



Omaha Council Bluffs HOG Chapter Newsletter



September 2016

Director's Column by Ray G.

By the time you read this, I will already be gone... into a food coma from the chapters dinner ride to LPL'S. Seriously though I have had an absolute blast with the chapter this past year and it's hard to believe we are stepping into month number nine. So far the chapter has rode around Nebraska, participated in serving up some great food at the Harley Nights and raised money for the Legacy Fund. I look forward to the future months and regardless of the weather, I enjoy spending time with my extended family. Speaking of family, due to family commitments Marie has decided to step down as LOH officer. I support this and family always comes first. If anyone is interested in learning more about this position, please see Dan in parts at the dealership.

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By Debbie S.

Our Chapter is continuing to grow, for the month of August we had another 2 new members. The new members are:

Timothy C
Steve C

And thank you to current members who spread about our Chapter, this is the best advertisement for us. It's great knowing people are joining because of members who bring them to our group. Remember with our riding season getting shorter there are still a lot of rides & activities still planned for the rest of the year so please keep checking the calendar. Just because the weather will be changing in a few months doesn't mean we stop getting together.

Assistant Director

By Debbie S.

Well the month of August will be about over when this article is sent, which means summer is almost over too. Schools are all back in session and most vacations have been taken already. This time of the year the riding season seems to be winding down but the temperatures are becoming almost perfect for riding, although in another month or so we will wish we had warmer weather. We've had good attendance for the activities the last few months and hope that continues as the riding slows down. As officers we have planned out the calendar thru the end of the year and will add more as the months go by so please keep checking the website & watch for our weekly activities email that goes out on Sundays.. Some of the activities you can look forward to during this month will be another Impromptu Ride, an overnight ride: this time to Sioux Falls, some more dinner rides, and LOH ride. We even have our last Holstein's event, where we cook and sell hamburgers and brats. This event with Holsteins has been a great fundraiser for us this year and a lot of fun. And then I think our biggest event this month will be our Chapter Picnic on Sunday, Sept 25th. Shirley will be updating everyone in this newsletter with more information. If anyone has a suggestion for a ride or an event, please let us know. We are always looking for new ideas. We like seeing the participation, it's a great way to make friends and have some fun. Just ride and be safe.

Editor's Note

By Corrina G.

HOW OFTEN SHOULD YOU REPLACE YOUR HELMET?

I found this article online at motorbikewriter.com that goes over some safety tips on caring for your helmet and how often you should replace it to ensure that you are safe while riding.

The general rule is to replace your motorcycle helmet every five years, but what if you drop it, sweat heavily or wear it every day?

The biggest myth is that if your helmet falls off your bike when it's parked, you should change your helmet. That's probably put around by helmet retailers.

Certainly you should check the helmet and it might depend on how far it fell and rolled. However, even though helmets are a one-use product designed to protect you in a crash and then get thrown away, they are pretty robust.

However, I wouldn't trust some SE Asian helmets if they fell on a feather pillow.

Most helmets will easily withstand the general knocking they get in daily life. If they don't, then you really have to wonder about their ability to protect you in a crash.

That doesn't mean you can throw your helmet around. You need to treat a helmet with respect and care and store it in a cool, dry place.

The outside shell – plastic, fibreglass or carbon fibre – is pretty tough, but keep it away from petroleum-based products such as fuel, cleaners and paint.

It's the interior foam that deforms to absorb the impact in a crash and protect your head. So that means that you shouldn't store any heavy objects in your helmet. If it drops with something heavy in it, then it will damage the helmet.

Also, be careful how you hang your helmet on a hook as this can deform the interior foam.

If you feel the need to inspect a helmet after you've dropped it, you could probably get it x-rayed by a professional. However, if it's been such a big drop or a frequent number of knocks that you are concerned, then you should just bin it anyway.

General helmet use means a helmet will last for about five years. The glues, resins and other materials used

in the making of the helmet can lose their effectiveness and also deteriorate the lining. You can prolong your helmet if you store it properly when you're not using it. Keep it in a cool, dry place and store it inside the helmet bag in which it came.

It's not the outside that deteriorates, but the inside foam and fabric lining. If you notice the helmet getting loose or some of the lining coming out or it leaves little black flakes in your hair, then it's time to retire it, whether it has reached the five years or not.

Frequent use, sweating in your helmet, having greasy hair or using a lot of "hair product" can all aid in compacting the foam and making the interior lining degenerate faster than normal use. You can also prolong the life of your helmet interior by wearing a helmet liner, balaclava or scarf that keeps the sweat off.

Another good reason to replace your helmet every five years is that helmet technology is advancing all the time and a new helmet is going to offer more protection than something five years old.

Photography

By Ray G.

This is a reminder to all who are putting off the challenge till the last second. It is September so please don't wait. Within the last several days, I just received multiple photos from one member, rocketing that person into 1st. If you have photos but haven't submitted them, please do so!



Hospitality

By Connie M.

SEPTEMBER 2016 HOSPITALITY NEWS

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 hls special day this month

If you know of a member that is celebrating a birthday, please let me know so that we can acknowledge their special day.

Dave R



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

Connie M.

From the Road

By Ray G.

Shark Week VI-International Road Glide Rally 2016 By Ray G.

This summer again found me cruising down the highways on my Road Glide in search of Shark Week. This year the annual Road Glide rally was being held in Canada, eh! It proved to be a wild ride as on day 2, we experienced a rear tire blowout. Day numero tres had us back on the road thanks to the awesome staff at Black Hills HD for cobbling the bike back together and getting it road worthy again. Continuing on our route up through the US and Canadian foothills, ended with us unintentionally picking a hotel with about 15 others headed for the same destination! So over a massive bowl of Mac N cheese and some libations, we cruised our way north together and about 150+ shark-nosed harleys descended upon the Stoney Nakoda Resort. The Canadian Rockies were the stomping grounds for the week and all manner of wildlife was seen including grizzlies and elk. As such all good things must come to an end, our was not the case as we were Sturgis bound. Hitting Beartooth Pass and Chief Joseph Highway on the way, we ran into a group of Harleys that were from New Zealand. They were on week 3 and had started in Alaska from being shipped over. Eventually Sturgis was had. Attendance might have been at an all time low this year, but from random people's crazy life stories to 20 something girls in lingerie, it's never a dull moment. Now we come to the fact that all good things must come to and end. So we packed up, drug our feet and eventually said our goodbyes to those who were with us from West of the Rockies and traveled home. All in all (even with the accident) it was as every year is, a blast. This year was different. For the first time my wife came with me. Also chapter member Danny P. joined in on the long trek. They both are hooked and were already booked for SW7 in N. Carolina....



Tales from the Road Part 2 by Gary S.

If you recall from last month, I was sharing a story about our recent 9 day, 3000 mile trip and why Debbie and I enjoy riding our Harley Davidson motorcycle so much. At the end of last month's article we were heading to Cody WY for our next night's stay.

When we departed Great Falls MT, we choose to travel via the Kings Highway scenic byway. Although Debbie and I have been on this road numerous times, the climb above 8000', the amazing views and the twisty roads never get old. Once in Cody we enjoyed another great meal and sat outside our hotel where we met several individuals who were in town for a beer festival the next day. We also spent some time visiting with an individual from Norway who had rented a Harley and was spending the next 30 days traveling our great country.

The next morning was bitter sweet because this is where we said goodbye to our Arizona friends and started to point our bike back home but we still had some good riding and more friends to see on the return trip. From Cody we took the northern route through the Big Horn Mountains. For those unfamiliar with this route, it starts just east of Greybull WY and end just west of Sheridan WY. As you start your climb up the mountain, you wind through tight hair pin curves as you make a geological journey through time until you reach the top at more than 9000'. As you progress you see regularly posted signs describing the different rock formations and the age of each. One on top you spend about 20 -30 miles on top before exiting on the east end where there is a fantastic overlook where you are likely to see hang gliders catching some air, before you descend several thousand feet in a very short distance and return to the plains of WY.

After taking our time through the Big Horns we jumped back on the interstate so we could meet up with an old Air Force friend in Rapid City SD where we enjoyed another great meal and several cocktails as we

caught up on old times. The next morning we left Rapid City on the interstate heading east but since we really didn't want the trip to end we headed south at Murdo and took 2-lane roads the rest of the way home to Omaha. Though the last days travel was probably the least scenic, there's the familiar welcome of corn fields and pastures welcoming us back home that gave us time to reflect on the journey, the friendships both old and new and to start planning our next adventure.

What does your next adventure have in store? We want to hear from you!

Upcoming Events By Shirley R.

Wow! This last month has definitely gone by way too fast. I know I'm not alone, but I always feel a little sad after our Sturgis trip, because I'm not ready for summer to end. But don't worry, we have a lot to look forward to...

The planning for our Summer Picnic is underway and I want to give you a little sneak peek - we are going to have a BLAST!

When: Sunday, September 25th

Time: 9:30a to 4p

Our morning will start off with a ride that promises a challenge and adventure. Afterwards, we'll take some time to enjoy each other's company and eat lunch at Central Park in LaVista....then let the games begin!!

Does it sound like something you'd be interested in? I sure hope so -- we are going to have a BLAST!! I can't help repeating myself, because I know how much fun this is going to be!

I won't lie, to make this much fun happen, we'll need some help. I'll be asking for volunteers to help with the ride check in, judges for the games, and a few to set up and clean up. I promise it won't take up too much of your time and you'll definitely have fun! Please send me an email, if you are interested in helping.

Remember, I promised just a sneak peek - I'll share more details about the games at our next meeting. If you plan on attending, please sign up in our "members only" section.

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.

September OCB HOG Event Details

October OCB HOG Event Details

4	Impromptu Ride
6	OCBHOG Officers meeting @ Holstein's @ 6p.m.
10-11	Sioux Falls Overnighter Meet @ Holstein's @ 8a.m., kick stands up at 8:15a.m.-Road trip for some sightseeing in Sioux Falls and fun-check website for more details.
13	OCBHOG Chapter meeting @ Holstein'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	#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 Two Rivers State Recreation Area (27702 F St, Waterloo 68069) More details to come

1	Ride to Ft. Atkinson (Ft. Calhoun) Time TBD
4	OCBHOG Officers meeting @ Holstein's @ 6p.m.
6	Dinner ride to Mama's Pizza Meet at dealership @ 6p.m. Kickstands up at 6:15p.m. Weather permitting and ride to restaurant (715 Saddle Creek Rd, Omaha)
9	Ride to Small's Fruit Farm Meet @ Holstein's @ 10a.m., kickstands up at 10:15a.m. And ride to Small's Fruit Farm for some warm apple pie and pick apples
11	OCBHOG Chapter meeting @ Holstein's @ 6:30p.m.
15	Chat 'n Chew @ Sugars Meet at restaurant at 9:30a.m. (2725 E Kanesville Blvd, Council Bluffs)
18	Dinner ride to Jonesey's Taco House Meet at dealership @ 6p.m. Kickstands up at 6:15p.m. Weather permitting and ride to restaurant (1117 16th Ave, Council Bluffs)
23	Chat 'n Chew @ Amato's Meet at restaurant at 9:30a.m. (6405 Center St, Omaha)
29	Halloween party TBD

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
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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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2	3	4 OCB Hog officers's Meeting	5	6 Dinner Ride to Mama's Pizza	7	8
9 Ride to Small's Fruit Farm	10	11 OCB Hog chapter meeting	12	13	14	15 Chat 'n Chew @ Sugars
16	17	18 Dinner @ Jonesey's Tacos	19	20	21	22
23 Chat 'n Chew @ Amato's	24	25	26	27	28	29 Halloween Party TBD
30	31					

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