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What is This & What Does it Mean?



This year our centerpiece will be of a landmark, a vintage, or custom motorcycle, a member's first Harley if you send me the pictures or any other subject matter that will shake the cobwebs around. 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 images and colors would you put on your bike in a custom paint job if money was no object?*

CCT Calendar of Events for 2022

June 23-25	Kicking It in Cody H.O.G. Rally Cody, WY
June 9-12	Republic of Texas Rally Austin, Texas
August 5-14	Sturgis Bike Week Sturgis, South Dakota

REGIONAL H.O.G. RALLIES

June 23-25	Kicking It in Cody H.O.G. Rally Cody, WY
June 23-25	Chesapeake Freedom & Spirit H.O.G. Rally Solomon Island, MD
July 14-16	Iron Adventure H.O.G. Rally Ludlow, VT
July 21-23	Mid-America H.O.G. Rally Dubuque, IA
Sept. 27- Oct. 1	Southeast H.O.G. Rally Maryville, TN

H.O.G. TOURING RALLIES

May 31-June 5	Big Trees of California Touring Rally Bakersfield to Eureka, CA
June 16-21	A Gem of a Ride Touring Rally Boise, ID to Lindon, UT
July 5-14	Grand Museum Touring Rally Birmingham, AL to Milwaukee, WI
July 25-29	Lake Superior Touring Rally Marquette, MI to Marquette, MI
Aug. 15-19	Bay, Lakes, & Mountains Touring Rally Annapolis, MD to Lebanon, NH
Sept 4-16	West Meets East 25th Anniversary Posse Touring Rally Lynwood, WA to St. Augustine, FL.



OFFICERS UPDATES, RAMBLINGS, & WORDS OF WISDOM



Director

Deanna Thompson

What images and colors would you put on your bike in a custom paint job if money was no object?

I have put the image that I would want on my bike already. The margarita glass is classic for me, and every knows it's my bike! How can you miss it?

Hello HOGS!

The weather is finally warming up! This Saturday is the first bbq of the season at Sun! And it's my weekend to do it. The first bbq usually has some hiccups, but I am sure we can get it all figured out and have a very successful event. It looks like it's going to be a beautiful day, so I hope to see a lot of you up there enjoying the complimentary food.

Don't forget about the Chicano Pride ride on May 7th. Sun needs all the volunteers they can get for this event, from parking to registration. I don't have all the logistics yet, but as soon as I do I will let you all know. This is expected to be a pretty large event, so hopefully you can all attend.

See you on the road.



Treasurer

Laura Frank

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Something purple. Haven't ever really thought about it.

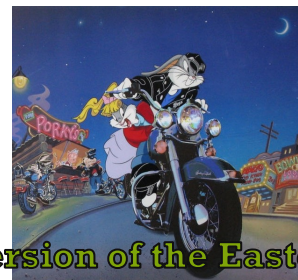
Treasurer Article for April 2022

I'm ready to ride. Are you? We got the garage cleaned last weekend and the bikes are ready to go. Can't wait for all the rides this year. 2021 was rough and not much riding. I'm ready to change that!! Keep an eye on the Facebook page, the website and your email for notifications about what's coming up.

Thanks to everyone that came and helped with the Pancake Breakfast. We couldn't do it without you!

I love being the Chapter Treasurer. If you ever have questions about Chapter finances, just let me know.

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Our version of the Easter Bunny



Assistant Director

Bob Frank

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Tribute to John Wayne

Hey HOG's! survey

This is a recap of a Belgium survey of 3,000 motorcycle riders age 16 and up. I know, I know....Belgium? What does that have to do with American riders...right? Maybe nothing, other than to realize and take into consideration that they are, we all are, **MOTOTCYCLISTS**.

Take what you want from it. I found it an interesting read.

Thanks,

Firstly, there is the Time-Optimizer, who uses their motorcycle to minimize the time of their journey. This comprised 11.6% of the sample.

Secondly, we have what is called the "Time-For-Me Seeker," who are those riders who like to use the motorcycle to relax, get away from the family or work. According to the survey, this category made up 18.8% of the sample.

Next up is "The Unconditional." According to the survey, this group made up 9.5% of the sample, and these are those riders who go out whenever, no matter the conditions, the time of day, the amount of rain - if the bike has fuel, that fuel will be used.

(Are these the 'real' bikers?)

Moving on now to the fourth group, which is called the "Good-Vibe Seeker," who are those that use the motorcycle only when the weather allows for it. These riders ride solely for enjoyment, as well as to avoid using the car. 14.2% fit into the "Good-Vibe" category.

Now, onto group number five: the "I-Want-It-All" class. These are the people who want the best of the best, the option that suits them and their needs perfectly. 18.2% apparently fall into this category.

The sixth group is called "Multimodal," which is the category for people who are not solely riders, and use their motorcycle in conjunction with other forms of transport, as well as instead of a car in good weather. These make up 11% of the sample.

"The Daily User," is category number seven. The Addict. The Junkie. The Two-Wheeled Doper. The assumption of the writer here is that most of you reading this fall into this category, that makes up 7.5%. To be reading my drivel there must be something going on. It feels like a necessity at this point to plead with you to stick around to the end of this article before you look outside and realize it is perfect riding weather. Only one category to go.

That final category, number eight, is "The Life-Long Experience," whose members also probably fall into the "Daily User," class. These are those riders who have ridden for their whole lives, at least since it was possible for them. They make up 9.2%, and are the cornerstone of motorcycling, because they are the ones who - intentionally or otherwise - pass the bug on to others, and keep our world turning. Many thanks, Lifers!

What category do you fit in?

I am definitely category 8...well maybe 2, and some of 3, 4, 6, 5, some 7, and 1... yeah 1, and some....well actually it depends on my mood.

How about you?

I don't feel pigeon holed to any one category.





Secretary

Dawn Huth

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I like her just the way she is, I have thought of sometime down the road having the original colbalt blue repainted, freshened up if you will.

A List... 5th wheel Amenities

Through the years we've amassed a group of objects that we take along when we venture forth ahhh... camping. Now, these are things that are moved back and forth and not what the trailer has for it's own like bedding, towels, plates, coffee maker, propane grill, hose, electric hook up and extension cords. The mobile list is a propane griddle, roaster, crock pot, ice maker, fold out tables, and chairs, bag chairs, EZ Up, paper plates and plastic eating utensils. We came to the conclusion that we're hauling around a house on wheels so why not go for it when it comes to cooking. We've left a pork shoulder in the roaster low 'n' slow and went for an eight hour ride. When we returned our camping neighbors were going a little nuts with the aroma. Took the lid off and had perfect pulled pork. We really do try not to overthink things , the appliances that we use are based on the KISS principle... Keep It Simple S_____ you can fill that in with any word you want. And I don't want to tell you we've never forgotten anything because with Cody coming up that would surely be the kiss of death. We try, and if it gets left behind, oh well. As Always, don't sweat the small stuff.

Dawn



Webmaster

Brandy Burzynski

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Not sure I would do a custom paint job



Photographers

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LOH



Dinner



Bowling

LOH Officers



Cindy Aranda Bonnie Severson

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If money were no object... faded/ombre browns with rich mahogany and chestnut brown tones. Subtle metalflake throughout. Embellished with feathers of copper/gold from tank to tail. A splash of bling to form a trail of feathers by way of even more metalflake. Not a "blinding" custom paint but something I would enjoy. **Cindy**

Good Question. It would be a collage of everything that makes me happy. From people to scenery. The images would appear and disappear with light. The colors would have to be like a prism of at least three colors. Similar to the the 2021 green/purple paint. **Bonnie**

Ladies! Check your calendars now for July 30, 2022. Join us on a Ladies group ride from Denver to Canon City where we will begin a weekend of fun and good memories.

-Depart Denver 0830 (KSU) 0900 from the Phillips 66 Gas Station at the Morrison exit off C-470.

- Gas and refreshment break in Penrose Exxon Gas Station on CO-115.

- Lunch at Canon City Brews and Bikes

- Check in at the Sister House at the Abby

****15 Rooms**

https://theabbeycc.com/?page_id=1014

**-Tour Abby Monastery
(scheduled for 1:00 PM)**

**-Start the evening with Wine tasting (outdoors)
\$10.00 per person. OPTIONAL**

*** Room are configured differently. Some have 2
beds some only one. First Come First serve.**

****Cost for lodging depends on how many
occupants we have. Estimated 35-45 per person.
RSVP on this site or directly to any LOH officer
NLT July 1, 2022**

BONUS DAY!

**July 31, day of departure. OPTIONAL
Ride to Royal Gorge.**

**General Admission tickets \$25.00 are required
to enter the park. The ride prices are separate
and can be found at this link. [https://
tickets.royalgorgebridge.com/webstore/
shop/viewItems.aspx?CG=RGBTIX&C=GA](https://tickets.royalgorgebridge.com/webstore/shop/viewItems.aspx?CG=RGBTIX&C=GA)**

**There are many things to do. For the
adventurist there is riding your bike over the
bridge. We hope you join us for a super fun
time! Riding home is not an organized
ride. Stay safe!**

THANKS LOH



Membership



Rodney Fish



Kristi Fisher



Michelle Herdt



Pat Legge

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Eagles, Candy paint.

Rodney

I like a retro bike look and am a bit patriotic, so maybe a USO pinup girl!?

Chelle

Silver wings

Pat

Yes, hug your kids, lockup your pets, the world is coming to an end, I have submitted an article to the newsletter. This story begins on a cool & cloudy July 2015 morning. My bike was gassed & loaded up, for a trip to Sheridan, Wyoming, too attend the 2015 Wyoming H.O.G Rally. I departed my place and headed North on I25 with my first stop, Johnson's Corner and meeting up with Harry, my travel partner.

After a leisure breakfast we came out to the bikes and a light drizzle. Knowing it wasn't going to stop, we put on our rain gear and headed North. When we got to Cheyenne, for a gas stop, the drizzle had turned to rain, not a downpour, but steady. Plodding on, the trip from Cheyenne to Casper was a steady rain fall, and surprising both of us, NO wind. Arriving in Casper, we stopped at Oil-City Harley Davidson, too warmup and have a cup of coffee. After a fuel and lunch stop, we headed to Buffalo, Wyoming.

By this time the rain had stopped, but the wind had picked up and the temperatures remained cool. Arriving in Buffalo, had a quick gas stop, and a short ride to Sheridan.

Arriving around 3 PM, we stopped by Rally Headquarters to signed-in and find out what activities and events were planned. Finding our motel, we checked in, and settled into our rooms. Finding the ice and soda machines and had a cocktail, or two, three..., before looking for a place for dinner. After dinner we went back to Rally HQ and visited with new arrivals, and stopped by the vendors.

After breakfast, the next morning, we decided to do the Poker Run. We signed up and headed to Buffalo for our first stop, the Hotel manager wasn't ready for us, as they thought they were the last stop. After drawing our first card we headed West, on US Hwy 16 The weather and riding was great, with spectacular views, going over the pass and through the canyon. Arriving at Ten Sleep, we hearing the story of the towns history, and drew our second card. Taking a shortcut, we rode on to Greybull, for stop three and lunch. Riding East, on US Hwy 14, we were again in the mountains, and enjoying the spectacular scenery, we were treated to an afternoon thunderstorm, stopping while waiting for the lightning to subside. Unknowingly we missed stop four (Bear Lodge Resort) and found ourselves in Dayton. Made the decision to go back to Sheridan and plead our case for missing stop four. We were in luck and they allowed us to draw two cards and complete our hands, but it was to no avail, don't think I even had a pair.

We met up with Ray & Ben, as they had just gotten to town, but that's another story.

Rodney

Safety Zone



What images and colors would you put on your bike in a custom paint job if money was no object?

I have always been fond of deep blues and greens. I built what I called the Bear Bike in 2000. It was an award winner for that year. I had ghosted images of a grizzly bear on the tank with rear paws on the rear bags and front paws tearing out the side covers. These were ghost in a dark royal blue.

Prepare for the hazards of riding your motorcycle in the spring.

It's the time of year when we're happily getting the motorcycle out of hibernation and taking those first good rides of the year. In the enthusiasm, it's easy to forget that spring presents some unique challenges and hazards we may not encounter the rest of the year. In addition to making your motorcycle ready, the key to having fun and staying safe is to ensure you're mentally prepared.

Environmental hazards

Spring can be a messy time of year on the road. Sand and gravel are one of the top two problems around here this time of year. It takes a lot of spring rain to wash all that grit away. Just when you think we're past it, a spring snow comes in and back goes the sand and gravel. This time of year, the required line through a curve is not the sweeping arc I'd choose under ideal conditions, but one that follows the asphalt that's been swept clean by car tire tracks. The other half of my top two would be the ever-increasing number of potholes. I was riding on I-76 through town. I felt like I was on a slalom course. These weren't dimples in the road but craters.

Thinking in advance about the potential spring hazards will help you spot them sooner and react more quickly. In areas prone to spring rains and flash floods, could there be sand or other debris washed across that low spot in the road ahead? In the mountains, roadside snowbanks are a sign to watch for snow melt running across your path. You don't want to be leaned over steeply and hit a quarter inch deep stream of cold water flowing across the pavement.

The key, is to anticipate the hazards in your particular riding environment, be alert for them, and be ready to react decisively if they appear.

Beware the other guy

We all know those infamously common six words that follow so many car-motorcycle collisions: "Officer, I didn't see the motorcycle." It can be infuriating when car drivers look right at us but pull in front of us anyway. They may be telling the truth when they say they didn't see us. Researchers who have studied the phenomenon call it "inattention blindness." Basically, people see what they're looking for, and a driver about to turn left is mainly looking for an oncoming car. The image of the motorcycle hits his retina, but his brain ignores it. In one sense, the driver truly doesn't see us. His ever-present danger increases greatly when motorcycles have been absent from the roads for several winter months. Drivers aren't used to seeing motorcycles, much less actively watching for them.

What can we do? Realize that this hazard is at its peak this time of year. Be extra alert at intersections and other danger spots. Choose a lane position that optimizes the space between us and threats. Always be thinking about an escape route or a plan of action if the worst-case scenario begins to unfold. And finally, follow that old piece of advice: Ride as if you're invisible. Because to some inattentive drivers, essentially you are invisible.

Internal threats

Aside from external threats such as debris washed across the road or careless drivers, we can sometimes be our own enemies. After a winter layoff, our skills are dull. Even for those of us who ride all winter are out of practice because our mileage is usually very limited. Even though we can't wait to get out on the road, when the first nice day arrives, a little practice first makes good sense. I believe whole heartily in taking a riding course in the spring for a tune up. It always surprises me by how much better I ride after doing one. If your first rides of the season are group rides, keep in mind that all your friends are rusty from the layoff, too. Extra space is a good idea.

Spring has returned and you can finally ride. The last thing you want to do is to fail to recognize and avoid one of the specific hazards of spring and put yourself or your motorcycle out of commission, just when the fun is starting.



TIPS FOR MOTORCYCLE HELMET CARE!

- 1- Fragile, handle with care.** Treat your motorcycle helmet as a fragile item. Dropping the helmet from waist height may cause damage even if it is not visible. Helmets are designed to disperse impact throughout the shell. Any impact or drop will weaken the structure.
- 2- Use that helmet clothing bag wherever you go.** Carry the lace cover that comes with your helmets when you ride. This can be used to wipe your helmet down when you are off the motorcycle. It will protect it against bumps against the walls of the saddlebags.
- 3- Do not hang your helmet in your mirrors.** And this applies to any other accessory. Not only can a gust of wind lift your smallest dot helmet and send it flying to the ground, but it's another surefire way to damage the inner lining.
- 4- Say no to stickers.** The glue of the stickers damages the helmet. You may not realize that a smooth surface is important for a helmet and its safety. You want the surface not to get stuck on the ground in case of slippage or impact.
- 5- Only water to clean your helmet.** Clean the shell only with water. If you feel you need to use a substance, use a mild soap or a cleaner made for helmets. Average cleaning products can damage the protective layer again.
- 6- Stay away from fuel.** Avoid storing your helmet near fuel, cleaning fluids, or excessive heat. All this can damage the shell, the EPS liner, and the straps.
- 7- Store your gloves elsewhere.** Do not store your motorcycle gloves inside your helmet when you are off the bike. Your gloves are likely to have traces of gasoline that can ruin the inside of your helmet.
- 8- Five year refresh.** Most manufacturers recommend changing your helmet at least every five years, if it's dropped or survived a crash replace it immediately.



'Springtime in the Rockies!'

Got to watch the weather these days, mother nature is pretty darn fickle when it comes to springtime here; nice and warm one morning and then POW – a cold wind comes up driving snowflakes into your ears!

I for one have been busy and am guilty if not taking my bike out of it winter hibernation; that's gonna change here shortly. Got my grandbaby fix and am itching to ride again. Found a close, easy ride to blow off some dust and thought I'd give it a try in the near future. Will let you know what I find. Have a good month and 'go have fun!'

Written Directions/Check out the site for more info:

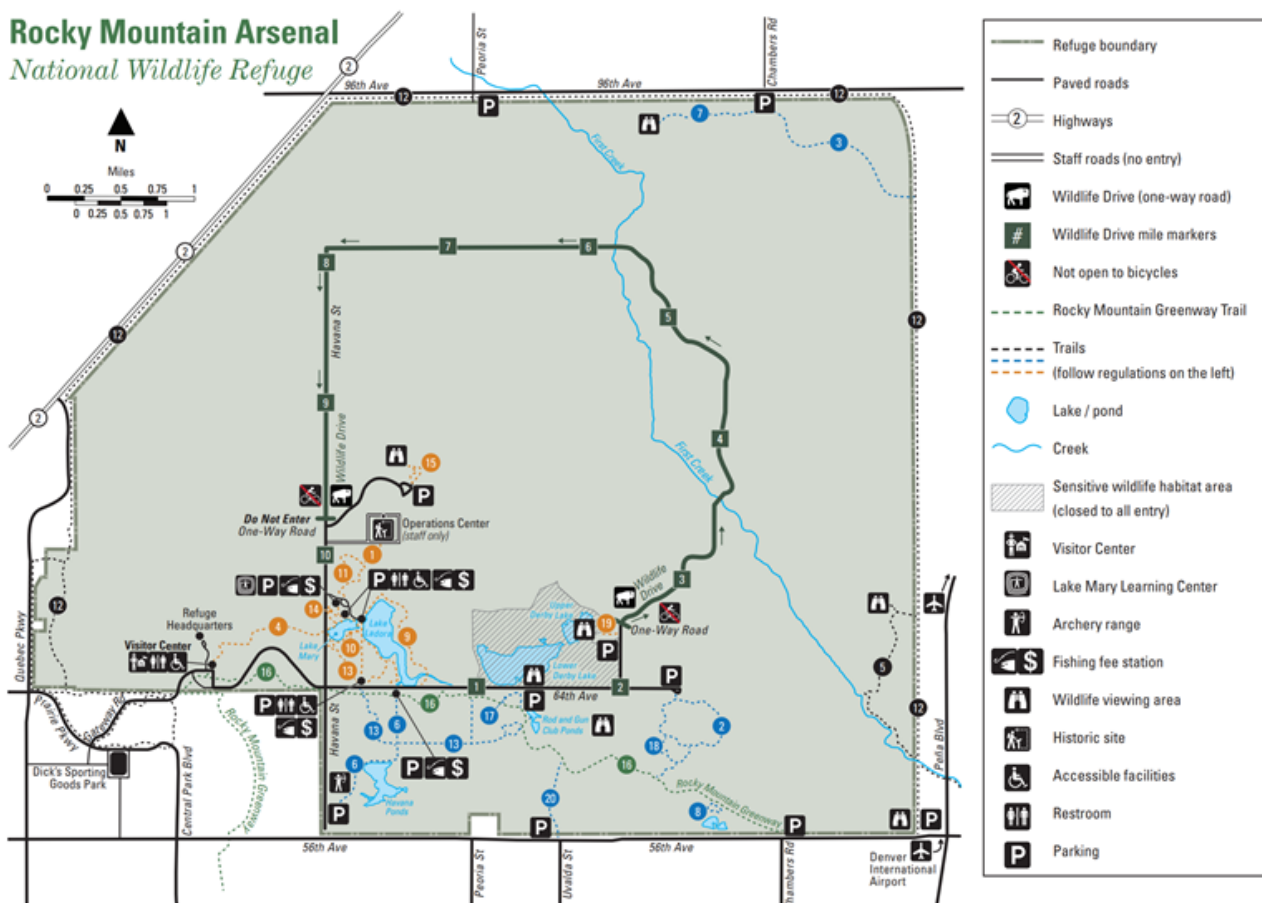
<https://www.fws.gov/refuge/rocky-mountain-arsenal/visit-us/activities/auto-tour>

This is a **GREAT** ride for looking at wildlife/wildflowers, just 20 minutes from downtown Denver. Also a great spot to take a passenger if they're new to motorcycles and don't want to go fast. No twisties, but great scenery on this 11 mile one way "Wildlife Drive." 35 mph speed limit. Open from sunrise to sunset, website says no fee to enter bur I wonder? Take the 11-mile Wildlife Drive auto tour in your vehicle to see the Refuge and its wildlife. The Wildlife Drive takes about 45 minutes to 1 hour to complete.

Know Before You Go:

- The Wildlife Drive is open to motorized vehicles; speed limit is 30 mph.
- Follow the directional symbols, one way around the loop. Park vehicles only in designated areas on the map.
- Stay on paved roads and observe all posted signs such as "Stay in Vehicle" or "Area Closed".
- Stay in your vehicle when the road becomes one way only. Always stay at least 75 feet (23 meters) away from bison.

Chelle





Road Captains
Dave "Mad Dog" Cawley
Celeste Cacchione
Ed Gomez

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Obvious, Bronco colors, since all three of our bikes are that way **Dave**

With the Tryke, money was a \$20K budget. Motorsports Concepts did an outstanding job turning a black tryke into an ORANGE tryke w awesome Broncos Custom Designs. Bonus: they came in under budget! Excellent job! We went to Jared!
Celeste

Hello CCT:

Madd Dog Dave here, I hope everybody's doing well. Getting those bikes out of the garage and clean them up, all aired up, oil checked and all that good stuff for safety reasons. Looks like the weather is starting to pick up, pretty nice here, little bit windy out there, but getting warmer. Anyway; we got the ride schedule out for the next three months, if there's something that you want to do let us know. I appreciate everybody that came on the Fort Morgan ride doing the back roads to there and back. Nice 200-mile Ride With Friends, lunch was great at Cables and looking forward to doing a lot more. We will still be doing Wednesday rides. If you want to do something special give us a call my cell is 720-899-7073 call me anytime. Everybody have a safe and Blessed day.

Madd Dog Dave

A RECIPE FOR HAPPINESS

2 Heaping Cups of Patience

1 Heartful of Love

1 Handful of Generosity

Dash of Laughter

1 Headful of Understanding

Sprinkle generously with Kindness.

Add plenty of Faith and mix well.

Spread over a period of a lifetime and serve everybody you meet.

Celeste

Bikers Gotta Eat Too

Old Fashioned Pancake Batter

- 1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- 3 ½ teaspoons baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt, or more to taste
- 1 tablespoon white sugar
- 1 ¼ cups milk
- 1 egg

3 tablespoons butter, melted



Rides:

May:

15 – SUNDAY –TAKODA TAVERN LUNCH RIDE via Back roads to Parker & Beyond
 Meet at Shell Station - 104th & Washington, 9:30a, KSU 10a

June:

05 – SUNDAY –ESTES PARK BREWERY LUNCH RIDE Meet at Shell Station - 104th & Washington, 9:30a, KSU 10a
12 – SUNDAY -MOTORCYCLE MUSEUM RIDE to St Francis, Kansas This ride will be led by PAUL SCHULZ_Meet at Shell Station - 104th & Washington, 8a, KSU 8:30a

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Warrior women riding birds of prey in white pearl on my blue

Nullum Relinquam Post Virum



Hi All,

How about this weather. Everybody blowing the dust off the scooters? Still, we all know that this month we have to keep looking over our shoulders. This is also your two month heads up for the rally. If you're not registered yet you need to jump on it. Up in Cody there are some great rides, we'll get reacquainted with old friends, and this is going to be an epic party. Don't forget there's a rodeo every nite we're there. Some members wanted to try their hand at bull riding which HOG is NOT going to cover with their insurance...imagine that!!! But if you are willing to go for, "the gold in the buckle" you could, "win in the next go 'round", climb aboard one of those 'bad bovines'. As for me, I'm totally satisfied with my brass buckle. Or maybe we can find a local rancher that'll let a group play a lively round of, "Slap the Bull" but again you'd be on your own for insurance. If the temptation grabs ya there are a couple of places to go horseback riding in the Cody area. Trade the steel horse for a few hours. Always want to keep you updated on any racing coming up, this is the 148th running of the Kentucky Derby on Saturday May 7th, post time is at 6:45 EST or 4:45 for us. The Derby is the oldest continuously held major sporting event in the United States (1875). It's called the most exciting two minutes in sports. The last critter I'm going to bring up is the good ole' American Bison, which I have every intension of being held up by riding through Yellowstone. I've never been but am looking forward to it... Yellowstone not the Bison, anybody that has ridden on Needles Highway knows that there is a chance of having to wait your turn. Anyway, till next time...

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

