

Hog Tails

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Central South Dakota H.O.G.



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When was the last time you had a **GREAT** day? Hopefully it is today; not sometime last fall when you took that final ride on your Harley-Davidson motorcycle before putting it away for the winter. In any event, having a great day is up to us as individuals. Sure there are things that happen to us on a daily basis that influence our attitude, but in the end, it's up to us.

Recently I read an article by Dr. Zimmerman (<http://drzimmerman.com>) about 48 ways to have a **GREAT** day. I would like to share a few of his thoughts with you and try to relate them to H.O.G. and your Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

- 1) Take a few deep breaths during the day to calm and re-energize yourself. (Do this while you dream about your ride later today!)
- 2) Get busy living. Don't sit around waiting for life to happen. (Become more involved in H.O.G.!)
- 3) If you're feeling overwhelmed or burned out..... (Go for a ride. Attend a H.O.G. event!)
- 4) Don't watch life from the sidelines. Get involved and make the most of it. (Volunteer at a H.O.G. event and/or become an officer in your Chapter!)
- 5) Grow up without growing old. (Be an active H.O.G. member!)
- 6) Lighten up. Most of the things we worry about aren't going to happen anyway. (Go for a weekend or longer ride with your H.O.G. friends!)
- 7) It's never too late to have a happy childhood. But the second one is up to you and no one else. (Become active in H.O.G. and enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow H.O.G. brothers and sisters!)
- 8) The harder you work, the luckier you get. (You can buy another Harley-Davidson motorcycle from Petersen Motors!)
- 9) Don't count the days; make the days count. (Go for a ride every day. Be a H.O.G. officer!)
- 10) Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time. (When you're drooling at Maryhouse, you can reminisce about all the good times you had with your fellow H.O.G. brothers and sisters on your Harley-Davidson motorcycle!)

So there are a few of his 48 ways to have a **GREAT** day. As Dr. Zimmerman says, "make your own list. If your day isn't panning out the way you'd like, refer to the list. Remind yourself, you can have a **GREAT** day..... **EVERY DAY**..... if you apply a few of these truths."

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Director's notes continued:

To me, every day is a **GREAT** day; some are just greater than others!

Riding season is hopefully here, so be sure your bike and you are ready to ride. Kevin and Troy have some MSF experienced rider courses coming up, if you haven't taken one or if it's been a few years, seriously consider it! Many basic rider courses are also available. For more information, you can log on to <http://www.southdakotasafetycouncil.org/motorcycle/index.htm>. If you see what you like, you can immediately register on the same site.

MAKE IT A GREAT DAY!

MEETINGS: The first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Petersen Motors.

May 2 -- Sunday - Charity Ride

May 4 -- Tuesday - Monthly Meeting – Ladies Night.

May 6 -- Thursday -- Dinner ride to Murdo –our first dinner ride!!!!

May 12 -- Wednesday – Dinner ride to McClellands

Paul Rapp and Ron McKinley presenting the annual safety meeting.

Ron McKinley to be inducted in to Motorcycle Museum Hall of Fame in August

May 18 -- Tuesday -- Dinner ride to Grand Lodge – Highmore

[Randy and Jeaneen 35th Anniversary](#)

May 27 -30 Memorial Weekend Ride -contact Bill Strickland

June 1 - Tuesday – Monthly meeting

June 3 - Thursday - Dinner ride to Firehouse in Gettysburg

June 10, 11 and 12 - SD State HOG Rally in Keystone, SD

June 16 - Wednesday Dinner ride to Hot Rod Steakhouse – Kennebec.

June 19 - Saturday – Capitol Community Celebration with bike show

Ladies' ride postponed due to above.

June 22 -- Tuesday - Dinner ride to Bob's Steakhouse

[June 26 -- Saturday – Ladies' Ride to Badlands – note date changed from calendar](#)

June 28 - Million Mile Monday

July 2-5 weekend - Minnesota Twins HOG Ride

July 6 -- Tuesday – Monthly Meeting

July 8 -- Thursday – Dinner Ride to Turtle Creek – Miller

July 9-10 – Friday and Saturday – Hot Harley Nights – Sioux Falls.

July 17 -- Saturday – Dinner ride to Orient Bar

July 20 – Tuesday – Dinner ride to Rusty Spur – Murdo

July 29 – Thursday – Harley Give-A-Way Fund Raiser - Party

Aug 5 – Thursday – Dinner ride to Fireside - Onida

Aug 18 -- Wednesday Dinner ride to Cattleman's Club

Aug 2 – Thursday – Dinner ride to Outpost

Club website at www.petersenmotorcycles.com/HOG

STATE HOG RALLY - KEYSTONE, SD JUNE 10-12, 2010

The 2010 SD State HOG Rally in Keystone, June 10th - 12th, is fast approaching. The registration deadline of April 23rd is coming up even sooner. You can register online at <http://www.sdstatehogrally.com> or pick up a mail-in registration at any of the SD HD Dealerships. Some rooms have opened up at the host hotel. Hopefully you will be getting a call soon if you are on the waiting list. If not, the website has a great list of alternate lodging accommodations. As of March 31st, there are 150+ registered attendees and 10 children under 12. We have participants registered from as far away as NY, PA, GA, FL, and CA. Hope you can join us, too! Need some more inspiration? Check out the Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/pages/South-Dakota-State-HOG-Rally/112149672131195?ref=mf> and become a fan. This IS going to be a fantastic rally!

Motorcycle safety course – online registration at www.southdakotasafetycouncil.org

2010 motorcycle safety courses all classes at Ft. Pierre Expo Center

Basic Rider Course (BRC)

April 9, 10, 11 - weekend
May 10, 11, 12, 13 - evening
May 14, 15, 16 - weekend
June 21, 22, 23, 24 - evening
June 28, 29, 30, July 1 - evening
July 12, 13, 14, 15 - evening
July 26, 27, 28, 29 - evening
July 30, 31, Aug 1 – weekend

Experienced Rider Course (ERC)

April 11 - Sunday
May 16 - Sunday
August 1 - Sunday

Contact Kevin Flottmeyer or Andy Jackson if you need more information.

Wear riding gear consisting of: helmet, eye protection, gloves, long sleeve shirt or jacket, long pants, and over-the-ankle boots or shoes.

Central South Dakota HOG Major Rides

Memorial Day Ride

4 Day ride to Vernal Utah and ending in Deadwood SD

July 4th Weekend Ride

4 Day ride to Minneapolis MN to see 2 Twins' baseball games in the new Target Field Stadium.

Labor Day Weekend Ride

3 Day ride to the International Peace Garden at the North Dakota & Canadian Border.

Fall Colors Ride and Dice Run

Weekend ride & Dice Run to view the Black Hills Fall Colors Sept 24 and 25.

NEW CONTEST – you have to remember the following words. At the May 4 meeting write your name and the secret words on a piece of paper. Put the paper in the special drawing container and you are entered to win a special prize. We just want to know how many people read this newsletter. Must be present to win.

THE SECRET WORDS: SILVER SPOON

Car Show Saturday April 10 at Morris Building in Fort Pierre
1704 Waldron Street (just north and little west of Morris main office)
Classic cars and Motorcycles welcome - no entry fee. 10 AM to 4 PM.
\$15 for a space to sell parts, etc.

FOR INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER CONTACT:

Dale Hunsley 605-224-5753

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Harley Give-A- Way
Fund Raiser for Boys & Girls Club and Pierre Chamber
Only 400 - \$50.00 tickets available.

Party is Thursday July 29 at Steamboat Park.

Road Captains

Riding season is almost here and the dinner rides last year were well attended. Let's make them even better this year.

A quick review of the format we used last year:

1. Describe the route
2. Designate road captain and sweep
3. Ride staggered with 2 – 3 second intervals between bikes
4. Pass back hand signals
5. Not a group ride – obey stop signs and signal lights
6. Ride to your ability – stop if you have a problem and sweep will stop with you
7. Give cars room to pull back in if you are being passed – they might not see you.
8. The ride is officially over upon arrival at the restaurant – you are on your own going home.

Ride Safe

Jim Roshone – Head Road Captain

South Dakota Accident Statistics

	2009	2008
Fatalities:	131	121
Injuries:	5,700	5,709
Total Crashes:	16,986	15,908
Motorcycle Fatalities:	16	15
Motorcycle Injuries:	508	532
Motorcycle Crashes:	493	505

From SD Dept of Public Safety web site

Safety Message

As you venture out this spring on your bikes, be aware of mud on the road from grain trucks and ag equipment, and sand at intersections from the winter and spring rains. The rooster pheasants will be standing their ground claiming their breeding territory. You are the intruder, so they may not move out of your way. If you head to the mountains, watch for water draining across the roads, especially on curves. If you are heading off for an extended trip, be sure to balance your load and try to get the heavy items as low as possible. Check your tire pressure and belt tensions. Check your rain gear. Do a dress-rehearsal before the trip, because your riding gear has a tendency to shrink in the winter.

Happy trails to you....

Noel
Safety Director