

Hog Tails

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Central South Dakota H.O.G.



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The first Tuesday of each month
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Membership is \$10 annually.

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Randy Bingner, Chapter Director

Welcome to 2007.

I am looking forward to the coming year, and I hope you are too.

Each year I meet and make more friends through our local chapter. We may be a small chapter as numbers go, but I can't imagine a better mix of people. We have an interesting collection of backgrounds, occupations, ages, and interests. Despite all our differences, what has brought us all together is our desire to ride a Harley-Davidson and have fun.

I have two goals for this year that I want to share in this first newsletter for 2007.

One of my goals for this year is to see this chapter give each member what he or she wants. I know that is asking a lot, but I am confident our mix of rides can do just that.

Whether you want an evening ride to dinner with 20 of your friends, a full day in the saddle, a poker run, or a ride that covers some real ground over a long weekend, our ride calendar has something for you. Our chapter rides provide the opportunity, the rest is up to you.

As a second goal, I would like to see us share more of our rides and experiences through a regular newsletter.

Please consider this my invitation to you to submit your ideas, articles, comments, photographs, and maps to include in your newsletter. It does not have to be much, but we need your help to produce a regular newsletter.

Tell us about your family. Tell us about your favorite rides. Share some memories. When did you start to ride? What was your first motorcycle? Where do you like to ride? Who got you started? Who keeps you going? Do you have any tips to make me a better rider? Do you have any ideas to make a long trip easier? We each have something of interest to share.

I look forward to reading your contributions.

Don't worry about your writing style. This is not English composition class. You won't be graded. But . . . if I don't see some volunteers, I am going to start calling on people.

2007 Holiday Party



Maureen wins Susan's handiwork.



Thanks, Noel, for two great years as Director.

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

February 6	Monthly Meeting Casino Night	6:30 p.m. at Petersen Motors
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 Ladies Night	6:30 p.m. at Petersen Motors

Check out the information on the next page about the 7th Annual Memorial Day Poker Run.

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.

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM AND RELEASE

CHAPTER NAME: CENTRAL SOUTH DAKOTA HARLEY OWNERS GROUP

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MEMBER NAME: _____

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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.)

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Central South Dakota Harley Owners Group 422 S. Fort St., Pierre, SD 57501**

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Thoughts from the back of the pack. Randy Bingner

The other day, when I was mentally listing my most significant rides for 2006, I had to put three high on my list. In no particular order, they are:

- 1) To Billings, Montana, in July for the National H.O.G. Rally, with a return trip over Beartooth Pass, Chief Joseph Highway and the Bighorns.
- 2) Along the Wisconsin and Mississippi rivers on a May ride in central Wisconsin and southern Minnesota.
- 3) An August trip to the North Dakota State H.O.G. Rally in Devils Lake with a side trip to the Peace Garden and an extreme close-up of a Hyde County, South Dakota tornado.

I list these three because they were fairly high mile rides over several days. They make this top three list for that reason.

However, my best ride of 2006 might surprise you. It was a fairly short ride on an early morning in July. Jeaneen and I rode from Newcastle, Wyoming to Custer for breakfast.

What did he just say? He rode thousands of miles last year and his best ride was the 40 miles from Newcastle to Custer?

You heard right. I told a friend this and he laughed right out loud. I'm not sure why.

As I look back, this may be my favorite single ride ever. Everything was just right.

I was with my best friend. The sun was just up, but not in our eyes. It was cool, but not cold. The road was fast here, slow here, straight here, and twisty here. We were on our way home from a long trip, but we weren't so close to home that we were beginning to feel down, like the trip was over. We had the smell of morning pines, and our stomachs were just beginning to ask for the smell of frying bacon, eggs, and hash browns with a little onion thrown in.

Everything was just right. Everything was perfect.

Jeaneen has often said that she sometimes looks at her shadow racing down the road beside her and just has to sigh.

“Sometimes it is just hard to believe I have the opportunity to be here, doing this.”

I have to agree. I often have those same feelings. How did I have the good luck to end up right here, right now?

It was just a forty mile ride to breakfast.

Too often something like that is taken for granted. It is easy to overlook things we have seen a hundred or a thousand times before. But that morning, from the seat of my motorcycle, it all just hit me in the face. All the feelings, sights, smells and sounds were too much to ignore. I am glad I had a friend there to share it with. A friend who, on that morning, felt exactly the same thing.

My wish for each of you in 2007 is that you have a ride just like that.