



Omaha Council Bluffs Hog Chapter Newsletter-

August 2016

Director's Column by Ray G.

Hello all and welcome to August. By the time you read this, Sturgis will almost be upon us and mobs of bikes will be whizzing by on their way to the Black Hills. I, along with a few other chapter members will be there riding the Hills and flying the chapter flag on Lazelle's stairway overlook. If any are interested in meeting up, please drop me a line director@ocbhog.com.

Looking forward this month, I hope to see everyone at the Fairbury, Ne ride for some Americana at the Rock Island rail museum. At the end of the month, we head down to KC for the annual Operations Plant Open House event. I can't stress this enough, please sign up if your going as we are getting a block of rooms. An email will go out with hotel info. This has become a busy and great summer and I look forward to many more with everyone.

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Membership

By Debbie S.

Membership for the month of July is turning out better than June did and that is a good thing. For July we have 3 more new members. From what I understand all 3 were even at our Chapter Meeting in July that I missed. So glad they decided to join us. For those of us who were not at the meeting our new members are:

Don O
Jack W
Joan W

I do welcome all of you. Hopefully I will get the chance to meet you soon. Just so everyone knows, for all new members, welcome letters do go out via email/mail, information in these letters tell you how to get onto our website and where to sign up for the rides.

Let's keep promoting our Chapter so we can just ride and have fun.

Editor's Note

By Corrina G.

If you're making the trip to Sturgis or any other long trip, here are some helpful tips...

Last week we experienced one of our biggest unknowns yet, Sturgis. The world's largest motorcycle rally, it attracts around 500,000 people. Filled with every type of bike imagined, giant parties and too many live concerts to count, it's quite the experience. Also, it's the first time we've ever seen an entire town overrun with motorcycles. Like, the whole dang town. Unreal. Attending Sturgis was a life long dream to experience it and nothing like we expected.

The rally is all over (I hope you didn't forget anything), but people are already preparing for next year's dates, August 1-9, 2015. Since this was our first time in attendance, we took the crash course in Sturgis.

Sturgis started as a group of guys, Jackpine Gypsies motorcycle club, who held a series of motorcycles races in 1938. Somehow the rally has evolved into this extravaganza of motorcycles that takes over the whole sleepy little town and those that surround it. Also, most the bars and shops are only open once a year just for Sturgis.

We did our research, watched a ton of videos and read every travel guide we could, but nothing was able to capture what it's really like being there for yourself. Here's 6 things you need to know in order to survive Sturgis.

Watch for Deer and Cops

Both come out around sunset. The police force in town seem to make their bonuses during this week. Often camped between the bars on the outskirts of town, like Full Throttle and Buffalo Chip, where it's a 35 mph speed limit. They're in heavy force looking for drunk riders and speeders. Don't even so much as roll through a stop sign or run 5 mph over the speed limit.

The rally is nestled in the country, so you'll often find yourself surrounded by woods, where deer can jump out in front. We encountered at least two that were spooked by the cars in front of us.

Watch Your Money

Everything in Sturgis costs money. If they don't normally charged admission during the rest of the year, they charge admission during the rally. Every state park or monument was around \$10 to enter/park. We traveled to Mount Rushmore, Sylvan Lake (at the end of Needles Hwy) and Crazy Horse Memorial, which all charged admission. The bars on the outside of town charge admission due to the acts playing.

Ride

It doesn't matter what you ride, just as long as you ride and have fun. Yes, it's mostly old guys on baggers, but there were other guys with pieced together CB750s and Kawasaki sport bikes. It seemed as though no one cared what you road or how you road it, just so long as you were there for the experience. Leave the brand-loyalty attitude at home.

Stick With One Thing

There's so much going on at Sturgis, yet very little. Stick with a plan. If you're up for the rowdy party life and lack of sleep, than stay somewhere like the Buffalo Chip. Wrist bands are expensive, \$250-\$300 for the week, but you'll see races (truck and bike), swimming, concerts, games, motorcycle shows and vendors.

Unlike other rallies, It's difficult to pop in and out of different stops. It becomes expensive and dangerous if you're dropping into different stops and drinking. Few bars list daily schedules online or anywhere else for that matter, if you jump around it's easy to miss out on some of the fun.

Camp, Don't Stay in a Hotel

Grabbing a night in a run-of-the-mill hotel, like a Best Western or Holiday Inn will cost you more than your motorcycle is worth. The week can range around \$1,500 to \$3,000 depending on the location. It's not worth it. Places like the Broken Spoke have great campsites and limited cabins. A lot of the real riders don't stay in the town of Sturgis but surrounding towns like Rapid City, SD, or Deadwood, SD.

Don't Go During Sturgis

The Black Hills are filled with tight twisties, 45-55mph speed limits and quaint little gas stations and convenience stores. This place is a large reason why Sturgis has evolved into such a big rally. The Black Hills National Forest is gigantic and spreads through the South Western part of the state. One of our favorite rides was heading from the national monuments, like Mount Rushmore, to Deadwood, SD, via Hwy 385.

The majority of the fun is riding, that's another thing that makes Sturgis unique from other rallies. There are tons of people, but luckily there are plenty of miles of empty roads to explore.

So, if you're on a motorcycle because it's a solo experience, than attend Sturgis, just not during Sturgis. Go ride the Black Hills, grab a hotel when they're a lot cheaper and easier to ride around by yourself. The good and bad things about the hills are you loose cell phone service. Could make for a bad day, or it could end in a great day.

Photography

By Ray G.

Just a friendly reminder that it's now half the year and photo submissions have slowed yet the riding season has not. If your new (or old and have forgotten) the challenge is population signs. We need a photo of your bike in front of any towns population sign to earn one point. Two points for all signs under 1,000. Prizes awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd which will be Holstein gift cards for \$50, 25, and 15 dollars.

Current leaders are;

Mike Warde - 6

Mike Wear - 4

Posse - 4

Gary S - 2

Ray G - 2

Remember if you took the picture but we don't have it, it doesn't count! So please submit all photos to director@ocbhog.com

Hospitality

By Connie M.

Our Prayers and good thoughts to Shirley and Dave R. They lost their nephew in a motorcycle accident in July.

A Reminder: If you know of any member that is ill, please email me their name , so that we can get a get well card out to them.

A very Happy Birthday to member celebrating her special day this month

Shirley R



Four wheels move the body "Two wheels move the Soul"
Ride Safe Have Fun

Connie M.

From the Road

By Gary S. & Ray G.

-One of the reasons Debbie and I enjoy riding our Harley Davidson motorcycle so much is the opportunity it gives us to meet new friends and keep in touch with old friends we've met while living in different parts of the country. Debbie and I recently completed a 9 day, 3000 mile trip filled with old friends, both HOG and non-HOG related while managing to visit some of our country's most scenic roads and parks.

Our little trip started out simple enough; we were going to ride from Manley to Gurley NE to support the Lincoln HOG chapter with a breast cancer fundraiser but shortly after making arrangements to head west across NE, some friends from Arizona we met 5 years ago at a Wyoming State HOG rally invited us to come meet them at Jackson Hole WY so we could ride the Grand Tetons Yellowstone Park and then on to Cody WY. Since we were already going to be 400 mile across NE, I asked them if we could meet up with them on the following Monday and now we just needed to figure out how fill up the rest of the week.

. From Gurley NE we continued on to Cheyenne where we visited with friends we were stationed with in Montana. As luck would have it, when we pulled into their driveway, there sat a brand new Harley Davidson Breakout with in-transits. Our HOG family just grew by 2. After a day and a half catching up with them it was off to meet our Arizona friends. Even though we didn't have time to detour into the Snowy Mountains the views were still amazing and there was still plenty of snow on the tops to live up to their names. We even managed to find a town with a population of 1 for the photo challenge.

From Pinedale WY we ventured in to Jackson Hole WY and rode through the Grand Tetons for our first time. This is an awesome ride with breathtaking views of rugged peaks that exceed 13,000 feet but our day was not over yet, we still had to ride through Yellowstone Park from the south all the way to the north end where we would spend our next 2 nights in Gardiner MT. During our time in the park we saw herds of elk, a few buffalo, and Debbie might have got a glimpse of a bear.

Our original plan was to go from Gardiner to Cody WY but since we were only 220 miles away from our old stomping ground and HOG chapter we had to take a detour and visit Great Falls MT where we met up with about 25 of our old friends for diner, a beer and lots of storytelling.

The next morning it was off to Cody WY.....TO BE CONTINUED NEXT MONTH.

-In 2015 I kissed my wife goodbye and took off with my buddy who rode in from upstate New York. We were headed for Texas... via Wyoming. Over the course of the next 3 days we covered 5 states and about 2 thousandish miles. All for the annual Road Glide rally known as Shark Week being held in Kerrville, TX that year (it moves every year). After Shark Week a small group of thirty or so friends traveled south to Del Rio then across 90, skirting the Mexican border. Our destination? Terlingua, TX and Big Bend National Park. A few days were spent in the quaint little town that tries to forget the world. Unfortunately that brings us to the end of our journey and the long route home. A hard two full days of riding was spent skirting the Rio Grande River, dodging Javelinas, an unwavering family of rocks and a hawk that was so hungry that a stuffed shark on the back of a MOVING bike was fair game. All in all it was a great trip and an area of the country I would never hesitate to revisit again.

Upcoming Events By Shirley R.

So far, our July dinner rides and activities have been a success and lots of fun! We didn't let the rain stop us from making it out to Babe's BBQ. Not only did I enjoy a loaded baked potatoe, but managed to take a pic of a really cute piggy. He was so cute I didn't want to eat him!

I missed our Sunday impromptu ride through Loess Hills, but I heard it was a very relaxing afternoon of riding. Several enjoyed great food and ice cream at Dairy Sweet. In fact, our group was so friendly that a rider from out of town joined the ride.

My favorite activity was our night at the Storm Chaser's game. Our ride was lead by our new head road captain, a good looking guy, named Dave (also my hubby). He thought about running us through residential neighborhoods for a little variety, but decided to take us on a more direct route as to not scare too many people with his creativity on his first ride...LOL.

Keep in mind, I'm not a huge baseball fan, but would definitely go again! Here's what I did take away from our baseball adventure:

The storm chasers have blue and white uniforms...I found out at the end of the game that I was cheering for the wrong team.

As a group, we were totally in tune with each other as we always found each other - Note: the buddy system doesn't work if your buddy keeps wandering off.

Thanks to Mike, a few of us now understand the score board

Next time, I will not deprive myself of the ice cream, even if I have to share with the entire row. The servings were huge!

The fireworks display was fabulous!!

I hope you can join us for future outings - be sure to check out our events calendar and sign up! We can always guarantee...an adventure, education, an opportunity to build relationships and by all means...lots of FUN!!

SAVE THE DATE - Sunday, Sept. 25th

The planning for our summer picnic has begun Stay tuned for more info.....

Chapter activities are conducted primarily for the benefit of H.O.G. chapter members.

There are three categories of activities. All activities are identified as follows:

Closed events are for chapter members and one guest per member

Member events are reserved for H.O.G. members only.

Open events are chapter events open to chapter members, national H.O.G. members and other guests.

items preceded by a pound sign (#) are Holstein's Harley-Davidson events. See Holstein's website for more info.

Check for latest updates on www.OCBHOG.com

ALL Omaha Council Bluffs HOG activities are "Closed Events", unless stated otherwise.

August OCB HOG Event Details	
1	Dinner Ride to Dew Drop. Inn Meet @ Holstein's @ 6p.m-kick stands up @ 6:15p.m. And ride to restaurant (105 W 2nd St, Kennard)
8-14	76th Annual STURGIS RALLY
13	Ride to Fairbury Meet @ Holstein's @ 9a.m.- kick stands up @ 9:15 a.m. And ride to Fairbury to visit the Train Museum and Rock Island Depot, lunch in Fairbury
15	Dinner Ride to El Porto Mexican Restaurant Meet @ Holstein's @ 6p.m.- kick stands up @ 6:15p.m. And ride to restaurant (612 Locust St. Glenwood, IA)
20	#HolsteinsHarleyNights @6p.m.
21	Ride to The Twisted Tail Meet @ Holstein's @ 3p.m.-kick stands up @ 3:15p.m. And ride to restaurant (2849 335th St. Logan, IA
26-27	Kansas City Open House
29	Dinner Ride to Twin Peaks Meet @ Holstein's @ 6:00p.m.-kick stands up @ 6:15p.m. And ride to restaurant (17730 West Center Rd. Omaha)
September OCB HOG Event Details	
1-4	Milwaukee Rally
4	Impromptu Ride
6	OCBHOG Officers meeting @ Holstein's @ 6p.m.
10-11	Sioux Falls Overnighter
13	OCBHOG Chapter meeting @ Holsten's @ 6:30p.m.
15	Dinner ride to Danny's Bar & Grill Meet at dealership @ 6p.m. Kickstands up at 6:15p.m. And ride to restaurant (2007 N 72nd St, Omaha)
17	LOH Ride to Homestead National Monument #Holstein's Harley Nights
18	Last Fling to Spring in Westpoint
20	Dinner Ride to Quaker Steak and Lube Meet at dealership @ 6p.m. Kickstands up at 6:15p.m. And ride to restaurant (3320 Mid America Dr, Council Bluffs)
25	Chapter Picnic

August 2016 OCB HOG Events Calendar						
Sun	Mon	Tue	W	Th	Fri	Sat
	1 Dinner Ride to Dew Drop Inn	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Sturgis	9 Sturgis	10 Sturgis	11 Sturgis	12 Sturgis	13 Sturgis
14 Sturgis	15 Sturgis	16	17 Dinner Ride to El Porto	18	19	20 Ride to Fairbury Holstein's Harley Nights
21 Ride to Twisted Tail in Beebetown	22	23	24	25	26 KC Open House	27 KC Open House
28	29	30	31 Dinner Ride to Twin Peaks	Milwaukee Rally	Milwaukee Rally	Milwaukee Rally

September 2016 OCB HOG Events Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	W	Th	Fri	Sat
				1 Milwaukee Rally	2 Milwaukee Rally	3 Milwaukee Rally
4 Milwaukee Rally Impromptu Ride	5	6 OCB Hog officers's Meeting	7	8	9	10 Sioux Falls Overnighter
11 Sioux Falls Overnighter	12	13 OCB Hog chapter meeting	14	15 Dinner Ride to Danny's	16 Storm Chasers Game	17 LOH Ride to Homestead #Holstein's Harley Nights
18 Last Fling to Spring	19	20 Dinner Ride to Quaker Steak	21	22	23	24 Holstein's Harley Nights
25 Chapter Picnic	26	27	28	29	30	

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