

Intermountain Chapter HOG (1255) Events Report 2018

January:

Frozen But Ride, 1/1: The 2018 IMC Annual New Year's Day Club Ride was true to its nature, 24 degrees but with clear skies and dry roads. We had 42 IMC club members show up to travel a chilling distance of 7.7 miles from HDHD to the Golden Corral on Emerald. The New Year Ride entourage included Mids: Kevin Curnes, Ric Tallada, Mike Mowder, & Danny Comer with Cliff Lewis as sweep. Our lineup of enthusiasts' vehicles was one sidecar, two trikes, 5 motorcycles, and about 15 cages(cars/trucks). Unusual for that time on a New Year's Day, the Overland and Eagle Light intersection was filled full with non-bike friendly cages in both turn lanes. We got separated big time into two groups. Regardless, we all arrived at the Golden Corral safe and only partial frozen. The staff treated as "heroes" and why not? Who would ride a Harley in such temperature? The variety of food was spectacular! There was something for everyone. We lucked out because we were able to sample breakfast entrees as the food line transitioned to lunch. Seconds anyone? The desserts, like Sirens, beckon our sampling of their delights. The fellowship and laughter among our members validated the fact that we are truly brothers and sisters who thoroughly enjoyed one another's company. What a fantastic start to a new year. Joe Cardona (Lead Road Captain)

After Christmas, Christmas Party, 1/20: Red Lion Inn Downtowner, Boise

February:

Road Captain Candidate Orientation, 2/3. Joe Cardona (Lead Road Captain)

Road Captain Informational Meeting, 2/3. Joe Cardona (Lead Road Captain)

Road Captain Ride Planning Meeting, 2/17. Joe Cardona (Lead Road Captain)

Breakfast Feed, 2/17

March

Biker Down Class, 3/10. Joe Cardona (Lead Road Captain)

Bandaging Class, 3/24. Joe Cardona (Lead Road Captain)

Breakfast Feed, 3/24

April

Biker Down Class, 4/7. Joe Cardona (Lead Road Captain)

New Member Orientation, 4/14: Attended by 14 new members. Cheryl Brenenstahl (Membership Officer)

BBQ and Bike Show, 4/14

Black Sands Ride, 4/21: Thank you to all the members who joined me on the first LOH ride of the season April 21st. I appreciated your patience in getting started that morning at HDHD as Ride 22 was happening at the same time. I hope you enjoyed the ride out to Black Sands Resort along the high desert area of Treasure and Owyhee Counties. The weather couldn't have been nicer for the 35 people who participated. We had a total of 26 bikes and one trike with the total mileage varying depending on the way you went home. When I parked my bike that afternoon in the garage she registered 150.9 miles! Shannon Weston (LOH Officer)

Bandaging Class, 4/21. Joe Cardona (Lead Road Captain)

Glory Hole Ride, 4/22: The idea for this ride came about after a spring time trip to Owyhee reservoir with my family when I was a kid. There was so much water in the reservoir that they had to use the dam overflow. At this dam the overflow is not a simple spillway over the edge but a giant tube out in the middle of the water. It was quite a sight to see and left an impression that I wanted to share with my fellow riders. First a little fun fact about the dam – it was built in 1927 and was the tallest dam in the world until 1934. On Sunday April 22nd Peggy and I arrived at HDHD about 9:45am thinking we would be the first ones there for the 10:00 meet time. Well there were already close to twenty people there waiting. By the time I needed to give the pre-ride briefing we had 54 riders on 29 bikes and nine trikes ready to go. There were quite a few new HOG members and this was going to be their first ride with the club. There were even more people who had never been to the dam. I just love introducing people to new places to ride and see. With this many riders, it would have probably been best to break up into two groups but I didn't think we would reach that amount ahead of time so we went with one group with two mids and a sweep. We got a bit spread out while going through town with all the stop signs and lights but it all came together at the first stop. After that it was more open roads and everyone kept up pretty well. The ride through the farmlands, small towns, and along Lake Lowell is always nice but it is the section from just outside Adrian, Oregon to Owyhee Dam that is my favorite. The Owyhee Dam Road is a typical Oregon back country road with little traffic and quite well maintained. This year there were only a few small pot holes and very little rock, well except for a few stretches above the dam. The part I love the most about riding desert roads in the spring is the lush green everywhere. It is a stark contrast to the brown of summer and fall. This trip was no exception with the red rocks adding a wonderful contrast to the scenery. This part of the trip is very curvy which kept the speed slow but that allowed more time to take in the landscape. Before long we were at the bottom of the dam and headed up the short stretch to the top that is very narrow, steep, winding and with no guard rails. I am sure it caused a few of the riders a tight grip on the handlebars and a sharp concentration on the road. After that it was a few short miles to Gordon Creek Park and our spot for lunch. When we got there, we ran into a group from the Idaho Vintage Motorcycle Club and a Model-T club. It was nice talking to the IVMC members and looking at the old cars. After a long line for the one and only bathroom we all settled down for a nice picnic lunch on the shores of Lake Owyhee. As some finished up lunch they headed

back on their own. The rest decided to follow Peggy and I back going a different route though the back roads to Wilder then on to Greenleaf, Simplot Road, Caldwell, and finally the Interstate where we broke up and went to our prospective homes. I am sorry to say the lake was not full this year and we did not get to see the Glory Hole overflowing but the ride, scenery, and most of all companionship of a great group of riding friends made it all worth it. A special thanks to Kevin Curnes and Chuck Cox for being my mids and Danny Comer for being my sweep. David Kesner (Photographer))

Wild Hog Wednesday, 4/25: It was a beautiful spring afternoon. The first HOG Wednesday of the year. It was amazing to have such a large bunch of riders join me for the ride. It set a record for the rider count. 18 Bikes and 11 Trikes on a HOG Wednesday. There were 39 great people and new and great friends. Total mileage was 2349. There was no incidents or accidents. (awesome). Majority of the riders enjoy a great snack or meal at the Orchard House. Danny Comer (Member at Large)

Breakfast Feed, 4/28.

Whistle Pig Round-Up (Hagerman), 4/29: A check of Sunday morning's weather report called for a 50% chance of thunderstorms. Oh crap. Well at least it's an improvement from the 90% I saw earlier in the week. I figured Katherine and I might as well head over to HDHD to see if anybody shows for the ride. Despite the lousy reports, we wound up with 52 riders on 32 bikes and 6 trikes. Even though I couldn't claim my usual prediction of 70 and sunny was accurate, my comment during the briefing leading to a moan from the crowd about there never being rain on this ride over the many years of leading it did hold up. And no, that 30 second shower did not qualify as rain in my book so the record stands. It was a real battle this year. The whistle pig nation threw its biggest and most aggressive rivals at us this year, but we prevailed in our annual mission to put those critters in their place. Thankfully we were ready for them and slowed the group to avoid their mindless charge across the front of our procession. Having survived the onslaught, we continued on to our destination. Rest assured, they'll be back next year. The lead group even got a police escort through Mountain Home based on the skillful negotiations of one of our newest members Rick Viola. Not sure if it was a friendly gesture or if the Sheriff Deputy simply wanted to make sure Rick left town with his "biker gang". The rest of the ride was pretty much uneventful. Kirt at the Snake River Grill put on his customary exceptional breakfast buffet and ensured we all left well satisfied. Thanks again to Kirt and his staff. Kirt told me he always knows it's spring when the robins and our Harley group return to town. So, with satisfied appetites, most of us headed out for the second part of the ride led by David Kesner. Thanks to Mark Berns, Danny Comer, Kevin Curnes, Doug Foye, David Kesner, Cliff Lewis, Mike Mowder, and John Tessin for their assistance as Road Captains. Mason Clarke (Historian)

Last Call Photo Shoot, 4/29: I thought I would try something a bit different with this photo shoot ride. After talking to Mason Clarke and getting his seal of approval, I announced that we would be tacking this ride on to his Whistle Pig Round Up ride to brunch at the Snake River Grill in Hagerman held on April 29th. It would start after everyone was finished stuffing themselves about 1:00. While people were finishing up brunch I went around the tables and got everyone to sign the roster. Considering the look of the clouds in the direction we were going to go I was

surprised we had 31 people on 19 bikes and 5 trikes sign up. I asked everyone to fill-up at one of the gas stations and then meet in front of the Chevron. Once we were all there and ready to go it was off to Bliss, over the Interstate, down the road to Gooding, up and over the pass by the Gooding City of Rocks, and down into Fairfield for our first stop. Although the clouds were persistent we never got any rain. After everyone had sufficiently removed enough of the morning's fluids we were back on the road to Hill City. The original plan was to do a photo shoot in front of one of the last working pay phone booths in the state however the pre-ride found it had been removed. All was not lost as the back-up plan was to do the shoot in front of the Hill City Store and Saloon. Being a saloon, we were able to retain the "Last Call" theme of the shoot. After the photos were done we headed down the road to our final destination at the Pilot Truck Stop in Mountain Home. Once there I passed out the ride tickets and everyone headed on down the Interstate for home. Lastly, I want to give my special thanks to Mason Clarke, Chuck Cox, and Kevin Curnes for being my mids and to Danny Comer for being my sweep. David Kesner (Photographer)

May:

Death of Chapter Member:

PEGGY MARIE KESNER

1957 ~ 2018

Peggy (Pegasus) Marie Kesner, 60 years old, from Boise, Idaho, passed Friday, May 18, 2018 from a self-inflicted gunshot. This information is being offered to help raise awareness of suicide in the hope that you may be able to see the signs of depression and pain in others and offer help and support knowing that in the end only they can make the decision to help themselves. Peggy was born December 12, 1957 in Boise, Idaho to Loyd and Mary Bell and is survived by her brother Michael, husband David, son Talon and his wife Ivy, mother-in-law Donna Kesner, and a large family of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Peggy married David Kesner on June 25, 1977 and their only son, Talon, was born on April 3, 1987. She worked several jobs during her life including Hewlett Packard, Meridian School District, The Disney Store, and the State of Idaho where she was working as an administrative assistant for the Department of Education, Student Transportation at the time of her death.

Peggy and Donna Kesner started the Meridian Quick Response Unit in 1976. It was here a year later that she met and married Donna's son.

Peggy really enjoyed riding on the back of David's motorcycle and caving but two of her biggest loves (besides family and friends) were Anime (Japanese Animation and Cosplay) and her animals. Peggy rescued and rehabilitated hundreds of animals over her lifetime including bats, ferrets, sugar gliders, turtles, cats, dogs, and more but her favorite was the hedgehogs. The Anime community was always a second family to her and she was a great inspiration to them seeing that you could be "old" and still dress-up and Cosplay.

There will be no public service as Peggy wished to be cremated and will be laid to rest among the many animals she had to see pass. There will be a celebration of Peggy's life sometime this summer.

Because of Peggy's love for animals it is requested that you make a donation to your favorite animal group in her name such as your local humane shelter, Animals in Distress (here in Boise), BCI (Bat Conservation International), or the like.

Peggy's infectious smile will never be forgotten by anyone who was lucky enough to see it.
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ICMS Awareness Ride, 5/5: The first Saturday of every May the Idaho Coalition for Motorcycle Safety (ICMS) holds a Motorcycle Awareness Rally and the Intermountain Chapter supports this rally. This year was no exception. In fact, the chapter showed great support. We have 21 bikes, 7 trikes and about 35 members. The chapter started with a short ride from the dealership through the southeast side of Boise to Sandy Point Park at Lucky Peak. There we joined about 350 bikers from around the valley. Spend an hour at the park visiting with others and then we lined up for the ride to the Capital. This group ride was escorted by the local law enforcement. We went from Sandy Point down Hwy 21 to Federal Way. Then we took Federal Way to Capital Blvd and on to the Capital. This part of the ride was awesome. There were 371 bikes blocking miles of roads showing the valley to be aware of us when we are out riding. I loved seeing the expressions on the caged drivers stuck at the intersections as we rolled through. The group ended at the Capital where the ICMS had an interesting presentation on safety, awareness, training and losses for the year. The goal is not to have any losses. Next year the chapter will have 5x attend the rally then Idaho lost in lives. Ric Tallada (Director)

LOH Night at Meridian Speedway, 5/5: LOH and HOG Does it Right at Meridian Speedway! What a busy weekend!!! Thank you to everyone who came out to the LOH Meridian Speedway Ladies Night on Saturday, May 5th. We had 60 people on 46 bikes, 12 trikes, and one side car! It was an incredibly fun experience running three laps before the pace car then standing at attention while the pace car carried our American flag around during the national anthem. You did the Chapter proud with the awesome turn out! The races were a blast to watch too! Shannon Weston (LOH Officer)

Spring Picnic (Swan Falls), 5/6: Danny Comer (Member at Large)

Mother's Day: Crouch, 5/13: We had 23 members and one guest on 12 motorcycles and a trike who came out to brave a somewhat rainy morning for the 3rd annual Mother's Day Ride. As is our tradition all of our Mom's bike were adored with a small bouquet of flowers on the right handle bar. This year's ride was led by John Tessin, who is working on his Road Captain's rocker. John gave us the ride briefing and we were off. We headed north on Eagle and worked our way to Highway 55 and Horseshoe Bend, where we made the traditional rest stop and I got pictures of all of our Moms and their flowery motorcycles. It rained on us from Horseshoe Bend to the Banks-Lowman Road, but once we got on the road to Crouch the rain stopped. Once we got to Crouch we had an early lunch at the Two Rivers Bar & Grill. Liz & Rob did their usual bang up job and seemed genuinely happy to have us back...even our Head Road Captain Joe.

Thank you all for coming out for the ride and special thanks to John for leading, Joe for shadowing, Ric for being our mid and to Karen & Bev for joining me as sweep in our Trailblazer. Mike Mowder (Assistant Lead Road Captain)

Wild HOG Wednesday, Curves Through History: 5/16: Twenty-two Riders on 11 Bikes and 7 Trikes made our way to some twists and curves along the Boise River, along the way a sole grave of a fallen frontier man was observed. The Ward Massacre was a surprise to some that couldn't believe what had happen to those innocent pioneers back in 1854. After a briefing stop at a Sinclair Gas station at Hwy 44 & Hwy 30, we had a couple drive by observations then hit more twists and curves on Emmett's south side. Another memorial stop for the air craft crash of a C-123 Support Aircraft for the Thunderbirds brought emotions of how life can't be taken for granted. The relationship of veterans to their comrades was felt throughout. A drive by of Payette's born and raised Harmon Killebrew's old residence showed riders how a Hall of Famer grew up. The weather was perfect for the 55-mile ride. The A&W had an area cordoned off for us to park and seating reserved. Their hospitality was beyond what should be called for. Art Brenenstahl (Equipment Officer)

Breakfast Feed, 5/19.

Early Morning Twisties (Ola), 5/20: Our Early Morning Twisties was a fantastic ride! We had 22 riders composed of 14 bikes and 4 trikes. Our mid, Joe Cardona and sweep, Doug Foye ensured our group formation stayed appropriately tight through the technical turns of Old Freeze Out Road and the winding roads of Black Canyon and Sweet Ola. Weather favored us with clouds and threats of rain, but we only had a few sprinkles. The 69 miles took 2 hours but the views were breath taking! We enjoyed companionship at the end of the ride with a buffet lunch at Ola Cafe'. The new owner, Jeanine, had a specialty cake gratis and welcomed us with joy! Thank you, Cheryl who was our photographer, and special thanks to JB Whalen who did the pre-ride with me as Joe and Doug were otherwise occupied. This is a ride well worth repeating in future years. Sharon Cardona (Treasurer)

Ray Carder Memorial Ride (Emmitt), 5/27: The ride went off as scheduled for the second time. March 25, 2018 was not a good day because it had snowed approximately 2-3 inches that morning. This annual ride event is and has been to remind our male IMC members of the importance of having an annual physical. (Note: Prostate Cancer can be beaten if identified and treatment early on.) Prior to the start of the pre-ride briefing, we had a moment of silence to remember our Mrs. Peggy Kesner. Doc Dave was present and joined in the ride as a way to let us all know he was doing okay. Our hearts go out to Doc Dave and his family during this time of grief and sorrow. We had 26 club participants and one guest take the quick 45-mile route from HDHD to Middleton to Emmett. The only thing that topped off such a beautiful day/ride was the terrific fellowship and breakfast buffet at Cold Mountain Creek Restaurant. Special thanks to my two road captain assistants: Sharon Cardona (Mid) and Mike Mowder (Sweep). Joe Cardona (Lead Road Captain)

June:

Gunfighter Skies, Mountain Home AFB Airshow, 6/2: Twenty-two riders showed up on 12 bikes and 4 trikes to spend the day as guests of the Airmen of Mountain Home Air Force Base. After a quick ride into Mountain Home on the freeway and rounding up our member waiting for us at Gowen Field (oops), we were directed to our parking area by base security personnel. I guess our rough appearance prompted one of them to remind us that guns and knives were not allowed in the show area. After processing through the security checkpoint, our group scattered throughout the area to stake out our various vantage points in the shade to watch the show. Unfortunately, the day ended abruptly when one of the performers, Dan Buchanan, crashed his hang glider and later died. Dan had nearly 30 years as an aerial performer. His death serves as stark reminder that bad things can happen to anyone, regardless of experience, at any time. A lesson we can all take to heart. If you're interested in learning more about Dan Buchanan, see the following link: <https://www.danbuchananairshows.com>. A special thanks to Chuck Cox and Cliff Lewis for assisting as Road Captains. Mason Clarke (Historian)

Crossing Winery Tour, 6/3: A terrific ride. Thirty riders enjoyed cruise through the south Snake River valley of Murphy. There were 22 bikes and 2 trikes for the ride. The first section took us southwest from the dealership to Walter's Ferry where we took a short break next to the Snake River. From the Walter's Ferry we traveled along the Snake River on HWY 78 to Grand View for a second stop. This part of the trip was so cool. With the 24 bikes we had a long tight formation which looked so awesome. I loved looking in my mirror and seeing nothing but bikes. Even my mid Sharon Cardona and my sweep Joe Cardona commented how cool it was seeing this formation of bikes. From Grand View we continued to the Glens Ferry Crossing Winery. The Crossing Winery did a great job on the lunch. They had a buffet which most members enjoyed. The buffet had salad, main dishes and a dessert. No member should have gone hungry. Even those that order off the menu had a good meal. I did hear of a scary story for a few on the way back. Six or so riders were taking the interstate back from Glens Ferry. While accelerating for the on ramp, a car was stopped at the end of the on ramp. All bikes had to quickly slam on their brakes and barely missed the car. No one was injured and no bikes were damaged, thank God. This is a reminder. Please be careful on the return trips from our ride. Ric Tallada (Director)

Wild Hog Wednesday, Ride for the Prize, 6/6: Danny Comer (Member at Large)

HDHD BBQ: 6/9

Patriot Thunder Parking Detail, 6/10: Kevin Curnes (Assistant Director)

Warm Lake Ride, 6/10: A chilly morning. Clouds dotted the sky and grew more and more overcast as 33 HOG members and one guest gathered at the Eagle Home Depot parking lot for the annual Warm Lake ride of 110 miles each way via Hwy55. There were also two cages with four HOG members. There were 26 bikes/trikes. Departure went directly to Hwy 55 on to Horseshoe Bend for the initial adjustment stop. The next leg was to Cascade and this portion started the weather challenges. Wind and rain greeted the riders along the way but all pressed on to Harpo's. No one turned back. At Harpo's many riders added rain gear as much for the wind and cold protection as for potential snowfall/rain. Needless to say, no one was disappointed as

the riders experienced it all. Crossed Big Creek summit at 37 degrees but the sky turned blue and good weather prevailed for the brunch and ride home. Lead RC was Doug Foye assisted by RCs: Rick Polenske, Leroy Lang, Herb Weston, Chuck Cox, Joe Cardona and Cliff Lewis. Photographer was Joanna Lewis. The two cages for safety going through the pass were driven by Ted Wenzel and Jim Moore. All in all, a ride to remember. Weather for all seasons in our one-day ride. After all it's June in Idaho. Doug Foye (Safety Officer)

LOH Eastern Idaho Star Gazing Overnighter, 6/17-6/18: Home safe and sound from the LOH Arco Overnighter ride. We had an incredible ride and saw some wonderful Idaho scenery. Overcast most of the way but nice until we hit Grandjean. Hail greeted on the other side of the summit. We raced it down the mountain and pulled into Stanley under cloudy but dry weather. As we were getting ready to head to Challis the rain started down hard so we ducked back into the restaurant and waited it out. Ended in about 15 minutes and we were on our way. Highlights for me was seeing Grand View Canyon and seeing Mt. Borah surrounded in low clouds. Hotel in Arco was a welcome sight. Tekkla and her crew took wonderful care of us and was totally cool with us as we took over the common area to sit back and enjoy a cold beverage and recount the day. On the way home today, we stopped at the Craters of the Moon visitor center. I've road by many, many times but never stopped before. Very interesting! Thank you to the 12 'old and new' friends who came with me to explore the Peaks to Crater Byway. If you haven't taken time to ride or drive this Idaho scenic route you really need to add it to your list! Shannon Weston (LOH Officer)

Father's Day Ride, Idaho City, 6/17: Well as you recall the morning of June 17th, Father's Day, was a little drizzly to say the least. I debated on whether to cancel the ride but decided to wait. When it came time to leave for High Desert it was raining pretty hard, but as I was Road Captain I was obligated to show up to see if any Chapter members were there. So, Karen & I don our rain gear and headed out. Needless to say, no one showed up except for our intrepid Director, Ric Tallada and his lovely wife Judy. We decided to cancel the ride, but the four of us rode (in the rain) to Terry's Cafe for our own private Father's Day breakfast. Not one our greatest rides, but still a good time with good friends from IMCHOG. Hopefully we will have better weather next year. Mike Mowder (Assistant Lead Road Captain)

Walla Walla Overnighter, 6/22-6/24: There were 9 bikes, 2 trikes, and one car transporting 19 people into the wine country of Walla Walla Washington on a 3-day excursion on June 22 to 24. The weather was perfect as the route took us through picturesque views along the Snake River and mountain roads of Oregon. The ride could only have been outdone by a full day on June 23 including wine education tour, wine tasting, lunch at a scenic winery, wine tasting, and more wine tasting. Saturday was extra special as the bikes were parked and our group of wine tasters was shuttled from winery to winery. All in all, the weather was great, the ride route was beautiful but the people and the friendships will be unforgettable. Special thanks for Marla for transporting all our wine home in her car and Bev for her effort in planning out all the details to make this a memorable ride. Watch the calendar as this ride may repeat in 2019. John Tessin (Road Captain)

Valley County Museum and Lunch at the Lake, 6/22: On Friday 22 June we gathered at HDHD to take a ride to the "Valley County Museum" in Donnelly. We left with 18 members on 8 bikes

and 7 trikes and 1 guest. We left using Cinema Dr to Overland turning left to Eagle Rd turning left onto Hwy 55 to Horse Bend for a short stop and then proceeding into the mountains for a leisurely ride to Donnelly to tour the museum. It was a gorgeous day for a ride following the Payette River to Lake Cascade. Sun was out, temperature was fine, and riding with a great bunch of riders. Well we can add to that! After our museum tour we gathered at “Kelly’s White-Water Park” and ate lunch, we sat and watch the rafters and enjoyed the afternoon. Total Mileage including pre-ride was 2400 miles. Kevin Curnes Lead Road Captain, Art Brenenstahl Mid, Herb Weston Mid, and Danny Comer Sweep. Great day, great people! Kevin Curnes (Assistant Director)

Day Late for the World Ride Ride, Stanley Loop, 6/25: Although I always look forward to this ride, I wasn't looking forward to the temperature again. Accuweather was calling for a high of 99 degrees. That would have been the third consecutive year where the temperature was at, or very near, 100 degrees. Thankfully, we got a break since it only hit 94. Funny how much difference five degrees makes. On 13 bikes and 2 trikes, 18 smiling faces showed up for the ride. Before starting out, we took a few moments to remember a fallen chapter member, Wayne Mai who was killed in a motorcycle accident in 2014. Sadly, at a chapter meeting the day before his death, he had suggested to me to add the Stanley Loop Ride, his favorite ride, back into the schedule. Since his death, our chapter's contribution to Harley's old Million Mile Monday ride has been the Stanley Loop. Crossing the Camus Prairie this year was actually a pleasure since we hit that stretch in the morning rather than during the hottest part of the day. No blast furnace this time. Looks like the counter-clockwise loop is the way to go in the future. We made a quick stop at the overlook on the other side of the Galena Summit. We spoke briefly with a small group of Harley riders who were impressed with the number of members showing up for our ride. Doesn't every chapter have this kind of participation? The folks at Sawtooth Luce's in Stanley were ready for us and served up some first-class burgers. After having our urine color thoroughly checked by Joe, (one sample being brought to the table) our well-satisfied group got back on the road to Lowman. So, to answer the age-old question about if a tree falling in the forest makes any noise, I can unequivocally say yes. Several riders toward the front saw a tree fall toward the road as we passed it. And what did it sound like? To me it sounded just like Pat Benatar since she was up on my playlist as we passed. Shortly after, another first. A family of Mountain Sheep chose to loiter in the middle of the road just as we rounded a corner. I for one, have never seen Mountain Sheep anywhere near a road. What a treat. After a final stop at the Lowman Ranger Station the group split with several heading up the hill to Idaho City and the majority taking the Banks way home based on a report of a chewed-up route 21. Wayne would have loved this ride. A special thanks to Chuck Cox and Joe Cardona for helping out as Road Captains. Mason Clarke (Historian)

Breakfast Feed, 6/30

July:

New Member Orientation, 7/7: Attended by 7 new members. Cheryl Brenenstahl (Membership Officer)

Wild Hog Wednesday, 7/11: Twenty-two souls on 9 bikes, 6 trikes and 1 cage braved the heat and road construction to go play on the roller coaster at Bogus Basin! We dodged the pot holes and torn up pavement, the dips, the dirt roads and delays to enjoy the afternoon with each other. We had beautiful scenery as well as a hidden jackalope on the side of the road to make our travels memorable. We meandered up the road into Bogus where we played on the roller coaster talked, laughed and enjoyed each other's company. Times like this is why I love our club, the opportunities to spend time with other riders, get to know them, laugh and enjoy. What a life! I want to thank Art Brenenstahl, Danny Comer and Bill Dike for being Road Captains navigating us around the road obstacles, pot holes, dirt and gravel. Great time with great friends can't ask for more. Total accumulative trip mileage for participants (including pre-ride) 1012. Kevin Curnes (Assistant Director)

Breakfast Feed, 7/21

Map Rock Run, 7/22: Thirty-four riders on 18 motorcycles and 6 trikes left High Desert Harley-Davidson. It was a perfect summer morning, not cold, not hot, just right. We ran down Overland to Ten Mile and then to Columbia. Columbia turns into Locust and we turned left on to Hidden Valley Rd., right on Lewis, and then left on Highway 45. We stopped at the new Legacy Feed & Fuel for our quick bathroom break (clean bathrooms, plenty of staging for the bikes, great place to break). Now we were ready for the first part of our journey...Lake Shore Drive. We fell into single file and enjoyed the turns unencumbered by unnecessary traffic. Once we passed Perch Rd. we turn on Riverside to Deer Flat and then turn on our main attraction...Map Rock Road...again we formed into a single file and I for one indulged in the twists & turns of this scenic highway along the Snake River...Oh what fun! I never get tired of that road. Once back on Highway 45 we rode to Highway 78 and then to Marsing. Once there we ate at the Sandbar restaurant. The Sandbar is a not for profit-profit organization. All of its profits (after expenses) go to Marsing Senior Center and help the seniors of the local community. To all our surprise the Chapter bought our lunches, so my lovely wife Karen and the beautiful & talented Debbie Foye took a tip jar around the table for the local seniors. All in all, a great day just as I promised...a great ride, no accidents, good food, an opportunity to be of service to one of our communities, and another chance to spend time with our HOG family... my friends it doesn't get any better than that...see you...out there! Mike Mowder (Assistant Lead Road Captain)

Wild Hog Wednesday, 7/25: Danny Comer (Member at Large)

McCall is Calling, 7/29: The "McCall is Calling You" Breakfast Ride was switched up due to the fires on Highway 55 and 95. Ms. Bonnie, the McCall Pancake House Owner, was disappointed about us cancelling but she understood. The Mystery Ride was essentially a reenactment of our New Years' Day Ride of years past. Ten Mile Creek, Kuna Mora Road, and Hwy 84 was essentially the route we took. It was 86 degrees when we left HDHD, 91 degrees when we finally arrived at Stage Stop for our 37-mile trip. Our 28 attendees (25 IMC members and 3 guests) loved the route and the food at Stage Stop. Not only was the food a big hit, but the service was even better. We had 13 motorcycles and 8 trikes. Special thanks to my two mids, Sharon Cardona & Jim Moore and Danny Comer as sweep. (Note: Our formation got broken up early in the ride due to the stop lights and signs. My three assistant road captains did a spectacular job.

We finally came together just before 10 Mile Creek.) As we looked towards Boise, the sky was brown and you could hardly see the mountains. You could smell the smoke as we returned individually back home with the ambient temperature now 96 degrees. I road back reflecting on the enthusiasm of those who participated and was reminded that our club rides are not just about having a good/great ride route but the fellowship we get to enjoy during our meal at the final destination. Oh about Ms. Bonnie, she extended a warm-hearted invitation to come visit her in the fall. I told her that we always looked forward to her pancakes/cinnamon rolls and, especially, visiting her Christmas Store. Joe Cardona (Lead Road Captain)

August:

On Any Sunday Friends Ride, 8/5: Twenty-six riders on 11 bikes and 9 trikes!!! The weather was mild about 70 degrees. 112 miles in all, about 3 hours ride, with one stop. Lunch at El Mariachi Restaurant. All in all, great ride with great friends and a great lunch had by all. Thanks to my Road Captains: Danny – Mid, Cliff – Sweep, Art – Mid, Chuck – Sweep, and Joe Cardona (sweep in training). Leroy Lang (Road Captain)

Wild Hog Wednesday (Swan Falls Excursion), 8/8: A brave group of 25 souls threw caution to the wind to have a picnic lunch at Swan Falls. We met at the dealership at 10:00 and put those kick stands up (except the Trikes) at 10:30. We turned onto Overland down to Cloverdale to Hubbard turning left to 10 Mile Creek/S 5 Mile Rd. taking those twistys like pros. We proceeded to turn right on Pleasant Valley Rd. to Kuna Mora taking a left towards Poen and back onto Cloverdale to Swan Falls turning left following it down into the Dam. We had 14 Bikes, 7 Trikes and even 1 Car join us. Of course, we all brought lunch and our favorite beverage to keep hydrated (we had the Hydration Chief with us, so had to be good) picking our favorite spot in the shade to enjoy each other's company and lunch. I want to thank Chuck Cox who acted as our Mid and Danny Comer who brought up the rear as sweep and believe it or not we made it there and I didn't get everyone lost! It was a great time with our friends and fellow riders! Total accumulative mileage for this event was 1269 miles. Kevin Curnes (Assistant Director)

Too Broke for Sturgis, 8/10-8/12: Twenty-three riders on 8 bikes and 7 trikes met at our sponsoring dealership, High Desert Harley-Davidson. Leaving at 8:00 am we took some local back roads to the new section of Lake Hazel, Gowen Road and then I84 to Mountain Home. Stopping at A J's restaurant we had breakfast and picked up two more riders. Continuing on Highway 20, we stopped at the Highway 75 rest stop and then Picabo for gas. We then went through Craters of the Moon and the INL nuclear reservation to our destination Idaho Falls. We stopped at Grand Teton Harley-Davidson and then found our motel. After we settled in the group went to the local Famous Dave's for dinner, where we celebrated my birthday and Cheryl Brenenstahl's birthday (both of us hit the big 60 this year). Afterwards we went back to Motel West and enjoyed some fellowship with our chapter members, which is the main reason we have these overnights. The next morning, we took Highway 26 out of Idaho Falls into the mountains, past Paradise Reservoir and rode into Jackson Wyoming. We stopped at Chester's Jackson Hole Harley-Davidson as none of us have enough T-shirts. We split up for lunch and each group did their own thing. Sharon Cardona's sister lives close to Jackson, so a small group went to visit her, one group headed north to a waterfall up Highway 20, and the other group I went with went to Grand Teton National Park. It was a little

hazy but you could still view the Grand Tetons. We rode around the park enjoying the small but beautiful park. On the return trip one of our trikes was acting up and I would like to especially thank Cliff & Joanna Lewis for sticking with Cliff & Terri Jo Gaylin helping them limp back to Idaho Falls. Sunday morning our ailing trike seemed to be running alright and we left for home in two different groups. We stopped in Arco at Pickle's for brunch and then headed home to Boise. All in all, it was another great trip with our HOG family. Thank you all for coming and for all of you that helped out on the ride. I am already planning for next year's ride as I am pretty sure that once again I will be Too Broke for Sturgis. Mike Mowder (Assistant Lead Road Captain)

Steak Roast Ride, 8/18: Danny Comer (Member at Large)

Riders in the Sky, 8/19: We all met at High Desert Harley Davidson and it was a beautiful day. A loud thunder could be heard as we roared down Overland Rd. We had split into two groups due to the large number of riders. Thanks to the Road Captains, Herb Weston, Chuck Cox, Kevin Curnes, Ted Wenzel and the second group Jim Moore, Roger Bishop, Rick Polenske, and Danny Comer, lead us safely from HDHD through Star, Middleton, and Emmett, then down some back roads to Wild Rose Park below Black Canyon Dam. When we arrived, it was cool to see the lunch from Goodwoods had been picked up and set out on the tables waiting for us. Thank you Shannon and Candy Weston, and Rhonda Wenzel for all they did. The ride was good, the lunch was great, and sharing time with each other was spectacular. The reason for this day was respect and remembrance of our fallen riders it was wonderful. Ginny Brumpton gave me the honor of spreading some of Bob Brumpton's ashes in the river. Thanks to Jim Moore and Doug Knehr for accompanying me down the steep bank to the river and sharing the honor. A large and grateful thanks to everyone that showed up on this day. Herb Weston (Member at Large)

Wild HOG Wednesday (Sandbar Restaurant, the Long Way), 8/22: We must be getting used to the smoky air since it didn't stop 20 hardy HOGs from riding 80 miles for lunch at the Sandbar Restaurant. For the first time, trikes outnumbered bikes, 8 to 7. The two-hour ride meandered through lots of little towns along the back roads and nobody got lost! Thanks to Kevin Curnes and Danny Comer, mid and sweep, and the Sandbar staff for a great meal. Total accumulative mileage for the ride was 1440 miles. Bill Dike (Road Captain in Training)

Breakfast Feed, 8/25

Bug Run, 8/26: Jim Moore (Road Captain)

September:

Battle Mountain Forest State Scenic Corridor Overnighter, 9/8-9/9: Shannon Weston (LOH Officer)

Annual Fall Picnic, Crouch, 9/16: Roger Bishop (Member at Large)

HDHD BBQ, 9/22

Breakfast Feed, 9/29

Queen of Heaven Photo Shoot Ride, 9/30: AKA "This is a test of the IMCHOG emergency broadcast system." I awoke early in the morning on September 30th to the sound of a downpour outside my window. This was supposed to be the day of my Queen of Heaven photo shoot ride. Now I don't normally let a little rain influence my rides but this was quite a downpour. Since there were people coming from Mountain Home and Emmett, I needed to make a decision on whether to cancel the ride right now. I called Cliff and Joanna in Mountain Home and caught them just as they were about to leave. I let them know I was going to cancel and then went on to Facebook to make the post and contacted Katherine Clarke so she could get an email blast out to the whole club. Well then, the rain let up for a bit but started up again shortly after that. I then went to the computer and looked at the radar for the area and saw that the front had passed over and was heading to the Northeast with nothing behind it. I called Cliff and Joanna back and we decided that we could just push the start time out an hour and still salvage the ride. Another post on Facebook with a 9:30 KSU time and another call to Katherine for another email blast to the club. Of course I still needed to be to HDHD at 7:30 for the people who would not get any of the announcements. When I arrived, there were several people already waiting with several more showing up by the original 8:30 KSU time. I did my best to apologize to all those that had to wait. Some said they got the cancelation message but not the go again message while others got it all. This truly was a test of the IMCHOG emergency broadcast system. In the future I urge everyone to check Facebook and emails before a ride to get the latest updates. By the time we were all ready to go at 9:30 we had a total of 34 people on 14 bikes and 9 trikes. We even had some riders who were taking their very first ride with the club. Our route took us through the farm country to the south by some roads that were new to many riders. We made a quick stop at Walter's Ferry and then were off down Highway 78 to Oreana. The total trip was about 60 miles. Once there I set up my camera gear to photo riders and their machines in front of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church. When the building was constructed in 1883, it was part of a corner which included Oreana's saloon, hotel, and school; the general store building is the only surviving structure from this set. The lava rock building features a false front and a wooden cornice atop its parapet roofline. In addition to serving as a general store, the building also housed Oreana's first post office, which opened in 1885. In 1961, the building was renovated to become a Catholic church. The renovation project added a number of Gothic features but left the building's overall design intact. The building was added to the National Register of Historic Places on November 28, 1980. Once people were done with their photos they were free to take different routes home such as back the way they came or through Grand View, Mountain Home, and the Interstate. I led a small group to Grand View where we had some great food at the Y Bar Café and then halfway to Mountain Home turned off on Simco Road to avoid as much of the Interstate as possible. It was a great ride and much better attended than I expected especially with the on-off-on again nature. You can view the photos on the IMCHOG flickr site. When you click on your picture you can use the icons in the lower right to link on social media or download. I can make prints for those interested. The prints are 12"x16" and cost \$10.00 plain or \$25.00 with a single mat. You can also get color or black and white. My thanks to Kevin Curnes for being mid and Danny Comer for being sweep. Dave Kesner (Road Captain)

October:

Poker Run, 10/7: We started at High Desert Harley Davidson at 10:00 for sign in, a poker chip card cost \$5.00 each. The pot was to be split 50/50, 50% to help cover our lunch cost at Idaho Pizza and 50% that was used for a Hi/Lo hand split. Our High/Low hand winner each received \$60.00! Congratulations to Jeff and Tonia Franks for winning the High Hand and Sharon Cardona for winning the low hand! Our riders were given 5 locations around the Emmett Loop where they had to draw a numbered poker chip from a member anxiously awaiting their arrival. Riders chose the route to get there to draw a chip and have their card signed! Once they completed all the stops they went to Idaho Pizza at 5150 Overland to eat some pizza and drink some soda and to wait for all the participants to make it back. Our thanks to our Director Ric Tallada for choosing this event to have Intermountain HOG furnish our Lunch!! Yes, all this fun and pizza too! The route was 90 miles around the valley and we had 17 Bikes and 11 Trikes, and 38 people participate. I want to thank Cathy and Richard Berglund, Mason Clarke, Danny Comer, Chuck Cox, Joanna and Cliff Lewis, and Shannon and Herb Weston for making this event possible. Thank you all!! Kevin Curnes (Assistant Director)

HDHD BBQ and Trike Show, 10/13

Breakfast Feed, 10/27

McCall is Calling, 10/28: Conflicting weather reports regarding the threat of severe weather conditions with ambient temperatures ranging from 40 to 50 degrees. The decision the night before for safety and comfort reasons to make this a "cage" ride. Regardless, we had one bike and two trikes along with 5 cars start the trip to McCall. By the time we got to Cascade, one trike had returned to Boise and the only bike equally made the decision not to go any further. Although the car temperature read 50-53 degrees, in the pass, it felt much lower. Our bike rider was showing signs of hypothermia. It was a great idea for him to get something warm to drink and beat feet back to Boise. (According to weather radar, there were severe rain clouds surrounding McCall.) Regardless, we had 16 for brunch at McCall Pancake House where although we were 30 minutes late from our projected arrival time, Ms. Bonnie and her staff quickly set up tables for us and took our orders. As expected, our meals were served promptly and were delicious. Our pancakes were larger than the plates they served them on. Like all rides, the greatest part of the ride/trip was the fellowship we enjoyed on the trip up and back from McCall along at the meal. Passing note: At the restaurant I was openly commenting about that we should call this the "Cage" Breakfast Ride but promptly after saying that...Cliff Gaylin simply smiled and said: "We should call it the "Chicken Ride". Oh! That hurt! But he had a point, for you see Cliff and his bride, Teri Jo, bundled up as two bugs in a rug, rode up on their new 2019 Trike Glide. Except for a little sprinkle coming out of Boise, there was no rain to and from McCall. Go figure. Upon returning back to Boise, the ambient temperature had risen to 60+ degree. I got to find a new "weather app". Joe Cardona (Lead Road Captain)

November:

Veteran's Day Parade, 11/3: It was a chilly but not too cold of a day when Harley after Harley pulled into the high desert HD to participate in the veteran's parade. With pride and love many

motorcycles and trikes lined up to show our respect also our thanks to all those who served our great country. It is like that song; Some Gave Some and Some Gave All we were glad to be there to show our respect and to honor them that did serve our country. Thank you to all HOG members that showed up we have the largest group of participants that we have ever had. Herb Weston (Member at Large)

Holiday Parade, 11/17: Shannon Weston (LOH Officer)

Annual Holiday Pot Luck, 11/30

December:

Annual Road Captain's Luncheon, 12/8. Louie's. Joe (Lead Road Captain)