



H.O.G.® CALLS

Crow River H.O.G.® Chapter 2381

Jul 2010

Upcoming Events

CRHD Ride Night Lv CRHD 6:30	Jul 14
H.O.G.® Night CRHD 7:30pm	Jul 15
Hogs in Heat CRHD 10-4pm	Jul 17
CR H.O.G.® Picnic Lv CRHD 9:30am	Jul 18
B-Day Dinner McGarry's, Maple Plain Lv CRHD 6:30pm	Jul 20
CR H.O.G.® Ride Eagle Bend/Camp Heartland Lv CRHD 8am	July 24
CR H.O.G.® Ride Cross Lake-Lunch Lv CRHD 9am	July 25
CR H.O.G.® Dinner Ride Lv CRHD 6:30am	Jul 28
CRHD Pre-Sturgis Party CR H.O.G.® Saints Game	Jul 31
CR H.O.G.® Ride Charlies in Freeport Lv CRHD 9am	Aug 1
CR H.O.G.® Gathering B's on the River Watertown 7pm	Aug 3
Sturgis Rally Sturgis, SD	Aug 7-15

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GUEST COLUMNIST

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Editor's note: Ron is a member that recently relocated to AZ and submitted this account of his trip.

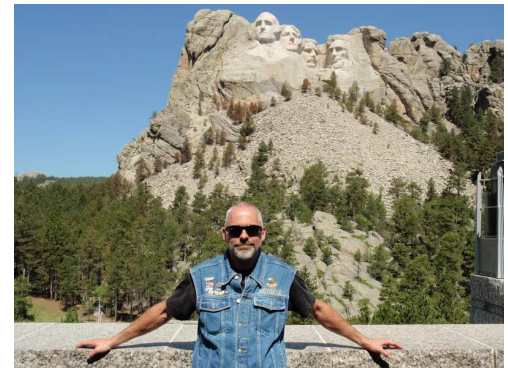
Words (and even the associated pictures) can't describe the things I saw, the awesome people I met, and the incredible ride I had from rainy Minneapolis to sunny (and HOT) Arizona. However, I offer this brief, humble and inadequate summary of my epic journey.

Day 1 – June 15, 2010

After waking and saying “see you soon” to my beautiful wife, I departed from the Medina Inn Motel into a mist so heavy, it was more like rain. South Dakota was much sunnier! I had never journeyed (on land) farther than Sioux Falls, so everything after that was new territory for me. After a stop in Kadoka and meeting a hilarious (and ridiculously sunburned) group of riders from Mississippi, I rode the Badlands loop into Wall. WHAT A RIDE!!! Very little traffic and the weather was perfect. All in all, day 1 was as rewarding as one could ever hope.

Day 2

Time to do something I have never done; ride the Black Hills National Park and see Mt. Rushmore. This is another thing you have to do in person, because pictures and words simply cannot describe it. Virtually empty roads with 360 degree spiral turns, the smell of the forest; the feeling of true freedom. A full week in this area would be ideal, but unfortunately, I only had half a day. What an incredible half a day it was! I shall return.



Eventually I made it to Lusk, Wyoming. My plan was to make Cheyenne by nightfall, so I was thinking of taking the 85 south. But, as I learned, the 85 is a bit boring. A couple from Chippewa Falls riding to Denver suggested the road west to the 25 south. A fine idea, but for the SEVERE storms to the west. Spectacular lightning and heavy rain makes for an interesting sight, but a questionable ride. So, I stopped at a highway rest stop just west of Lusk



to ponder my options and, incredibly enough, I hear my name called out from the parking area. It's Rodney Scherping!!! He's driving from Utah

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Notes from the Monthly Membership Gathering

- Treasurers Report: \$2239.98
- Membership Report: 153 Members!!!
- Door prize winner : Dan Sicheneder

- The next "HOG's in Heat" is July 17 from 10-4pm and will also include a blood drive. We need volunteers to help serve food and represent the club at the H.O.G.® table. Contact Jesse or Mary Husby if interested in volunteering using the contact information on page 1. If you are interested in donating blood that day, contact Rochelle at the dealership.
- The dealership is hosting a Pre-Sturgis Party on July 31 and we also need volunteers to help out at this event as well. Anne Salsman is coordinating the volunteers and can be reached at 612-998-4069 or via email at asalsma@embarqmail.com
- Also on July 31, Crow River H.O.G.® is going to the Saints Game! The cutoff for group tickets was the July 6th meeting, but you can always buy a ticket online and come with us. The game is at 7:05 pm against the Sioux Falls Fighting Pheasants. We plan on car-pooling and details will be coming out soon. Please contact Carl Horton if you are interested in joining us.
- Note that at the meeting, I selected Cowboy Jack's in Plymouth since my birthday is this month, but when I started working on the newsletter, I realized it was there last month too! Instead, let's go to McGarry's in Maple Plain.
- The dealership announced they are giving double points on your Loyalty Rewards card for purchases made during the month of July. If you have been holding off on a big purchase, this is the time to buy!
- The activities committee is beginning to plan the Christmas party and is working on fall/winter activity ideas for the club. Some current ideas for the colder months are a bowling outing and a Mille Lacs Casino/Ice-fishing trip over a weekend in Jan/Feb. If you have other ideas, please contact Carl Horton at 34him@mchsi.com or call at 612-345-0205.

Other Announcements

- Don't forget the Discount available for members: 10% off on Saturday's and also 10% off 1 hour prior to each ride or meeting (discount does not apply to new bike purchase or service).
- The H.O.G.® participation contest has now begun! Prizes will be awarded at the end of the year for those that participate the most in 10 designated rides, B-Day dinners, monthly meetings or other club H.O.G.® events. The trick is that you will not know which of the 10 rides/events qualify until you show up! In case of a tie, winners will be determined by drawing names.
- The Harley-Davidson® Parade of Flags is being held on September 2, 2010 in Milwaukee, WI. If you are interested in representing the club bearing the flag on your bike, please contact one of the officers.
- If you have the writer's bug and wish to contribute articles for publication in the newsletter, please submit them to 34him@mchsi.com. Articles are subject to editing and approval from the officers before publication.

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back to Winsted and sees me at the rest stop and decides to say hello. What are the odds!!! Eventually, I take the boring (but dry) ride south and make it to Cheyenne for a much needed rest.

Day 3

Cheyenne south to Denver, then west into Utah. I wanted to do the Mt. Evans road out of Idaho Springs, CO., (the highest paved road in North America) but they just had a bunch of snow a couple days earlier, so the locals did not recommend a bike trip. Another local, formerly from Minneapolis, recommended I head west but do the Loveland pass. That turned out to be a spectacular ride and a whole lot of fun! The picture of me at the Continental Divide summit was taken by a couple from Lake Elmo. Great times. Heading west from there takes you through the Glenwood Canyons, formed by the Colorado River. What a fantastic ride. I eventually made Grand Junction and bedded down.



Day 4 and Day 5

Southern Utah. Two days of the most incredible, awe inspiring, spectacular, breathtaking, and memorable riding I have ever done. I am not going to try to describe it, because I can't. At one point, I rode 140 miles of hills, curves, incredible scenery, AND NEVER SAW ANOTHER VEHICLE. I was truly overwhelmed. An old-timer at Bryce Canyon National Park summed it up best...all of southern Utah is one big National Park. Absolutely true. My advice to all of you is to ride highway 95 west out of Blanding, Utah to Hanksville, over to Torrey, down to Bryce and Zion. You will never regret it.

Day 6 and Day 7

I left St. George, Utah shortly before dawn. A local recommended I take the "old" road west and south to highway 15. Another great suggestion and beautiful ride. From there, however, it was all business getting to San Diego, California. There were a couple of memorable moments on the way, too! In short, I made it alive to La Jolla, California, took a wrong turn on all the curvy roads, and ended up at the Pacific Ocean! The only problem was it was on the wrong side. In other words, I was going the wrong way, if there is such a thing when the sun is shining, the ocean is next to you, and beautiful people are enjoying the beach! A quick call to my cousin straightened me out, and I subsequently spent a wonderful day and a half with family I have not seen in 30 years.



Day 8

The dreaded ride to Gilbert, Arizona from La Jolla, California. I wanted to leave very early to beat the heat, but a really late night with family members made for a later start than is prudent. The first two hours of the ride are beautiful, but 200 miles of desert after that is as hot as it gets. I don't recommend it. However, I eventually rejoined my wife and kids in Gilbert, and the reunion was very welcome. My once-in-a-lifetime journey came to a conclusion, but it was a journey I will never forget. Ride safe, and God Bless America.

