

Intermountain Chapter HOG (#1255) Events Report 2025

January:

FROZEN BUTT RIDE, 1/1. Ron Pursell, Lead Road Captain. The Frozen Butt Ride is over, so we have kicked off the 2025 riding season. This year the ride became a drive due to snowy and icy weather. We had 61 people brave the roads to attend, (a little light but understandable with road conditions). It was great to see and visit with so many of our chapter family.

As usual, the food and service at the Boise Stage Stop was excellent and we were done by noon and off to watch the bowl games. For 2025, I challenge everyone to contact a Road Captain with an idea for a new-to-the-chapter ride, a different route for one of our time-tested rides, or maybe something we can do or see at the end of a ride that participants might enjoy. Come on 2025!

AFTER CHRISTMAS, CHRISTMAS PARTY (ACCP), 1/11. Katherine Clarke, Director. What a magical masked evening... The holiday season was far from masked over for the Chapter, as our After Christmas-Christmas Party turned into an unforgettable Masquerade Ball that had everyone unmasking their festive spirit! With 129 registered for FUN and arriving in a flurry of sequins and feathers, in renaissance flare, our members masked up in style, ready to enjoy an evening of mystery and merriment. The ballroom, beautifully masked in twinkling lights and elegant decor, set the perfect backdrop for a night of laughter and camaraderie.

As the night unfolded, the dance floor quickly became the place to be, with members unmasking their best dance moves to the sounds of Straightaway! The live band played tunes that masked any trace of winter blues, keeping everyone on their feet and in high spirits.

As the night came to a close, we left with hearts full of joy, eagerly looking forward to the roads ahead and the adventures that await in 2025. Here's to the unmasking of new experiences and the friendships that make every ride and event unforgettable.

February:

ROAD CAPTAIN INFORMATIONAL MEETING, 2/2. Brett Allies, Lead Road Captain. Twenty-eight of the 30 current Road Captains were in attendance along with 5 prospective road captains. Topics covered: Flow of Communications, Level of Ride Difficulty, Updated Incident Form, Change in Ride Requests, and Road Captain Information presented during General Meetings.

ROC, 2/21-23, Katherine Clarke, Director.

March:

ROAD CAPTAIN CALENDAR MEETING, 3/2 Brett Allies, Lead Road Captain. Twenty-four 30 RCs were present, 4 out of 5 prospects were present. Multiple topics covered. Cliff Lewis spoke about R2P and the need for RCs to fill the slots. Jeff D'Agostino spoke about letting the photographers know about pre-rides so they can prepare for action shots during the riding season. Everyone was invited to share a meal at the Golden Corral.

PANCAKE FEED, 3/8

LOH AT PRE-ST. PADDY'S DAY CELEBRATION HAPPY HOUR (CO-ED), 3/15, Corinna Provant-Robishaw, LOH Officer. Thank you to all who came out for our Pre St. Paddy's Day Social Hour! There were 15 of us celebrating and getting to know each other better at Quinn's in their semi-private room with the BSU Men's basketball championship on the big screen! We had food, and drinks -including "green beer" and lots of party hats, leprechauns, and beads. We really enjoyed being able to just hang out and be social. The things you learn!! :-) More Happy hours to come.

ST. PATRICK'S RIDE, 3/16, Bob Potts, Road Captain. We had a great ride on Sunday, March 16th, with 20 of our fellow Intermountain HOG Boise Chapter members on 12 bikes and six trikes. The weather was cold but no rain or snow that the clouds seemed to threaten. We had to bundle up, but welcome to Spring in Idaho. The group was led over to Greenleaf and Homedale, Idaho, for 2 of the Director's Challenge Kodak moments. Just a reminder, the Director's Challenge identified a specific list of 31 Idaho towns with names that begin with the letters H, O or G. The goal is to take a photo of your bike near a sign with the name of the town. We had a lot of fun incorporating the Challenge with the first Chapter ride of the 2025 season. Quite a few members took the opportunity for photos and were able to mark off the city's name on their lists.

The group then traveled through Wilder back to Parma with a stop at the Middleton Chevron for a quick break. From there, the group was led through Emmett and on to Horseshoe Bend High School for the last of the Director's Challenge Kodak moments. The signs at the beginning and the end of Horseshoe Bend made it too difficult to try and get pictures safely as a group.

I am so happy that we were able to do this and share our 40th Wedding anniversary riding with great people which is actually on Monday, St. Patrick's Day. We had to bundle up because it was cold but well worth it. Some went on home from the High School, but a few of us were able to eat a late lunch or early diner at the Mexican restaurant in Horseshoe Bend, The Sonora Restaurant. Good food and great company! We were excited for the great turn out!! Thank you all! Keep riding and racking up the miles!!!

BURGER BURN, 3/22

April:

KAREN GILLETTE ART: INTUITIVE PAINTING WITH HEART, 4/12, Corinna Provant-Robishaw, Linda Potts, LOH Officers. We had a fabulous time at Judy Tallada's house for our Painting from the HeArt paint party! There was a great turn out with delicious food, and some pretty fantastic artists came out of the woodworks!!! Who knew!!

Thank you all! Our social hours are growing and it is so fun to be able to get to know each other "off" the bikes! Next up – our Bling Party & Potluck on May 12th! Go to the Chapter website's event calendar for all the details and plan on joining the fun!

BILL MULLEN ROCKER RIDE TO CELEBRATION PARK, 4/13, Bill Mullin, Member at Large. The ride forecast looked like it was supposed to be very windy, but someone must have

put a good word since they were not near as strong as predicted. We had a total of 62 people on the ride. The breakout - 25 bikes, 17 trikes and 10 passengers. The lining up of the group was handled very well by Cliff Lewis. Once the group was ready, we took off headed to Kuna. The stoplight at Overland Road/Locust Grove split everyone into many smaller groups; which was anticipated when the ride was planned. Once we were outside of Kuna on Swan Falls Road, other than a few vehicles staggered between us, the group was together again.

We made a short stop at Celebration Park, where the Rangers welcomed everyone and offered to stay open late, if needed, so everyone could take their time walking around. After 30-minutes, we loaded up and hit the road again for the return trip to High Desert Harley-Davidson.

We rode back via Map Rock Road and Lake Shore Drive so riders could work out some winter riding cobwebs when it came to curves. During this stretch, we were able to stay rather close in formation, only separating so that photos could be taken by Jeff D'Agostino, Chapter Photographer.

We turned south on Highway 45 and once again traffic separated the group and we experienced some stronger winds. Nothing our HOG members couldn't handle and after all, this is Idaho so it is expected! Overall, the ride went well with a few lessons learned by not only the perspective Road Captain, but some members as well. I learned that I need to remind ride participants to use hand signals and to pass them back to other riders. I also learned you have to adjust ride plans when road construction pops up after you do the pre-ride. Lastly, some riders learned that showing up 5 minutes before a ride is to take off, does not allow sufficient time to accomplish the sign-ins and safety brief.

Many thanks to those that came out to support me on my final test of earning the Road Captain Rocker. I could not have done it without them and a cast of great people. Thanks to Cliff Lewis (my mentor), Jamie Allies and Bill Ream (mids), Brett Allies (sweep) and Jeff D'Agostino (photographer). If I missed anyone, please accept my thanks as well.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION, 4/19, Dawn Renn, Membership.

PANCAKE FEED, 4/26

HAGERMAN BRUNCH RIDE, 4/27, Mason Clarke, Historian. After agonizing over the weather forecasts all week prior to the ride, Katherine and I showed up early under overcast skies to find no one was there yet. Ruh-roh, that's unusual. As we stood there contemplating our fate, we finally heard the far-off familiar rumble. We watched with anticipation as two Harleys rolled right by us on Overland. Now there's some real bikers who are unafraid to show up for a ride despite the weather. We were finally relieved as our folks started rolling in. As it turned out, 49 of our folks on 23 bikes and 15 trikes assembled for our annual Hagerman ride.

We tried a different staging procedure in an attempt to make things a bit safer. As riders came in, they were directed by road captains to line up behind the lead road captains to eliminate a mass gaggle of everyone trying to line up after the ride briefing. It's basically the way we line up at the Middleton Chevron. This method would work well in the Eagle Home Depot parking lot. We got

some favorable comments from a few folks so you can expect to see this method employed on future rides. I'm sure Brett will have more words on this in the near future.

We did get some rain between Mountain Home and Glenns Ferry (thanks for jinxing us Lane) but we arrived at our destination pretty much dry. Anita and Steve (Snake River Grill owner/operators) were ready for us and opened the buffet line in short order. Steve and his assistant chef toured the lot looking at all the eye candy as we ate the great meal they provided. Steve is actually thinking about getting a trike!

Once everyone had their fill (I won't mention those who went for seconds), we departed in groups for the trip back to Meridian. I don't believe too many folks did any additional sightseeing since the sky still hadn't cleared up. All in all, it was a good trip despite the rain. And by the way, I only measured 0.06 inches of rain rather than the 0.07 inches predicted.

Thanks to my assistant road captains Katherine Clarke, Cliff Lewis, Brett Allies, Jamie Allies, and Rick Tallada. Thank you to our photographers Jeff D'Agostino and Anna Anderson for capturing all of our best moments.

May:

LOH BLING NITE, 5/2, Corinna Provant-Robishaw, Linda Potts, LOH. A fabulous evening of blinging on Friday evening! Great turnout!! These ladies are some serious blingers!! Lots of fun and laughs! Great food as well!! Thanks to Corinna and Linda for organizing it and a big thank you to Dawn for welcoming us into her home!!

IDAHO COALITION OF MOTORCYCLE SAFETY RALLY, 5/3, Brett Allies, Lead Road Captain. A beautiful day for a glorious ride unfolded as 32 riders, one of them a guest, road 17 bikes and 10 trikes, to Sandy Point, Lucky Peak to help support the 40th ICMS Motorcycle Awareness Rally in their attempt to make cagers more aware of motorcycles on the road.

We joined a large group of other riders on a myriad of motorcycle styles for the police escorted ride to the state capitol where there were speeches from several individuals and featuring the President for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation who came all the way from Washington, DC to be with us and see the site!

This was the largest number of HOG members I had ever seen supporting the ICMS ride and according to the most senior member of our group this was the largest group they had ever seen on an ICMS Awareness Rally ride. Thank you to all who came out to support ICMS. All in all, it was a safe ride as we shared camaraderie with our fellow motorcyclists for a great cause. Thank you ICMS for all that you do!

OWYHEE DAM RIDE, 5/4, Dave Kesner, Road Captain. I am not sure what is going on with our HOG group but only 26 people showed up for the Owyhee Dam ride with 12 bikes and 11 trikes. It may have been the ominous dark clouds or the breezy wind but as everyone knows Dr Dave's rides go unless there is ice on the road. In the past there have been as many as 85 people on this ride.

By the time we headed out at 10:30 the clouds had already started clearing and continued to get better by the minute and the mile ending up with blue skies by the time we got there. There was only one person who had not been on the ride before so everyone else was well versed on the route and what to expect. As always there was quite a bit of traffic coming out in their trucks, boats, and motorhomes. The scenery was as great as ever with the previous night's rain saturating the colors of the red soil and spring greenery.

The water below the dam was up, but not overflowing or rushing rapidly so I was worried about what we would find at the top.

Much to my glee the water was up to the top of the Glory Hole and spilling over. Maybe not as grand as in some previous years, but spilling over nonetheless

After arriving Jeff D'Agostino had us assemble for a group photo before breaking for lunch. This year only a small group stayed and had a nice picnic lunch. I waited until everyone was finished and led the last group out, stopping by the Glory Hole to snap some photos. I hope our members can learn that the weather in Idaho changes in an instant and what may seem like a dicey start to a ride can turn into something truly enjoyable a few miles down the road.

Thanks to my Road Captains Mike and Kathy Anderson (mids), Danny Comer (sweep), and Christal Boyce who was shadowing Danny in her pursuit of becoming a Road Captain herself.

PANCAKE FEED, 5/10

MOTHER'S DAY RIDE, 5/11, Mike Mowder, Road Captain. We set out on our 10th anniversary of my leading this event. We met at the Home Depot parking lot on State Street near Highway 55. It was a little overcast but the temperature was very pleasant. Once all of our HOG moms picked out their traditional bouquet of flowers and the bikes/trikes were properly adorned, we set out in two groups, 51 riders on 19 bikes and 22 trikes, with the company of 2 guests. We made our way up Highway 55 to Horseshoe Bend and then into Crouch where the sun broke through the clouds for a beautiful spring day. The ride ended at the former Two Rivers Bar & Grill, now known as the Longhorn under a new owner. Katina and her daughter Trinity, plus Terry Jo (one of the original waitresses) served us up a Mother's Day brunch, which we have not had in a number of years. Unfortunately the brunch cost \$25 dollars per person, which had a few of our members a little displeased. That was my bad, as I was just so excited to have brunch that I never asked how much it would be. I apologize for that mistake; however, I have been a road captain for many years in this chapter and know that I will never make everyone happy. Besides as far as I am concerned my bride, wonderful mom that she is, is worth \$25 for breakfast. I also know that the food started to run low towards the end as we were not Katina's only patrons and this was her first brunch in the new restaurant. For that I apologize as well, but as we say on Earth..."Se La'vie!"

Special thanks to Mason & Katherine Clarke and Cliff Lewis for running the 2nd group and to Ric Tallada & Art Brenenstahl for assisting with the 1st group.

MEMBERS AT LARGE SPRING PICNIC, 5/18, Jamie Allies, Kathy Anderson, Shannan Bate, Bill Dike, Cliff Lewis, Bill Mullen, and Herb Weston, Members at Large. On May 18th, the On

the Run was over ran with the roar of 74 Harleys. The strong wind and chill in the air did not deter the riders. The route had a few curves, cool scenery, and the weather stayed dry for the ride!

A total of 103 people ended up at Bear Creek Park for a great catered meal from Goodwood's BBQ. Laughter could be heard throughout and the friendship could be felt. All had a wonderful time.

Thanks to the Road Captains for a great safe ride: Michael Anderson, Art Brenenstahl, Chuck Cox, Wayne Day, Cliff Lewis, Jim Moore, John Tessin, and myself. Thank you to all the volunteers for getting the food to the park, setting everything up, serving the crowd – and for HOLDING EVERYTHING DOWN when the wind threatened to blow it away!

Huge thanks to our Members at Large for hosting an awesome chapter picnic today! Despite the cold and wind, we had a fun ride, shared some laughs, and enjoyed catching up with friends. And let's not forget, that peach pie was absolutely delicious! Thank you Art! Great day all around! A Big Thank You to Herb for planning and leading the ride along with his RC crew Jim, Cliff, Wayne, Chuck, Art, Mike and John for getting the groups to the destination safely! Also, I want to say Thank You to the awesome volunteers who served the delicious catered meal!

HIGHWAY 95 SCENIC OVERLOOK CLEAN-UP, 5/23, Art Brenenstahl, Equipment Officer. At milepost marker 14 on Highway 95 there's a scenic overlook turnout on the east side of the road. This area is used for trucks to check their brakes before descending down into the Treasure Valley. From this viewpoint you can observe Marsing and all the way to Boise. There's a roadside marker board that explains the origin of the area's name of the Owyhee's. Truckers and travelers use this area to take a break, stretch their legs, or take a picture of the valley below. Unfortunately, there's no state provided trash cans at the turnout so items of various uses end up on the ground. Since I worked for Idaho Transportation Department (ITD), I was aware that this area existed, so I put a ride together for a community volunteer cleanup crew. ITD's maintenance road foreman for the area was notified and his maintenance personnel set out signs and bags for us to use. We outfitted everyone in gloves and reflective vests to safely work alongside the highway. We encountered a rattlesnake sitting in the shade and picked up various types of containers and trash. We had a good ride, enjoyed each other's company with a BBQ afterwards. For safety reasons and bike parking limitations, I kept the crew to a small group of riders.

BURGER BURN, 5/24

ELKO & THE RUBY MOUNTAINS RIDE, 5/31-6/2, Bill Ream & Danny Comer, Road Captains. When we left Walter's Ferry at 9am Saturday May 3 with 34 riders on 19 bikes, 10 trikes and 3 vehicles, we decided to split group into two. The weather was warm and was a beautiful ride to Owyhee for the first fuel stop. Just past Owyhee, I stopped with Chuck – his throttle stopped working - but we were able to get it working again.

Everyone arrived at Mattie's Bar and Grill for lunch in Elko safe and sound. After lunch we departed for Lamoille Canyon. It is a beautiful the high mountain glacier. One we took our pictures and walked around a little, we headed for the Maverick Hotel in Elko to check in.

The next morning, the group left as one to see Ruby Valley and Angel Lake. After a 30 miles on the freeway, we rode through the Ruby Valley over to Highway 93. It was a very beautiful ride at the base of the Ruby Mountains and most of the time we were the only people out there! We arrived in Wells, Nevada and scattered for lunch. Afterwards, we did a short but awesome ride up to Angel Lake, another high mountain glacier. I discovered afterwards that Shannon Weston had never been on either road! I was thrilled. Herb Weston said it is hard to find a road that she hasn't been on. We then rode 60 miles to Jackpot, Nevada to our hotel. It was a great weekend; everyone had a great time. We had great time around the pool each night and got to know each other better; which is the best reason to make time for these overnight or longer, rides!

June:

SUMMER LOVE @ FROG'S LANDING (HAGERMAN) ROCKER RIDE, 6/1, Christal Boyce, Chapter Member. The temperature was just perfect for this 115-mile ride down to Frog's Landing. The wind kept the temperature in check without causing an excessive challenge for the 33 riders. There were two guests, 15 bikes and 9 trikes that supported my Rocker Ride to become a Road Captain.

We started this relaxed ride at the Majestic Cinema splitting the riders into two small groups making for a comfortable ride. Taking mostly two-lane roads with one stop at the Chevron in Mountain Home to stretch our legs and recycle our morning coffee. Riding some of Idaho's beautiful backcountry roads and sighting a few antelope along our route as we passed by the enormous wind mills all in motion.

Our ride ended at Snake River Grill in Hagerman (AKA Frog's Landing) where a BBQ feast awaited. We got our fill of protein with ribs, chicken, brisket, and pork chops. They didn't forget the veggies! There was a choice of green beans, grilled asparagus, coleslaw, and corn on the cob. To complete the meal, they had a variety of cookies for dessert. All that food with choice of drink for \$20 bucks was a sweet deal.

A great ride and meal shared with friends on our 23rd Wedding Anniversary. It will be one that Scott and I will remember for years to come. Thank you to all my road Captains that supported this ride...Katherine Clarke (mid) and Linda Potts (sweep) for the first group; Mason Clarke (Lead), Brett Allies (mid), and Cliff Lewis (Sweep) of second group. Most of all thank you to Jamie Allies for being my mentor.

WILD HOG WEDNESDAY – BAKER CITY OVERNIGHTER, 6/4-5, Jamie Allies, Member at Large. The Wild HOG Wednesday overnighiter held June 4th, was the perfect time to ride Hells Canyon and the Dooley Mountain Highway (AKA Little Dragon). Jamie Allies, Lead RC and Brett Allies, Sweep lead a group of 7 bikes, 2 trikes, with a total of 12 riders, riding a total of 340 miles, for 2 days with a single night stay in Baker City, OR. Our journey took us through scenic mountains, valleys, by rivers and lakes. Sweeping curves were just the beginning. Soon the 20 mile per hour curves would test our skills. Taking a break at Copperfield campground Oxbow, OR. Everyone enjoyed the shade and their lunches. Heading on to our destination of Baker City, OR where we stayed the night. Dinner was a night full of laughs and conversations.

Day 2 - The Little Dragon was waiting with 15 and 20 mile per hour curves, giving us our last curves for the day. The last stop for the ride was at Unity Reservoir where we did a group picture and said our goodbyes. As a group we left for Vail, OR then from there went our separate way to go home.

Thank you, Anna Anderson for all the pictures that you took of the ride. And to Bob Anderson for being Anna's Uber bike and being in the right spot for the great pictures.

BURGER BURN, 6/14

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION, 6/14, Dawn Renn, Membership Officer.

FATHER'S DAY RIDE, 6/14, Mike Mowder, Road Captain. Flag Day...it was the 250th anniversary of our United States Army...it was our President's birthday...there was a Chapter Burger Burn at High Desert HarleyDavidson as well as their Demo Day. On June 15th, we had the annual Warm Lake Ride and coincidentally it was Father's Day

I chose to have the annual Father's Day Ride on Saturday mostly to accommodate Spot Pizza in Marsing. (since Covid they have chosen to close on Father's Day).

Back to Saturday, the 14th -- we met at the Chevron/Legacy Feed & Fuel on Highway 45 and Lake Shore Drive in Nampa. There were 10 riders on 6 bikes and 3 trikes. The ride followed Lake Shore Drive around to Farnar Road, to Ross Road, to Deer Flat Road and then onto Map Rock Road. After that we followed Highway 45 to Highway 78 and then to Spot Pizza in Marsing where 4 of us chose to enjoy some personal pizza time.

It was a small ride, but definitely enjoyable. Thanks to everyone who came out and special thanks to my dear friend Lane Triplett for stepping up to ride sweep. Well, that's it...short article for a small ride.

WARM LAKE RIDE, 6/15, Doug Foye, Road Captain. The Warm Lake Ride took off from the Home Depot parking lot for those HOGs who sought a beautiful and leisurely ride from the Treasure Valley to the Long Valley and beyond. The road was in great shape, no critters to contend with. It was a prime and enjoyable ride to the lake. The early departure ensured nice temps as we followed the Payette River to our climb and descent over the pass by Cascade to get to Warm Lake. The Warm Lake lodge staff had the best breakfast buffet ready for us from eggs, biscuits and gravy, potatoes, bacon, links, fresh fruit, coffee, water or juice. This meal could be enjoyed inside the lodge or outside looking out at beautiful Warm Lake. I'm partial to outside as the breeze and scenery takes me back at least 50 years to my first time at the lake. So peaceful. This all was a fantastic respite from the heat wave back home.

Upon finishing our meal we had our photos taken at the shoreline. Stories and lies were a wrap as we mounted up and headed back to the Treasure Valley. I hope to see you next year for this cool annual adventure.

FIRST ANNUAL ROCKIES2PACIFIC, 6/19-22, John Tessin, Coordinator. WOW! This is one for the books! What a great success this event turned out to be. We had over 350 motorcycle enthusiasts join us from 32 HOG Chapters around the country.

During the four-day event, we stressed safety at every opportunity and as a result we had a flawless safety record. We could not have put this event on without the dedication and hard work from all of the many volunteers. I am enormously proud of our Chapter for the hospitality and friendliness you showed to all our visitors.

I am proud to be a member of this Chapter and am grateful to work with the Steering Committee who took on the task of beginning this new tradition. I cannot thank Mark Dukes, Hannah Schliep, Greg Downend, Leticia Parraz, and the rest of the staff at High Desert Harley-Davidson enough for all they did for the Rockies2Pacific event, but also for their continued support of our Chapter.

A chapter ride is in the works by some of your amazing road captains to lead you to the 2nd Annual Rockies2Pacific event in Marysville, Washington, July 16–19, 2026. I personally would love to see this Chapter bring home the “most attended” award to hang on our wall so mark your calendars now! Many thanks again for all your support!

PANCAKE FEED, 6/28

PATRIOT THUNDER, 6/29/25. Bob Anderson. Special thanks to Margie Linsky, Bill Mullen, Mason Clarke, Katherine Clarke, Wayne Day, Matt Oswald, Brett Allies, Jamie Allies, Bill Kinnett, Cathy Bergland, Mary Clark and Michael & Nicole Perryman along with special photographer Anna Anderson. Also don't count out the 12 VPA members who assembled at six thirty to handle 388 bikes and their riders for the event. Success as no reported incidents as we got them all out safe in 9 minutes.

STANLEY LOOP RIDE, 6/30, Mason Clarke, Historian. We watched the extended weather reports for days in anticipation of the ride. Turned out the threats of triple digit temperatures did not materialize. The highest my thermometer read on the Lowman Loop only got to 99. Despite the threat of unbearable heat, we had 17 riders on 10 bikes and 6 trikes show for the ride much to my relief. Relief because if we had many more riders, we would have had to skip my first choice for our meal.

I asked for a show of hands who had ever eaten at the Kneadery in Ketchum. I only counted two. I told them they were in for a treat and completed the briefing. We picked up an additional rider in Mountain Home adding a trike. There were some folks who were participating in the Director's Challenge who wanted to add Hailey and Gannet (yes it really does exist) to their tally. Our Fearless Director mapped out a side route and led them to where they could snap their pics.

In Bellevue we picked up another rider and a bike to round out our little group. When I told our Bellevue rider where we were planning to eat, he offered to notify the restaurant of our planned arrival since he had connections at the restaurant. When we arrived at the Kneadery, the heavily shaded front patio was completely set up for our group. Since it had been a few years since I ate

there, I was hoping the intel we got from them when we did the pre-ride would work out for us. This place is typically packed during the summer, but Mondays are their slowest day of the week. The food was just as good as I remembered. I got thumbs-up all around from our riders.

Our Bellevue rider offered to lead through the construction zones of downtown Ketchum. Back on the road for our obligatory stop at the Galena Summit Overlook and a group picture. Then on to Stanley for a splash of gas, cool-down and hydration in preparation for the temperatures we would hit by the time we got to Lowman for our final stop at the newly reopened South Fork Lodge. Under new ownership, I got to know the folks there during our R2P rides within days of their reopening. The manager kept the place open beyond the normal closing time so our riders could check it out. I see a dinner ride in the future.

We parted ways at the lodge with folks heading either to Idaho City or Banks as their chosen routes back to the city. Special thanks to assistant road captains Bob Anderson and Katherine Clarke. Thanks also to Anna Anderson for documenting our adventure, Chris Saxton who coordinated our stop at the Kneadery and led us through Ketchum, and finally Rod Mitchell for providing communication from the rear of our group.

July:

CLOVERLEAF RIDE TO WESTERN COLORADO, 7/2-12, Brett & Jamie Allies, Lead Road Captains. We have safely completed the Cloverleaf ride into Western Colorado. Our 23 riders, one of them a guest, on 10 bikes and 7 trikes covered over 2,570 miles in 10 days. We rode some of the best roads, and saw some of the best scenery that Western Colorado had to offer. We stayed at one location for five nights allowing us to make loop rides through one National Park, Black Canyon of the Gunnison and two National Monuments, Dinosaur and Colorado National Monuments, we rode across Grand Mesa, the largest mesa in the world, we crossed several passes that ranged from 9,500 ft to over 11,000 ft, including one so famous it has its own price tag in the seven-digit range!

We checked off the 50 rides, 1 Nation coin for Colorado with a stop at the Silverton Harley store, which is the highest HD store in the world. We rode the Durango Silverton Narrow Gauge steam train round trip through the Animas Canyon. What fun with breath taking views along the way. During the trip, the first two days had cloud cover making the longest days much more bearable but with clouds, rain sometimes follows. The first day provided a bit of rain as we reached Kemmerer, WY but on the second day we got hammered as we entered Grand Junction, CO. With a little bump in our travel plans we gathered back up, completing the days ride to our scheduled destination.

Our group experienced one day of scorching desert heat reaching 100+ degrees, but the remainder of our rides had comfortable temperatures. With all of this variety it sounds like we were on a multiple day motorcycle ride! Some of our group had never visited Colorado and everyone rode on at least one road they had never previously ridden. All in all, it was a great ride and hopefully it inspired some of the other riders to begin making multiple day rides on their own.

BURGER BURN, 7/12

PANCAKE FEED, 7/19

RIVER CHIPS RIDE, 7/20, Hosted by Members at Large. Bike: 14 Trike: 11 Passenger: 4 Car:2
The Members @ Large hosted the River Chips Ride for a different type of ride and event. 30 people signed in for the unguided ride that started at High Desert Harley Davidson and ended at El Herradero Mexican Restaurant. Once signed in, members paid \$5 per card and were able to draw one numbered chip per card. There were 3 stops along the way to Mountain Home and it was left up to the riders to select a route they liked. The 3 stops were Walters Ferry Boat Launch, Fossil Creek OHV Park and the City Park of Bruneau.

Numbered chips were drawn at each stop along the way. At the end, a final number chip was drawn and the points were totaled. The people with the highest and lowest number of points were to split the pot. The winners were Shannan B. (212) and Nichole P (28).

Prior to making the announcement of the winners, the Members @ Large announced that lunch was being covered by them for all that participated. It was a total surprise to those on the ride. The food provided by El Herradero was fantastic and well received by all. Many thanks to the following for assisting with the ride/draw for the day: Shannan Bate, Jamie Allies, Brett Allies, Marla Dike, Bill Dike, Herb Weston, Shannon Weston, Katherine Clarke, Mason Clarke, and our photographer, Leslie Hoffman We hope to see all at the Fall Picnic set for 21 September. Please remember to RSVP to the email when it comes out prior to the event. Having a number of people aides in ensuring there is enough food for all.

SOAKER RUN, 7/24-27, Ron & Sherry Pursell, Road Captains. The Soaker Run'25 is now in the books and a great time was had by all. We had 18 people on 10 vehicles, 3 of which were bikes and 7 (dare I say it?) trikes. The weather could not have been better for the whole 4 days we were out.

We did things a bit differently this year as I ended the ride the first night at dinner and passed out ride tickets and volunteer cards. It's 300 miles to Lava Hot Springs, so for the 10 vehicles we added 6,000 miles to the Chapter total, including the return trip to the Treasure Valley.

For the remainder of the trip I left it open to whatever people wanted to do. Some of us went to Minnetonka Cave, some made the loop from Lava to Soda Springs, to Logan, Utah and back to Lava, and some just hung out and relaxed. Sherry and I even got to ride a road we had never ridden before thanks to Brett and Jamie needing to check a road they were going to be taking on an upcoming ride. We weren't able to do a couple of the things on the activities list; the zip line was closed and the geyser in Soda Springs was out of order. Yep, out of order. Go figure.

Most everyone floated this year and it appeared to be a hit with all. Sherry and I didn't float, opting instead to take pictures. This is the first time I haven't floated and I can say I had just as much fun just watching. All in all, it was a great ride. No issues and nobody was lost or left, thanks to my RC help, Art Brenenstahl, sweep, and Brett Allies, mid.

August:

LOH CO-ED BINGO, 8/6, Corinna Provant-Robishaw, Linda Potts, LOH. Great turn out.. lots of fun.. we all B.I.N.G.Oed our little hearts out and went home empty handed!! BUT— there is always next time!! Thank you all for making this a fun event and one to continue!!

BURGER BURN, 8/18

MT. RANIER OVERNIGHTER, 8/21-27, Bill Ream, Road Captain. Eight Trikes, five Bikes, 19 Riders, two Guests. Weather was good. First fuel stop was Baker City. Then we took I 84 to Wild Horse Casino for another fuel stop. We proceeded to Prosser, WA for a lunch stop @ Bert's Tavern. After our lunch stop we stopped at the Chevron in Prosser for fuel. Then we got on Hwy 82 to Naches, WA for a fuel stop which put us on Hwy 410, this was the last fuel stop before Enumclaw, WA.

The ride on the 410 takes you right up to the base of Mt. Ranier. This was a spectacular ride. It was good to get off the freeway and onto a two-way highway. After we arrived in Enumclaw and got our rooms, we went to the Meet and Greet at the Axe Throwing Bar in Enumclaw. We saw a lot of Black Sheep from all over the country. We had a really great time at the Meet and Greet. Rod and Sandy saw their Sacramento Black Sheep friends and had a great time visiting with them. Friday morning we met at the church and Black Sheep had several guided rides set up for us.

Most of us went on the Hood Canal Ride and we had to sign Ride Release Forms. We visited Destination Harley in Silverdale WA, then rode the Hood Canal. We also went into the Olympic Rain Forest and had lunch at one of the waterfalls. The Black Sheep split this ride into two separate groups because there were 30 bikes total. What a spectacular ride. Almost the whole ride was along the waterfront, and we rode three different peninsulas. Black Sheep did a great job of keeping us all together and leading the ride.

After the ride, we met at the church for a spaghetti dinner. Saturday AM it was off to the FXR Rally in Enumclaw, WA. A lot of old school bikes, vendors, boot shines, everyone seemed to have a good time hanging out at the Rally. Sunday AM we left for Mt. Ranier. This was another spectacular ride. Mt. Ranier National Park was the highlight of the ride. We finished the day at our hotel in Kelso, WA.

Monday morning we headed for Astoria via Hwy 4 in WA. Beautiful two-lane hwy, not a lot of traffic, and the weather was cooler. We were glad to get into cooler temperatures when we arrived on the Oregon coast. Then it was off to Moe's Chowder House for lunch overlooking the beach. Then on to Tillamook Cheese Factory for ice cream. Then on to Salem, Oregon and our hotel rooms.

Tuesday AM we were off to John Day, Oregon via the Santiam Pass. We got a few rain showers on our way to Sisters, OR. We stopped at the headwaters of the Metolius River where the river begins right out of the side of the mountain. Stopped at Hard Tails Pub for lunch. Mountain Man Mike joined us there. After lunch, we proceeded to John Day, OR through Prineville and over the Ochoco Mountains. We encountered a few thunderstorms and gusty winds, but arrived safely in John Day, OR.

Wednesday AM we proceeded home, caught a few rain showers between John Day and Unity, stopped at Unity Lake for a break. Then on to Vale, OR for a fuel stop. From there we all headed different directions and headed for home. Overall it was a great ride, great people, and my maps worked flawlessly.

One of our guests, Dave Wendler, learned a lot about his navigation system on this trip. I was able to instruct him on how to use his thumb drive for music, how to put the time and temperature on his map, and how to interact with the map as we were following the route. He said he was really glad that he came on the trip, and that he learned a lot about his navigation on this trip.

PANCAKE FEED, 8/23

RIDERS IN THE SKY, 8/24, Herb Weston, Member at Large. Thirty-two Bikes, 22 Trikes, and 10 Cars. Assisting Road Captains: Jim Moore, Cliff Lewis, Bull Mullens, Art Brenenstahl, Ron Pursell, Mike Anderson, and Chuck Cox

It was a beautiful day and 78 people joined together to remember and show respect for the people in their lives who have gone on before us. We met at the Chevron at the junction of Highways 44 & Old Highway 30 outside of Middleton. The Lead Road Captain split the group into two groups: Herb Weston leading the first group and Jim Moore leading the second group.

The route was a fun one through farmlands and backroads to the Wild Rose Park in Black Canyon. When we arrived at the park, volunteers had the catered lunch from Goodwood ready for us, and it was delicious. Herb shared his deep appreciation for everyone who participated in Riders in the Sky this year and reminded them to cherish and give thanks for their family and friends every day.

Lastly, THANK YOU to the Road Captains for conducting a safe and enjoyable ride and to the volunteers who gave up their riding time to set up the picnic and serve the food. Many thanks to the following for assisting with the ride/draw for the day: Shannan Bate, Jamie Allies, Brett Allies, Marla Dike, Bill Dike, Herb Weston, Shannon Weston, Katherine Clarke, Mason Clarke, and our photographer, Leslie Hoffman.

September:

EARLY FALL ROCKER RIDE, 9/3, Scott Boyce, Chapter Member. This was a casual 60-mile ride to Idaho City with lunch reservations at Trudy's Café. The ride started at High Desert Harley-Davidson. There were 30 riders; 13 bikes and 12 trikes, five passengers. We had one couple that was on their first IMC HOG ride. Hopefully they didn't get scared off. There were a few that bypassed Trudy's and continued on the Lowman loop.

Before we left HDHD we all learned that the official staging area at the dealership is now next to the curb on the road that runs along the service dept, facing towards the Majestic Theater. This worked out well for us and is a minor difference from what we are all used to at the Majestic. Other than on Overland to Cloverdale Rd the traffic was light. Temperature was pleasant and little if any wind. The ride was approximately 90 minutes and ended at Trudy's in Idaho City.

We arrived at 11:30 just in time for lunch. We had reservations and Trudy's did a great setup job for us. They had tables in one area with menus on them for 20 and said we could sit at any one of those spots. Knowing in advance how many people we would have let them be sure they had adequate staff.

I believe the meal and lunch conversation was enjoyed by all. All in all, it was an enjoyable ride. I would like to thank the people that supported my efforts to achieve this goal and provided feedback during the process including Cliff (my mentor), Brett and Jamie, and Mason and of course my volunteer mid and sweep, Bill Dike and Art Brenenstahl.

RIDE TO THE WORLD CENTER FOR BIRDS OF PREY, 9/7, Ric Tallada, Road Captain. The morning kicked off with crisp temperatures in the high 60s just after sunrise. Our group met up at the High Desert Harley dealership at 8 AM, buzzing with excitement for the ride ahead and the fall flight adventure to come. The cool weather made for a comfortable journey, and light traffic kept the roads wide open. We crossed the railroad tracks twice—thankfully, no trains this time, unlike the pre-ride.

Our route looped around the southern edges of Nampa and Kuna, then curved back toward Boise via Kings Road and Ten Mile Creek, where we enjoyed some fun twisties. Although the Harley trip planner estimated the ride at 1 hour and 28 minutes, we cruised through it in just 1 hour and 10.

We rolled into the World Center for Birds of Prey at 9:40 AM—perfect timing. The center had just opened, giving us a full hour to grab tickets and explore both the indoor and outdoor exhibits before the main event.

The highlight of the day was the fall flight demonstration, featuring owls, falcons, hawks, and vultures soaring right above our heads. And yes—no one got hit by a raptor or splattered by bird poop, which felt like a small miracle. The Peregrine Fund's work in protecting endangered raptors and restoring populations worldwide is truly inspiring. This place is absolutely worth the visit. The ride and the show were such a hit that many are already talking about making it an annual tradition.

WILD HOG WEDNESDAY RIDE, 9/10, Richard Berglund, Road Captain. Patric Dolittle mid Lou da Rosa sweep. Got to the Valley Wide Country Store just in time to get rained on pretty hard. I wasn't sure if we were going to have a ride or not. The rain moved east, so off we went. It turned out to be a really nice day. Got a little rain coming into Adrian, but clear after that. Pit stop in Vale, oh what a relief it is. Nice ride to Weiser where I took a couple of wrong turns. But we ended up on the right road. The GPS is a pretty cool tool.

Made it to Manns Creek for lunch where the ride ended. Everyone had a really good meal - nice place, nice people, and they were glad to see us. No problems. Had one rider drop out who said he wasn't feeling good. I called him after I got home. He was resting and doing fine. We had three trikes, eleven bikes, and fourteen people.

BURGER BURN, 9/13

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION, 9/13, Dawn Renn, Membership Officer. Learning about our HOG Chapter is such an important part of becoming part of the family. While our new members are experienced riders, they're new to our Chapter and every Chapter does things a little differently. It's refreshing for all of us to go over the details, explain the "why" behind the way we ride, and answer any questions along the way.

Thank you to everyone who came out, asked great questions, and brought the fun energy that makes this Chapter so special. And of course, what better way to wrap it all up than with a ride followed by hamburgers? That's how we put the fun in motion! We're grateful to have each of you in the saddle with us. Welcome aboard!

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION RIDE, 9/13, Brett Allies, Lead Road Captain. The ride following the New Member Orientation that was held on Saturday, September 13th, was well attended with six of the ten attendees participating in the ride. There were nine riders on six bikes and two trikes that rode the 40-mile loop. The members experienced group riding in both staggered and single file formation on a mixture of interstate, two-lane country, and busy city traffic roads. Hand signals were passed all the way through the formation which is an accomplishment for any group ride.

After the ride, several members were asked their opinion on the quality of the orientation and the ride. The responses were positive, with individuals saying they had gathered at least one piece of information from the New Member Orientation whether it was on the Chapter Board positions or something the IMCHOG does during a group ride. Following the ride, most of the members enjoyed a burger or brat with their fellow Chapter members at the Burger Burn being held at High Desert Harley Davidson.

Thanks to the road captains, Brett Allies, Katherine Clarke, and Cliff Lewis, for keeping the group together, and thanks to Mark Rowan for the communications support within the group.

CLEAR CREEK LODGE ANNUAL LUNCH RIDE, 9/14, Jeff D'Agostino, Photographer. What a beautiful day to head into the mountains on two or three wheels! With slightly overcast skies, the crisp air carried the scent of pine, and when the sun broke through the clouds it warmed the road ahead. The sweeping curves reminded us why we ride: the thrill, the challenge, and the joy of being alive in the saddle. The weather had its own plans and treated us to some "bonus training" in riding through the rain. Still, over 40 members showed up at the Dealership and joined the short but scenic ride up to Clear Creek Lodge for lunch.

We had 17 bikes, 16 trikes, 44 members, and 1 guest make the journey. The decision was made to keep the entire group together, and thanks to the teamwork of our road captains, Linda Potts, Ric Tallada, Katherine & Mason Clarke, and Sweep David Kesner, we got everyone up the hill safely. Written route sheets, a ride planner map link, and a USB thumb drive GPX file of the map helped ensure no one got lost. It truly was a team effort to manage a group this size. A big thank you goes to my wife Debbie for capturing on-the-bike photos and to Anna Anderson for documenting the ride. The pictures turned out fantastic!

The route took us along the Ponderosa Pine Scenic Byway toward Idaho City, with those wide, sweeping turns that make for such a relaxing ride. Though the mileage was short, this annual event has become a favorite. It gives us more time to welcome new members, catch up with longtime friends, and enjoy each other's company off the bikes. Clear Creek Lodge, under new ownership once again, did their best to accommodate our large group. While it took a bit of time to get everyone served, they worked hard to make sure we were well taken care of. Finding restaurants that can handle groups of this size is never easy, and they rose to the challenge.

If you haven't been, it's a pleasant ride up Highway 21 with a quick detour on Grimes Creek Road, all paved. To everyone who braved the weather and made it to the lodge, thank you for your support. You made it another memorable chapter event.

WILD HOG WEDNESDAY LUNCH RIDE TO EMMETT, 9/17, Al Scholtec Rocker Ride. What an awesome day for a rocker ride!! Without a cloud in the sky and temps in the 70s, 37 HOG members on 16 bikes and 12 trikes enjoyed a wonderful ride. For three hours we traveled 125 miles throughout the Lower Treasure Valley, first taking in curves along Lake Lowell and the Snake River. Our route then took us through the beautiful farmlands in Canyon, Owyhee, Payette and Gem counties where we ended our ride in our own banquet room at the Idaho Pizza Company enjoying their excellent salad and pizza buffet.

It was a great day to spend with great friends. My thanks go out to the Road Captains that kept our rather large group together – Bill Mullen, Ron Purcell, Bill Dike and Steve Clizbe. Additionally, I want to thank our great photographer Anna Anderson for coming out. Finally, a special thanks goes out to my RC mentor Bill Ream who offered support and encouragement throughout the rocker process. Thanks to all who came out, and I look forward to future rides with all of you!!

LOH CO-ED MONTE CARLO BOWLING NIGHT, 9/20, Corinna Provant-Robishaw, Linda Potts, LOH. What a blast! LOH Co-ed Monte Carlo Bowling Night a.k.a Cash Thunder. Three games, and a whole lot of laughs made for the perfect night out. From strikes to gutter balls (and everything in between), it was all about having fun together. Who knew some even had their own balls and shoes? Impressive!

Nothing beats good company, a little friendly competition, and plenty of smiles along the way. Thanks to all the ladies (and gents!) who came out for the LOH night of bowling. Nights like this remind us why we love being part of this amazing group!

MAL FALL PICNIC, 9/21, Brett Allies, Lead Road Captain (Group 1) Katherine Clarke, Road Captain (Group 2). What a beautiful day for a ride to Swan Falls for our Members at Large Annual Fall picnic.

Even with the threat of rain in the forecast, 54 riders on 19 bikes and 19 trikes, with five guests turned out for the ride to Swan Falls dam. This year there were two separate 40-mile routes, one going east through the Ten Mile Creek area and one heading west towards Nampa. The two groups met on Swan Falls Road and arrived at the picnic area within a couple minutes of each other.

Thank you to the Road Captains, Katherine Clarke, Mason Clarke, Christal Boyce, Ric Tallada, Patrick Doolittle, Danny Comer, and Brett Allies for assistance with staging the members in a new area and getting everyone to the picnic safely.

Thank you to all the Members at Large, Bill Mullen, Shannan Bate, Bill Dike, Kathy Anderson, Herb Weston, Cliff Lewis, and Jamie Allies for organizing the picnic.

Thank you to all the multitude of volunteers who helped gather the food, the supplies, set up the serving area, serve the food, and clean up the site.

This goes to show that with any event we hold inside our Chapter, there are many moving, unseen parts that are required to bring these events to fruition. We truly have the best HOG Chapter, and I for one am proud to be associated with it. Thanks again to everyone involved.

PANCAKE FEED, 9/27

October:

PANCAKE FEED, 10/11

BURGER BURN, 10/18

November:

IDAHO VETERAN'S PARADE, 11/8, Katherine Clarke, Director. Everyone Loves a Parade We were lucky! This time of year the weather is typically unpredictable...but typically predictably cold and wet. Not this year. Yes, it was just above freezing when 12 trikes and 6 bikes, with 21 members and 2 guests, rode to the Dealership to meet at 7:45 a.m. But it seemed to warm up quickly, especially when the sun peeked through the clouds. After a quick briefing, we made our way to State and 9th where we staged and decorated our motorcycles with various service flags. We would soon be part of group "M" of groups "A to N." Yes...pretty much last to hit the parade route. However, this year it seemed to be a blessing since in previous years we just happened to be in the parade at the same time a commercial was needed by KTVB. Not this time! We had over a minute of TV coverage. How fun to see everyone on air! But more importantly, how heartwarming to see the support our Chapter has for our Veterans, Active Duty and Guard. We were limited to 20 motorcycles and took advantage of it.

Whether you were in the saddle, waving from the sidewalk, or watching from home, your presence mattered. It was more than a parade - it was a tribute, a celebration, and a reminder that when we ride with purpose, we ride with heart. Thank you for making it memorable, meaningful, and unmistakably ours!

"Special thanks to our mid Ric Tallada, our sweep Shannon Weston and our staging usher Mason Clarke!!"

WILD HOG WEDNESDAY MOVIE NIGHT, 11/12. What a great night with our Intermountain HOG family! John and Bev put together a special movie night party as a thank you to everyone who helped make our Rockies 2 Pacific rally such an incredible success this past summer.

Over 350 participants, countless hours of work, and a Chapter that always shows up. Just a fun evening to relax, laugh, and enjoy the people who make this Chapter what it is. Thank you John and Bev and everyone that volunteered to make this evening special.

ANNUAL PRE CHRISTMAS LOH ORNAMENT AND WHITE ELEPHANT EXCHANGE LUNCHEON, 11/15. Our Ladies of Harley gathered Saturday for a wonderful afternoon of holiday cheer, celebrating with both an ornament exchange and a lively White Elephant gift exchange. The room was filled with good food, laughter, and that special sense of community that makes our group so much fun to be around. From the tasty dishes everyone brought to the jokes, surprises, and friendly “steals” during the White Elephant exchange, it was the kind of gathering that captures the heart of the season. Debra Campos-D'Agostino took photos throughout the afternoon, and these moments say it all. Warm smiles, festive spirit, and a whole lot of holiday joy.

Thank you to all who joined us and made the day truly memorable. A heartfelt thank you to Corinna Provant Robishaw for graciously opening her home and organizing this special gathering.

HIGH DESERT HARLEY-DAVIDSON GIFT WRAPPING EVENT, 11/28 to 12/24, Shannon Weston. Thank you to the 53 Chapter members listed below who volunteered to cover 94 time slots during the 19-day Gift Wrapping Event at High Desert Harley-Davidson this year! Their combined efforts totaled an incredible 380 man-hours spent wrapping customers' gifts.

All of the donated funds directly benefit Chapter members by helping offset the costs of rides and events. Your time and generosity truly makes a difference - thank you for supporting our Chapter!

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARADE, 11/29, Shannon Weston, Herb Weston. The bike thermometer read 30 degrees at High Desert Harley-Davidson as 12 members on two bikes and six trikes gathered to ride downtown to the Boise Holiday Parade. At the staging area everyone got busy decorating themselves and their rides. As we rolled thru the parade, the crowds cheered and waved because they love Harleys too!

December:

FRIENDSGIVING POTLUCK, 12/5. A festive gathering of friends who eat too much, laugh even more, and remind each other why community matters. Our Intermountain HOG crew got together for our Friendsgiving potluck and meeting. Great food, great people, and the perfect way to kick off the holiday season together.

Thanks to everyone who came out and contributed and a special thanks to Mark and the HDHD crew for making all this happen. It was a wonderful night!

COOKING EVENT WRAP-UP, Marcia Seibel. We supported eight Pancake Feeds with 133 volunteers providing 450.5 manhours. Our seven Burger Burns were supported with 157 volunteers providing 588 manhours. Our generous customers and friends allowed us to donate \$7504 to Meals on Wheels at the end of the year. Tips totaled \$3652 that was matched with

another \$3652 from Rich & Cheryl Stuppy. The final \$200 was donated by Mary Clark's family in memory of Henry Clark, a long-time former chapter member we lost this year.