34. Thank you to Marv Engelhaupt for being the road captain for this ride, and thank you to Russ and Ross at Petersen Motors for your help too. Watch for dates for next year's ride

Maureen Droz!

KEVIN'S PICTURES:

To see Kevin's pictures on Facebook you must have a Facebook account (user id and password). Then request to join the group Central South Dakota HOG. Kevin has posted pictures there and any one else can post their pictures also. You can also request to be friends with Kevin and see pictures the on his profile.

The website is www.facebook.com

Meetings

The first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Petersen Motors.
Membership is \$10 annually.

Check out our website at petersenmotorcycles.com/HOG

Email news and comments to: donjzeller@aol.com

400 Mile Weekend Ride Winners

Each percipient had to ride 400 miles on a weekend in June to enter the game. At the July 7th meeting we had t 21 participants.

There were 3 rounds of Texas Hold 'em – each player gets 2 cards and 5 cards turned up in the center. All participants were randomly divided into 3 groups. Jim Roshone, Janelle Flotmeyer, Randy Bingner each had the best poker hand in their respective group. Those three then played a final poker game and Jim was winner of the \$200 cash.

From the HOG web site:

ABC of Touring:

Is there a town or county near you that begins with the letter "X"? If so, you already have a leg up in this annual battle of alphabet chasers, where points for the 24th letter are hard to come by.

Actually, "battle" is much too strong a word for this popular, friendly competition; providing motivation to ride to new or out-of-the-way places is what this program is really all about.

Here's how it works: Keep a camera and a copy of a current issue of HOG® magazine with your bike. Then, you can earn points by submitting photographs of you and your Harley® (or your H.O.G.® Fly & Ride rental bike) in front of official signs while holding a current copy of one of the magazines. The idea is to visit cities and counties beginning with as many different letters of the alphabet – and as many states and provinces – as possible. There are other ways to earn points, too, such as by attending State, National, or International Rallies, or by visiting Harley-Davidson facilities, etc.

At the end of the year, we reward the highest point totals with great prizes and 15 minutes of fame (top winners are listed here on this Web site). You can also earn awards just for reaching certain point levels. But when all is said and done, it's not a matter of whether you win or lose (besides, how can you lose?), it's how you play the game: by touring the country on a Harley-Davidson® motorcycle.

For more details check out the Harley web site or ask your editor Don Zeller.

You earn points for each State, Country, National forest, HOG rally, Harley Corporate Headquarters.

HOG Million Mile Monday was June 29, 2009.

This year HOG members around the world rode 4,373,937 miles.