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The photos in this month's newsletter from the 9-11 Ride are by Luana Giskaas and KRTV.

Our newsletter has been a little sparse lately – we sure would like to have some stories and/or photos from those of you who did some travelling this year!

BIG SKY SUPER HOG

This tribute is to member Doug Davenport, under took the “HOKA HEY “ Motorcycle challenge.

The challenge started in Phoenix Arizona on 5 August and ended 21 August in the small town of Sidney on Cape Breten island in Nova Scotia - a total trip of over 10,000 miles which also included all 48 states in the U.S.

After enduring some major detours, like an overnight in a ER and Major bike repairs due to an unscheduled mishap he still managed to finish 23rd overall. Not to be called a whoosh, he then rode his damaged HOG all the way back to Montana for a total of over 17,000+ miles. To you, Doug a super Big Sky, HATS OFF and Salute, as you are a true Iron man. Congratulations!!



Director's Notes:

Sam Steffan – “The HOG-Father”

As we slip into the beautiful fall days of a Indian Summer, come of the best riding weather awaits us. The cool morning air is invigorating, as sun slowly warms us to a super day. The only drawback is the shortening of daylight hours for riding safety. So let's enjoy before the snow hits us you know where. The MDA poker run was a great ride as we also collected \$900 for the MDA charity. A great day for all who rode and special one for the Poker winners.



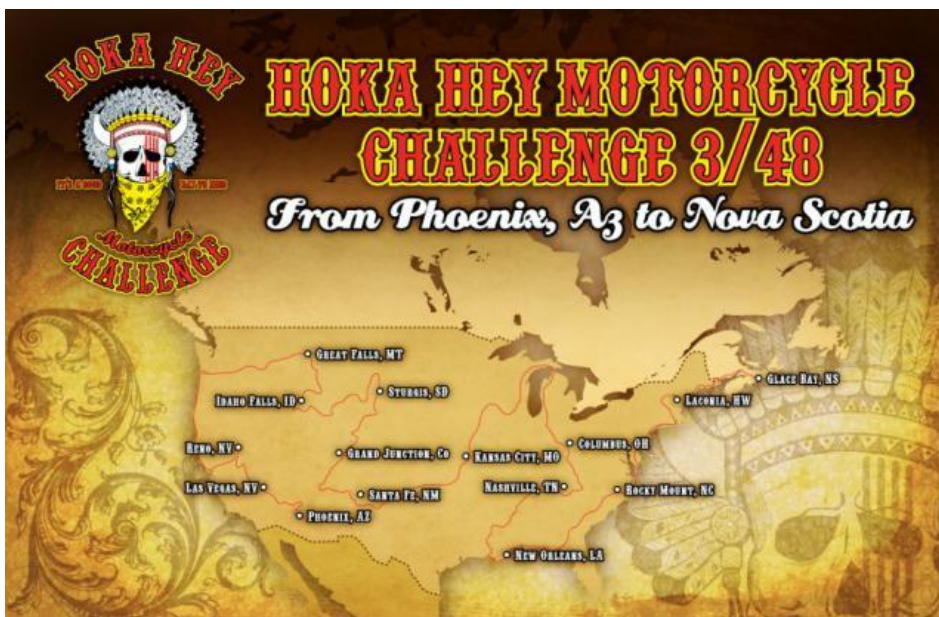
As you read this the, 10th Anniversary "9/11 Never Forget Tribute Ride will be history. Again let me remind you that we live in a country where we can enjoy the freedoms that are provided to us, as a result of some who gave their all. Their sacrifices will never be forgotten, as we pay tribute to the fallen heroes and all our military members who do or have served. Thanks to all the members who took part in the Tribute Ride. It was awesome to say the least - well over 500 bikes. The Great Falls Chief of Police said he had gotten a report that it was 40 blocks long. What a HOG chapter!!.

As we move along into our fall seasons, the next undertaking shall be our annual October HOGfest, followed by the Toy Run and the finale, our annual Christmas party. What a way to close out a year!

So enjoy the weather while it lasts, get your rides in, watch for the hidden 4-legged dangers and all the other obstacles out there that that are a biker's enemy. See you all down the road and at other gatherings

The Hogfather

Security Director's Notes: Doug Davenport



Well, I just returned from the Hoka Hey and several observations come to mind from a safety standpoint. First and foremost, as mentioned in previous articles, having and wearing adequate safety gear is paramount to being able to withstand the elements, survive a crash or near miss and coming home in one reasonable piece. During the Hoka Hey, I personally experienced a minor crash event.

Due to the fact that I was wearing my body armor, both lower and upper, along with gauntlet gloves and a helmet, other than a bruised ego. I survived. Now will this happen every time, who knows and I certainly do not want to experience another event to test the theory.

However what I will say is, my FXRG jacket held up extremely well and was serviceable even after the crash. I will be replacing it with a new one, not because I need too, no it's just time. After wearing it continually for over five years, it is a bit worn and has a few holes that just cannot be ignored.

As to my helmet, it has been replaced. What did I go with you ask? I went top of the line with the best Kevlar helmet that Harley sells. Why? Despite what I have been told, I realized by head is not as hard as you may think and maybe I need the extra protection. In addition, it



just makes sense, from a safety standpoint.

As to other protective gear, my lower armor pants seemed to survive well and are very serviceable, no broken bones or skinned knees, so they were well worth the expense. They continue to be what I wear on each outing, even when I know I will only be a few short hours.

Having this extra protection, when riding over 17,000 miles in a little over 19 days, gave me the confidence to ride on, even in the face of extreme weather, long hours and difficult roads.

In closing, I want to say Thanks to all Big Sky HOG members that supported my efforts during the Hoka Hey. Also, Thanks to Big Sky Harley and US1009273 Copper Canyon Harley for their support as well, along with Bryan and his whole team.

I will see you on the road.



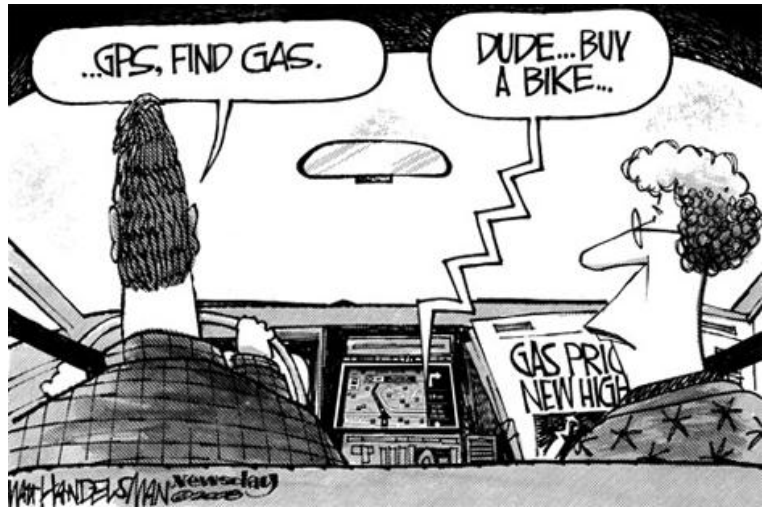
Need a patch sewn on that leather vest or jacket? [Linda Heggem](#) - 452-2425 - will sew patches for a donation to MDA.

Newsletter Comments or Questions?

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



AND THE WINNERS ARE . . .
50/50 – Jeff Turner
Door Prize Winner: Ron Mora



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