

Intermountain Chapter HOG (1255) Events Report 2020

January:

Frozen Butt Ride, 1/1: Our New Year's Day ride was a good one. We had a total of 45 members, 7 riders on 4 bikes, 2 trikes and 38 people in cages show up at High Desert Harley Davidson for the Frozen Butt Ride. More members showed up at the restaurant, I didn't get a final count but I'm guessing there were between 50 and 55 members in total. We rode 31 miles to the Boise Stage Stop for some great food and conversation. The 7 riders earned their water wings for 2020 already due to the ride in the rain to the restaurant. The ride home was much improved as it was dry and 45 degrees with the sun shining. Thanks to everyone who showed up and special thanks to Joe Cardona and Mike Anderson for being my Mid and Sweep. Hope to see you all riding soon. Mike Amendola (Road Captain in Training)

After Christmas, Christmas Party, Harley Theme, 1/18: The Red Lion Boise Downtowner was invaded by 134 bikers all ready to party. The committee had been meeting for the last 6 months planning and talking about the party. We decided that the Red Lion Boise Downtowner could handle us and then we started looking for a band. I called Ross Martin from the Original Rocketeers because they played classic rock and really could rock it. It was now time to start getting some rally cool door prizes so we all started shopping. After planning and talking for months the party was here before we knew it. The Social Hour was great with drinks, laughter and just having fun. For dinner there was a choice of great prime rib or tasty chicken along with salad and a sweet dessert choice. I watched many people on the dance floor and must say many of you have some great moves, ha ha. I think everyone had a great time because the room echoed with laughter, great music, dancing and the making of another wonderful memory. Thank you so much to the ACCP committee: Cliff & Joanna Lewis, Bob & Linda Potts, Art & Cheryl Brenenstahl, Mason & Katherine Clarke, Michael & Kathy Anderson, Kevin Curnes, and Shannon Weston (who put up with all my craziness and ideas). Thank you to Mark Dukes and High Desert Harley Davidson for the gift cards and discounted door prizes. Thank you to all the IMCHOG volunteers who helped decorate, clean up, took pictures, and whatever else they were asked to do. Thank you so much for all of you who donated door prizes. You guys rock and I could not have done it without you. Herb Weston (Director)

February:

Road Captain's Orientation/Ride Calendar Meeting, 2/16. Jim Moore (Lead Road Captain)

March: No known events due to Covid-19 pandemic

April: No known events due to Covid-19 pandemic

May: No known events due to Covid-19 pandemic

June:

Day Late for the World Ride, 6/10: Day Late for the World Ride, Ride (Stanley Loop), 6/10: Well, the ride didn't go off quite like we planned. First, the highway department opened up a 27-mile stretch of chip seal repairs on route 20 outside of Mountain Home. Rather than adding another 70 miles and 90 minutes by going through Bliss and Gooding to avoid those paint chips, I decided on a simple out and back through Banks, returning through Idaho City. Then it became apparent that the extended forecast was pretty insistent that there could be snow in Stanley on the originally scheduled Monday. I pushed the ride to Wednesday over the weekend so folks didn't have to wait till the last minute to see if the ride was canceled. It's a whole lot easier re-scheduling a ride during the week than over a weekend. Turns out the weather folks got it right this time. I pulled up Stanley's IDOT cam Monday morning and saw the snow coming down in earnest. So, Wednesday it was and the weather was beautiful. Sunny and 70 with a snow-covered Sawtooth range as our back-drop. Even the repaving construction zone on the Banks/Lowman road didn't cause any major delays as it did during the pre-ride the week before. So, 22 riders on 8 bikes and 8 trikes happily gathered in anticipation of our first chapter ride since that COVID-19 thing took over our lives. Vickie and her staff at Sawtooth Luce's served up our lunch for the fourth consecutive year since the window closed for the originally planned lunch at the Tessin's campsite. Unfortunately, they had to check out prior to Wednesday. After lunch, nearly half of our group split off to do the Gooding/Bliss route on their way back. Even with all the changes, folks just seemed happy to be back out with their riding family, putting down the miles, and enjoying what our state has to offer. Thanks to assistant Road Captains Art Brenenstahl, Cliff Lewis, Bill Dike, Joe and Sharon Cardona. Thanks to Mike Amendola and Steve Clizbe even though they had to bow out due to the scheduling change. Finally, a special thanks to John and Bev Tessin for their offer to provide lunch for the riders even though we couldn't quite pull it off, also due to the scheduling change. Mason Clarke (Historian)

Pancake Feed, 6/13

HDHD BBQ, 6/20

Rattlesnake Ride, June 22 to 21: Due to Covid-19 this ride evolved dramatically from the time of its inception but turned out excellent. The group left Boise with 17 bikes and trikes, 1 car, 20 people total and rode up to Lewiston through McCall and Riggins where we were able to stop for lunch. We had learned the Hells Canyon Harley Davidson was celebrating their 7th anniversary on the 20th of June so not only did we make it in time to enjoy an adult beverage, we were able to meet several fellow HOG members, and listen to the band. It just so happened we had great weather the full trip both ways, but did get one of those nice spring rain showers within 5 minutes of arriving at the Hells Canyon dealership. After the dealership we were treated very well at the Red Lion in Lewiston (I think it was their lounge and dining areas first day open after the shut-down order being lifted). A part of the group needing to get home rode back home the way we came. Most of the group had a great ride home through Asotin, WA on the Rattlesnake grade with a couple of Kodak moments along the way. One stop was the Joseph look out where you could read about the Nez Perce Trail of Tears, another was at the top of the Hells Canyon Overlook which is a nice road with a few switch backs to get to, but well worth the extra couple of miles. Then down through Enterprise, OR, Hells Canyon, Cambridge and Home. Very nice

600 miles round trip ride, to make the end of June. Great People, Great riding, and a Damn Good time. I would like to thank the fellow Intermountain HOG members that were able to ride with us. The fellowship of the ride is what makes the ride. I would like to thank my fellow road captains for making it a safe ride. Bob Potts (Treasurer)

Shoshone Ice Caves ride, 6/27: Not a big group but as always had a good time with friends. Thank you to everyone that was there, and Chuck and Art for being my mid and sweep. The best part was seeing people haven't seen for a while. Jim Moore (Lead Road Captain)

Hogs and Indian Ride, 6/28: June 28th was the annual HOG and Indian Ride. This year the Sawtooth Indian Motorcycle Club lead the ride. There were 12-15 great Indian motorcycles and 28-30 fabulous chrome and beautifully painted Harley Davidsons that headed for the North Shore Lodge at Warm Lake. Highway 55 was in good condition and the weather was great. The IRMC riders were nice and fun to hang out with. The lodge served brisket and ribs for lunch, which were delicious. Thank you to the IRMC for a fun day and a special THANK YOU to all the HOG members that came out to make the ride even better. Herb Weston (Director)

July:

Bear Ass Ride, 7/10-12: On Friday, July 10th 26 riders on 13 bikes, four trikes, and three vehicles left High Desert Harley-Davidson to begin our trek through Horseshoe Bend, Garden Valley, Lowman, Stanley, Challis, Mackey, Arco and into Idaho Falls, our base camp for the three-day excursion. On Friday, we lunched in Lower Stanley on the Salmon River. It was a great restaurant whose staff was very attentive to us and made for a fun meal. Several people stated they had not been through the Grand View Canyon area of Mackey or seen Mount Borah so that was a real treat for them. When we arrived at the hotel in Idaho Falls, we were greeted by the staff who were excited to see so many Harleys. That night we had pizza and refreshments in the parking lot of the hotel as we sat around and got to know each other better. Saturday morning, we took off to see Yellowstone Bear World near Rigby via the Sacajawea Scenic Byway (not a planned route but there are no wrong roads when you are riding). We had a delightful time touring the drive-thru park, petting zoo, and gift shop. We saw bison, mountain goats, grizzly bears, black bears, brown bears, elk, deer, moose, and dozens of other animals. When we left some riders headed for Yellowstone and the bulk of us headed for Ashton, Idaho and Lower Mesa Falls. Cliff brought us back to Idaho Falls through Driggs, Teton, and Victor, and Swan Valley. It was a wonderful day riding with great friends. Sunday some members came home through Arco, the Craters of the Moon National Monument, and Mountain Home. Others high-tailed it on the interstate through Pocatello to Boise. Thank you to our Road Captains – Herb Weston – who led the group in my place due to knee surgery; Kevin Curnes, David Kesner, and Cliff Lewis. Thank you to all who came on the ride. You made it so memorable. Herb Weston (Director)

Wild Hog Wednesday Off to Trudy's Ride, 7/15: On 15 July 15, 2020 a group of 36 (31 members and 5 guests) brave souls on 16 TRIKES and 12 Bikes came together in search of companionship and food! We met at the North End parking lot of the Majestic Theater and

promptly left at 11:00am on this quest. We went out of HDHD to overland over to Cloverdale to Hubbard to Pleasant Valley over to Gowen to Hwy 21 to Idaho City and Trudy's. Due to the large number of folks, a number of our members sought out other areas of food opportunities, I heard one member had a yearning for ice cream, hope he found it! The trip was approximately 55 miles and took about an hour and 25 minutes. It felt good to get out and about and see folks we haven't seen in a while due to the COVID-19 restrictions. I want to thank all who came, the visitors and a special shout out for our Road Captains Herb Weston and Mason Clarke who always make the trip secure and safe for our Club! Total combined mileage for the ride was 1540 miles, a good ride with excellent folks! Kevin Curnes (Member at Large)

HDHD BBQ, 7/18

Bandon Beer Crawl, 7/23-26. It was certainly a challenging year gathering into groups but it did not stop a group of riders to using creativity to still ride together. A group of 17 people departed Thursday morning, July 23 on 10 bikes, 3 trikes and a car. The first day consisted of 310 miles heading west with a lunch stop in John Day before stopping in Bend, Oregon. A short walk to several breweries and dinner at Deschutes topped off a great first day. Day two consisted of winding mountain roads, a lunch stop at a quaint little restaurant before finally reaching the ocean. The weather was perfect as we followed highway 101 along the ocean. A stop at the Harley Davidson dealership in Coos Bay was a nice stop to stretch legs. We continued south to the ocean front town of Bandon for the next evening. The highlight of the day was the Bandon Beach Motel where all rooms had a spectacular view of the ocean. Dinner plans included a short ride down to the pier for some local fare. Returning to the motel rewarded us with cocktails and a spectacular sunset. Day 3 departure was delayed due to several people insisting on smelling the roses and walking on the beach. We continued south along highway 101 into California where we grabbed Subway sandwiches, and found some picnic tables along the bay in Crescent City for lunch. After lunch, we traveled east through the majestic redwoods on our way to the next stop of Klamath Falls. Dinner was walking distance to Klamath Basin Brewing Company where we again were able to find dinner and a cold beer. Sunday morning included several groups of riders split off to travel home. It was certainly a challenging year with the health concerns but the group found ways to minimize our risks and still travel over 1,000 miles. It was a wonderful time of enjoying the scenery and each other's companionship. John Tessin (Road Captain)

August:

Lowman Loop, 8/2: Linda Potts (LOH)

Pancake Feed, 8/8

Curves Through History, 8/12: After leaving HDHD we'll head over to enjoy a ride on curvy country roads that parallel the Boise River basin west of Star where we'll stop off at "The Ward Massacre Memorial" a tribute to the survivors of an unwarranted attack by Indians on frontier immigrants. We'll travel on thru Middleton to old Hwy 30 then make our way onto El Paso Rd that will take us over the bench into the Emmett Valley. A left on our decent will take us along

the south side of the bench. Country roads with greening orchards & pastures will dictate our progress over to Hwy 52 which will take us to our next road side Memorial, erected for the unfortunate crash of a C-123 Thunderbird Support aircraft in 1958. A few miles down Hwy 52 past the turn off to Padack Reservoir we'll make a left onto Kilibrew Drive. Harmon Kilibrew from Payette Idaho is a Baseball Hall of Framer. This short drive will pass the old homestead where Harmon as a child learned the game of baseball out in country fields with neighbors and friends. This will put us at Hwy 95 where we'll make a right that leads into Payette where we'll enjoy a lunch at the Hideaway Grill or Burger King. Assistant Road Captains: Mid Bill Dikes, Mid Richard Burgland, Sweep Danny Comer. We had 8 Bikes & 9 Trikes, 23 riders. Everyone had a great time learning about Idaho's past or just enjoying the curvy country roads. Weather wasn't too hot and traffic was minimal. Most ate at the Hideaway Grill. Thanks for the support from the other RC's & Herb. Art Brenenstahl (Road Captain)

Too Broke for Sturgis Ride, 8/14-16: Mike Mowder (Road Captain)

HDHD BBQ, 8/15

Riders in the Sky Ride, 8/23: On August 23rd we had our annual Riders in the Sky ride. We all met at the Chevron on Hwy 44 and Hwy 30. It was a beautiful day because the weather was perfect, the route was pretty and the food was great. There were great conversations consisting of stories, laughter and the friendship of other members. This ride is a respect and remembrance ride for all fallen riders. We remember the ones we have lost and are now riding the great highways in the sky. We are also so grateful and thankful for all the friends and fellow riders that are still here with us. We had 61 riders with 26 bikes and 13 trikes. They all looked so inspirational going down the back roads together and then riding into the park one right after another. Such a site to see all these beautifully painted and chromed up machines all together. We had shredded pork, shredded chicken, coleslaw, potato salad, green salad with cookies all paid for by the Chapter. Thanks to all the Road Captains Chuck Cox, Kevin Curnes, Jim Moore, Michael Anderson and Danny Combs for a safe ride. Thank you to our servers and set up people Cliff & Joanna Lewis, Art & Cheryl Brenenstahl, Gayle Day, Cathy Berglund and Candy Weston. Herb Weston (Director)

Black Sands Ride, 8/26: We met at the Melba Valley Store. It was a pretty cool sight to see those beautiful Harleys and wonderful trikes all lined up in the parking lot. We stood around talking and watching as more bikes and trikes pulled in until it was time to go. The ride through Murphy and Grandview was good with very little traffic and it felt good to be riding with friends again. The deck at Black Sands was reserved for us but because we had 20 people, we had to move another table and chairs on the deck. The people at Black Sands were very friendly, got us later and ice tea, and they got the food out pretty quick. Most of us ordered burgers and fries that were pretty tasty. It was nice to sit watching the water and laughing with everyone while the weather was perfect. Thank you to the Road Captains Chuck Cox and Danny Comer for getting us there safely. Thank you to Shannon Weston for setting all this up. Herb Weston (Director)

Bug Run, 8/29: Annual HOG Bug Run was this evening. Riders bought target stickers to place on their bikes. Bug nearest the bull's eye wins! Participation included 16 members riding 9

motorcycles and 3 trikes. KSU at 5:30 and temps still in the low 90's. Felt a little cooler after half an hour riding through the back roads of Boise and Kuna. Returned back to the Majestic parking lot after a short ride of just over an hour. Jim Moore (Lead Road Captain)

September:

Pancake Feed, 9/12

HDHD BBQ, 9/19

October:

Pancake Feed, 10/10

HDHD BBQ, 10/17

Map Rock Ride, 10/18: Mike Amendola (Road Captain)

November: No known events due to Covid-19 pandemic

December: No known events due to Covid-19 pandemic