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STURGIS 2015 PART II

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Pictures By: Karl Fox

This month we'll pick up with our travels in and around Sturgis.

The agenda for the first day once we reached Rapid City, SD was talked about months before. A quick trip to Black Hills Harley and then on to Mount Rushmore. This was a first visit for some in the group and it would be best if you talk with them about what they loved about this national monument and the surrounding area. We all had lunch at the site and then ventured out for some mountain road riding. The roads were great, twisty, winding and full of bikes. There were several places to stop to get pictures of tunnels (Needles Eye) or streams or mountain peaks.



The 31st of July, we headed for Sturgis. Since we had decided to go to Sturgis a week early, we were not expecting the crowds associated with the actual Sturgis rally dates, so you can imagine the lump in our throats when three miles out from the exit for Sturgis the interstate traffic came to a screeching halt. We were thinking it was going to be hours before we even got into the town. But as we creped along and rounded the curve, we saw it was an accident and was being cleared quickly. In Sturgis, our leader Karl, having been there the year before, took us on some back streets to get as close to the center of town as possible before actually riding down the Main Street. We found parking places fairly quickly although not together, had our picture taken of the group and then it was every man (and woman) for themselves for shopping and to see the various vendors. Around 2:00 pm we all headed out for Deadwood. Again, Deadwood has a

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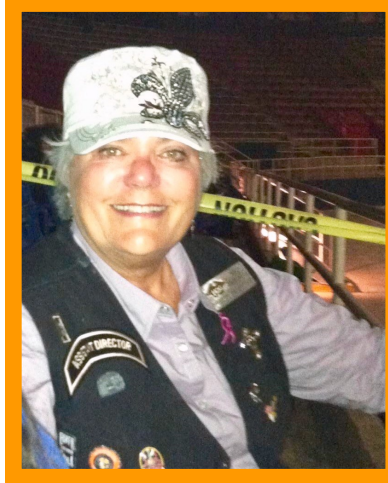
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DIRECTOR'S CORNER



SADDLE UP! LET'S RIDE!

The weather's great and this is the time to get some mileage in before the heat of summer settles in on us. Today I am challenging each of you to think hard to remember your favorite ride and then share it with our chapter members. During our next meeting, May 5th, we will begin compiling a list that we can share of great local rides. This would be a useful resource to our chapter members as well as newcomers to the area. If you would, take a moment to check out your copy of HOG magazine. The last few editions have member articles based on "100 DOLLOR RIDES". The latest edition (044) has the author, John, and his girlfriend, Nancy, taking an historic ride through Hill Country in Texas to visit his hometown of Gonzales, Texas where the first shot of the Texas Revolution was fired. Here in south Louisiana, we also have many historic sites to visit. Do you have a story of a fabulous ride that cost less than \$100?

MAY BIRTHDAYS



Richard Dillon

Donna Roper

Jerry Trapp

APRIL 2018 MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 7, 2018

Location: Mike Bruno's Northshore Harley-Davidson Dealership, Slidell, LA

The following officer's were In attendance:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Director:	Joy Mehrtens	Present
Asst. Director:	John Clifford	Present
Secretary:	R. J. Pierce	Present
Treasurer:	Ray Gregg	Present
Membership Officer:	John Clifford	Present
Ladies of Harley:	Sonia Fox	Absent
Activities Officers:	Richard Dillon	Present
	Terra Hepting	Present
Editor:	Richard Dillon	Present
Web Master:	Dwight Bradbury	Present
Photographer:	Karl Fox	Present
Chaplain:	Russ Davis	Present
Historian:	Dwight Bradbury	Present
Safety Officer:	Harold Morris	Present
Head Road Captain:	Karl Fox	Present

Meeting Called To Order: 9:36am

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Joy Mehrtens

Invocation: Led by Russ Davis

Director: Joy addressed the fact that minutes of meetings no longer need to be read, or approved. Additionally, the Treasurer's report does not have to be read, but can be. Considering donuts for the meetings, which name may be changed to "get togethers," or other name, to be voted on by the members, because Pete Schwab, the HOG Regional representative, indicated that members really just want to ride and have fun; and don't need to be bogged down by boring information and the fact that the word "meeting" made members not want to attend. He said that National just wants an easier path, and members just want to hear stories from other members. That's why Joy has started a Members Forum. She then spoke about the pet adoption to be held later in the day at Bruno's. In conjunction with the Ride 365 program, she is starting a "Friday Fun Ride" for those members who are interested and can ride on Fridays. Tentative rides are to Adams Catfish House in Belle Chase, the Fort Morgan Ferry ride, which is \$11.00 per m/c with one rider; additional rider

\$6.00. Asked for sign-ups for the crawfish boil, ASAP.

Lady of Harley Report: Karl spoke about the LOH ride on 22 April, 2018 to New Orleans for Navy Week. To commemorate the 300th anniversary of the founding of the city, Tall Ships will be on hand. Quite a sight for those who haven't yet seen these incredible sailing vessels. Sonia was ill.

Treasurer's Report: Ray informed the members that the website calendar doesn't work unless it is double-clicked.

Dealer Liaison: LisaMarie further discussed Dante's pet rescue; informed members of the "Fingerlickin' B-B-Q Chicken," on the 14th, and on the 28-29 April 2018, there will be a tent sale of pre-owned m/c, with a live band on the 29th.

Assistant Director & Membership Officer: John--announced the birthdays for April included, Bob Saens and Robert Simon. John then encouraged members to enroll in the Ride 365 with LisaMarie, with mileage and serial number of m/c. Spoke to the fact that he sends a welcoming email to new members.

Editor's Report: No report.

Activities Director: Richard spoke about the crawfish boil, which will be free to members, plus one guest. Additional guests will be charged \$15.00. He then spoke about the Trail of Blues ride, which will start in New Orleans, then to Natchez, MS, then to Jackson, MS, then back to New Orleans. Four days, three nights, with door-to-door luggage service. Price starts at \$232. Tour start date is 17 May 2018 - 22 May 2018. One may get an overview at Eaglerider.com, or may call 888-900-9010, ext 1, for booking info.

Terra spoke about a ride to the Pontchatoula Strawberry Festival on Sunday, 15 April 2018; leaving from the Exxon in Slidell at 10am, if interested in riding.

Secretary's Report: RJ said she is sending a get-well card to Danno, who had a bad fall, at his home.

Safety Officer's Report: Hal spoke about the need to STILL wear protective gear, even in the warm months; VERY, VERY IMPORTANT. Spoke about a Poker Run for the Picayune American Legion; 85 mile ride, with food at the end for participants.

Webmaster's & Historian's Report: No report

Member's Forum: Ward Blakeman mentioned the dealership will start riding classes at Bruno's beginning the end of April 2018. The 4 day course is \$295; \$99 for veterans. This includes 4 hours of e-class-training, and then on-site riding classes Wednesday and Thursday evening, followed by riding classes in the dealership parking lot on Saturday and Sunday.

Head Road Captain & Photographer: No report.

STURGIS 2015 PART II (CONTINUED)

history that requires a person to research on the internet to understand all there is to know about this historic town. After taking in some of the Deadwood sites it was time to head for the motel. From Deadwood there is a road called Nemo Road. Everyone needs to travel Nemo Road, even if in a four wheeler. Normally there is little traffic since it parallels I-90 about ten miles south. It is approximately 45 miles and because of the twists and turns takes about an hour and a half to reach Rapid City.

On the 1st of August, we all returned to Sturgis for the official opening of the Harley Davidson Event Center. This turned out to be a circus. Harley Davidson was giving out a commemorative icon (Bar and Shield) to the first 1500 (or so) persons at the dedication. When the chain was cut for the opening, people swarmed over each other to get these icons. You saw the ruthlessness in people. In hindsight, Harley must know that they did not think that part of the ceremony correctly. But, with that finished, the group headed for Devils Tower in Montana. But along the way (I believe on Hwy 34) and unknown to me was the Stonehouse Saloon, and of course we had to stop. One beer (our limit when riding) and we were off again to the tower.



At the tower, it was evident that most of us were getting tired as our attempt to climb the path to the tower base ended only a few hundred yards from the parking lot. We all decided it was nice just to look at the tower from ground level. After the tower we took a leisurely ride back to Rapid City through towns like Sundance and Lead. It was going to be our last night in Rapid City. It was also the day when John and Vickie left the group...Vickie to head home and get an evaluation on her wrist and John due to previous commitments.

All packed and ready the next day, we headed for Cody, WY. Cody was to be our home base for the next few days. The Cowboy Village, a place recommended by Bill and Judy was an excellent choice. These were individual log cabins surrounding a swimming pool and outdoor patio. Being able to leave most of our bags and equipment at the Village made it much nicer traveling the next couple of days. And the first day was traveling up and through Chief Joseph Highway and the Beartooth Pass. Known to many bikers, the Chief Joseph Highway (Hwy 296) has incredible turns and an unbelievable drop and rise in elevation and then joins with the Beartooth Highway (Hwy 212) to make an even more spectacular ride to the summit of over 11,000 feet. This highway is closed most of the winter as you can imagine what the snow levels might be at that altitude. It was lunch in Red Lodge and then back to Cody to get ready for our Yellowstone ride.

Next month we'll continue with our trip to Yellow Stone National Park in Part Three of:

"The Ride to Sturgis 2015"

UPCOMING HOG EVENTS

5 May - 09:30 am - Membership Mtg & Ride

10:00 am Depart Bruno's For El Rancho,
Lacombe, La

17-20 May - Blues - Trail of Honor Rally

Additional Information To Follow

19 May - Ladies of Harley Ride

10:00 am Depart Bruno's For Mortons Seafood
Madisonville, LA

26 May - Jambalaya Festival,

Gonzales, LA

27 May - Slidell Jazz & Blues Festival,

Heritage Park, Slidell, LA

29 May - 03 Jun Great Smoky HOG Rally

10:00 am Depart Bruno's For Maryville, TN

09 Jun - 09:30 am - Membership Mtg & Ride

10:00 am Depart Bruno's For Frenier Landing,
Frenier, LA

16 Jun - Ladies of Harley Ride

NO RIDE

07 Jun - Father's Day Ride

TBD

APRIL 2018 MEETING MINUTES (CONT)

50/50: 50/50 was won by TWO tickets; same numbers, different winners, so Loretta and Vicki shared the \$50.00 pot...hmmm, need to correct that! The glass tumblers were won by Andy Buel.

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 10:35am.



APRIL MEETING PICS



APRIL FRIDAY FUN RIDE TO FORT MORGAN



2018 HOG CRAWFISH BOIL



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