

Intermountain Chapter HOG (1255) Events Report 2014

January:

Frozen Butt Ride 1/1: Great Wall on Overland.

After-Christmas Christmas Party 1/11: Elks Lodge, Nampa.

February:

LOH Planning Meeting 2/5:

Ride Calendar Planning Meeting 2/22:

Membership Meeting: On behalf of Dave Thomas (HD Owner), Todd Godfrey (HOG Manager) was pleased to share that the dealership was recently awarded the Silver Bar & Shield Circle of Achievement Award.

March:

Road Captain Informational Meeting 3/15: Jim Moore (Lead Road Captain)

New Member Orientation 3/22: Sal Guerrero (Membership Coordinator)

Emmett Loop Ride 3/23: John Mays (Road Captain)

LOH Event 3/29: Just a quick thank you to all the Ladies that came to the Saturday Bunco night. It was so much fun. Shelley Berns (LOH Coordinator)

Emmett Ride 3/30: What a beautiful sight to behold 11 Harley head lights in my side view mirrors as we ventured out in questionable weather for our annual breakfast ride. It was a little chilly but the blue skies opened up to greet us. In true military-like fashion, our staggered formation gently glided through the beautiful country side and clean roads of Meridian, Star, Middleton, and Emmett. My Zumo gave me repeated weather alerts/warning of "Snow"! It did not look pretty towards Horseshoe Bend. What is the most rewarding? The ride, or the fellowship that follows at the designated stop for a meal? As Mac said: "It's the culture that one enjoys...I am far away from home (New Zealand) but here I have 246 club members to call family to enjoy life with". Cold Mountain Creek Restaurant, as usual, had great food with terrific service. I must confess that this was the most expensive breakfast I have ever had in my 62 years. Doug Foye and Mac were enthusiastically talking about the new H-D "Linked ABS"! My wife, Sharon, actively listened to their conversation about what a tremendous safety feature it was. Just prior to our departure from High Desert, she went in to use the facilities...she came out saying: "I am going to be the owner of a new 2014 Street Glide with linked ABS." We are coming back to High Desert after the ride to close the deal". Ouch!!!!!!!!!! Thanks Mac! What a buddy, what a pal...not! Six hours later, Sharon was the proud owner of said bike. HDH-D staff treated her right! During the procurement process, Jeff Sweeney (HDH-D salesman) kept asking me if I

wanted something to drink, but diet coke did not seem strong enough at the time. You know it. Sharon (Sunny) has that "new H-D owner: grin". Yeap, being a IMCHOG member is certainly exciting and rewarding! Many thanks to my two road captains, Doug Foye (Mid), and Jim Moore (Sweep). A great ride and a great time had by all. Joe Cardona (Road Captain)

April:

Hagerman Ride 4/13: It was 38 degrees with a sustained wind of 30 MPH when I backed out of the garage at 0630 (O-dark-thirty for those military types). I couldn't help thinking who in their right minds drag themselves out from under those cozy covers in these conditions on a Sunday morning? I ducked in behind the fairing and headed to the freeway just as the sun started to peek over the Danksins. With no other bikes on the freeway, I began to wonder how many people were going to show up as I always do on that 50-mile ride into Boise. Greg, one of our newer members, was up early also. He followed me into the HD parking lot, ready to ride. His enthusiasm reminded me why I drag myself out of bed on days like this. We ended up with 48 riders on 32 bikes ready to take on the day with the promise of friendship and Kirt's Snake River Grill breakfast buffet as the reward. Even the whistle pigs stayed in bed that morning as we wound our way through Mountain Home, past Bruno Dunes State park where the lead group had an interesting encounter with a couple of cows crossing the road, on to Hammett, and finally Bliss and Hagerman. The food and conversation were great, as usual, and everyone returned to their bikes fully satisfied and ready for the 100 or so miles of headwind back to Boise. There must be something about this Harley thing that gets us out of bed on mornings like this. Mason Clarke (Assistant Director)

LOH Mary Kay Demo 4/16: Shelley Berns (LOH Coordinator)

BBQ Kick Start, 4/19

Membership Meeting: Special Recognition/Support to: Terrell, long-time IMHOG member who has successfully beaten cancer – way to go! Sun Row will be having open heart surgery later this week; our prayers are with you! Shannon Weston (Member at Large)

Ada County Paramedics: Dina & Chris were present to talk about the Vital Ride program. Safety is about more than protection from injury or illness, it is also about protection from cost. Vital Ride is an ambulance membership program designed to defray the cost of ambulance transport; it covers what insurance does not. For those without insurance or if charges are applied solely to deductible, a \$100 flat rate co-pay applies. This program covers your entire household for \$60 annual fee (membership year begins the day the policy is purchased); tonight only they offered a special pricing at \$200 for 5 years. As a side note, this is not reciprocal with other ambulance companies and provides transport only within Ada County. However, they are the only service dispatched by 911 services.

Bea Black, Executive Director, Women's & Children's Alliance (WCA): Was here to promote the Charity Ride on September 13th. She shared some statistics and information about services provided at the WCA and expressed her gratitude for the Club's support of their work.

Their mission is: Safety, healing, and freedom from domestic abuse and sexual assault. Lastly, she shared a PowerPoint presentation that gave an overview of the services offered at the WCA.

An update was given on Veteran's Day Parade. This year, those in charge of the parade have made some significant changes to the requirements for participation. Primarily, they are requiring all participants to have a float that represents a specific war era. They are also limiting the number participants from each organization or club. Because of this, the Board came to the very difficult decision that we will not be participating in the parade this year. The parade organizers are simply trying something new; let's be respectful and continue to support our veterans by coming to the parade. Herb Weston (Member at Large)

May:

LOH Orphan Annie's 5/2: Thank you for coming out to our May 2nd ride to Orphan Annie's. It was a beautiful ride around Lake Lowell. Thank you so much Joy for leading all 21 of us on that wonderful ride. Shelley Berns (LOH Coordinator)

ICMS Awareness Ride 5/3: We started at High Desert with 23 bikes & 31 riders with the sun shining. After a short ride up to Sandy Point at Lucky Peak we had about 1-1/2 hours to look at bikes and visit with old friends before we lined up for a police escort to the Capital. After that about twelve of us went to Jerry's for a great lunch. Please note: For all the people that went on the ride I did fill out a ride ticket and a volunteer card for my mid (Herb) and my sweep (Mason) to be placed in the buckets for the next general meeting. Thanks to everyone that came out to support the ICMS. Jim Moore (Lead Road Captain)

BBQ Spring Swap Meet, 4/17

Dam Glory Hole Ride 5/18: 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. First a little fun fact about the dam – it was built in 1927 and was the tallest dam in the world until 1934. So on May 14th I decided to do a pre-ride to see what shape the road was in. Seven of us met at HDHD and headed out, not bad for a Wednesday. The sun was shining, the traffic wasn't bad, and spirits were high. Luckily I remembered the route and no wrong turns were made. We encountered one bit of construction on a bridge just before Lake Lowell, but that was all. The first stop was at the Gem Stop Chevron Station just outside Marsing. At that point we talked about where to have lunch. Someone suggested the Mirage in Adrian, Oregon so that's where we went. The people were really friendly and the food was great. I asked if they were open on Sunday and when they said yes, I asked if they would want to handle a large group of bikers. Again, another enthusiastic yes, with the caveat that they could only seat 38 in the dining room. The original plan for this ride was for everyone to bring a picnic lunch to eat at the park at the dam. Now I could offer a choice for those that wanted a restaurant meal.

After breakfast/lunch we were off to the dam. The final road in to the dam had quite a few pot holes and several places with rock fall on the road. Other than that it was a beautiful ride. A short stop, at the park at the bottom of the dam to use the facilities, well the one seat outhouse, and then on up to see the glory hole. Who would have known that this was the lowest water year in the past 60 years? Not only was the glory hole not over flowing, but it sat a full 20-30 feet above the water line. Good thing the ride itself was so enjoyable. We decided to come back a different way, turning off just past Adrian and taking back roads to Caldwell with riders breaking off along the way to return to their respective homes.

So on May 18th the actual trip took place with 15 people showing up. As we all started gathering at HDHD the heavens decided to give us a little drizzle to take all the impurities out of the air. As with this type of moisture, it is not so much what is falling as what sprays up from the road. It kept up for a bit so I made an unplanned stop at the Chevron on Highway 45. I wanted to make sure everyone was doing okay and asked if anyone wanted to call it quits and go home or shorten the route to some place close. Being the hardened Harley riders we are, every single one said let's keep going. Just what I wanted to hear! As we left the Chevron the clouds in front of us started to open up even as the clouds in back of us were getting darker and more foreboding. By the time we made our second stop at the Gem Stop Chevron outside Marsing it was all partly cloudy with the sun peeking through. By the time we hit Adrian for breakfast/lunch it was all sunshine and dry roads. With bellies full we headed out for the dam.

The Owyhee Dam Road is a typical Oregon back country road with very little traffic and quite well maintained. In fact, all those pot hole we had encountered just three days before were all freshly filled in. Most of the rock fall was also cleared, but 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 2-300 yards of gravel here but I am happy to say it didn't seem to anyone problems. Because there isn't much room to park at the top of the dam I asked that riders go up in small groups to view the Glory Hole. This was the end of the ride and a few people decided to take off and go home. I got the impression that they wanted to go a bit faster on the way out than I led them on the way in. The majority of the group decided to follow me out and we took the same route through back roads to Caldwell that we did on the pre-ride.

All-in-all a great ride with enough diversity in both the weather and roads to please everyone. Hopefully I can plan this ride again when there is enough water to have the Glory Hole in, well, its fully glory. A special thanks to Jim and Mason for being my mid and sweep on this ride. Dave Kesner (Road Captain)

General Meeting: An update was provided on the Patriot Thunder Ride event. There have been some changes as ISP requested payment for the escort, as well as other bureaucratic issues which were estimated at \$12-14,000. However, there is still an event at HD – food, live music, guest dignitaries, and good company - basically everything BUT the ride. Todd encouraged those

interested to continue to support this charity event but if anyone would like refunds, they will be granted tomorrow between 11-1 ONLY. Patches and commemorative coins are still available, as are a limited number of shirts. There are a number of “unofficial” rides in connection with this event; please ride safe and be a good ambassador for the motorcycle and military communities if you are participating in any of these rides. Todd Godfrey (HOG Manager)

A recent attendee of the Accident Scene Management Course shared a short video from this course. Ric shared that this was very informative and absolutely recommends it to others. Also, in 2 weeks there will be a food drive through the Mustang Car Club. There are flyers available with more information, but he encourages members to come and bring their bikes to showcase at this event, as well. Ric Tallada (Road Captain)

Trace, a representative from MADD, shared a little bit about its mission. In Idaho there are only 2 full-time staff, the rest of the work is shouldered by volunteers. Trace encouraged us to support the MADD Charity Ride on June 7th. \$20 registration includes a pin and lunch. There are also a limited number of inaugural patches available.

Trailer for Sale: The chapter’s cargo trailer is being offered for sale first to the membership, via silent auction. Proceeds to the WCA. Please note this is a door opening, and comes with a 2 x 6 ramp and motorcycle tie downs to accommodate at least 2 bikes. There are also some chocks and misc. tools. Pictures available at HDHD. Valued at up to \$2500-2600; opening bid at \$1800. Pat Bryant (Equipment Coordinator)

June:

Patriot Thunder Support 6/1: A number of chapter members assisted the dealership parking motorcycles for the event. Herb Weston (Member at Large)

Photo Shoot Ride 6/8: Each year I plan a ride to help raise money to help offset the cost of the After Christmas Christmas Party. The idea is to have a ride to a destination where we will photograph bikes and riders and then off to lunch. You can either go on the ride for free or buy a \$5.00 ticket that will then be drawn for a prize package that includes the photo shoot of you and your bike, a matted and framed 16x20, and your lunch paid for. All the money raised goes to the club.

This year the plan was to meet on June 8th at HDHD and ride around the Boise Foothills above Star and Eagle with the photo shoot taking place at the old abandoned Double Eagle Bar on Highway 44 (State Street) just outside Eagle.

As Peggy and I were riding to HDHD my speedometer broke. Not only is this not the first time this has happened but it is the fifth sending gear and third speedo that I have gone through in the 170,000 miles and 30 years I have had the bike. To add to the problem, I just changed my rear sprocket to one with 49 teeth (as opposed to the 51 tooth I normally run). This has the effect of dropping my rpms by at least 500-750 for the same speed. So while I knew how my bike used to feel at 35 and 55 mph I was still getting used to this new drop in rpm. I decided to ask someone

to lead the first part of the ride down Eagle road and then I would take over on the secondary foothill roads. Mason stepped forward and did this for me.

It was a perfect early summer day with sunshine and warmth for the whole trip. With Mason leading the group of 15 we headed down Eagle. It is amazing to me how much this road has changed since I used to travel it in the late 70's early 80's as a two lane road with a one lane bridge over the river. When we got through Eagle I took over the lead and took the group down Beacon Light Road to CanAda Road where we headed north. This takes you through the foothills and small ranchette subdivisions. I am sure quite a few people had never been on these back roads. I heard someone was writing down realtor's phone numbers for a possible move in the future.

Once we got through these roads we came out on the Emmett Highway and headed south to Highway 44. Down this road we made our stop at the Double Eagle for the photo shoot. Anthony was the lucky winner so we got his bike in place first. I thought the building would make a great backdrop for a photo with the natural red stone façade and tree/bush/vine overgrowth. Since we had such a low turnout (only nine people bought tickets) I decided to shoot anyone's bike and offer them the digital file if they wanted to make their own print. A few took me up on this offer so I shot them quickly and we were off to Lindy's for lunch.

On a side note Ken related a story that one of our club members had lost their life some time ago while turning into this bar. It is always sad to hear stories like this but it drives home the point that we must always stay alert a vigilant when we ride, whether with the club or on our own.

Anyway, lunch at Lindy's was great – they claim to have the best finger steaks in the city and I have to agree. After everyone was fed it was good byes and on our separate ways. A special thanks to Anthony, and to Ken and Mason for being my mid and sweep. Dave Kesner (Road Captain)

Rubber Chicken Ride 6/20: Joy Hammel (Road Captain)

LOH Orchard Café 6/21: We had a lot of fun on our June 21st ride. Joy Hammel was our Lead Road Captain and Dan Hammel was the mid and Mark Berns our sweep. We had 13 bikes and 15 riders. Joy led us on a beautiful ride thru back roads in Canyon County, could smell the Lavender, mint and the fresh cut hay. We came out on Map Rock Road and only had one little mishap, a wild saddle bag from Annette Hunt that came flying off from one side. All ok except for the saddle bag. Thank goodness for those Trikes that brings up the rear. We ended up at The Orchard House sharing awesome food and good friends. What a way to end the day. Shelley Berns (LOH Coordinator)

Halfway Oregon Ride 6/22: I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who went on the Halfway, Oregon Ride on Sunday, June 22nd. Mother Nature cooperated this year and kept the temperature down for us, the first time since this ride was conjured up. It was a fantastic trip all around. Going in the morning and arriving about noon was great. We had lunch at the Stockmen's Café, where the ride officially ended. After lunch, the group headed home as they chose, with some going to Baker and other going home the way we came in. I would like to

thank my Road Captains, Herb Weston and Jim Moore for their help in making this a successful ride. I think the final tally was 26 riders and 18 bikes in all. If you were not able to make it this year, we would love to have you next year. In closing I want to use the same closing I used years previous "It just proves to me once again just how lucky we all are to have our Harley family and friends that we do. Thanks to everyone once again, it was a trip stories are born from". Ted Wenzel (Road Captain)

McCall Ride 6/29: Eric Sirs (Road Captain)

July:

Melba 4th of July Parade 7/4: Herb Weston (Member at Large)

LOH 7/5: Shelley Berns (LOH Coordinator)

Idaho City Ice Cream Ride 7/6: Anthony Matsen (Road Captain)

Hells Canyon Rally Ride 7/12: It was a beautiful morning. We left High Desert with 6 bikes and 9 riders, two of which are new to the chapter, Shawn and Shane, welcome. We rode to Ontario and took the turn towards Unity. After turning at Unity and heading down 245 towards the foothills, we had a really nice ride full of 20-25 mile an hour turns. At one point a fawn, maybe 4-6 months old, tried crossing the road when we passed. It finally made the right choice and stayed on the side, no mama in sight. We made it to Baker about 12:30, got something to eat and checked things out. We all left about 2:45 and as usually it was a hot ride home. Great ride, great company, great time. Thank you Sal and Mike for being my mid and sweep and to everyone else for coming along for the ride. Jim Moore (Lead Road Captain)

Riders in the Sky, Wild Rose Park Emmett ID 7/20: Herb Weston (Member at Large)

August:

LOH Trudy's Idaho City 8/9: We rode up to Idaho City on August 9th and had dinner at Trudy's. It was a beautiful afternoon – finally not so hot! It was nice to get up a little higher in the mountains and enjoy some cooler temperatures. Ten riders shared good food and great service at Trudy's. Shelley Berns (LOH Coordinator)

Jackpot NV Overnighter 8/9: Eric Sirs (Road Captain)

3 Rs Ride 8/10: My very first ride with the Harley Owners Group was in 1987 with what was then called IdaHog Boise Chapter. We went up to Stanley on the 4th of July weekend. During the day we did a raft trip down the Salmon River and at night watched the wonderful fireworks display.

Thinking about that trip got me nostalgic and prompted me to try and recreate something similar. I didn't know how the current membership would take to it as I hadn't seen them doing anything like it so I set up a survey and asked if anyone would be interested.

My new plan would allow three choices. One was to ride up to Horseshoe Bend and have lunch. The next would be to ride up to Horseshoe Bend, have lunch, and then ride the Thunder Mountain Line railroad up to Banks and back. The last option would be to ride out to Horseshoe Bend, have lunch, ride the train up to Banks, and then raft back down. So the 3R's stood for Rubber (riding our bikes), Rails (riding the train), and River (riding the rafts).

After several weeks of the survey being up it looked like there were about 25 people showing interest in one or the other parts. I figured that was more than enough to go ahead and set up the ride.

I chose August 10th as the date and made all the required reservations with Thunder Mountain Line. I then sent out the notice and asked people to email me if they were interested. That original 25 interested parties dwindled down to a total of ten that actually went. Well an even dozen if you count my son and his wife who drove up. One person decided on just the ride and lunch; three on the ride, lunch, and the full train trip; six of us for the full ride, lunch, train, and raft trip. My son and his wife also joined us for the full trip.

I was worried that we wouldn't have enough time to eat lunch and get to the train on time, but the staff at Kit's Riverside took care of us with plenty of time to spare. Once we got to the train depot the people going on the raft portion had to change into their river gear. Man, the amount of blinding white skin was a sight to behold! Perhaps we should all think about getting out of our leathers a little more often to soak up some of that vitamin K.

We were treated to a fully air conditioned rail car with the option of stepping out on one of the open air cars to watch the country side go by at a very leisurely pace. There was a fire in the Sweet/Ola area and we could see the billowing smoke and retardant planes flying over to help put it out.

Once the train arrived at Banks we said goodbye to the three that would be staying to see a short Wild West show and then riding the train back to Horseshoe Bend. A short set of stairs and then a rocky path led us down to the water and our waiting rafts and guides from Bear Valley Rafting. After putting on our life vests and getting a short safety talk we were on our way. This is a very tame section of the river which worked out well as this was the first time on a raft for two of our group. Even though it was tame there were half dozen rapids to get a bit of excitement. During the calm sections you could get out of the raft and float alongside. Mark Burns was the only one who took advantage of this and it was quite a show watching his scrawny guide try to lift him back in the raft.

We got off the river at the Bee Hive take out and had to endure the hardest part of the whole trip. That was hauling the rafts up the stairs and ramp to the waiting busses and trailers. Good thing they had a cooler full of water and soda waiting. Our bus then took us back to the train depot where we had to change back into our full leathers for the ride back - quite a change from shorts on the river.

Everyone seemed to really enjoy the trip. So much so, that we may have to make this an annual event. Maybe even consider a longer, wilder river section or even back up to Stanley for an overnighter and rafting the mighty Salmon. Dave Kesner (Road Captain)

Idaho City Ice Cream Ride 8/17: Anthony Matsen (Road Captain)

Steak Roast Ride 8/23: Mark Berns (Road Captain)

Salmon Overnighter 8/30: Jim Moore (Lead Road Captain)

Membership Meeting: Please join us on the WCA Benefit Ride. One of our members, Sue Thomas, is the aunt of the recently murdered local woman who was in an abusive relationship. As such, the ride will be dedicated to the victim, Selena. Online registration is available; pre-registration helps greatly with planning. Also, stay tuned for information about a possible Toys for Tots run in a joint effort with other local motorcycle clubs. Shelley Berns (LOH Coordinator)

September:

Death of Chapter Member: As most of you know we lost Wayne Mai last month. For those who may not remember him, he was that friendly guy sitting at the table you had to pass by to get to the bar at the monthly meetings wearing that orange ball cap. The same cap prominently displayed at his memorial service along with his chapter colors. He was one of the first people I met when I joined the chapter and was one of most genuinely friendly people I'd met in a very long time. Always the first to extend his hand and offer a smile for everyone he met. My last conversation with him was just before last month's general meeting when he suggested that we add his favorite ride to the calendar for next year since we seem to have forgotten it for the second consecutive year. After considering his question, I realized he was right. I can assure you all that the Stanley Loop Ride will be back again for next year. And it will take on a whole new meaning, for me at least. We should all be so lucky to go as he did, pursuing one of his lifelong passions. The riding conditions are always sunny and 72 degrees where he is now. See you on the other side old friend. Mason Clarke (Assistant Director)

Air Force Appreciation Day Parade, Mountain Home 9/6: Mason Clarke (Assistant Director)

Blue Canoe Ride 9/7: I arrived at High Desert Harley Davidson Sunday morning to find a number our members and my friends waiting for me to lead my first ride as Road Captain, what a surprise and thrill.

It was a perfect Indian summer day and we left promptly at 11:00 AM. After riding through the corn fields and farm country of south Nampa we took a break at the Tesoro gas station to get rid of morning Dutch Bros. We rode single file on the Lake Shore Drive so that we could all enjoy the turns, then rode through more Idaho farm country passing the gun club where riders and shooters exchanged waves and onto Map Rock Road for another section of single file curves until we reached Highway 45 which took us to our destination at the Blue Canoe.

Al and Debra were happy to see all 26 of us as we took over the bar and back picnic area for lunch. Service took a little bit as the Canoe is a small establishment but most everyone was served and pleased. Unfortunately, there were a few of our members who left a little early as the small place was swamped. To those friends who did not get their meal, I offer my sincere apology as did Al and Debra.

If I have the opportunity to lead this ride again, Debra and I will definitely arrange it better.

Thank you again to all of you for turning out and helping me to become part of the Road Captain brotherhood of our club. Mike Mowder (Road Captain)

LOH Charity Ride, women's and Children's Alliance 9/13: We had about 40 riders and did the Emmett loop, thru Black Canyon and back. Mark Berns was my lead road captain and had lots of good comments about they liked the pace and did not feel like they were racing thru the corners. Mason Clarke was the sweep and Doctor Dave, Mike Mowder, Chuck Cox, Cliff Lewis were the mids, I am so very grateful for knowing that the ride was in good hands of our awesome Road Captains. Can't forgot to say thank you to the wonderful ladies of the club either for helping and keeping things on track, Vicki Smart, Shannon Weston, Sue Thomas, Annette Hunter, Linda Lang, Joanna Lewis, Katherine Clarke, Karen Peterman, Carla Wall. You ladies were wonderful and could not have done it without you. We made around \$2000.00 from the ride for the WCA. I have to thank my wonderful husband for letting be help him cook for 200 people and not killing me in his kitchen. The extra food that was left over fed the Shelter downtown Boise and the Chef there was very grateful for the extra food, so all in all it worked out well. We forget sometimes how blessed we are to have nice homes and wonderful families with enough food on our tables. Not everyone is that lucky, but we have a great family in our Chapter with good hearts. Shelley Berns (LOH Coordinator)

Mountain Home AFB Airshow 9/20: Sixteen riders (and one injured Herb driving the chase vehicle) showed up for last Saturday's ride to Mountain Home Air Force Base for the Air Show featuring the USAF Thunderbirds. After checking for the required personal protective equipment to get on base and making sure no one was packing (base personnel have much bigger and a whole lot more weapons) we were off to Mountain Home. We were pleasantly surprised by the smooth entry and relatively quick trip to the motorcycle parking area located next to the mass parking area in an unimproved field. We knew our efforts to clean up our bikes for the ride was time wasted as the dust began settling on our paint before we even parked. Within what seemed like seconds after parking, Judy Tallada came strolling up to the group in a loose fitting dress. Still don't know how she changed so fast. After making it through the airport style checkpoint, one of our members was somehow drawn to a table where a young Staff Sergeant was filling out name tags. I guess he wanted a name tag too. When the sergeant informed our member the tags were meant for children that may get separated from their parents, the looks on both their faces were priceless. After a good laugh the sergeant mentioned that we had made his day. Once inside, I pretty well lost track of everyone else when I ran into a couple of my old troops. The show did not disappoint. Thanks to Cliff Lewis and Jim Moore who helped out with road captain duties. Mason Clarke (Assistant Director)

Bug Run 9/21: Mark Berns (Road Captain)

Breakfast Ride 9/28: Ric Tallada (Road Captain)

October:

Fall Picnic, Legacy Park, Mountain Home 10/4: Mason Clarke (Assistant Director)

BBQ Biketoberfest, 10/11

Bug Run 10/18: Mark Berns (Road Captain)

LOH 10/25: Our Saturday, October 25th ride was a blast. We had 22 people and went to El Gallo Giro in Kuna. Food was great and shared with good people. Weather even turned out nice for only day that week that was. Shelley Berns (LOH Coordinator)

November:

LOH 11/1: Shelley Berns (LOH Coordinator)

Boise Holiday Parade 11/22: Shannon Weston (Member at Large)

December:

No events