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What is it?



This year our centerpiece will be of a landmark, a vintage, or custom motorcycle, or a member's first Harley if you send me the pictures. You guess right you'll be in the drawing for a gift card.



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I know that everyone has important stuff going on outside the chapter, and that includes our officers. The worst that I've had to do is put a "no submission" on an officer. I'm putting a questionnaire of 11 questions to the officers to answer all at once so that ya'll will have more reading material and you might get to know them a little better. This month's question :
What is your most memorable ride?

CCT Calendar of Events

April 30	Visit 3.5 States Ride
May	Freewheeling Wednesdays all month
May 6	Chicano Pride Ride @ Sun
May 20/21	Overnighter to Amarillo for Steak
May 21	On Bike Games/Practice
June	Freewheeling Wednesdays all month
June 11	Matt's Canyon Ride
June 25	S and S Ride
July	Freewheeling Wednesdays all month
July 1	Christmas in July Potluck/Gift Exchange
July 29/30	Overnighter to Saratoga, WY Hot Spgs
August	Freewheeling Wednesdays all month
Aug 19	Pool Party & BBQ
Aug 27	Flatlander Ride to Cheyenne/ Sanford's
Sept	Freewheeling Wednesdays all month
Sept 1-3	Angel Fire/Eagle Nest, NM Vet Bricks
Sept 9/10	LOH Overnighter to Cimmaron, NM
Sept 16	Men's Day Out (while ladies are away)
Oct 7	Game Day at VFW
Oct 28	Halloween Party
Nov 4	Progressive Lunch/Dinner Ride
Nov 18	Comedy Club Outing
Dec 9	Santa Shoot & Snack-N-Wrap @ Sun
Dec 16	Gift Exchange & Potluck at VFW

OFFICERS UPDATES, RAMBLINGS, & WORDS OF WISDOM



Director
Larry Faut

What is your most memorable ride ?

Our ride through the Tetons from Billings to Jackson Hole then to Denver (Yellowstone,

A thought triggering Conversation

I had an interesting conversation this week with a woman who discovered I rode a Harley. She told me her husband had a Harley and was looking for someone to ride with. I asked her if she rode with him, and she was quick to say no. "That is just something that never has gotten under my skin." She told me that whenever she sat on the back of his bike, she got this instant feeling that she shouldn't be there. This conversation triggered the memory of numerous conversations I have had with people in the past.

Let's face it, our love for riding isn't for everyone. However, for those of us who do understand the truth to the statement, "The wind in my hair," we know the special feeling when you get on two wheels and hit the highway. I can recall many a time in those past conversations when I've said, "When you're in a car you have a habit of taking driving for granted. When you get on two wheels you totally have to change your way of thinking. You have to be ten times more aware of what's around you."

If there is one thing our club concentrates on is, "SAFETY." There are two main components in this. The first one is your motorcycle. I don't care what size of bike you have, you need to understand how it works. You need to understand how to ride. You need to grasp the concept of you and your bike as being one entity. When you think about it, there are a lot of things you need to know to safely operate your bike. What's counter steering and how does it work. What's the proper way to brake? Do you ride any differently on wet roads than you do on dry ones.



The second item of importance is being very aware of your environment. What's the weather like? Are the roads dry or wet. Is there road construction around? Whenever I am on my bike, I am always anticipating the car in front of me doesn't see me. I find it a good practice to be looking a couple of car lengths ahead. Check you mirrors regularly. My wife and I have been riding for many years and if there is one thing we do every couple of years, its take a refresher course for experienced riders. Every time we've done it, we have come away noticing a difference in our riding. Whether you haven't ridden for awhile and feel a bit rusty, are new to riding or been riding for 30 years, I don't believe there is a rider out there that couldn't benefit for taking one.





Assistant Director

Bob Frank

What is your most memorable ride ?

Coast Hwy 1 Vancouver to Tijuana

The first 'Brand New' Harley I bought was a 99 Dyna Wide Glide.

Price: \$16,530 out the door with extended warranty.

Today, \$13,200 in excellent condition. \$2,200 in fair condition. For sentimental reasons you'd have to pry it from my cold dead hands. Sadly, I assume one of my sons will someday sell it for the 'fair condition' price because it has no history with them.

It was the 3rd 'new' vehicle I'd ever bought. Preceded by a 1970 Datsun King Cab pickup and a 96 Dodge 4X4 Extra Cab Long Bed.

All other modes of transportation which I previously owned, approximately ~50 were used and paled in comparison to the Bucket List purchase of that new Harley.

At the time I was divorced, single father, and a recent cancer survivor Having been told 2 years prior that I had 3-6 months to live. That I should pack my bags and put my affairs in order. That Harley purchase helped put 'life' back into my life.

I was introduced to H.O.G. in October of 1998. Made a ton of friends along the way and met a few I can live without. Isn't that the way life goes?

Along the way I met my lovely wife Laura, gained 2 step-daughters, and grew my personal family. Just as I also grew my Harley family. People I would never have met had it not been for H.O.G.. Literally 1,000's of people who ranged from acquaintances to best friends.

Here's to roads not yet ridden and friends not yet met.





Secretary
Michelle Herdt

What is your most memorable ride ?

The year we rode up to Sturgis alone, stayed in a hotel and did all the rides just the 2 of us! It was a great week up in the Black Hills.

Happy Spring CCT!

Hope your riding season has begun and you are enjoying some of this spring's good weather. Just a reminder to stay alert, watch those cages out there and also the winds that Colorado is famous for in the springs months. If you head up to the mountains look for sand/ gravel still on the roads and those pesky bicycles. LOL

We have lots of fun things planned for this year, join us in May for a weekend in Texas and in June perhaps a canyon ride.

That's all from your CCT Secretary this month; if you are not getting notices via email please let me know and we'll get that fixed.

Take care CCT & have a great springtime in the Rockies!

Michelle Herdt
CCT rocks!



Treasurer
Laura Frank

What is your most memorable ride ?

The rally we went to in Keystone SD. So fun

Hey HOGS

hope you are enjoying this Spring-like weather we are having! Now that it's riding season (sort of), there are lots of events coming up! Always keep an eye on your email and the FB page for details.

Thanks to all of you that have signed up to help with the BBQs at Sun and those that have already volunteered! As you will recall, Sun pays us to do the BBQs for them during the summer. It's a huge boost to our bank account and lets us do lots of fun events. If you haven't gotten to sign up yet, please see Bob Frank and he can get you the list of available dates. Finances are good, but if you ever have questions about Chapter finances, just let me know.

Joke of the day: Why don't rabbits get hot in the summer?

They have hare conditioning.

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LOH Officers



Bonnie Severson



Pat Legge



Brenda Hitchcock Doreen Takeda

What is your most memorable ride ?

In 2018, rode to New Orleans-great weather, not!, tornadoes, flooding, had to re route & not able to continue on to Florida or Ozarks. Headed back through Houston & home!

Pat

My first trip to Sturgis...the whole ride! I had never taken a long-distance trip on a motorcycle. The most memorable part of the trip was a storm somewhere between Devils Tower and the Teton NF heading west. We could see the storm in the distance and there was nowhere to find cover...I HATE storms. We finally stopped and hunkered down. There was wind, thunder and lightening and then hail, I was sure we were going to die.

Brenda



Webmaster

Brandy Burzynski





Carl's **Safety Zone**

What is your most memorable ride ?

The million-dollar highway in the spring and any time riding my Fat Boy.

What to know about Group Rides

Group rides can become dangerous due to the following reasons:

Riders covering too much of the roadway, or riding side by side

Mixing riders of various skill levels

Riders falling behind the group

It's a good idea to create guidelines beforehand to reduce the unpredictability of a group ride.

Suggested Rules for Group Rides.

Be Prepared before going to the ride

Riders should fuel up their motorcycles with a full tank of gas and carry a cell phone in case of emergencies. You should also have at least one rider carrying a first aid kit.

Know hand signals

Knowing hand signals is key for formation leaders, as these signals cue the rest of the group to things ahead. You may have group signals for a fuel stop, road hazard, and should know signals for slowing down, speeding up, encountering bicyclists or passing other vehicles.

Hold a pre-ride meeting

It's a good idea to get together with all riders beforehand to talk about things like ride strategy, stops and ride length. Good time to discuss the hand signals.

Select a group lead and sweep

Normally, the lead will be the Ride Captain. The lead / Ride Captain is positioned at the head of the group, and the sweep rides at the back of the group. The least experienced rider should be positioned in the second position of the group.

Keep the group size manageable

It is recommended by the Motor Safety Foundation (MSF) that there should be no more than seven riders. If there are more than seven riders, create subgroups. These subgroups should also have their own lead and sweep.

Stagger your riding formation

We want to keep the group relatively tight, we should also maintain some space to give riders time to swerve or brake, if needed.

The staggered formation where the lead rides on the left side of the lane. Then, the second rider should position themselves on the right side of the lane at least a few motorcycle lengths behind the leader (it is recommended by MSF to stay at least one second apart in distance). Continue this pattern so riders are staggered appropriately.

If the group is cruising on curvy roads, or conditions create poor visibility, it is recommended to use the single-file formation. Increase the following distance between riders to at least two seconds.

Stay aware of the group's riders while on the road

Each rider should periodically check their rearview mirrors to ensure no one is left behind. You should also make a point to watch the leader so you don't miss hand signals.

Have a plan if a rider gets separated

Have a procedure in place ahead of time in case a rider gets separated. That way, the rider won't feel pressured to speed and catch back up to the group. If someone does fall back, the formation should slow down to allow them to catch up.

Know what to do if someone leaves the group

If someone plans to leave during the ride, be sure to have a plan in place to reassemble the staggered formation. While doing so, riders move up to the next available position – and not pass each other. This can help minimize risks that riders may face when passing others within a single lane.

Take plenty of breaks

It's a good idea to take frequent breaks to rest and eat. This helps minimize the risk of riders feeling fatigue on the road.



Road Captains
Rodney Fish
Chris Michaels



What is your most memorable ride ?

The ride we did a couple summers ago, went over million dollar highway. Beautiful country.

Chris

Well, it looks like riding season is finally upon us. We have some great rides planned for the year and have managed to get a few rides in already, a thank you to all that participated,. Our next Chapter ride is the 3.5 State Ride, on Sunday April 30th, Bob is planning the route and this will be an all-day ride with lunch planned for Sidney, NE. In May, we have the Amarillo (Big Texan) ride, on May 20-21. If you plan on going, be sure to get your hotel reservations, as this is an overnighner. This will be a long ride, so getting some long distance riding in advance, would be beneficial. I'm look forward to a great riding season and hope to see all of you out there!

Rodney

Membership



Kristi Fisher



Stephanie Geisler



Brenda Hitchcock Lena Wilmer

What is your most memorable ride ?

In 2017 we rode to the Bear Tooth Rally in Red Lodge, Montana with a couple of friends. It was a very memorable ride and beautiful scenery.

Stephanie

The ride to Hurricane Ridge in the Olympic Mountains. We took a ferry from Mukilteo, WA to Port Angeles. Motorcycles get to board first and there must have been 50 bikes. The road up to Hurricane Ridge is a winding road through the trees. Once you crest the top you can see the Pacific Ocean. There's a visitors center and there were deer everywhere.

Lena

Barbaloo's Inspiration

Success is not final, failure is not fatal:
It is the courage to continue that counts.
A bit of ha, ha
What do you call a laughing motorcycle?
A Yamahahaha.
Have a great month all!
Smiles, hugs, and love

Barbaloo

Photographers



Jeannette Bull



Felicia Cano

What is your most memorable ride ?

My most memorable ride would have to be my 1st overnighter up Pouter Canyon (my 1st ride up a Canyon, what an experience) to Glen Echo campgrounds great ride, good food and time with our CCT Family. Memories

Felicia





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What is your most memorable ride ?

I love canyons, all of them on the front range.
One going from Santa Fe to Chama, NM, or
where ever we can find them. A new adventure.



Hi All,

Meeting new people from all over the country in our travels (besides the ride) is one of the main reasons we venture forth. The conversations from different regions is always enlightening. Sooner or later the subject of local cuisine will come up being that is a common interest to us all. Let's face it a country made up of immigrants from all over the planet brings a treasure trove of tasty delights. I grew up in a east coast port city which bragged of Italian and Polish food as well as the area's contribution of blue crab and oysters. My closest brothers and sisters can attest that if it's a bottom feeder, I'm there. Riding around the country the northeast has lobster, clam chowder, and pot roast. Northwest is king, snow, Dungeness crab and game meat. The heartland can boast of smoking' and so many types of BBQ it's hard to keep track of them all, and you can't walk away from any of em'. The south is fried chicken, a wide array of fish and crabs. The gulf's got crawfish, gator, blue crab and some of my favorite Creole and Cajun. I'm always up for trading recipes with folks from New Orleans. I know my list of regional specialties is criminally inadequate so ya'll just got head on over and have dinner with the locals. There are also different twists across the country for Mexican and Native American food. I first found bacon wrapped shrimp in a little ma & pa place in Pierre, South Dakota. One saying for scooter people is that "it's for the ride not the destination". What's good to know is that wherever the destination may be you'll always be able to sample the local wares that'll add memories to you adventure. And maybe you can pick up a few recipes along the way.

Keep dem kneez in da breez

**If you have a poem, story, or something
that just reaches out and grabs you on
a primal level and you would like to
share it send it to me.**

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Laissez les bons temps rouler

The Editor

