

## **Intermountain Chapter HOG (1255) Events Report 2016**

### January:

Frozen Butt Ride, 1/1: AKA Warm Butt Drive... Single digit temperature and ice on the side streets greeted our hearty group of 48 for the first gathering of the year. The not so usual road report and safety briefing was presented as we gathered at High Desert Harley-Davidson. With the frost turning our ears and noses red we hopped into our trusted 4 wheel steeds. With wind chill below zero we headed out to the interstate and on to the Stage Stop. The staff there handled all 48 of us with a great attitude and good food as we surrounded the group of 12 BMW riders who unwittingly entered the restaurant ahead of us. We enjoyed New Year's Day brunch and talked of our upcoming awesome rides with great friends. As we departed in our steeds for the drive back into the city, I thanked those who braved the ride for a safe and sane beginning of the year. Let's get this 2016 party started! Cliff Lewis (Lead Road Captain)

After Christmas Party, 1/23: Joe Cardona (Director)

### February:

Group Riding Skills Clinic, 2/13: We participated in High Desert's Group Riding Clinic on the 13th. Our Lead Road Captain Cliff and new Safety Officer Doug presented an outstanding presentation to a group of about 6 new Harley owners on how we ride as a group and club. There were about 10 of our road captains in attendance and we took these "newbies" on a ride. At first I thought there was too many of us, but then I thought how are they going to learn how to ride in a group if you don't have a group to ride in. All in all, it went pretty well and a good time was had by all in service to our club and our sponsor. Mike Mowder (Asst. Director)

Road Captain Ride Calendar Building, 2/27: Cliff Lewis (Lead Road Captain)

Pancake Feed, 2/27

### March:

Pancake Feed, 3/5

Road Captain Informational Session, 3/12: Cliff Lewis (Lead Road Captain)

LOH Ride, 3/13: The LOH event this month was on March 13th out to Lucky 13 Pizza. The number 13 has, for centuries, been thought of as unlucky, but in this case I have to disagree. Although we weren't able to ride on our first LOH get together due to rain, we still had had a great time! We met at Lucky 13 Pizza and spent the afternoon eating good food and enjoying great company. And if you still think the number 13 is unlucky, get this, our fantastic Chapter surprised us all by announcing that they were buying lunch for everyone to celebrate the first LOH event of the season, as well as to recognize the LOH ladies working towards Road Captain status! I am excited about next month's ride to the Crow Inn and know that, whether we ride or

drive, we will have a wonderful time together. So if you haven't already done so, get out your riding gear, gas up your bike and join us for next month's ride! Rhonda Wenzel (LOH)

Pancake Feed, 3/19

Ray L. Carder Memorial Ride, 3/20: The essence of the approximate 70-mile route was to remember a Rider in the Sky and the importance of men's health awareness. We had 26 bikes with 27 club members total participating. Despite the 41-degree temperature, everyone was excited about the ride route and the treat awaiting at the end...Cold Mountain Creek Café Breakfast Buffet. Even though it was a chilly Sunday morning, Eagle Avenue was a bear in attempting to maintain ride formation. Our CB's helped a lot giving the three road captains some idea where everyone was at. The traffic lights were a killer. Nevertheless, after getting onto State Street towards Middleton, our ride enjoyment soared. Emmett Road to Hwy 16 was neat because the road was essentially clean and allow all of us to "ride our own ride" in single file formation. We had three road captain candidates shadowing in the three positions: lead, mid, and sweep. We are so fortunate to have so many road captains so willing to take advantage of "golden" training opportunities. "Helmets off" to our Lead Road Captain, Cliff Lewis, for his training insights. The breakfast buffet at Cold Mountain was, as usual, of a spectacular nature both in variety of tasty breakfast items and quantity. We got there just before the 400 breast cancer awareness riders. Service was superb. I love it when we can all eat together at one time instead of some eating while the other members are still waiting for their meal. Breakfast buffet is the way to go! If the joyful conversations and laughter in the room is any indicator, I would say everyone participating today had a great time. Joe Cardona (Director)

April:

Windmill Ride, 4/3: Thanks to all who came out for the Tilting at Windmills ride. We had 27 bikes, 31 club members, 3 guests, and PERFECT weather for the 120-mile ride. We began at High Desert Harley, heading southwest for a ride through the country. After a brief stop at Dan's Ferry, we made our way to Mountain Home and AJ's in for an awesome brunch buffet. After brunch and a brief presentation about the windmills, we made our way out to the wind farm where there was just enough wind to get the windmills spinning! Special thanks to John Steiner and Jan Cook for the presentations about the windmills. It was great to see all the interest in the wind farm and the renewable energy that they produce. Also thanks to Randy, Mason and Dale for helping me get the group safely through the planned course. Joe Walker (Road Captain)

Pancake Feed, 4/9

Hagerman Buffet Ride, 4/10: We watched the extended weather reports all week. Right up until Sunday morning, the forecast called for showers and stray thunder showers. So what did we get? Sunny and in the 70s. So all of you who made other plans based on the predictions of our local weather personalities, sorry you missed it. We still wound up with 43 riders and 34 bikes. After warming up with a vigorous round of calisthenics, we hit the road ready to reclaim our highways from the swarming hoards whistle pigs. We took the Bruneau Dunes State Park route this year

adding a few more miles along the Snake River for riders. Along the entire route our arch rivals put up one hell of a fight this year coming at us in waves from all directions. Safely in Hagerman, I was confronted with the worst fear of any Lead Road Captain. As the second group pulled into the parking lot of the Snake River Grill, it was pretty obvious that several bikes were missing including Road Captains Joe and Rick. No one seemed to know what had happened. My heart began to race as countless scenarios ran through my mind. Did the little critters finally revenge their losses from years past? Did we finally meet our match as Custer did so many years ago? Just as the Garryowen tune began playing in my mind I heard the distinctive sound of Harleys in the distance as the missing riders had apparently regrouped and finally arrived. As it turned out, one of our members' (not to mention any names but he also represents ICMS) shift lever went slack creating a "Why won't the bike shift?" moment. Once everyone was safely parked we went inside to find Kirt (grill owner), dressed in his full chef outfit complete with puffy chef's hat (we need to find one of those hats for Mark) putting the final touches on the serving line. We were ready to eat. After everyone's plates were filled, Kirt took a moment to tell everyone how concerned I was about the weather the previous Thursday during the pre-ride. He assured me then that the weather would hold. Apparently Kirt's powers extend well beyond the kitchen. After breakfast and thanking Kirt and staff for another exceptional buffet, riders grouped up and headed out in all directions to see the sights rarely visited east of Boise. On the way out of town, "slack-shift" led a small group of us to Malad Gorge State Park. For those who have never been there, the short detour was worth the effort. It was another great day of friends and riding. Thanks to Road Captains Mike, Mark, Doug, Joe, Cliff, and Rick for the assist. Mason Clarke (Historian)

East Face Oregon Ride, 4/17: Thirty-four of our Members and guests went with us on this 130-mile trek around the valley floor ending at the Hideaway Café in Payette. It was a beautiful sunny day with warm mild temperatures. The sights and vistas of the route were simply spectacular! It cut through the heart of Idaho's rural family farmland, Rancher families tending their herds and Farm families tending their fields. We spend time along the Snake River as well as the Boise and the Payette Rivers. We went by Map Rock on Map Rock Road. Wildlife is in abundance. So many Eagles, Hawks and Osprey we couldn't count them all. Not to mention the Geese, Ducks and Pheasants! We went through the center of the Wine country of Idaho. We went by the Tree Top Ranches where the best race horses in the world train. We could smell the onions, mint and hay fields as they grew. Yes, there was one section of "Farm fresh air" as we went past the dairy! We had a fabulous late lunch at the Hideaway Café in Payette, Idaho. My sincere THANKS to Dr. Dave and Kevin for their outstanding Road Captain duties. Likewise, my sincere THANKS to all the participants who enjoyed such a nice ride on such a beautiful day! This ride was selected for all ride participants to receive their Lunch paid for by the Club. To help encourage ridership, each month a ride will be selected to have the participant's meal paid for by the Club. This is one more of many excellent reasons to come "Saddle up and Ride!" Randy Harrison (Road Captain)

BBQ, HDHD Spring Swap Meet, 4/23

Idaho City Ride, 4/25: On a slightly chilly morning 30 riders (compromised of 20 club members and 10 Indian club members) headed to Trudy's Kitchen in Idaho City by way of Overland, Cloverdale, Hubbard Road, Ten Mile Creek, Gowen Road, and Lucky Peak. Thanks to Dave Kesner, Rick Polenske, and Mike Mowder...Sharon Cardona completed one element of road captain training as "Mid". Sharon's "road captain-in-training" opportunity was filled with tremendous ride management challenges: last five riders missing for a mile or so due to uncooperative traffic lights, cars in & out of our formation, seriously damaged car with police still at the accident scene, pile of fallen rocks on our side of the road while in the pass, and geese along the side of the road trying to decide whether or not to cross the road. (Note: The road captain orange reflective vests and the CB capability of our bikes were invaluable.) Trudy herself came out to personally greet us soon after our arrival. As expected the food, the pies, and the service were most excellent! What a most exciting ride! Joe Cardona (Director)

Wild Hog Ride, 4/27: Wild Hog Ride #2 was a scheduled ride to Cascade Idaho on Wednesday April 27th, 2016. The morning of the ride I received a weather warning that was reported to Our Facebook Page by Art Brenenstahl. Thanks to Katherine Clarke's attention she notified me. Thank you so much Katherine and Art. Safety is one our concerns for rides. I was disappointed being my first organized ride to do since becoming a Road Captain. After some input and aid from Cliff I was able to change the route and complete my ride. Thanks to all that help on my day of need. There were five riders who joined me for a safe ride through parts of Canyon County. We enjoyed some beautiful scenery and the weather was favorable. We did have a little hiccup in route taken to our destination. A missed road but it created a high light of the trip. All in all, I believe we had fun and have a story to tell. We had a great lunch/supper at the Orchard House café. A good time visiting and sharing stories. The ride was completed safely and no incidents. I would like to thank Randy Harrison and Kevin Curnes for their help as Road Captains and Cliff Lewis for his help and guidance. Danny Comer (Road Captain)

LOH Ride, 4/30: Wow, what a great day! We met at High Desert Harley Davidson where they were having their Demo Days weekend, so needless to say things were hoppin'! We had a wonderful mix of HOG members, as well as a guest, for a total of 10 riders. The day was beautiful and the ride out to Crow's Inn was so much fun, it was hard to stop! We rode for a total of 26 miles and ended at Crow's Inn where they served up a delicious lunch for all. Rhonda Wenzel (LOH Officer)

Pancake Feed, 4/30

### May:

Glory Hole Ride, 5/1: The idea for this ride came about after a spring time trip to Owyhee reservoir with my family when I was a kid. There was so much water in the reservoir that they had to use the dam overflow. At this dam the overflow is not a simple spillway over the edge but a giant tube out in the middle of the water. It was quite a sight to see and left an impression that I wanted to share with my fellow riders. Owyhee dam was built in 1927 and at 417 feet it was the tallest dam in the world until 1934. The top spans 833 feet and the 50-mile-long reservoir holds 1,183,300 acre feet of water at capacity. The dam itself cost \$6,000,000 to build and the entire

reclamation project cost \$18,000,000. On May 1, 2016 thirty-one people on 25 bikes met at HDHD for the ride to see the infamous Glory Hole at Owyhee dam. After the ubiquitous safety and route speech we were off on time at 11:00. Our route took us through the rural countryside of Idaho with Chuck Cox taking mid duties, Joe Cardona taking sweep duties, and Randy Harrison being my communications officer. I don't have a CB like most of the other road captains so Randy rode right behind me and relayed any necessary info from the mid or sweep. Our first stop was the Chevron Gem Stop at the corner of Highway 55 and Highway 95. When we pulled in we noticed a couple of other Harley riders already there. Joe went over to say hello and found out that they were waiting for us. Seems like they have friends whose parents are in the club and they said to meet them there to go on a ride to the dam. Turns out those people never showed so we had them sign waivers and join us for the rest of the trip. Perhaps they will show up at a meeting and join our fine group. Their names are Robert McCurdy and Blake and Samantha Titos. After everyone that needed to make the requisite "deposits" and fill up on sugar and rehydration we were off on the second leg of the journey, but not until Herb had to don his helmet as we were headed for Oregon. We passed through the rural towns of Homedale, Idaho, and Adrian, Oregon before turning off on Overstreet which took us to the Owyhee Dam Road. Just before we hit Owyhee Dam Road we came around a corner and saw a herd of 6-8 deer crossing the road right at the deer crossing sign - must have been providence. The Owyhee Dam Road is a typical Oregon back country road with very little traffic and quite well maintained. Most all of the pot holes were all freshly filled in and there was little rock, just enough left to keep the rider alert and aware. The part I love the most about riding desert roads in the spring is the lush green everywhere. It is a stark contrast to the brown of summer and fall. This trip was no exception with the red rocks adding a wonderful contrast to the scenery. This part of the trip is very curvy which kept the speeds slow but that allowed more time to take in the landscape. Before long we were at the dam and headed down to the park. Unfortunately, there is about an eighth of a mile of gravel here but I am happy to say it didn't seem to cause anyone problems. This was the end of the ride and a few people decided to take off and go home while the rest of us had a nice picnic lunch in the park. Because there is a very small pull off at the top of the dam, I asked people to go up in small groups to view the Glory Hole. Unfortunately, the water level was not high enough for it to be spilling over, but it was still quite a sight to behold. At this time people started leaving in smaller groups and I offered to lead a route through some back roads out of Adrian to Caldwell if anyone wanted to follow me. This route is quite nice as you get to see small rural farms and the road has a dozen or so 90 degree turns. Quite a few took me up on this offer and we were off. All-in-all a great ride, with great scenery, perfect weather, and the best company one could hope for. The only let down was the Glory Hole not over-flowing, but I will lead this ride every year until we get to see it. A very big thanks you to my Road Captains: Randy Harrison, Chuck Cox, and Joe Cardona! Dave Kesner (Road Captain)

ICMS Awareness Rally, 5/7: Joe Cardona (Director)

Mother's Day Ride, 5/8: On a beautiful Sunday morning 12 Harleys, 18 riders, among them 8 wonderful Moms and one mother (thanks Mac) set out on our first Mother's Day run. Kickstands were up at 9:00 and adorned with bouquets of roses on all the Mom's handle bars we were off, heading north on Eagle Road to State Street to Highway 55. Once we got over Horseshoe Bend

hill we made the traditional pit stop at the Chevron station. We continued up 55 along the Payette river, swollen with melting snow and recent rain, its muddy water crashing down through the beautiful green canyon. We took a right at Banks on to the Banks-Lowman Road following what I believe is the middle fork of the Payette, thundering down the rocky canyon, the perfect backdrop to our "thundering" Harleys. We turn on to the road that takes you into Crouch and to the Two Rivers Grill. Robert & Liz were perfect hosts and excited to have us there. Everyone was served a wonderful breakfast in a timely manner and as an added bonus the Chapter pick up the tab for all the Mom's meals...sorry Dads maybe on Father's Day...all in all the weather was perfect, the food was great, and the company couldn't have been better, what a great way to start Mother's Day. After breakfast a group of us continued the ride doing the Lowman Loop...Sort of the ride after the ride. Thanks to all of you who turn out for this ride as I think we will try to make it an annual event. Special thanks to Joe Cardona and Cliff Lewis for being my mid and sweep. Mike Mowder (Assistant Director)

Pancake Feed and BBQ, 5/14

LOH Ride, 5/15:

Spring Picnic, 5/22: Schedule for Centennial Park, moved to HDHD due to weather.

Wild Hog, 5/25: Wild Hog Wednesday Ride 3 was a scheduled ride to Idaho City on a quest to have some riding time with fellow members as well as getting another cup of homemade soup at Trudy's. As we gathered at High Desert Harley the weather there was slightly cloudy and warm, but as we looked towards the mountains we saw some ominous looking dark clouds. We were not afraid how dare those clouds mess up our Wednesday ride we had looked so forward too! There were twelve members and one guest who came together to defy the weather and enjoy our ride, all was going excellent until we got past the Lucky Peak Park and a drizzle appeared. As the brave group trudged forward the drizzle turned into a slight downpour. We were not afraid! As Roger reminded me we probably would not melt, then an amazing thing happened! The rain stopped and at times the road was dry! As we got closer to our destination in Idaho City the sun came out and all was good! We had an excellent ride with great people, we traveled back roads covering urban and rural areas coming to Hwy 21 passing Lucky Peak Reservoir and into Idaho City stopping at Trudy's Restaurant. We traveled 60 miles of enjoyable scenery and leisurely riding (sometimes a little damp, but still enjoyable). As we got to Trudy's we all had a good time visiting and sharing stories and getting to know our fellow riders. I would like to thank Randy Harrison and Danny Comer for their help as Road Captains and look forward to many more trips. I encourage you all, when you have an opportunity, to get together and ride with us! Kevin Curnes (Road Captain)

June:

Pancake Feed, 6/4

Patriot Thunder, 6/5: Fifteen volunteer chapter members directed the parking of over 750 motorcycles at HDHD without incident. The group took only 13 minutes to clear the lot as participants departed under police escort to Mountain Home. Mason Clarke (Historian)

BBQ, 6/11

Warm Lake Ride, 6/12: Doug Foye (Road Captain)

Father's Day Ride, 6/19: I believe this was our first Father's Day Ride. It was a sunny and warm Sunday morning, with rider after rider showing up for the ride. The conversations were a plenty. We left High Desert Harley Davidson at 8:30AM with the sun at our backs and 27 riders with smiling faces. Turning right on Overland, down to Ten Mile, right to Chinden, making a left to the 16, toward Emmett to Old Freeze Out Road, left across the Emmett Bench, with twists and turns and the thunder of Harleys echoing across green valleys and fruit orchards. We saw curious cows and herds of horses with their young, and Peacocks lurking from the shadows. Then up and out of the bench, to the community of Middleton, turning right on to Middleton Rd, up to Ustick, left to Midland Rd, and right to the Cracker Barrel Restaurant, for a great breakfast, served up by Jeannie Berg and her crew. Hopefully a great time was had by all. Thanks to Mike Mowder and Mark Berns for being my Mid and Sweep. A special thanks to the chapter for picking up the tab for all of the Fathers, (sorry moms). All in all, great weather, great ride, great breakfast and a lot of great friends. Thanks to everyone who turned up for the ride. Membership Meeting, 6/24:

Wish Granters: Kelly Givens talked about the Wish Granters ride. Wish Granters grants wishes to adults with terminal illness in Ada & Canyon County. Ride will be 3 to 3-1/2 hours and food afterwards. LeRoy Lang (Road Captain)

Jackpot Overnighter Ride, 6/25: Started at HD at 8:30, with 8 bikes and 11 people. It was the perfect morning. We rode through Fairfield then south to Bliss. We then turned west through Hagerman on our way to Shoshone Falls. Had lunch at a beautiful rest area outside Hagerman. We made it to the Falls about 1:30 and checked it out, then some new roads on our way to Jackpot. Arrived about 4 went to our rooms and met up for dinner and some gambling. The weather and ride couldn't have been better, everyone had a great time. The total miles there and back was about 460. Thank You for all who joined us. Jim Moore (Photographer)

Pancake Feed, 6/25

Membership Wedding, 6/25: Jodie and I wish to thank all of our great friends that were able to come on our celebration ride! This group of HOGS does truly bring the love and friendship of the Brothers and Sisters that belong to it a genuine feeling in the High Desert Harley Davidson family found nowhere else! We wish to thank High Desert Harley Davidson and its employee's. We especially want to thank Dr. Dave and Peggy Kesner who were celebrating their own 39th wedding anniversary while helping us! We also thank Dr. Dave, Kevin and Danny for their Road Captain work that got us all to the Chapter Members Randy Harrison and Jodie West were married in a ceremony at HDHD. Restaurant safely and on time. Thirty-six of our best friends rode or drove the 25-mile ride which went without a hitch! We are sincerely grateful to all for everything that we all do! Randy Harrison (Road Captain)

LOH Ride (Featherville), 6/26: Rhonda Wenzel (LOH Officer)

Day Late for the World Ride Ride, 6/27: After watching the weather all week, I had to finally resign myself to the fact that for the second year in a row, the ride would end in triple digit temperatures. Triple digits just 10 days after the snow storm we encountered during the pre-ride. Go figure... But that didn't stop the nine hardy members who showed up with their little brown bags for the ride. We even had Brian (High Desert's Learn to Ride guru) show up for the ride. For the first time in my experience with the chapter, the ride started out with equal numbers of bikes and trikes since Brian didn't start the ride with us but caught up to us in Lowman after the boss finally approved his play-pass. Brian's appearance tipped the count back in favor of the two-wheelers. After taking a moment to remember chapter member Wayne Mai, who on the eve of his death nearly two years ago asked me if the chapter was ever going to do his favorite ride (Stanley Loop) again, we were on our way. No problem that day with the traffic since most people were doing the 9 to 5 thing. The Sawtooths still had plenty of snow, reminding riders that they live in a land of extremes. Thanks to Joanna, who tasked Cliff to take pictures, we have proof of the snowy mountain tops looming above our lunch stop. It was difficult to believe that the ride would most likely end with 100 degree temperatures. Thankfully, we didn't hit the 100s till we descended into Mountain Home where the lead and sweep road captains bid farewell to the riders making that final turn on to the freeway to finish last 40 miles to Boise. Cliff and I did vow to the others to wait an hour before we broke the first seal on a cold beer in deference to those who still had to make it to Boise. Thanks to Kevin Curnes and Cliff Lewis who assisted in road captain duties. Mason Clarke (Historian)

Wild HOG Ride, 6/29: What a fun ride with all the Trikes! A few weeks ago our Dealership had a Facebook posting the stated "It is not what you ride, it is about that you ride!" I could not agree more. The Brothers and Sisters of this HOG Chapter are the highest quality! We went down roads where the mint and the freshly cut alfalfa aroma made for a very sweet ride. We saw all kinds of domestic animals along with ducks and geese in the rivers, ponds and reservoir. We had 55 miles and an hour of riding time of beauty. I want to thank Danny Comer and Kevin Curnes for their Road Captain work. Also to thank The Triangle Restaurant for fantastic service and quality of the dinner. The Owner even came out and chatted with us for a while. A great ride, great food and wonderful friends! Randy Harrison (Road Captain)

### July:

Fireball Express Ride, 7/4: It seems to me that on this 4th of July holiday, the question was what to do with \$600,000 dollars' worth of Harley motorcycles and twenty great friends? GO RIDE THEM! (Please, the motorcycles)... And ride them we did! We took off from the Dealership and warmed up on the curves of Hubbard and Ten Mile Creek Roads to Pleasant Valley Road. Then we went North on Pleasant Valley Road to Gowen Road and on to HWY 21. Riding along the Boise River and Mores Creek in the morning is delightful. We briefly stopped at Idaho City for a break. Then we continued North through all the twisty turns between Idaho City and Lowman which were a blast! The smell of the evergreens and the beautiful scenery along the way were



outstanding. Then we followed the South Fork of the Payette River on to the destination. A great ride, great food and wonderful friends! I want to sincerely thank the Road Captains, Joe Walker and Dr. Dave for an outstanding job of keeping us safe and giving us such a great ride! Randy Harrison (Road Captain)

Georgia Crew, 7/8: The chapter put on a Meet-and-Greet for about a dozen Harley owners from Georgia who shipped their motorcycles to HDHD to begin a cross-country ride back to Georgia. Six chapter members served-up HDHD sponsored burgers and beverages to the group while Cliff (Lead Road Captain) provided local expertise while reviewing the group's route choices in the local area. Cliff and wife Joanna accompanied the group on their next day ride to Halfway Oregon. Mason Clarke (Historian)

Pancake Feed, 7/9

LOH Ride, 7/15: Ride to Enrique's in Kuna was a blast. Beautiful night and ride thru the winding roads behind Kuna. Great company and good food. Thank you all for coming. Shelley Berns (Road Captain)

BBQ, 7/16

Wild HOG Ride, 7/20: Wild Hog Wednesday Ride #5 was originally scheduled to the Two Rivers Grill in Crouch Idaho, but due to them being closed we rerouted to the Dirty Shame Saloon also in Crouch. Four of our Members journeyed up Highway 55 following the river and enjoying the beautiful scenery on this 70-mile trek up into the mountains ending at the Dirty Shame Saloon in Crouch for dinner. It was a beautiful cloud free day with warm to hot temperatures. The river was full of activity and the traffic light giving us the opportunity to view the rafters and others enjoying the water. The food was good, but the company was better! It was a pleasure to get to know fellow riders Forest and Debbie Kline and be able to get to know them better and share their experiences Thank you to Randy Harrison for helping as a Road Captain maintaining a safe and injury free ride. Likewise, thanks to all the participants who enjoyed a nice ride on what was a beautiful day! If you have the opportunity come join us, it is an experience of a lifetime to spend time with others who love the feel of the road and wind in your face. Until next time! Kevin Curnes (Road Captain)

Thunder on the Mountain, 7/30: The day was hot and smoky but 8 HOG's and 1 guest braved the elements to enjoy a great day of firsts together. My first ride as a Lead Road Captain. 4 brand new members and 1 guest's first HOG ride ever. 1 new member's first HOG ride with this Chapter. We all enjoyed the twists and turns of the road and rode well together, safely bringing Harley Thunder to Bogus Basin. Lunch was good and the service was amazingly fast. The cooler temperature and clean air on the mountain was a welcome relief from the heat and smoke in the Valley and the music festival was a great atmosphere to enjoy good conversation with new HOG Brothers and Sisters. I would like to thank Randy Harrison and Chuck Cox for their work as mentors and supporting Road Captains. Roger Bishop (Road Captain)

Riders in the Sky, 7/31: I don't think you could have picked a better day for the Riders in the Sky ride. Days before it had very hot but on the day of the ride the temperature dropped and there

was a light breeze which made it very comfortable. The first group started off from High Desert HD led by Herb Weston, Chuck Cox, Jim Moore and Rick Polenske. It looked very impressive with so many bikes rumbling down the road in a staggered riding position. The traffic was light for a Sunday and even though we got stopped at a lot of lights was still a great ride down through Star, Middleton and Emmett. We were just leaving the Chevron in Emmett when the second group of riders led by Tom Reeb, Dave Kesner, Mike Mowder and Mark Berns came in. It was an extraordinary sight and looked as if we had practiced it because as we pulled out of the parking spot they filled them! We all finally got to Wild Rose Park where Shannon Weston, Candy Weston, Ted & Rhonda Wenzel and Cindy Polenske had the food line set up. There was plenty of trees for shade and as we sat under the gazebo we enjoyed the excellent food from Goodwoods BBQ. If you have ridden very long you have known a fallen rider. We showed our respect and remembrance to all the fallen riders along with the gratefulness to those friends still with us enjoying the day. Thank you to all who came for the ride, thanks for those who helped make it happen. It was a great day. Herb Weston (Road Captain)

August:

Pancake feed, 8/6

Let's Go to Sommer Camp and Explore Ride, 8/7. Kevin Curnes (Road Captain)

Treasure Valley Ride, 8/14. Dale Shaw (Road Captain)

Perseid Night-Train Ride, 8/19: Our group of Riders rode out to the Observatory facility and Reese Education Center at the Idaho State Parks, Bruneau Sand Dunes Park at dusk on this beautiful evening. We were met by a very energetic (and large) group of State Park workers and volunteers. During twilight we were treated to a presentation on space from the past, present and future. After dark, we went outside to a number of telescopes including the 25" Newtonian telescope in the observatory. This "monster" telescope must be 12 to 14 feet long and requires a large step ladder! We saw the rings of Saturn. We saw Mars and Venus. Large binoculars were set up to view the Moon. In deep space we saw Binary Stars in an eternal dance that every 75 years change places with each other. The Park staff and volunteers were at every station to help with any questions that anyone had. The staff and volunteers were very knowledgeable as was the group! Later we were treated to a Scorpion hunt on the grounds of the Park. These arachnids actually fluoresce under short wave-length ultra violet light! This State Park is truly a hidden treasure of Idaho in this author's opinion. If you are blessed to have children in your life, young or old, you owe it to yourself and to them to visit this Park day and night! I want to sincerely thank the Road Captains, Joe Cardona and Kevin Curnes for an outstanding job of keeping us safe and giving us such a great ride! And of course all the members that allow us to do this for them! This is a wonderful Club! Randy Harrison (Road Captain)

BBQ, HDHD Customer Appreciation Day, 8/20

Wild West Ride into History, 8/21: Our group of riders woke up early on this beautiful Sunday morning and took SH21 to Idaho City for a day of learning, fun and friendship. We met with our

hostess, Karen Miller, Curator of the Boise Basin Museum, and the two and half hour tour began. We went into historical buildings that the general public does not get into to see; this tour was just for us! Karen has a great personality and is an excellent Tour Master. She can even sing like Tennessee Ernie Ford! Please look at our Club's website Photo section where Jim and Val Moore have posted many photos from the Tour. Also Check out the Club's Facebook page where Kevin C. and others have posted photos there. Karen has also agreed to show us the rest of the town including the Pioneer Cemetery in Part 2 of this adventure next year! I want to sincerely thank the Road Captains: Kevin Curnes (Sweep), Roger Bishop (Lead), Joe Walker (Mid), Danny Comer (Sweep) and Cliff and Mason (for standing in if needed), for an outstanding job of keeping us safe and giving us such a great ride! And of course all the members and guest that allow us to do this for them! This is a wonderful Club! Randy Harrison (Road Captain)

Pacific Northwest HOG Rally, Spokane, WA, 8/25-8/26: Last month Karen and I attended the Pacific Northwest HOG Rally in Spokane Washington, my home town. It took us three days to make the 420-mile trip. I guess you might say I "took the long way home". Anyway we arrived at the rally Friday morning, got through registration and started wandering through the venue there at Lone Wolf Harley-Davidson. There were a few vendors along with a covered seating area and a covered beer garden complete with a house band. They had a posting of around 12 different rides to choose from and various games one could sign up for. We did some shopping at Lone Wolf (naturally) and viewed the new 2017 Harleys. We also spent a lot of time talking with the rally committee personnel and just other fellow HOG members from all over the Northwest and Canada. We spent our time doing this to get as much intel as we could, for as you may have heard, the PNW Rally is scheduled to be held right here in Boise next year. So we were on kind of a "spy" mission. That was Friday. On Saturday we arrived at LWHD and met in their large parking lot on the side of the shop where they were staging the guided rides. We chose one that took us up the eastern side of Washington about 60 miles before turning east along the Pend Oreille River to Sandpoint Idaho. We returned to Lone Wolf that evening for the closing ceremony and a very nice catered meal, finishing the festivities with dancing to a rocking band. Lone Wolf Harley-Davidson and the Lone Wolf HOG Chapter put on a fine rally...after all, this is the 4th or 5th rally they have had in 7 years. They have set the bar extremely high, but I believe that we, the Intermountain HOG Chapter and our sponsor High Desert Harley-Davidson, are more than capable of meeting that challenge and surpassing them next year. Let's make the 2017 Pacific Northwest HOG Rally the best rally ever...let's make it "ours". Mike Mowder (Assistant Director)

McCall is Calling You Ride, 8/28: I remain amazed and in awe as I reflect on view in my side view mirrors of the serpentine trail of 25 Harleys' headlights going through the Highway 55 pass from Boise towards Round Valley. On the 28th, we had 25 club members and 5 quests answered the call and lure of the McCall Pancake House. What a beautiful ride despite the brown low hanging brown smoke from the Pioneer Fire. as we ventured forth from Horseshoe Bend well pass Banks but then the welcoming Idaho Blue Sky eventually visible. The 2 1/2-hour ride was possible with the assistance of my accompanying club road captains: Jim Moore (Mid), Ric Tallada (Mid), and Steve Feller (Sweep). I would also like recognize Mason Clarke for his much

appreciated co-pilot assistance during the ride and at our two rest stops. The McCall Pancake House reception and quality of food/services was equally fantastic. Joe Cardona (Director)

Wild HOG Wednesday, Swan Falls Dam Ride, 8/31: Our group of Riders went to the Idaho Power, Swan Falls Dam facility South of Kuna, Idaho and took two different tours of the Dam. The First tour was of the working, (actively producing electricity) section of the Dam. We were shown a model of how the water comes from upstream and enters the Dam. Then shown how the water makes the electricity. We were also shown how the water exits the Dam to go on downstream. Our Tour Guide then took us all over the powerhouse showing us the actual working parts of the production area. This section is usually not open to the public. We then toured the "old" section of the dam which is now set up for public display as a walk through museum. Many old photos of the original construction are posted there. Some of the photos are of how some of the massive dam parts were hauled to the site by horse teams and wagons. Also posted are images of the construction of the "New" section of the dam. Swan Falls was the first dam on the Snake River and was built to supply electrical power to the mines in the Silver City area. The "New" power section was commissioned in 1994 and serves the grid. I want to sincerely thank the Road Captains, Mason Clarke and Kevin Curnes for their excellent work. I would like to also thank Cheryl B. for taking the photos. You can view her photos on the Club's webpage and Facebook. Also of course, I want to thank all the members that allow us to do this for them! This is a wonderful Club! Randy Harrison (Road Captain)

### September:

Sunnyslope Ride, 9/4: Labor Day weekend, we met at High Desert Harley-Davidson...17 bikes and 21 riders. We left around 11:00 and rode through the semi farm land south of Boise and Nampa to the wonderful turns and twists of Lake Shore Drive. Continuing on through the farm lands we finally arrived at another great road, Map Rock Road. It is a fairly long road filled with long and short turns where one can really open up their motorcycle and experience what riding a Harley-Davidson is all about. After Map Rock we were onto Highway 45 then to Highway 78 and the ride to Marsing where we stopped at "The Spot" pizzeria for lunch. All in all a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon on a Labor Day weekend. Thanks to all who rode along with me...special thanks to Joe Walker and Roger Bishop. Mike Mowder (Assistant Director)

Air Force Appreciation Day Parade, 9/10: A crisp cool morning greeted our 8 bikes, 8 chapter members and 2 guests as we traveled to Mountain Home and the biggest parade in Idaho to honor our military. The sunshine greeted our eyes traveling east down I-84, safely arriving and meeting up with the American Legion Post 26 and an additional 30 motorcycles of all makes ready join in the celebration. The parade crowd was all smiles as our Harley Davidsons made their presence known. A little candy flung into the crowd for the little ones didn't hurt the cause either. After the parade, a free lunch and a walk in the park, we each headed out on the road with renewed appreciation for our military and the sacrifices they make every day of the year for all of us. Cliff Lewis (Lead Road Captain)

Road Captain Informational Meeting for the Indian Riders' Club, 9/10: Joe Cardona (Director)

Pancake Feed, 9/10

Fall Picnic, 9/11: Hero's Park, Meridian. Ric and Judy Talada (Members at Large)

Celebration of Life for Edward Schippmann, Nampa, 9/17: Joe Cardona (Director)

BBQ, HDHD Fall Swap Meet, 9/17

Parma Dinner and the Drive-in Movie Night, 9/17: Herb and Shannon Weston (Road Captains)

Garage Café Ride, 9/18: Rhonda Wenzel (LOH Officer)

Vale Run, 9/25: Ted Wenzel (Road Captain)

### October:

Cambridge Photo Shoot, 10/2: Thirty-three people on 25 bikes, trikes, and one car assembled at HDHD for a 103-mile ride to Cambridge, Idaho. Of course you don't need a reason to ride but this time there was. It was to have you and your motorcycle photographed in front of the historic Hotel/Motel in downtown Cambridge. This is the fourth year that I have led a photo shoot ride and I plan to continue making it a yearly event. As we were gathering at HDHD the air was a bit crisp, typical for a fall morning in Idaho, but a few people were mumbling about whether they should have stayed home. Never-the-less we all took off on time and wandered around the valley making our first and only stop at the Sinclair 44 about 30 miles away. Being the ever so thoughtful road captain I am I walked around asking how everyone was doing and if there was anything I could do to make it a better ride. I had two requests - make it warmer and loan me a warmer pair of gloves. I am happy to say I came through on both accounts. First I loaned out a pair of warm gloves (I always carry at least three pairs of gloves with me) and then I brought out the sunshine to consistently warm the rest of the journey. After the respite and warming we were on to the second and last 70-mile leg of the ride. We took old Highway 30 through Sand Hollow to Payette where we jumped on Highway 95 through Weiser, Midvale, and ended up in Cambridge. The fall colors had set in and the sights, sounds, and smells were incredibly refreshing as we soaked in the Idaho countryside. Once in Cambridge I had my lovely wife Peggy hand out the ride tickets while I set up my photo gear for the shoot. Anyone who wanted could park their bikes and themselves in front of the hotel and be photographed. I believe all but one or two took advantage. The car that was following us had Doug and Debbie Foye as Doug's foot was still not up to riding. Luckily Rick Polenske just happens to have the same bike as Doug so they were able to use his bike for their photograph. After your photo was done you were free to leave and have lunch anywhere you wanted. However, it was highly suggested that you do not eat right next door at Bucky's. The pre-ride crew ate there the week before and had such a bad experience they suggested no one else go through that. Some people opted for the full loop through McCall and back down Highway 55 with lunch at Lardos. Others headed back the same way with a lunch stop in Midvale or Payette. Myself and a few others went another 10 miles up Highway 95 to Lakey's in Indian Valley. The food and service were excellent and I wouldn't hesitate suggesting this place to anyone. Thanks to everyone who turned out to make this ride

special and a very big thanks to my road captains Randy Harris and Kevin Curnes. I am looking forward to next year and am always open to suggestions about where to go. Dave Kesner (Road Captain)

BBQ, HDHD Biketoberfest, 10/8

Dan's Ferry Ride, 10/9: Steve Feller (Road Captain)

Just Right Ride, 10/16: Chuck Cox (Road Captain)

Couples Night, 10/19: Rhonda Wenzel (LOH Officer)

Breakfast Ride, 10/30: Ric Talada (Member at Large)

November:

HDHD HOG Appreciation Dinner, 11/4

Veteran's Day Ride, 11/5: Herb Weston (Road Captain)

Pancake Feed, 11/12

HDHD Employee Appreciation Lunch, 11/12

LOH Bowling, 11/13: Rhonda Wenzel (LOH Officer)

Holiday Parade, 11/19: Shannon Weston (Road Captain)

December:

Road Captain Appreciation Lunch, 12/4: Cliff Lewis (Lead Road Captain)