

Hog Tails

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Randy Bingner, Chapter Director

As I write this, I am looking back at last weekend's 9th Annual Memorial Day Run. I am already looking forward to next year's Number 10. I encourage each of you to consider next year's big Memorial Day weekend ride. It is a lot of riding, with long days in the saddle, and next year it is planned for 4 days (5 with the ride home) rather than the usual 3; but this trip is always an experience to remember. Next year's ride may be the centerpiece of the 2010 riding season. Don't be left behind.

Yesterday, Jeaneen took her first ride in the two months since her ankle surgery. We did the Billy Palmer Ride – up over Oahe Dam. She said to me the words I have heard her say a number of times: "You forget between rides just how much fun this is." As we rode east from Pierre toward our house, we rode toward a full arching rainbow stretched across the highway. Of course, that means two things: 1) We were being treated to the great sight of the colors of the rainbow spread over the green patchwork of spring fields, with the lowering sun at our backs; and . . . 2) we had just ridden out of a fast-moving spring rain storm. It's all good. We did not even get enough rain to rinse the dust that had gathered on Jeaneen's motorcycle during its lonely 2 months in the garage.

June is a full month for the CSD HOG chapter. Check out your calendars and fit in as much as you can. The opportunities are there: 3 dinner rides, the Watertown SD State Rally, the Oklahoma City US National Rally, the 400 mile weekend of your choosing, Million Mile Monday, and two events added since the calendar was printed: June 6 is a poker run to benefit the Relay for Life, and June 20 is the chapter Ladies' Ride. Please take advantage of these opportunities to ride your motorcycle with friends. That's what it's there for. That's what we're here for. Ride On.

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

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

June 11–13	State HOG rally in Watertown, SD	
July 7	Monthly Meeting	6:30 p.m. at Petersen Motors
August 4	No meeting	
August 13	Dinner ride to Onida and monthly meeting	
September 1	Monthly Meeting	6:30 p.m. at Petersen Motors
October 6	Monthly Meeting	6:30 p.m. at Petersen Motors

Club website at www.petersenmotorcycles.com/HOG

Harley Owners Group Ladies' Ride

Date: Saturday June 20, 2009

10:00 AM registration at Peterson Motors.

10:30 Depart on ride.

Route – Highway 1806 to Lower Brule for lunch stop. Depart Lower Brule for Fort Thomson, travel north to Mac's corner, then east on Highway 34 to return to Pierre. Mileage: approximately, 135 miles.

Everyone welcome on any brand of motorcycle.

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

Ride your motorcycle for a total of 400 miles on any of the 4 weekends during this time. You must have a receipt from a location that is at least 200 miles 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.

State HOG rally in Watertown

Visit their Web site for on site registration options - www.sdstatehogrally.com and some great ride opportunities.

The Rally will be topped off with great banquet followed by entertainment by the Native American Dance Troupe and ZZ Top tribute band Sharp Dressed Man.

Highlights of things to look forward to include:

- Thursday – on site registration, self-guided rides, observation ride
- Friday - the feature guided ride to Fort Sisseton, evening Dealer party, games
- Friday and Saturday - guided and self-guided rides, poker run, scavenger hunt
- Saturday - Redlin Center reception, parade, banquet, entertainment, bike blessing

There will be numerous ride options, both guided and self-guided routes. However, the special guided day-ride to Historic Fort Sisseton and the area north of Watertown will be one you won't want to miss. Riding doesn't get much better anywhere! Free entry into the Fort and free food will all be included on this ride.

Ninth Annual Memorial Day Ride:

Every year I wonder if this year's ride will be as much fun as the previous years' rides have been, and each year I am pleased that the rides turn out so well. Everyone seems to enjoy the rides and the end of the day when we all gather in the hotel lobby to draw our cards for the day. There is the usual story telling (some of those stories can't really be true!!), and lots of good old fun. The end of the ride is always fun when we have the banquet and give out the prizes. We get to see lots of beautiful country, and usually have decent weather. Bill (General Patton) usually does his good weather prayer for us and amazingly it seems to work. I think though we need to request that he include Monday in that prayer because that is usually the one day we may have really windy riding weather. Or is that just because we are back in good old South Dakota???

There are five of us (Bill, Donna, Frenchy, Curt and Chuck Blumhardt) who have been on all nine rides, several who have been on five or six of the rides, and some of those are from Aberdeen. We always have good representation on the rides from our HOG club officers, this year we had two of the road captains, the director, the activities director and the safety officer on our ride.

We had 34 people register for the ride. Of those, three did not go due to other circumstances. The weather was good, not too cool but not so hot either. A little rain on Saturday turned into a pretty strong downpour, but that only lasted a short time. The first day was a 432 mile ride to Casper; the second day was a 488 mile ride to Rock Springs to get a receipt to enable participants to draw an extra bonus card. For those who felt really lucky and didn't think they needed the extra card, there was a short cut (or hunkerjog) they could take to shorten the day's ride. The third day was only 232 miles to Hot Springs. Allowed for some touring time which some took advantage of and went to the Mammoth site in Hot Springs.

First place winner was Jimmy Clark with three 8's. His winnings were \$400.00. Susan Flottmeyer held first place for a short time with three 3's, only to get beat out by Jimmy's last card draw in Hot Springs. We gave away 6 ea. \$50.00 bills, 5 ea. \$20.00 bills, a \$50.00 gift certificate to Petersen Motors, and a couple of key chains for prizes. And yes, a lot of those that "always win" won again.

Next year's Tenth Annual Ride will be one day longer and I anticipate it will be just as much fun as the previous nine have been. The route looks to include some more wonderful country. We look forward to a big turnout for next year.

Donna Donovan

MAY RIDES:

The first ride was to Murdo and there were around 12 people on that ride. The 2nd ride was to McClellands, but due to the weather there were only 3 people on that ride. We rode directly to McClellands from Petersen's. The 3rd ride was to The Grand Lodge in Highmore there were 6 riders on that ride. It was a prize ride and the game was Odometer Poker. Ed Welch won the 25 dollar gift certificate from Petersen's with a Full House.

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 the pictures on his profile.

The website is www.facebook.com

Ride Card – print this page, cut, fold, carry with you.

2009 Central South Dakota Harley Owners Group Dinner Rides.

June 4th	Firehouse	Gettysburg
June 17th	Hot Rod's Steakhouse	Kennebec
June 21st	Bob's Steakhouse	Gettysburg
July 9th	Willey's	St. Lawrence
July 15th	T-34	Milesville
July 21st	The Rusty Spur	Murdo
August 13th	Fireside	Onida
August 19th	Cattleman's	Pierre
August 25th	The Outpost	Pierre
September 3rd	Vivian Junction	Vivian

Sunday May 3 Charity Poker Ride.

Pierre Boys and Girls club charity ride was May 3 and we had 43 people participate in our fund raising event. The first stop was Bob's Bait Shop on Hwy 212 with 3 card draw.

Next stop was Gettysburg Gas and Goodies. Frenchy was managing of the roulette wheel. Then on to the Corner in Onida with the dice game, Don and Troy did the math for this game. The end of the trail was the Boys and Girls club and the last game was a bean bag toss and good food.

Donna Donovan won first place with 123 points. She won a \$50 gift certificate from Scheels. Roger Templeton won second place with 119 points. He won a \$25 gift certificate from Scheels. Cody Lafortune had 43 points for last place. John French won the 50-50 drawing and donated a part of the winning to the Boys and Girls Club. Our HOG club donated its entire share of the 50-50 drawing.

Our total contribution to the Pierre Boys and Girls club was about \$550.

Subject: Motorcycle Safety Course - Basic

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Registration is up and running for the 2009 Motorcycle Safety Classes in Pierre and Fort Pierre. Go online to www.southdakotasafetycouncil.org and click on the motorcycle link to find all available classes in South Dakota. Registration is online only, by credit card. Space is limited, so if you have any interest at all, please register now!

If you are new to motorcycling (scooters included), think you want to try motorcycling, or need a refresher after not riding for several years, you need to register for a BRC (Basic Rider Course) class. Cost is \$75 for the Basic Rider Course. Motorcycles are furnished by Petersen Motors.

Some of the reasons why everyone who rides should take these classes: 1) Learn how to SAFELY ride a motorcycle. 2) Most insurance companies will offer a discount on your premium when you receive your completion card. 3) If you purchase a new motorcycle or are a member of a motorcycle riding group, you can be reimbursed the cost of the class fee. 4) If you successfully pass the course, you ARE NOT required to take the State motorcycle testing to get your motorcycle endorsement on your driver's license. You simply take your MSF completion card to the drivers licensing station, get your picture taken, pay your fee and you walk out with your new license with the motorcycle endorsement.

There were 10 people in the first class and they all passed. The second class also had 10 people.