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So? Did anybody have a good time at the membership drive? Or would the more appropriate question be – did anybody NOT have a GREAT time?!

Our new Regional Manager from Harley, Todd Robinson, was present at our last officers' meeting. I think you'll all be quite pleased when you have the opportunity to meet him. I included a bio on him in our last newsletter, and in my opinion, he definitely epitomizes what a Harley R.M. should stand for.

We're planning a good ole southern-style crawfish boil for the month of May. If you have a turkey fryer you could lend, and you haven't already signed up, could you please contact me or Sam?



We are signing up again to help make Montana beautiful, but we need your help.

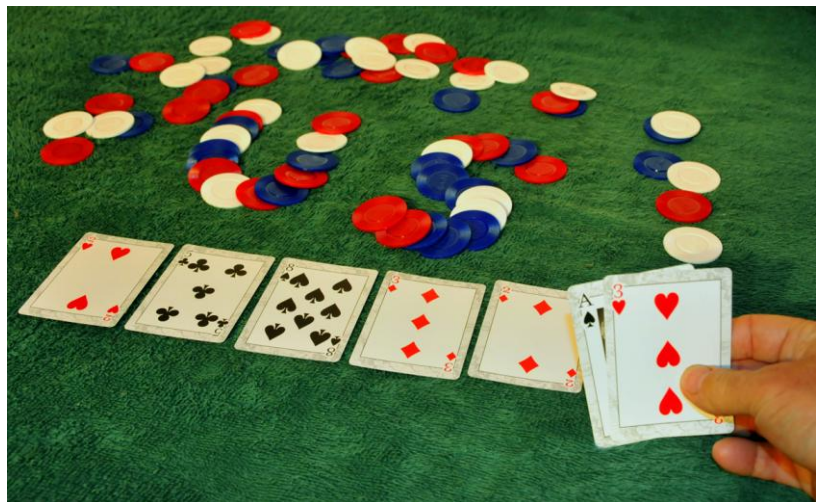
Please keep an eye open for announcements for highway cleanup gatherings. We have a small portion of the highway, just south of town, and it only takes a couple of hours, twice a year. That's a SMALL price to pay to help keep all the garbage out of Montana. You live and ride here – help us keep it clean!

Director's Notes:

Sam Steffan

The birds are chirping along with the blossoming crocuses, so spring must be just around the corner. It is time to uncover your ride, dust it off, and get ready for an exciting summer of riding. Here's hoping we put to bed the last cold days of winter with our Deadwood night celebration. For the members, who were unable to attend due to inclement weather, you all missed one enjoyable evening. Kudos to all the members who dressed in the era of the Deadwood gold rush days' attire.

The saloon girls were fantastic, and surely added color and entertainment to the evening. The card tables were always busy; Keno was going strong along with its talking deer head and the music rocked compliments of all talented Kararoke singers. The Deadwood jail stayed fully occupied throughout the evening and was a huge success for MDA fund raising.





The evening however was not without excitement as the Notorious Bandit's (aka Ron Mora) robbery and attempted escape was foiled by an alert deputy (aka David Paul Anderson), as the culprit was apprehended at the door, solely unrehearsed. All in all one super evening, as you will see by the photos compliments of a busy Chapter Photographer, Elizabeth Moore. Thanks to all the volunteers/members who gave their time to make it a huge success.

As we move along into the year, for some more different and unusual events, I encourage you all not to miss out. So you don't have to ride alone this summer we ask you all to adopt a mascot of some sort. When out riding when you see something unusual stop take a photo of you, your bike and mascot. There may even be some hints in the newsletter of different scenes and unique items we would like to see. We shall gather these photos and turn them into a slide show along with our entertainment during the Christmas Party.

As I close - beware of the little enemy out there, "Mr. Pea Gravel". He is waiting to trap you as you start your spring riding.

P.S. see the attached tentative schedule of events for the year. They are not all in concrete and may fluctuate due to unforeseen circumstances, but bear with us. See you all out and about and I don't mean down on the road, (Ride Safe)

After thought!! Check out the chapter's website at http://www.bigskyharley.com/miscpage_002.asp for updated changes and upcoming events - also keep abreast of things on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Big-Sky-Montana-Harley-Owners-Group-chapter-2641/167129253325093?ref=ts>.

FOOT NOTE:

Todd Robinson, new National Regional Hog Director, met with the Chapter Officers Tuesday evening the 8th of March and left two messages for the Chapter. One, have fun and ride, just keep it legal and(Two) support your dealer. He was amazed at the size if the chapter and complimented the members for their support.

Activities Director's Notes:

Mick Myskewicz

I want to take this opportunity to thank my fellow officers for helping to organize a very special membership drive. The "Night at the Deadwood Saloon" has been a vision for several years. I especially want to thank the 48 volunteers who turned a vision into one of the best events I've been a part of. Down on one knee, I tip my hat to you all. YOU made it happen!

For those of you who might not know, there was a lot of planning, rehearsals, job descriptions and time spent to make this the success it was. Speaking for myself, even that was fun. If you didn't make the volunteer list this year, don't miss next year – great way to bond with your fellow chapter members.

The next major event that we are working on is our July 8, 9, 10 rally in Helena. Keep it on your to-to list. We will need TONS of volunteers. Remember – we will be well into the riding season by then – "Now we're talkin'!"

Thanks AGAIN, Pardners!



Membership Director's Notes:

Linda Decker

Our membership night was a great success! Thank you to all members who donated their time and thanks to the members who came out and supported this chapter.

We have five new members: Kimberly Blaum, Great Falls; Henry Lindgren, Billings; Sherman Miller, Great Falls; Robert Onstad, Fort Benton; and Mark Shipstead, Billings, all, whom I might add, attended our membership night.

Just a reminder to those who have not yet paid their 2011 dues, the deadline is fast approaching, March 31, 2011. So if you have not done so, please stop by BSHD and pay them. Local dues are \$20.00.

Safety Director's Notes:

Doug Davenport

Basic RiderCourse® 2011 Course Fee: \$175 BRC 1

The basic rider safety course is specifically designed for novice and beginning riders. The class is intended to provide basic, entry-level skills for new riders to begin practicing and to assist in the development of the mental and motor skills necessary for safe street riding. Students will spend approximately 5 hours in the classroom learning skills needed to ride safely and about 10 hours on the riding range applying those new skills to practical motorcycle riding.

In the classroom, you will learn about the different types of motorcycles, their controls, and how they operate. You will discover how to create your own strategy for riding in traffic and dealing with critical situations by SEEing. You will learn the importance of safety gear. You will also learn the effects of drugs and alcohol on your riding abilities.



On the riding range, students will begin with basic clutch control, straight-line riding, shifting, braking, swerving and cornering, and then advance to maximum cornering, braking, and swerving.

For the basic class, training motorcycles and helmets are provided. Students are responsible for providing the additional required protective clothing - eye protection, full-fingered gloves, boots or shoes that cover the ankle, sturdy pants, and long-sleeved shirt or jacket.

Students must have a valid driver's license, learner's permit or TELL permit to operate a motor vehicle to be able to take the course; a motorcycle endorsement or permit is not required. Students must meet the objective of ALL exercises and pass a brief knowledge test and riding skill test to successfully complete the class.

Cut and paste the link below for class schedules, dates, times, and to

sign up:

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Basic RiderCourse 2®* 2011 Course Fee: \$80 BRC 2

This rider safety class is designed for experienced riders with recent street riding experience in a variety of traffic situations - one year or 3,000 street miles is highly recommended. Even if you have been riding for years, there is always something new to learn to help you ride more safely and enjoy motorcycling more!

In this class, you will learn to SEE and use your RiderRadar®. You will begin with low speed control, stopping quickly, limited space maneuvering, and progress to maximum cornering, braking, and swerving.

For the experienced class, students provide their own street-legal motorcycle, DOT-approved helmet, and additional required protective clothing - eye protection, full-fingered gloves, boots or shoes that cover the ankle, sturdy pants, and long-sleeved shirt or jacket. You are also encouraged to carry insurance on your motorcycle.

Students must have a valid driver's license with a motorcycle endorsement or permit. Students must meet the objective of ALL exercises and pass a brief knowledge test and riding skill test to successfully complete the class.

***Basic RiderCourse 2® is also known as Experienced RiderCourse.**

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Advanced RiderCourse® 2011 Course Fee: \$80

If you are a seasoned rider with several years and lots of miles under your belt, step up to the new Advanced RiderCourse®! This new course applies the handling techniques used by sport bike riders to your ride and real world street riding situations.

Students start with an important classroom discussion of how to handle the challenging risks of riding, and what handling techniques can manage those risks. Then students learn to use the proven handling techniques used by sport bike riders to make their ride the best ride.

This class is not just for sport bikes – the techniques of high

AND THE WINNERS ARE . . .

HOG Number: – not present

50/50 – Deb Bourgeois

Door Prize Winner: Deb Bourgeois

performance handling and control apply to any motorcycle.

For the advanced class, students provide their own street-legal motorcycle, DOT-approved helmet, and additional required protective clothing - eye protection, full-fingered gloves, boots or shoes that cover the ankle, sturdy pants, and long-sleeved shirt or jacket. You are also encouraged to carry insurance on your motorcycle.

Students must have a valid driver's license with a motorcycle endorsement. Students must meet the exercise objective and pass a brief knowledge test for successful completion.

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Need a patch sewn on that leather vest or jacket? [Linda Heggem](#) - 452-2425 - will sew patches for a donation to MDA.

Newsletter Comments or Questions?

If you have any questions, comments concerning the Big Sky H.O.G. Newsletter, please contact Elizabeth at 781-5143, or by e-mail at eemoore@3riversdbs.net.

PROFILES...

Our Treasurer, Cheryl Turner:

I was born in Oklahoma (don't hold that against me). I have lived in Washington, Texas, and for the past 13 years here in Great Falls. I married my high school sweetheart, Jeff Turner, Oct. 17, 1981. We have two children, Christine 23 and Josh 20. We also have two grandchildren Kaylee 4 and Caleb 21 months.

I have worked many jobs but my most important role has been being a mom and supporting my husband while he was in the Air Force for 20 years and 9 days. I have been his "biker babe" for the past 5 years. "Scarlett" (2010 Ultra Limited) and I have an understanding. I share him with her 9 months out of the year. No questions asked.



Ron Mora – Head Road Captain:

I am 52 years young. I started riding motorcycles at age 13. I have worked my way thru all the brands of bikes to the H-D Ultra that I ride today.

I own/operate a small trucking company. I have 3 children, Jason (Kim) Boise, ID, Nicholas, GF, and Kelsey, Spokane WA, I am in a relationship with Judy Anderson.

I also enjoy boating and hunting when not riding with HOGS.....

2011 EVENTS SCHEDULE:

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| APR 9 | April fools meeting |
| MAY 14 | Meeting - Get Ready for spring riding |
| MAY 21 | 1 st Annual Cajun Crawdad feast |
| MAY 28 | RIDE OF THE MONTH LUNCH AT Missoula |
| JUNE 11 | Meeting in Havre |
| JUNE 25 | 2nd Annual Outhouse Bar-B-Q/Poker |



Run Oakley's Fairfield

JULY 8,9,10

Bike Rally Helena

JULY 9

Meeting in Helena, Bike Rally

JULY 16

RED LODGE Iron Horse
(Possible Fox & Hound)

JULY 21-23

MONTANA STATE HOG
RALLY BOZEMAN/EVEL
KNEIVEL DAYS BUTTE

AUGUST 13

MEETING

AUGUST 20

Eastern Montana Badlands
ride/ overnight at Fort Peck

AUGUST 28

MDA Poker Run

SEPT 10

Meeting ride of the Month
Lewistown Chokecherry Festival

SEPT 11

10th Annual Never Forget
Tribute Ride - afterwards VFW

OCTOBER 8

Meeting

OCTOBER 29

HOGTOBERFEST

NOV 12

Meeting/Deep Fry the Turkey's Tail

NOV 26

Turkey Toy Run, BBBS PARTY

DEC 10

MEETING, Xmas Party, Ring in New Year





See the Big Sky HOG website and facebook pages for more photos!

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