

HOG Holler

Newsletter of Coos Bay H.O.G. Chapter 2137

Some Upcoming Rides:

- September 17
Cruz the Coos Parade
- October 7
Friday Dinner Ride
Firehouse CB
- October 8
Bree's Poker Run and Benefit
- October
Progressive Pool Tourney
Coos Bay/Bandon
- October 22
Poker Run for Shore Acres Lights
- October 30
9th Annual Pun'kin Run
Singleton Park
Winston

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For details and
More activities

There've been lots of chances to get together for Coos Bay HOG members over the last few months.

Lots of rides, from the first group ride on the Westside -- Al's Owner's Ride to the Lighthouse Run, Ride of Honor to the most recent East/West Poker Run and Picnic at Laverne Park. We had a "bucket list" event at a local retirement facility where members gave rides to those who were brave enough, Friday night dinner rides to various locales to "last minute where do you want to go today" rides.

We still have events coming up in the fall – for the dates, check out the calendar pages in this issue or the calendar link on CoosBayHOG.com.

Coming up very soon is a money making event for our club – the hosting of the Poker Run for Cruz the Coos. AD, Robbyn is coordinating the poker run stops and here's what she needs.

Cruz the Coos on September 17th 2011, We will be hosting the Poker Run again. It's a great way to raise money for the club. Last year we raised over \$300 in four short hours. We could use help on this event and I'm asking for an hour or two of everyone's time. Remember, these funds go to help us purchase items and offset our cost for our holiday dinners, etc.

The event starts at 9:00am ends at 2-3:00 we start at the Mill Casino at the hotel entrance.

We've also been asked to lead the Cruz the Coos parade line of cars by flying flags. To participate, meet at Hwy 101 H-D at 5:30pm, we're KSU at 5:50pm, 4th and Central at 5:55pm SHARP – parade at 6pm. Please let George, Todd or me know if you can carry a flag. All riders are encouraged to ride, even if you can't carry a flag.

The Cruz the Coos folks REALLY want us to be there because this is the anniversary of 9/11 and they really want us there this and every year.

This will not interfere with the concert that evening.

Click on the links to view the album and slideshow

You are invited to view Robbyn's photo album:

[HOG 2011 Picnic LaVerne Park](#)

[View Album](#)

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From the Owner's Desk

Well, it looks like we skipped spring and went straight from winter to summer in the span of one week. And I know I'm not the only one who is really, really glad to see the sun again. With the arrival of the sun is another season of great riding, and even though the sun has been breaking through in the late morning of late, those vacationing riders who are traveling in the early morning fog are collecting a bit more condensation than they anticipated and we're still selling rain gear

like it's January. Welcome to the Oregon coast!

And speaking of riding gear, here's a reminder to wear the best protection possible, regardless of conditions. I cringed a few days ago as a "rocket bike" passed me on 101 with a rider clad only in tennis shoes, shorts and a tee-shirt. One can easily imagine how much skin he would leave on the freeway if he went down riding only 30 mph or less, let alone an accident at higher speeds.

Twenty years ago the riding gear available was fairly thin and, by today's standards, inadequate: three-quarter helmet, leather gloves, leather coat and chaps of varying quality and thickness, and your favorite pair of shoes or boots.

These days you can be stylish AND protected in any kind of weather, be it rain, sunshine, hot or cold.

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Keep the Shiny Side Up from our Safety Officer

A few months back, I wrote a piece that had some discussion about riding and/or leading a group of riders. Over the last few weeks, I've become aware of, and experienced some incidents where riders were killed or injured and bikes damaged while riding with a group of friends.

I'm sure that we all read about the group that was headed to Baker City for the Hell's Canyon Run at the beginning of June. Reported was a rider that lost control of his bike and went down—the following rider ran him over and killed him while also sustaining injuries. This happened on the

interstate east of Portland. Naturally, I can't be sure of the specifics, but practicing of good group riding skills---riding in a staggered formation, maintaining a safety cushion of at least two seconds between riders, and using any of the observation skills taught in a rider training course---- might have helped to avoid this tragedy.

I was returning home on I-5 from visiting my brother up in Seattle the following weekend, and came across a scene where there were several emergency vehicles on the side of the road lights a-flashing. I did notice as I rode by that parked on the shoulder, was a Road

Glide which looked to be in good condition. On the grass, next to the shoulder, I did observe emergency personnel working on two or three people on the ground--- saw no four wheeled vehicles, but there were signs of some kind of collision on the roadway. Not being a gawker and needing to pay attention to my own self, I couldn't make any honest assessment of the situation, but from appearances, it looked like the lead bike was parked, the following two or three were on their sides with the riders on the ground.

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Upcoming rides and events

This newsletter will provide information on rides and other events for the next few months. Of course, last minute changes can and do happen, so be sure to read your emails for changes in times or other pertinent information.

SEPTEMBER 2011

Tuesday, September 6 Westside Chapter Meeting

Coney Station, 295 So. Broadway, Coos Bay. Meeting starts at 6:30pm and lasts about an hour. Food and beverages are available if you wish to purchase.

Tuesday, September 13 Eastside Chapter Meeting

Ray-Rae's just off Exit 119 in the Green District. Meeting at 6:30pm, food and drinks available for purchase.

Saturday, September 17 Cruz the Coos

Our HOG club will be hosting the Poker Run for the Cruise during the day. We need help – see story on page 1.

Tuesday, September 27 Westside Officers Meeting

Coney Station, 295 So. Broadway, Coos Bay. Meeting starts at 6:30pm and lasts about an hour. All members are welcome to attend.

OCTOBER 2011

Tuesday, October 4 Westside Chapter Meeting

Coney Station, 295 So. Broadway, Coos Bay. Meeting starts at 6:30pm and lasts about an hour. Food and beverages are available if you wish to purchase.

Friday, October 7 Dinner Ride for CB Firehouse fundraiser

Led by Mike H., KSU at 6pm from Hwy 101 H-D. Dinner will be available.

Saturday, October 8 Bree's Poker Run for Breast Cancer Awareness

Poker run in am ending at Hwy 101 H-D for silent auction, food, music and fun. More info in Robbyn's Activities Director column on page 5.

Tuesday, October 11 Eastside Chapter Meeting

Ray-Rae's just off Exit 119 in the Green District. Meeting at 6:30pm, food and drinks available for purchase.

Saturday or Sunday, October XX Progressive Pool Tournament (Date TBD)

Pool tournament in various members homes during the day – last table for the grand finale and BBQ and party after. The date is still to be determined will let everyone know ASAP.

OCTOBER 2011 (continued)**Saturday, October 22 Saturday Poker Run**

Todd H. Will lead poker run – to raise money for club's donation to Shore Acres Christmas Light fund. Details to come.

Tuesday, October 25 Westside Officers Meeting

Coney Station, 295 So. Broadway, Coos Bay. Meeting starts at 6:30pm and lasts about an hour. All members are welcome to attend.

Sunday, October 30 9th Annual Pun'kin Run on the Eastside

Meet at parking lot beside Big 5 in Winston 10:45am – Poker Run ends at Singleton Park for Chili and hot dogs about 1:30 – 2pm. Contact Rob or Jacquie for more info.

NOVEMBER 2011**Tuesday, November 1 Westside Chapter Meeting**

Coney Station, 295 So. Broadway, Coos Bay. Meeting starts at 6:30pm and lasts about an hour. Food and beverages are available if you wish to purchase.

Tuesday, November 8 Eastside Chapter Meeting

Ray-Rae's just off Exit 119 in the Green District. Meeting at 6:30pm, food and drinks available for purchase.

Saturday, November 12 Shore Acres

Decorate HOG Christmas tree from noon to 1pm.

Tuesday, November 29 Westside Officers Meeting

Coney Station, 295 So. Broadway, Coos Bay. Meeting starts at 6:30pm and lasts about an hour. All members are welcome to attend.

DECEMBER 2011**Saturday, December 3 Westside Christmas Party**

Will be held at and catered by Black Market Gourmet. Entertainment, gift exchange Tickets \$15 per person

Sunday, December 4 Host Shore Acres Christmas Lights

Annual club event – hosting from 3:45 to 10pm. Sign-up sheets will be available at November meeting.

Tuesday, December 6 Westside Chapter Meeting

Coney Station, 295 So. Broadway, Coos Bay. Meeting starts at 6:30pm and lasts about an hour. Food and beverages are available if you wish to purchase.

Saturday, December 10 Eastside Christmas Party

Details to come

Tuesday, December 13 Eastside 2012 Planning Meeting

At Winston Fire Hall at 6:30pm. Meeting to plan rides and events for 2012.

From the Activities Director (continued from page 1)



BREAST CANCER AWARENESS FUNDRAISER
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8TH, 2011
At Hwy 101 Harley-Davidson, 536 S. 2nd St. Coos Bay, OR
"A POKER RUN WITH A TWIST" FOR THE BREE'S FOUNDATION

REGISTRATION 9:00-10:00AM
FIRST RIDE OUT AT 10:30AM
LAST RIDE IN AT 12:00PM
\$20.00 WRISTBAND FEE

INCLUDES:

- ☆ POKER RUN
- ☆ COSTUME CONTEST
- ☆ FOOD/ DRINK
- ☆ 50/50 AND DOOR PRIZES

\$100.00 High Hand
\$50.00 Low Hand

PROCEEDS GO TO:
BREE'S FOUNDATION
AND A LOCAL COOS BAY
MOTHER OF TWO,
FIGHTING STAGE 4
MELANOMA CANCER.

**RIDE IN COSTUME GUESS THE RIDDLES. YOU CAN BUY A MAP
FOR AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE.**

A non-profit group that helps women and men without health insurance obtain mammograms.
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL ROBBYN REPP @ 541-260-7850

We are in need of items to make baskets for the silent auction for Bree's Fundraiser October 8

Suggestions for items:

- Large Baskets
- Candles
- Wines
- Lotions
- Coffees
- Teas

Anything that you can think of that can be made up into gift baskets or items that can be used for silent auction.

Any questions contact Robbyn Repp 541-260-7850 or Ginger Dukovich 541-297-1867

Note: Anyone who donates items will receive a ticket for prize drawing.

GRAPE SALAD by Jan V – served at HOG picnic

8 oz cream cheese
1 tsp vanilla
1 C sour cream
4 lbs. clean, dry seedless grapes* of your choice
½ C sugar

*Blend together cream cheese, sour cream, sugar, and vanilla. Whip until smooth. Fold grapes into cream mixture. *(If grapes are too large, cut into halves.)*

Top with ½ C brown sugar and ½ C chopped pecans. Sprinkle lightly over grape mixture and let set until ready to serve.

From the Owner's Desk (continued from page 2)

Regardless of riding conditions I highly recommend a full face helmet for ultimate protection. The newest models have built-in sun visors, air vents and can accommodate the latest in blue-tooth or MP3 technology. If you're riding in Sturgis and it's 100 degrees plus, you may have to go with a three-quarter helmet to simply keep from passing out in the heat.

Riding in the cool of the Oregon coast is easy to dress for, as the latest Harley gear, such as the FXRG line (both jacket and pants), is built to stave off the cold with Thinsulate insulation, fends off even the heaviest of rains with its proven waterproof material, provides great visibility with its Scotchlite lettering and trim, and provides ultimate protection with built-in shoulder and elbow armor.

Riding in the dry, high heats of summer presents a different kind of challenge for riders: how to avoid overheating without sacrificing comfort and safety. Again, today's technology has provided a myriad of options. While riding through 103 degree heat in South Dakota last year I opted for one of Harley's mesh jackets.

These terrific jackets provide full upper body protection with built in shoulder and elbow armor surrounded by strong polyester material from wrist to neck, with strong polyester mesh under the arms and around the lower torso that allows constant airflow, keeping relatively cool and comfortable. Again, Scotchlite lettering and trim provide good day or night visibility.

Unfortunately, a good thick set of chaps is the only – and best – option for your legs in the heat of summer. I'll be the first to admit that chaps are pretty hard to slap on when your facing 100-plus temperatures (give or take twenty degrees) but they'll save your hide should you and the road ever meet.

And regardless of weather, always protect your hands with some leather. The bottom line is this: don't sacrifice safety for fashion and don't put your life at risk with the wrong gear. Protect yourself and ride like you're invisible. Have a great riding season and we'll see you on the road!

- *Al the Owner*

Keep the Shiny Side Up (continued from page 2)

What actually happened, I couldn't really say, but maybe this tragedy could have been avoided. Things happen very fast riding at 70+ mph. No room for mistakes.

However, crashes don't always happen at 70+ either. During this year's Lighthouse Run, we had four bikes come in that had been involved in collisions with each other while riding together---all at slow speeds in town or up on the Loon Lake Road. Luckily no one was severely injured—and the bikes sustained relatively minor damage(less than \$5,000.00). But it makes one wonder if these crashes between friends could also have been avoided.

Currently, a crash causation study (the first in thirty years) is underway at Oklahoma State University. It will be interesting to see what, if any, conclusion arise from this task—and if things have changed substantially over the last thirty years. What I am gathering from reading other studies that have been made in other parts of the world, is that proper training and frequent practice of skills learned have a huge impact on helping to prevent motorcycle fatalities and injuries.

I had been considering asking Team Oregon to set up a Rider Skills Practice session here towards the end of the year—Actually the best time to do make such a program available locally would be in the early part of the riding season so that's the direction we're headed. Team Oregon does, however, still have a few more advanced rider training session scheduled at their permanent locations around the state—check on the web.

On a brighter note, deaths from motorcycle crashes have decreased over the last few years—a GOOD thing. Hopefully we'll be able to get a consensus on why this is trending that way and be able to determine how to keep our own selves-Shiny Side Up!

-*Safety Officer George W.*

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We are local Chapter 2137 of the national organization known as the Harley Owners Group (H.O.G.) and are made up of Harley-Davidson owners and riders.

Our sponsoring dealer is Highway 101 Harley-Davidson, 536 South Second Street, Coos Bay, Oregon.

Our goals are to promote safe riding skills by sponsoring rides and providing safety information.

And, of course, to ride, ride, ride!



