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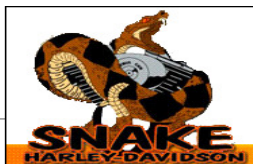
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**General Membership meeting for SEPTEMBER - Thursday
Sept. 15 K/U @ 6:30 @ dealership - SNUG in Eden**

"SLUGO'S CORNER" by Director Larry Slagel

Someone told me that the summer is winding down. WHAT????? I'm just getting started! July and August were wonderful riding months, but then, maybe it just seemed more so since we were so late getting started and some of our scheduled rides had to be canceled. I predict a long and fabulous fall to make up for the nasty spring.

That being said, our last general meeting, held at the Lincoln Inn in Gooding, was a great success. There were 18 bikes lined up in front of the Lincoln Inn that night and I could see more than one rubber-necker as they drove by. Good thing there were no wrecks because of it. The group already had to drive past a wreck at the south end intersection (not caused by us thank goodness), and so that was enough of a jitter-bugger for the evening.

That next Sunday about 17 of us made the Big Bird Ride. It proved to be great riding weather, not too hot and not too cool, and we made the desert just fine. We had three guests: Ron Hillier's brother Rod and Joe and Fran Ogden, relatives of Tammy and Cliff. It's always great to have people join us on our rides because they get to see what we're about and how much fun we have. Had lunch at the Creekside in Kuna and it was a very nice, almost new looking restaurant. Great brunch buffet with lots to eat. The show at the Birds of Prey was as interesting as it was last year with some new items and attractions added in. The ride home was +mach 5

because I am sure it was 105 or hotter.

We have two more big rides coming up in September and I would like to see as many as possible ride with us. The first one will be **Shirly's Labor of Love** over the Labor Day weekend. We'll be heading up Council, New Meadows way and spending the night in Grangeville. Then we'll head down the Clearwater River to Elk City, have a butt break and a pop and head back up again and riding Hiway 12 to Hamilton Montana. Then we'll head home via Salmon and Craters of the Moon. Should be another "mountain odyssey" we can reminisce about round the campfire when we're old and immobile.

Then we'll have the **Road Runner Ride** to Lava Hot Springs on the 17th and 18th. This will be a relatively short ride to a nice little spot where we can relax, reflect, and restore. Gail has the room reservation information in the Activities Section.

So I guess that's all the gab you're getting from me today(surprised?) I'll see some of you in a couple days so make some noise and make every ride an adventure.





Ladies of Harley

By *LOH Officer Regi Bolton*



Hello Ladies!

I hope all of you have been riding and going on the rides with the group. I have been unable to go to any meetings or rides, with or without the ladies! Apparently I'm not supposed to have a life outside of work. So my bike has been sitting in the shop collecting dust.

Two really great rides are happening this month: Shirly's Labor of Love, which is this weekend, and the memorial ride on the weekend of the 17th. Hope to see you all there.

The weather is starting to cool a bit during the day, so the weather is even better for riding!

Have fun! Regi



Heart of Idaho



From the Editor...

Well, my busy summer is finally winding down. Work has been crazy for me, as I'm sure it has been for you all, too. My brain has nothing profound to say, so I thought I would "re-share" one of my all-time favorite jokes with y'all. Steve and I discovered this joke in a biker magazine in Death Valley, California about 2 1/2 years ago, and we both laughed until we were crying. Hope you get a chuckle out of it, too!

One day I had a flat tire on the interstate. So I eased my car over to the shoulder of the road, carefully got out of the car and opened the trunk. I took out 2 cardboard men, unfolded them and stood them facing oncoming traffic at the

rear of my car. They looked so lifelike you wouldn't believe it! They were in trench coats exposing their nude bodies and private parts to the approaching drivers. I started to change my tire, and to my surprise, cars started slowing down, looking at my lifelike men. And, of course, traffic started backing up. Everybody was tooting their horns and waving like crazy. It wasn't too long before a state trooper pulled up behind me. He got out of his car and started walking toward me. I could tell he was not a happy camper! "What's going on here?!?" "My car has a flat tire," I said calmly. "Well, what are those obscene cardboard men doing here by your car?" I couldn't believe that he didn't know, so I told him. "Hell-o-o-o-o-o-o-o-o-o-o-!! Those are my emergency flashers!!"

I hear you laughing!

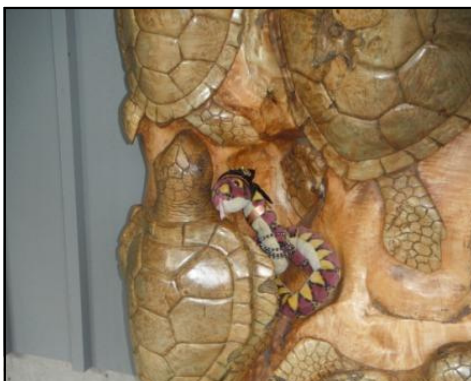
buzz



Chester's been hanging out with Buddy and has become quite fond of raspberries!



Chester's also been doing more riding this summer than most! Here he is enjoying a visit to the west coast with Buddy, her dad Cole, and Uncle Kevin.





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SAFETY FIRST!

**Tips for safe riding from
Safety Officer Terry Fletcher**

Lower Gear or Brakes? (On a Downhill or Turns)

By: James R. Davis

An interesting everyday kind of question was asked recently:

quote:

"If you have a long, descending, curving highway merge ramp, do you use a lower gear to provide some engine braking if you have to let off the throttle, or do you use a higher gear and use your brakes in the curve if you encounter slower traffic, trucks, etc.?"

Most experienced riders will virtually always opt to use a lower gear whenever they are about to enter an off ramp or when dealing with a meaningfully sharp turn. This affords them the best responsiveness (acceleration as well as engine braking) potential possible to deal with the unexpected.

But the question was really more about brakes than about gearing.

On a long downhill you want to use engine braking whenever possible for two reasons:

- To prevent premature brake wear
- To prevent temporary overheating of those brakes

If you do mostly touring (long distance, and therefore high-speed highway riding), you should have little concern about premature brake wear as you use your brakes infrequently compared to miles travelled.

On the other hand, temporary overheating is a major concern from a safety point of view.

Your brakes work by converting kinetic energy (movement) to heat. In the process the brakes can get **VERY HOT** as they can only dissipate that heat at a modest rate. When brakes overheat they lose efficiency. In other words, it takes more braking effort for hot brakes to scrub a given amount of speed than it does for cooler brakes.

Further, if that overheating gets severe enough it will no longer be a temporary loss of efficiency as they can bake and glaze into surfaces that are permanently less efficient at doing their job.

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FROM THE ACTIVITIES CORNER

Our big summer rides are slowly winding down for the year. Wow! Seems like we've just got started. It's been fun so far, and I suspect it will continue to be so. Here is what we have planned for the month of September. Hope you all can join us!

SEPTEMBER 3,4,5 – Shirly's LABOR OF LOVE Ride – Labor Day Weekend. K/U on Saturday, September 3rd at 8:30 am. at the dealership. ROUTE: Grangeville – Elk City – Highway 12 – Hamilton, Montana – Salmon – Home.

The Magic Valley HOG block has been taken off, but there may still be some rooms left if you want to go but haven't made reservations yet.

Grangeville Super 8: 866-786-6835

Hamilton, Montana Super 8: 877-361-2508



SEPTEMBER 13 – BOARD MEETING 6:30 pm at the dealership

SEPTEMBER 15 – GENERAL MEETING At the SNUG in Eden. K/U 6:30 pm at the dealership

SEPTEMBER 17, 18 – ROAD RUNNER RIDE - Lava Hot Springs – K/U 8:30 am at dealership.

Lava Spa Motel: 208-776-5589 - rooms blocked under Magic Valley HOG (block will be cancelled September 8)

From Activities Director

GAIL SLAGEL

NAME BADGE ORDER:

Have you seen the nifty name badges many Chapter members wear? Now, you too can stand right out in the crowd with a matching MV Chapter Name Badge. Want to "immortalize" your ride buddy? Give 'em a new nick-name!! Orders are gathering, so don't wait. For \$8 you can make a statement!! Clip this order blank, fill it out very legibly and exactly and get it to Larry or Gail.

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September Events

- ◆ **Sept. 3,4,5** Shirly's LABOR OF LOVE Ride
- ◆ **Sept. 13** Board meeting
- ◆ **Sept. 15** General Meeting—Snug in Eden
- ◆ **Sept. 17, 18** Road Runner Ride



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