

## **Intermountain Chapter HOG (1255) Events Report 2012**

### January:

Frozen Butt Ride, 1/1: There was a great turnout for the Frozen Butt Ride last Saturday, with 28 bikes and 35 riders; hopefully this is a good indicator of interest in club rides this year.

After Christmas, Christmas Party, 1/14: Cowgirls. Everyone had a great time at our annual After Christmas, Christmas Party.

#### Membership Meeting:

Lane from ICMS – Legislature Update – a no-texting and hands-free only cell phone bill has been introduced. No current legislation that relates to motorcycles at this time. It is noted that 30% of motorcycle fatalities are due to use of illegal drugs or alcohol levels over the limit. Membership in ICMS is also encouraged Lane.

Herb Weston – wearing colors- we wear them because of pride for what we belong to! We are encouraged to wear our colors at every opportunity to promote club unity and pride. Remember when wearing our colors, we are ambassadors for the club, so be mindful of how we act when wearing colors.

Topper – VFW members who are also IMHOG members – the national group has authorized formation of “riding groups”; there is a local group now forming. Topper is the new State Director. For chapter members who also belong to VFW, you will have the opportunity to join this group, as well.

Herb Weston – The Chapter is now on Facebook; please check it out.

### February:

Road Captain Planning Meeting, 2/18: Jim Moore (Lead Road Captain)

### March:

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

Dinner Ride, 3/11:

LOH Ride, 3/13: River Rock, Eagle

Road Captain Lunch Ride, 3/18:

March Brunch Ride, 3/25: Herb Weston (Member at Large)

#### Membership Meeting:

Chuck: Introduced as new Safety Officer. Welcome, Chuck!

Scott: Meals on Wheels Charity Ride has been cancelled. Idaho State Rally will be August 9th-11th, the theme is "On the Road Again" as this is a rolling rally. Registration and info is now online and there are early bird discounts. In addition, all who register early will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 gift card for HDHD, a hotel room, and dinner. The rally starts in Meridian, with the first stop in Riggins, and then on to Lewiston. Registration on site will be available this year at \$80. For those staying at the Marriott in Meridian, there is a special link on their website to get the special Rally pricing. The Red Lion in Lewiston has the same set-up. The Meet & Greet will be Thursday evening at Marriott Courtyard. Friday there will be 2 group rides to choose from. On Saturday, everyone is on their own but the ride is to Lewiston through Riggins. There will be lunch provided in Riggins, free of charge, from 11-1, by the City of Riggins. There will be special raft and jet boat discounts for the weekend before, during, and after, offered by the Outfitters in Riggins. Dinner and entertainment in Lewiston on Saturday night is included in the registration fee.

Jerry: Mike Halpin is still recuperating from an accident that occurred 2 years ago. He has also had a recent open heart surgery. He would appreciate hearing from his HOG family, members are encouraged to stay in touch, via Caring Bridge Network, sending a card, or visiting.

#### April:

LOH Brunch Ride, 4/10: Joy Hammel (Membership Coordinator)

Spring Picnic, 4/15

BBQ Kick Start, 4/21

Hagerman Brunch Ride, 4/22: The ride to Hagerman was outstanding! With weather like July, nobody complained of the sunshine and light breeze. Our morning began at High Desert. Thank you Val for helping keep my numbers and sign-ins straight. Kick stands were up a tad after 9am. With 40+ Harleys eager to hit the road, 60 of our favorite old and new friends headed east for our annual brunch. The two lane byways did not disappoint, skirting potholes, whistle pigs and a cow or two our intrepid groups (yes we were big enough for 2) made the morning journey through old hi-way 30 scenery just in time for a 11:55 sit down at Frogs Landing. The staff there was, as always, delighted to see us and treated with the finest of hospitality and great food. Thanks go to lead Doug Foye, sweeps Ted Wenzel and Jim Moore and the other road captains mixed into the two groups for a great safe riding experience for our chapter. Hope to see you all on the next adventure!... Cliff Lewis (Road Captain)

Pancake Feed Blessing of the Bikes, 4/28

Breakfast Ride, 4/29: Ric Tallada (Road Captain)

#### May:

ICMS Awareness Ride, 5/5: Dan Hammel (Director)

Photo Shoot Ride, 5/6: Randy Kalisek (Road Captain)

LOH Ride, 5/9:

BBQ Spring Swap Meet 5/19

Sweet/Ola Ride, 5/20: Boyd Rue (Road Captain)

Rubber Chicken Dinner Ride, 5/26: Joy Hammel (Membership Coordinator)

Memorial Day Ride, 5/28: Melba Cemetery, Dan Hammel (Director)

### June:

Bruneau Sand Dunes Ride, 6/23, Jim Moore (Lead Road Captain)

Million Mile Monday Dinner Ride, 6/25: Jim Moore (Lead Road Captain)

Jordan Valley Ride, 6/30: Tim Alexander (Road Captain)

### July:

Gooding Loop Ride, 7/1: Well I think my streak of riding in the rain is finally over... 17 of us set out from High Desert H-D to go on a 300 mile ride. After riding to Mountain Home, we met up with Mason Clarke (good to see you out and about) for breakfast at AJ's. After that we continued to Fairfield. Then to Gooding and Bliss. From Bliss we took old highway 30 to Hammet. From there we went through Bruneau and finished in Grandview. All in all, it was a great day for the ride. NO RAIN! Maybe a little windy. But everyone went home dry. Thanks to Herb Weston for being the sweep on this ride with short notice. Tom Reeb (Member at Large)

Halfway Oregon Ride, 7/8: Ted Wenzel (Road Captain)

New Member Orientation, 7/14

Long Way to Crouch Ride, 7/15: Ric Tallada (Road Captain)

Yellowstone Overnighter, 7/20: Eric Sirs (Road Captain)

Bogus Basin Ride, 7/21: Steve Feller (Road Captain)

Riders in the Sky, 7/29: Whenever we set up a ride I always hope to have a lot of riders participate especially a ride that is so dear to my heart. This is one ride that we can show our respect, remember those that are gone and be thankful for those around us. This time I could not believe all the riders on those painted and chrome machines that showed up. While I was waiting for the time to line up I was in awe of all the bikes that just kept coming to get in line. We had 73 people ranging from older riders to a 17-year-old on his first group ride. The food was brought in by my wonderful wife (Shannon) from Goodwood BBQ. I really need to thank Shannon, Candyce Weston and Vicki Smart for delivering and setting up the lunch. I would like to also

thank the Road Captains that helped me get everyone there safely ~ Scott Beale, Bill Smart, Jim Moore, Tom Reeb, Jr, Ted Wenzel, Chuck Cox and Rick Polenske. And last but certainly not least, a big Thank You to all that came on this ride and shared your time with all of us. Herb Weston (Member at Large)

#### Membership Meeting:

Layne, from ICMS: 2 years ago, we had 28 fatalities, last year we had 17. Unfortunately, we are on an upward trend this year and we are already at 12 fatalities at this point in the season. Think about your ride, every time. As a number of accidents were from rear-ending accidents, remember to pay attention to position and keeping an eye out for other drivers even when we are parked; right of way does not necessary make us right so be sure to take extra precautions even when we are stopped.

#### August:

Warm Lake Breakfast Ride, 8/5: Ahh, Sunday morning in the Idaho Mountains! Great friends (17 bikes and 22 enthusiasts), sweeping curves, and a dose of Idaho road construction. The ride to Warm Lake was indeed a beautiful and peaceful ride. Lots of curves, some tighter than others. Sherri at North Shore Lodge had a wonderful breakfast brunch waiting for us on the shore of Warm Lake. The buffet line was hot and ready. We were quite hungry and made short work of the brunch. Afterwards we all enjoyed the views and camaraderie of stories, fibs, and assorted rumor control before joining hundreds of our closest friends all returning to the Boise area on Hwy 55. In the future, we can all recommend a trip to North Shore Lodge and Warm Lake for a quick getaway so close to Boise. See you on the next one. RCs were: Doug Foye, Jim Moore and Eric Sirs. Doug Foye (Road Captain)

Idaho State HOG Rally, 8/9-12: Another year of the Idaho State H.O.G. Rally has come to a close. First of all, a BIG Thank You to all of our volunteers. Without you, the Rally does not happen. This year something a little different was done by doing a traveling rally. The feel seemed to be a bit more relaxed this year. We had a nice couple of days in Meridian before heading to Lewiston, Idaho. The first night in Meridian was a meet and greet at the host hotel, The Courtyard by Marriott's. This was a great opportunity for the committee to relax and really get to meet and talk with a lot of the folks attending the rally. The next day two guided rides were planned, one going to Sweet and Ola for lunch, the other going to Idaho City. Both were well attended. The ride to Lewiston took us up highway 95 as highway 55 was closed due to wildfires and rock slides. Along the ride on 95 the community of Riggins provided lunch for everyone that stopped. It was a nice lunch along the river, so it was the perfect place to stop. For those that wanted, Exodus Wilderness Adventures, a local outfitter, had a jet boat available for a short ride. There was a nominal fee but those that participated in that option had nothing but great things to say about it. This was a unique opportunity for our guests. The next half of the ride to Lewiston was very nice. It did get a bit warmer the closer to Lewiston we got. Once in Lewiston, we had time to relax a little before we headed to dinner. The closing ceremonies were held at the Elks Lodge which sits on a bluff overlooking the Snake River. What a view! As the

sun set that evening it seemed like the perfect setting. The Big Mumbo Blue Band out of Spokane, Washington provided the entertainment. It was different but I think most everyone enjoyed it. They really did a great job, with a lot of energy and great music. This year an executive from Harley-Davidson, Nathan Boyd attended. He actually rode his own bike out to the rally from Milwaukee. He went on the Idaho City ride and enjoyed it very much. While in Riggins he also opted to go on the jet boat ride and said "That is one of the coolest things I have ever done!" He made a point to try and speak to everyone which I believe is pretty cool. Thanks again to everyone that participated and helped make the Rally a Success! Scott Beale (Rally Coordinator/Webmaster)

Sisters Oregon Overnighter, 8/18-19: Dave Wall (Road Captain)

Bug Run, 8/26: Tom Reeb Jr. (Member at Large)

### September:

BBQ Fall Swap Meet, 9/8

Air Force Appreciation Day Parade, 9/8: Saturday's ride to Mountain Home began cool enough at the Gowen Road Chevron but, quickly warmed as 6 Harleys and 9 members headed east on I-84. Quickly reaching Mountain Home and catching up with other riders at the American Legion Hall, followed by a few cups of java and then placement into the line as we waited for the parade start. The appreciative crowd was lining the streets as we wove our way through town, pitching candy and enjoying the day. Without any major delay we finished up and headed into the park for the free BBQ lunch and enjoyed the festive spirit. Thanks to Doug and Dano for the ride support. Nice ride, pleasant weather, good friends and hearty thank you to all the military for their sacrifices. Can't beat that! Cliff Lewis (Road Captain)

Vale Oregon Ride, 9/16: I would like to thank everyone who went on the ride to Vale, Oregon the past Sunday. The weather was great, the friendship and humor was even better. Like the fake ketchup bottle from our waitress. The laugh was on me. I would like to thank my road captains for their help on this ride, you guys are awesome. The road conditions were better than on the pre-ride which made the ride even safer. The original head count was twenty (20) and I counted 21 at the restaurant. So that means either I have not learned how to count, or it's an age thing, or there was some kind of weird reproduction thing going on during the ride that I don't want to know about. Anyway, thanks for a great ride and a great day. Ted Wenzel (Road Captain)

Bug Run, 9/22: Great turn out for The Bug Run - 23 bikes 31 people, plenty of insects along the river, and 2 bulls-eye winners. Great fun for Friends and Brotherhood. Idaho Pizza Co. did a great job serving the Participants. Thanks to those who attended. Mark Berns (Road Captain)

Marsing Breakfast Ride, 9/23: Randy Kalisek (Road Captain)

Full Moon Ride, 9/30: Shannon Weston (Asst. Director)

### October:

Rattle Snake Overnighter, 10/6-7: Dan Hammel (Director)

Fall Picnic, 10/14: Ninety plus of our members gathered on Sunday, October, 14 for our annual Fall Ride and Picnic, which was catered by Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que. This year we rode to scenic Montour, Idaho! It was a beautiful day and a great time! Val Moore (Photographer)

Fall Colors Ride (Lowman Loop), 10/21: On October 21, 25 brave folks on 20 Harleys met at HDHD and went on a club ride to Idaho City. We had breakfast at Trudy's as a group. I called ahead and the staff was ready for us. The colors were great along the way. Yes, it was cold but our spirits were warmed to be out with great HOG friends. We had some new members along and it was very nice meeting and riding with them. I do hope you all had as much fun as I did. Please join us again on a ride. I want to thank each and every one of you who came on the ride. A special thanks to Jim Moore who rode mid and Steve Feller who backed us all up as sweep. John Mays (Volunteer Coordinator)

#### Membership Meeting:

Shannon: Every 4 years the bylaws must be reviewed. A committee was formed for this purpose and proposed revisions have been posted on the website; members were notified. We basically need to be sure that the bylaws reflect the way we run the club. Highlighted changes were reviewed at the meeting, including 1) voting privileges are now extended to all Board members, not just the Executive Board, and 2) updating the actual duties of various offices to more accurately reflect how we operate. Motion to accept bylaws, seconded by Joel Raynor. Motion carried.

### November:

Veteran's Day Parade, 11/10: Thanks to everyone that attended to ride in the Veteran's Day Parade on the 17th! We had a great time celebrating the freedom that our veterans and those currently serving in the armed forces have given us! There were some great pictures taken that day by a new friend, Ronnie Soldano. His business is Synchronyze Photography, and he was with us and volunteered to take some photos to share with the group...they turned out great as you can see from some of them in this newsletter! Albertson's on Fairview donated some donuts for us to share with our group and other participants in the parade as well as coffee that was donated by the Starbucks on Overland Drive near the Edwards plaza. It was a pleasure to hand out snacks and hot coffee to everyone and talk about the Intermountain Chapter and hear their stories about current and past Harley-Davidson motorcycle adventures! Dan Hammel (Director)

Pot Luck, 11/16:

Boise Holiday Parade, 11/24: Shannon Weston (Asst. Director)

### December:

