

Hog Tails

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Hello Central South Dakota H.O.G. Members and Friends!

I stole the following from Charles Schultz, the creator of the "Peanuts" comic strip. There is a lesson here for all of us.

1. Name the last winner of the Nobel Prize.
2. Name the last two winners of the Miss America pageant.
3. Name the last three Heisman trophy winners.
4. Name the four wealthiest people in the world.

These are the smartest, most attractive, most athletic and richest people in the world. How did you do listing them? I did not do well.

Here is another quiz. You will do better on this one:

1. Name the best teacher you ever had in school.
2. Name two friends who helped you through difficult times.
3. Name three people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
4. Name four people you enjoy spending time with.

What is the lesson? The people who make the most difference in your life are probably not the smartest, most attractive, most athletic, or richest people in the world. The people you remember are those that took the time and interest to do the little things to show they care.

I want to thank each of you for making my past year just a little better, and just a little more memorable. I look forward to sharing time and riding with you again.

"Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It's already tomorrow in Australia" (Charles Schultz)

The 7th Annual Memorial Day Poker Run

May 25-26-27

A great trip and beautiful weather for the most part – even over the top of Beartooth.



South Dakota State H.O.G. Rally

June 8-9

Except for the trip out, the weather cooperated for this rally too.



1st Annual July 4th Ride

June 30-July 4

This one went to Milwaukee to tour the Harley factory. More great weather, company, and scenery. There actually was more riding than posing for pictures, but it was hard to get pictures when we were moving.



ABC's Flash and Dash

A H.O.G. wild bunch

July 20

One person didn't have quite as much fun as the others.



North Dakota State HOG Rally

Those who attended from South Dakota turned out to be winners.

August 24-26



CSD H.O.G. Fun Day

September 9



Although we don't have pictures in the newsletter, CSD members also attended the Central South Dakota HOG Poker Run & Campout, Hot Harley Nights, Ridin' the Rockies, and the Sturgis Rally, as well as numerous dinner rides and other just fun get togethers. All in all it was a great summer for riding, as usual.

Write On: Thoughts From the Back of the Pack. Randy Bingner

The summer has gone by so quickly that we have been neglecting our newsletter responsibilities. Looking back at the summer of 2007, I have to conclude that we have had some of the best riding opportunities of any summer that I can remember. The Memorial Day ride was full of great sights, great weather and great riding companions. The many dinner rides: ditto. The South Dakota State H.O.G. Rally: ditto. The 4th of July Ride: ditto. The list goes on. Your CSD H.O.G. Chapter provided opportunities for us to ride with friends every week and nearly every weekend. I hope you each took advantage of as many of these rides as you could fit in your schedule. We all need to thank Kevin Flottmeyer for the great work he has put in as our Activities Officer. His planning and his email communication have kept this chapter going over the summer.

July and August were kind of an experiment forced on us by the calendar. Our regular July and August meetings were not held as scheduled because they fell on July 3, and during the Sturgis rally. I am aware that some chapters do not meet during the summer, and rely on their dinner rides and weekend rides to tide them over the summer. After our "experiment" with that schedule this year, I think the general consensus is that we should continue to hold monthly meetings in July and August. I just missed your smiling faces too much to miss summer meetings again. It would be my recommendation that we go back to our old schedule next summer and hold our regular monthly meetings.

Now that the traditional riding season is coasting toward the end, it is not too early to begin to look to next year. This past year we held a motorcycle show. After that event, which went well, we decided we would talk this fall about a possible show next spring. I would like to appoint a committee that would start the ball rolling on just that idea. Let me know if you are interested in working on that committee. We also need to put our 2008 ride calendar together. Kevin has already started that process. We will be tossing ideas around at the next few chapter meetings so that the calendar can be finalized before the end of this year. Remember also that Pierre will be the host of the 2008 State H.O.G Rally on June 13 and 14. Although there is no "host chapter", as such, our chapter will need to play a significant role in this event. Finally, it is not too early to start to look at chapter officers for 2008. We will have our election of officers at the December meeting. I would like to take this opportunity to ask you each to consider serving as an officer. It does not pay well, but the intangible awards make it all worthwhile.