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The Director's Corner With Mike



Some interesting items that had caught my attention this past month are reflected in the latest issue of HOG TALES. If you are a member of HOG, you will receive your own personal copy of the magazine every two months.

This issue has an interesting article called "Grabbing a Piece of Traction Pie". This is exactly what your Road Captains and officers are talking about in the RiderZone events. To become a better and more aware rider is not an accident. We advise continued education and practical experience on your Harley!

I understand that most of us can only fit a few miles into our busy schedule each month, but, when you DO get the chance to go on a long ride, or overnighter, do you have the necessary skills to dodge the cages, ride in a group, master the curves and make it safely to your destination?

Some things we don't think about, but, do you actually get "rusty" when you don't ride every day?? There are two thoughts about that. One is that you forget you are not in your SUV and expect to get your place in traffic as if you had 4 doors and 6000 lbs with you. The other version is that you are deathly afraid to even get on the freeway at all! Have you "lost your skills"? Do you think about your riding skill level? Our chapter tries to keep to the back roads as best we can to make for a more enjoyable ride. We are challenged somewhat because we usually don't ride South or West! Back to our classes: what we try to accomplish is a more educated understanding about your risks riding the roads. We bring to the class experienced riders, motor officers from different police departments, other guest speakers, along with our own members relating their experiences over years of riding. What we hope to accomplish is a better understanding of the risks, and how to avoid adverse situations, and adjust for emergencies on the fly. We put into practice what we talk about, taking some short rides and talking about the road conditions at the breaks. Just because you have that \$40,000 Harley with all the latest bells and whistles: anti-lock brakes, big windshield, cushy seat, GPS, new tires, etc, etc. Are you REALLY master of that bike, AND the road? When you get off work, and kick back in your Lazy-Boy, take a few minutes to check out the latest issue of the HOG TALES, and maybe check out your owner's manual that came with your bike! Most important, set aside some time to actually RIDE AND HAVE FUN!

Ride safe

NEXT MEETING AUGUST 31st

Meetings are held the first Friday of each month at 7:00pm
El Cajon Elks Lodge - 1400 E. Washington
Burn your own steaks on the patio \$10.00

HOG TRACKS
Monthly Meeting Minutes
By Dennis K., Secretary



H.O.G. 7/6/2007

1909: Mike S., Director
 Meeting called to order. (Four Primary Officers and approx. 190 general members present.)
 Introductions and Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1915: Mike S. Director
 Definitions: "Easy Ride" Short and not fast; "Club Ride" A closed ride for members only (guests are welcome but they must sign a release of liability); "HOG Sunday" (Not an official ride) Show up and ride with whoever shows up. Riders decide how long and where. "Closed Event" Member plus one guest only. "Member Only event" Members only. "Open event" Everyone welcome, release must be signed. Remember, for any ride; show up on time with your gas tanks full and your bladders empty. When the weather is iffy call the ride line for the latest update (619-464-6758).

Name tags are available, contact John Johnson at the front table during our monthly meeting.
 July 15 the Youth Symphony will play at the Elks Lodge. All are invited to enjoy the music. Please support the Elks when ever possible. They have been so generously supporting us.

1921: Everyone enjoyed a mock presentation, by Al and Howard, of a Road Capt. rope to Kimberly. She has been kidded about having to wear a colored rope on her shoulder since colored ropes were seen being worn by some at Primary Officers Training this spring.

1923: Susie S. Activities
 June was a very busy month for us. The Yucca Valley overnigher, Rod's EZ ride (for some) not so easy, the Chapter Picnic was great fun, the New Members ride with special guest star Dana and 34 riders from our chapter took part in El Cajon's Cruise Night and did use all proud.

Coming up in July we have a dinner ride 7/7, Riders Zone tech class 7/8, Tom's EZ ride 7/21 and our Leather and Lace poker run 7/29.

Looking at August:
 8/3 Friday, the Chapter Meeting
 8/10 Friday evening, Dennis's "Dark of the Moon Dinner Ride"

8/12 Sunday "Sundae on Sunday" at the dealership
 8/18 Saturday, Jody's "EZ ride"
 8/25 Saturday, "Queens are Wild" poker run

1930: Mike S. Director
 "Saddle Bags of Cash" Each month the current membership names are in a drawing for cash. YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN. During the meeting a name will be called, if that person is not present another name will be called; if neither of these members is present the money will be held and added to next month's money.
 This month: (for \$125) Mike called not one name, not two names, but THREE NAMES!
 Jason P., sorry. Scott S., too bad. Kenny F., so sad. You should have been there. Don't worry guys your names have been put back in the drawing for next month.

1935; 50/50
 Congratulations:
 Dean M.....Hat
 Sterling S.....Coffee Mug and HD coffee
 Leann G.....HD belt buckle
 Van A.....Custom Coozy
 Joleen C.....\$25 Gift Cert.
 Jonnie W.....HD 1st Aid kit
 Pat R.....Zipper pull
 Don S.....\$35
 Eric K. (new member).....\$50
 Phil S. (visitor).....\$70
 Trevor P.....\$100

1940: Meeting adjourned.

Welcome new members

Ed K. and son Eric

Bruce L.

Arthur C.

Welcome new members

Sept 15th
El Cajon Harley
Open House

MORE T.B.A.

Activities at a Glance

Aug. 3rd. Monthly meeting at the Elks Lodge, 7pm
Burn your own steaks starting at 6pm for only \$10.00

Aug 10th. Dennis's "Dark of the Moon" Dinner ride.
Leave from the dealership at 6:30pm for a nice ride ending at Live Oak Springs with food, of course!

Aug 12th. El Cajon HOG "Sundae on Sunday", more info from the dealership or make it to the monthly meeting.

Aug 18th. E-Z Ride by Jody. Leave the dealership at 10am.

Aug 19th. Dealership closed.

Aug 19th. RiderZone TECH CLASS. Meet at the Elks, 1400 E. Washington at 9am. Breakfast optional. Meet the famous "Arlen", ride to follow the short class.

Aug 25th. Queens R Wild Poker Run. Sign ups at the dealership from 9-10:30am

Sept 7th. Monthly meeting at the Elks Lodge, 1400 E. Washington. 7pm Burn your own steaks starting at 6pm for only \$10.00

Sept 8th. HOG Night Out Dinner ride. Leave the dealership at 4pm

Sept 9th. "Remember September" Memorial Ride by Howard. Meet at the dealership at 8:45am, message at 8:55. Start engines at 9:11, depart at 9:15.

Sept 14th. HOG "Drive In Movie Night" See a "Biker Movie" in the Elks dining room. Start at about 7pm, pizza, drinks, popcorn, jujubees. Cheap fun, just like the old days!

Sept 15th. El Cajon Harley OPEN HOUSE.....TBA

Sept 16th. E-Z Ride by Robert. Leave the dealership at 10am.

Sept 23rd. El Cajon HOG "Saddle Bag Picnic". Leave the dealership at 10am

Sept 29-30 Overnighter to Idyllwild, Leave the dealership at 10am. Call Barbara at 877-859-4664

AUG. 10TH

Dark of the Moon

DENNIS'S

DINNER RIDE

LEAVE DEALERSHIP AT 6:30
RIDE ENDS AT LIVE OAK SPRINGS
FOR FOOD OF COURSE!!

Queens 'R' Wild

Poker Run

Aug.25th

Sign ups at the dealership
from 9-10:30am

 Cash prizes for Hi & Lo hands
50/50, food & fun!
More info TBA

Sept 29-30

Overnighter

To Idyllwild
The Tahquitz Inn
Leave the dealership at 10am.
Nice all day ride to the mountains.
Sunday morning
"Hair of the Dog",
Hog & Hogette breakfast
at the Inn.
Call Barbara at 877-859-4664

FROM THE HOG PEN With Assistant Director A I S.



Group Riding From the Riders Edge

The following are excerpts from The Rider' Edge/MSF Guide to Group Riding Handbook, a great reference to consider when you plan to ride in a group.

The camaraderie that transpires when sharing a ride with others is one of the greatest joys of motorcycling. However, riding in a group presents several new risk factors in addition to normal riding risks. When you are riding in a group, it is even more important to be prepared.

For everyone's safety and comfort, it is important that a group ride is well planned and organized. Everyone should be informed of hand signals, the ride route and the appropriate riding formations and it should be confirmed that everyone has the same understanding of those group riding staples. Consider where new riders

ride in the formation in relationship to the more experienced riders. El Cajon HOG encourages new riders to ride behind the leader so that the leader can set the pace of the ride to those new riders or riders new to group riding. Everyone needs to know the roles of the leader and sweeper, type of route, the destination, weather and appropriate riding gear.

There's a lot to know when it comes to riding in a group. Everything from where to place your bike on the roadway to how to communicate with the rest of the group takes on a larger significance. El Cajon HOG encourages you to take full advantage of The Rider Zone training every month and the Safety Skills classes when offered.

Your responsibilities prior to the group ride include being familiar with the limits of your own riding skills, as well as thoroughly knowing the capabilities of your own motorcycle...For longer trips; you need to be aware of your own stamina. It's also important to realize that your motorcycle may handle differently when loaded with a passenger and/or luggage.

A thorough pre-ride check before a ride is a must. Use the T-CLOCKS checklist as a reminder of important components to check; **TIRES, CONTROLS, LIGHTS, OIL (and fuel), CHASSIS, KICK-STAND.**

Wearing proper riding gear not only can enhance your personal comfort on the ride by shielding you from the elements and fatigue of the harsh sun, warm or cold wind, rain and noise fatigue, but it can also enhance your safety by protecting you in the event of a crash. Wearing riding clothes in high-visibility colors that are accented with reflective trim or patches to make you easier to see is also recommended.

It is important to add that above all else, **DO NOT RIDE ABOVE YOUR COMFORT LEVEL OR BEYOND YOUR CAPABILITIES.** In other words, Ride Your Own Ride. The ride organizer should consider the abilities of all riders and encourage the more experienced to mentor the less confident. If the group is riding more aggressively than you are comfortable with, simply drop out. If the routes and the destination have been clearly communicated, meet them later.

Check your HOG Calendar for the next Riders Zone and make time to attend, you will discover that group riding and riding in general will be more fun and safer. Besides, we might even feed you.

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To find out more, visit
www.ridersedge.com

**“ Remember September”
Memorial Ride,
Sept. 9th.
by Howard**

Meet at the dealership at 8:45am,
Message at 8:55.
Start engines at 9:11,
Depart at 9:15.

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El Cajon H.O.G. Monthly Planner

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allowing us to us their Lodge again this year.

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Name: _____

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