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Membership is \$10 annually.

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Randy Bingner, Chapter Director

Last month I asked you all to send in your pictures, articles and comments. Andy Jackson sent in the following story and photographs.

Also in this newsletter you will find information and an entry form for our annual Memorial Day run, a CSD H.O.G. Chapter release form so you can update your chapter membership, as well as a calendar of our upcoming events.

Next month we will include information and an entry form for our July 4th run to Milwaukee. Be sure to send in your articles and photos today to be included in the next newsletter.

The 2007 South Dakota State H.O.G. Rally will be held June 8 & 9 in Rapid City and the surrounding Black Hills. Pre-registration opens March 5 and closes April 20. Pre-registration will get you a chance to have your name drawn to climb to the top of Mt. Rushmore. Be sure to check out the state rally web site: <http://sdstatehogrally.com>.

One Family's Story

Andy and Lisa with the Big Biker at the National H.O.G. Rally

In the mid '60s my best friend had a Honda Trail 90 that I rode a few times. I really enjoyed riding that bike. I wanted to buy one, but my parents wouldn't let me have a motorcycle. It seems my dad had borrowed a Harley or Indian to give my mom a ride (trying to impress her, I imagine) and as he was turning it around, tipped over. They apparently became deathly afraid of motorcycles after that incident and passed their fear on to their children. My sisters still won't have anything to do with motorcycles.
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In the spring of 1995 (I'm 45 years old by then) I decided I could make my own decisions regarding motorcycles. With a little help from my new love, Lisa, I purchased a slightly used 1993 Kawasaki KLR 650. We lived 20 miles South of Deadwood and thought it would be a good bike to learn on and also use on the Forest Service roads near our home. I rode the Kawi and Lisa rode the 4 wheeler when we would go trail riding. I worked for First Western Bank in Sturgis and commuted on the bike once in a while also. I rode that bike all over the Hills area and loved it.

In May of 1997 we sold the log house and moved to Sturgis. After much deliberation, we took the big leap and traded the Kawi in for a new 1996 BMW R1100RT sport touring motorcycle. It was a fantastic motorcycle. It wasn't long after that purchase we also bought a used 1995 BMW R1100GS. Lisa rode the GS and I rode the RT. It was at this time we took the Motorcycle Safety Course in Rapid City. BMW paid for the class, as most manufacturers do, if you purchase a new motorcycle and take a class.

In December of 1997, we moved to Pierre as a result of Lisa being offered a job transfer within the court system. We moved our manufactured home to the North Star Court in Pierre. Two houses later we ended where we are, 717 North Harrison Avenue, Pierre.

Living in Pierre, we thought we needed a boat, so we sold the motorcycles and bought a boat; two different boats actually; first a deck boat then a Bayliner (ugh) runabout. We tried to enjoy the evening rides and weekend fishing opportunities, but boating became more frustrating than it was worth.

In 2001 we bought a barely used 2001 Harley Davidson Electra Glide Classic that I had seen on EBay. The owner, it turned out, was a Harley Davidson employee in the Tomahawk, Wisconsin plant. He delivered the bike to Minneapolis where Lisa and I met him and finalized the purchase. Our love for Harley's began and we became members of HOG and Central South Dakota HOG that summer. We have been active members since.

In 2002, I did something I sometimes still can't believe I did. I signed up for HOG's national Lewis and Clark ride. The ride was to leave from St. Louis. As this was also the year of Harley's Kickoff for the 100th anniversary, I decided I would ride to Atlanta for the kickoff event first and then come back to St. Louis to join the group ride. I found out Bob Travis was going to be on this ride also, so we visited and decided we would meet up in St. Louis and we would be riding buddies for the 2 week Lewis and Clark trip. I was gone exactly 30 days and rode just over 7000 miles on that adventure.

I never had one single problem the whole trip. In fact, long distance riding got in my blood and I didn't want to quit.

In 2005, Lisa purchased her own Harley Davidson Ultra Classic. She loves that bike. When we ride, I have a hard time getting her to quit for the day. 600-700 mile days are nothing for her.

This past year we decided we were going to participate in HOG's ABCs of Touring. We started in April and finished in Mid July. Our goal was to accumulate at least 66 points to get the best awards we could, without making the top 10, which is a major feat. We finally decided to call it good at 71 points. Our names will be listed in the April, 2007 issue of *HOG Tales* and we should have our awards by then. We will bring them to a Club meeting to display.

Our family is a riding family, as our son, Ted, has a 1999 Harley Davidson Sportster. Ted bought that bike when he was 14. In fact, he bought that before he bought a car. We have taken several trips together and have a great time riding the open roads of America.

In closing, our membership in HOG has been a wonderful experience. We've made many friends through motorcycling and HOG. For those of you that aren't very active in the club, or are thinking about joining, we would encourage you to come on a few rides or attend a monthly meeting and join the fun. Yes, we are a club, but you can still be an individual and participate as you wish. There really is something for everyone. If you don't want to attend a meeting alone, please call me at 222-2031 and I'll take you as my guest.



Keep the rubber down and remember, you go where you look.....

Andy Jackson

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

March 6	Monthly Meeting	6:30 p.m. at Petersen Motors
April 3	Monthly Meeting	6:30 p.m. at Petersen Motors
May 1	Monthly Meeting	6:30 p.m. at Petersen Motors
	Ladies Night	

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

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

Thoughts from the back of the pack. Randy Bingner

Our friend, Lloyd Schipper, sent me some classic motorcycle quotes. Some of these are universal in application. One or two, or more, may have special meaning for some of you. Here are my random late-night thoughts:

Who among us has not ridden through insects. We have the splattered windshields and stained chaps to prove it. I especially like the summer chaps, sporting the collection of grasshopper legs. But, June bugs at 75 mph aside, in the "Sharing the Road With Our Insect Friends" category, there is nothing quite like those insects with stingers:

- ***Catching a yellow-jacket in your shirt at seventy miles per hour can double your vocabulary.***

I know it at least doubled mine. And for those of you who have heard even part of my vocabulary, you must agree that double is a lot. I had a stinger fly half way up a jacket sleeve once. I don't know how many times I was stung before I came down from 70 to zero and got my jacket off. I know for a fact that Lloyd's experience was worse. His flew up his pants. No joke. I understand he put on quite a show by the side of the road.

Here are some on riding fast. But remember, you need to take care of yourself because the cages won't:

- ***Remember, street lights timed for 35 mph are also timed for 70 mph.***
- ***I ride way too fast to worry about cholesterol.***
- ***Gray-haired riders don't get that way from pure luck.***

In the "We Ride Two Up and Still Like Each Other" category:

- ***It takes more love to share the saddle than it does to share the bed.***

Awww. That's just too sweet. But true. I ask you: Could you go through life as a Siamese twin, joined at the seat, with just anyone? No. It would have to be someone special. Someone very, very special.

Here is one I like from the "Irode Mine" category:

- ***There's something ugly about a NEW bike on a trailer.***

Actually, there is something ugly about ANY bike on a trailer. Actually, let's face it; there is just something inherently ugly about trailers. I had one once made from a burned-out pickup box. Nuff said.

In the "These Boots Are Not Made for Walkin'" category:

- ***Keep your bike in good repair. Motorcycle boots are not comfortable for walking.***

Whenever I find a good boot, the manufacturer quits making them. How do they know? I now have a pair of boots that are especially uncomfortable. They are uncomfortable walking, sitting or standing. Check my EBAY items. Please.

In the "I Agree, But I Won't Even Go There" category:

- ***Whatever it is, it's better in the wind.***

But not too much wind.

In the "I Can Hear it Calling From the Garage" category:

- ***The best alarm clock is sunshine on chrome.***

In the "All Work and No Play Makes Randy a Dull Boy" category:

- ***Sometimes it takes a whole tank full of fuel before you can think straight.***

More correctly stated: It takes a whole tank ***empty of fuel***. I have a full tank in the garage right now. No big deal.

And, finally, in the "If I Have to Explain it to You, You Wouldn't Understand" category:

- ***Four wheels move the body. Two wheels move the soul.***

You just can't watch your entire life go by through a windshield. It's way too much like watching TV.

Thanks Lloyd. Ride On. And keep the email coming.