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A MILLION REASONS TO RIDE

(Million Mile Monday)

What if H.O.G.® members around the world committed themselves to all riding “together” on one particular day? How far could they go? We’ll find out on Million Mile Monday – Monday, June 30, 2008 – as H.O.G. members band together and attempt to ride a cumulative million miles in one day. And we want *you* to be a part of it!

Ride alone. Ride with friends. Ride to work. Ride around the neighborhood. The point is, just *ride* (and have fun)! When you’re done, log on to members.hog.com to register your miles. Watch the “virtual odometer” as it spins toward 1,000,000 – and beyond! (Deadline: NOON CT, Tuesday, July 1.)

That’s all there is to it. Details about registering your miles will be available on members.hog.com when you sign in. It’s just for fun, just for H.O.G. members, and just a great excuse to make Monday more exciting by sharing the road with fellow members around the world!

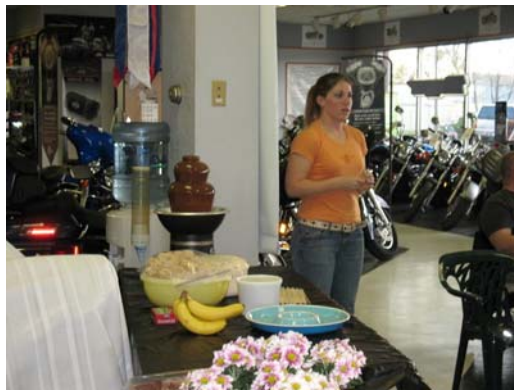
Join Andy Jackson and a few CSD H.O.G. members on an “Iron Butt Ride” (1000 miles in 24 hours). They plan on leaving early in the morning June 30th, riding to Billings, Montana, and back on Interstate 90, arriving in time to log those miles on Million Mile Monday, as well as getting their “Iron Butt” patches.

For those of you who have don’t have that “Iron Butt” mentality, Activities Director Kevin Flottmeyer is putting something not quite so strenuous together. We will also be riding somewhere together for fun and miles to log for Million Mile Monday. There are those of us (your editor is one) who like to refer to this as the “Marshmallow Butt” Ride. Please don’t be offended by that term and come and join us to fulfill the H.O.G. mission -- Ride and Have Fun!

**Stop in at Petersen Motors and pick up your
2008 Central South Dakota HOG calendar:**

June 3	Monthly Meeting	6:30 p.m. at Petersen Motors
June 5	Dinner Ride to Firehouse in Gettysburg	6:00 p.m. at Petersen Motors
June 7-8	CSD HOG Poker Run and Campout	
June 13-14	SD State HOG Rally	Pierre
June 18	Dinner Ride - TBA	6:00 p.m. at Petersen Motors
June 24	Dinner Ride to Bob's Steakhouse	6:00 p.m. at Petersen Motors
June 30	Million Mile Monday	

Thanks to Janelle Flottmeyer and all those who helped her put together a great "Ladies Night" at the May H.O.G. meeting.



That chocolate fountain was a such big hit that it was protected by the South Dakota National Guard.



Maureen decided to work for her supper.

The annual charity ride for the Boys and Girls Club turned out to be a beautiful day with a bunch of people showing up ready for a ride. We were able to give the Boys and Girls Club \$740 and they gave us a great ride and a great meal.



The stop at the wind turbines gave everyone a chance to stop and chat.

Don ponders the dislocation of his exhaust pipes



2nd Annual 4th of July Ride

July 2nd – July 7th

This Ride is a closed event sponsored by the
Central South Dakota HOG Club.

We will leave Pierre on Wednesday evening July 2nd from Petersen Motors at 6:00 p.m. and ride to Bismarck, North Dakota. Riders may leave earlier if so desired. Will sign release forms at motel in Bismarck Thursday morning. From Bismarck we will travel to Williston, North Dakota, and then on to Malta, Montana, for the evening. Friday leave Malta and ride to St. Mary, Montana, for 4th of July fireworks. Saturday will leave St. Mary via Going to the Sun highway to Logan pass. Stopping at Logan Pass for pictures, etc. continue on to Helena, Montana, for the evening. Sunday morning leave Helena and ride to Broadus, Montana, for the evening. Monday leave Broadus and arrive home in Pierre.

Mileage:	Wednesday	206 miles
	Thursday	435 miles
	Friday	277 miles
	Saturday	274 miles
	Sunday	400 miles
	Monday	294 miles

This ride will take us through some breathtaking scenery in Glacier National Park in northwest Montana. A detailed map will be posed at Petersen Motors. Directions, mileage, and list of all Harley dealers along the way will be given out to all riders when they sign the release form.

Early Registration Deadline: June 3, 2008 Motel rooms will be released after this date, so sign up early.

There will be no entry fee for this ride. You must sign a release form to participate in the ride. Motels rooms have been blocked under Central SD HOG at each of the towns where we will be staying. They are as follows:

Wednesday, July 2nd

Expressway Inn – 200 E Bismarck Expy, Bismarck ND 701-222-2900 Rates: Double \$72.95

Thursday, July 3

Maltana Motel – 138 1st Ave W, Malta MT 406-654-2610 Rates: Double \$63.13, Single \$58.85

Friday, July 4th

Red Eagle Motel – HC 72-Box 11 Start Route, St. Mary MT 406-732-4453 Rates: \$90.95?

Saturday, July 5th

Super 8 Motel – 2200 11th Ave, Helena MT 406-443-2450 Rates: Double \$87.00

Sunday, July 6th

Broadus Motel – 101 North Park, Broadus MT 406-436-2626 Rates: Double \$74.00, Single \$58.00

For more information call or email:

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Second Annual 4th of July Ride
 Going to the Sun Highway Ride
 Evening of July 2nd – July 6th, 2008

Rider:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

National HOG#: _____ Expires: _____ Chapter: _____

Passenger:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

National HOG#: _____ Expires: _____ Chapter: _____

Motel rooms will be blocked for the 5 nights until 30 days before ride. Motels listed on previous page. You will need to find your own motel rooms after June 3rd.

Entry fee: \$0.00

Early Registration Deadline: June 3, 2008. Motel rooms will be released after this date. Need to have a head count by this date.

Send Registration to:

Central SD HOG
 422 South Fort St
 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

As I write this, we are entering the first spring and summer riding season following the October 2007 release of the *U.S. Department of Transportation Action Plan to Reduce Motorcycle Fatalities*.

In a November 2, 2007, letter addressing this Action Plan, Mary E. Peters, U.S. Secretary of Transportation and an avid motorcyclist, wrote: "We have much work to do, but I am confident that this new initiative will give us the kick-start we need to enjoy safer roads ahead."

The Action Plan recognizes that the steady rise in motorcycle fatalities over the last decade presents a growing safety problem. Motorcycle registrations jumped 63 percent between 1997 and 2005, and motorcycle related fatalities rose at a greater and disproportionate rate. While riders under 30 years of age still account for the greatest number of fatalities, the greatest increase in the number of fatalities has been in motorcyclists over age 40. Corresponding to this statistic, while the largest number of fatal accidents is still in motorcycles between 500cc and 1000cc, the largest increase in fatalities has been in motorcycles over 1000cc.

The Action Plan sets out major characteristics of motorcycle crashes, including the following:

- Alcohol. In 2005, 34% of motorcyclists killed had measurable BAC levels. 27% measured .08 or greater. 41% of the motorcycle operators killed in single vehicle accidents had BAC levels .08 or higher. On weekend nights, this percentage rose to 61%.
- Helmets. 45% of fatally injured motorcyclists were not wearing helmets. In 2006, only 68% of persons wearing helmets in states requiring helmet use wore helmets that were DOT approved. This percentage dipped to 37% in non-helmet states.
- Licensure. 24% of motorcyclists involved in fatal crashes were operating motorcycles without valid operator licenses.

(As I write these major characteristics, it occurs to me that, far too often, we are killing ourselves.)

As the Action Plan states, an attempt to improve motorcycle safety performance "will require a comprehensive effort, addressing multiple factors related to motorcycle and rider safety, to reverse the nearly decade long trend of increasing fatalities." The effort will include improvements to the motorcycle, to the roadway environment, and to the rider.

- Improvements to the Motorcycle can be expected to include improvements to braking systems, including ABS and linked braking systems; as well as improved lighting, to make motorcycles more visible to other drivers.
- Improvements to the Roadway Environment can be expected to include programs to increase in other motorists the awareness and knowledge of how to share the road with motorcycles, as well as improvements in the design, construction, and maintenance of roadways. The motorcycle should not be a mere afterthought in the world of roadway design, construction, and maintenance.
- Improvements to the Rider will include programs stressing the importance of completion of beginning and experienced rider courses, improved licensing standards and the enforcement of the license requirements, increased use of helmets, and making it unacceptable to ride while impaired.

The completion of the first comprehensive motorcycle crash causation study in many years, scheduled to begin this year, will provide valuable information to aid in the development of motorcycle safety programs, and the necessary research to make these programs a success.

We are entering exciting times. It is a good day to ride. Stay tuned.