



Iron Horse Chapter

Newsletter

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Directors Corner

By Tom Ondrako



We are fast approaching the next decade and now is the time to reflect on the season upon us. I want to leave you with the following quote and wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas.

“And the Grinch, with his Grinch-feet ice cold in the snow, stood puzzling and puzzling, how could it be so? It came without ribbons. It came without tags. It came without packages, boxes or bags. And he puzzled and puzzled 'till his puzzler was sore. Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before. What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more.”

Dr. Seuss

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If you are taking a trip, please feel free to bring back pictures and a story to share with our readers. It's just another way we all get to know each other. And, we learn about riding and other areas of the country.

Thanks!

2009 Iron Horse HOG Chapter Holiday Party

The 2009 Iron Horse HOG Chapter Holiday party was a rousing success. Great people, food and prizes.

The pictures tell it all!



Road Captains

By Jim Cheverie

Road Construction

Riding your motorcycle through road construction:

I doubt that any of us get a big smile on our face when we're riding down the road and come upon a construction zone.

Here are some tips that might make it a little easier. When approaching a construction zone, observe the roadway in front of you and the work being done. Adjust your speed and try not to tense up. If you feel your motorcycle swaying or sliding a bit on the construction surface, don't panic; keep calm and apply your riding skills for gravel or other surfaces as needed. Watch for other vehicles that may not see you. And pay special attention to the equipment and the workers; they may not see you and might walk out in front of you or move equipment in your path. Hope these tips help.

Keep smiling and enjoy your ride!

Jim



Membership

By Dave Abercrombie

As chapter members we all need to remember that we are ambassadors of not only our chapter but the greater National HOG family as well.

Our many members have varied backgrounds, interests and hobbies.

The one thing we all have in common is the Harley experience. Even that means different things to different people. As we grow our membership we need to remember that every member has something to offer. Some from a business experience and others from a life experience.

We have a great chapter and dealership support. It is important to emphasize that when speaking to potential members.

Those of us who have participated in day and overnight rides this year can attest to the camaraderie that we have experienced.

Dave



Activities

By Jeanette Wages

What a terrific year looking back at 2009 ~~ as well, we are grateful for our fellow riders who survived the mishaps on their bikes and have recovered nicely. Our continued wishes to Jeff during his recovery process and happy to hear Jodell's report that he's ahead of schedule!



The activities already on our 2010 calendar are:

Cabin Fever Ride in mid-March taking us all through Arizona, California, and Nevada. {Get those jokes ready for the *Joke-Off* competition!}

The Moab Car Show on April 23 – 24. We have two B & B's booked already so let me know if you're interested in joining in for that weekend. It's a huge event for Moab and booking rooms early is essential.

A few items I would like to get feedback on from the HOG members:

How many ladies would be interested in an overnight ride to Creede and see a play at the Creede Repertory Theater? July or August would be the best time weather-wise.

The summer BBQ ~~ any new ideas on where to have it or maybe a special "theme" for it?

A few of us have joined BuzzTown.com and have put the HOG group as a specific social network for all of us to interact. I am meeting with one of their representatives next week about setting up more options for our specific needs. Check it out

and sign up ~~ it's free to join!

For any questions or ideas please contact

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Thanks and wishing everyone a very **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

2009 in Review



2010 Iron Horse HOG Events & Ride Schedule (Proposed)

Underlined **BOLD** items are firm dates

January

2
9 **HOG Meeting**
16
23
30

February

6 **HOG Meeting**
13
20 DAY RIDE TBD (Weather permitting)
27

March

6 **HOG Meeting**
13
18-23 Cabin Fever Week
27-28 DHD Annual Swap Meet

April

3 **HOG Meeting**
10
17 DAY RIDE TBD (Weather permitting)
24 - 25 Moab Weekend

May

1 **HOG Meeting**
8
15 DAY RIDE TBD (Weather permitting)
22-23 Gateway Canyons Resort
29
31 Memorial Day

June

5 **HOG Meeting**
12
19 DAY RIDE TBD
23 - 26 UT / CO Rolling Rally ... Ends in Durango

July

3-4 *4th of July* Weekend
10 **HOG Meeting**
17-25 Yellowstone & Tetons (Tentative)
24
31 DAY RIDE TBD

August

7 **HOG Meeting**
9-15 **70th Annual Sturgis Rally**
14 DAY RIDE TBD
19-20-21 **NM State HOG Rally Santa Fe**
20-21-22 Glenwood, Leadville, Gunnison, Loop (3Day)

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September

2-5 Four Corners Rally Weekend
6 Labor Day
11 **HOG Meeting**
18 DAY RIDE TBD
25 3rd Annual Colors / Jailbird Ride

October

2 **HOG Meeting**
9
16 DAY RIDE TBD (Weather permitting)
23
30

November

6 **HOG Meeting**
11 Veterans Day Parade
13 DAY RIDE TBD (Weather permitting)
20
27

December

4 **HOG Meeting / Christmas Party**
11
18

What rides would **YOU** like to see for 2010?