



HOG HOLLER  
Chapter 9120  
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Due to the growing popularity of the newsletter we will no longer be including pictures or flashy graphics. Last months newslettter proved to be quite challenging. I started out thinking it would be very brief but was I wrong. I received so many submissions that it became too big and just wasn't possible to send it out. (I do have a copy of it if anyone cares to see it.)

Future issues will be for information only. Our webmaster Wayne Wulf will be posting pictures to the website for all to see.

Read on to hear about all the exciting Rally's some of the members attended this past summer.

Also included in this issue: Toy Run, Demo Days, Information Hotline, Blues on the Prairie, Wild West HOG, Directors Letter, Retailer Rap and so much more.

So for now....enjoy!  
Denise

### EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS!

October 25,2006

7:00pm

Harley-Davidson of Medicine Hat  
Contact Pat Knight for a list of job descriptions.

### INFORMATION HOTLINE

Would you like to be included in the planning stages of future HOG Events? Do you need as much advance notice as possible to get yourself organized for upcoming events? You know....lining up a sitter, making reservations, scheduling????

Then contact me directly and I will add your email address to the "INFORMATION HOTLINE" You'll be one of the first to know about upcoming Chapter activities.

We respect your privacy and will not pass on your email.

Executive members only will have access to this list.

Sign up today...

Email me (Denise) at  
[dirkclan@telusplanet.net](mailto:dirkclan@telusplanet.net)



5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PROVINCIAL HOG  
RALLY

Medicine Hat  
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Promotional Postcards are available at the Harley Shop for you to pass out on your many biking adventures.

Check out the website under construction at  
[www.albertarally.com](http://www.albertarally.com)

## TOY RUN

WOW!

What more can we say!

This year saw several Motorcycle Enthusiast Groups and individuals working together on the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Medicine Hat Toy Run.

The weather was perfect, the attendance was incredible (approximately 800 bikes with over 1000 riders).

In all \$45,000.00 was raised by the community.

This event requires many volunteers and our Chapter members never fail to step up. Thank you!

The Medicine Hat News Santa Claus Fund will be looking for Santa's Helpers to deliver the hampers in December. Contact Ivan if you can help for more information.

## DEMO DAYS

On Sunday September 24, the crowds were introduced to the 2007 lineup. Many people came out to test ride and Mother Nature couldn't have been more cooperative. There was a lot of talk about the Dyna, Softail, & Touring Families new 6 Speed Transmissions.

Sportster is celebrating it's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a special edition bike to commemorate the event.

A special Thank You to Craig, Carla & Jason Babcock for coming to the rescue last minute when there was a problem with the caterer. The chili & hotdogs were a huge hit.

## RETAILER RAP

We hope that you had a great summer. The weather has been cooperating for some great riding conditions. The store has been very busy with tourists from all over the globe. I'm sure that Sturgis was crazy - busy this year as well.

Wendy and I had an enjoyable ride to the Rally in Billings. We had a great time hanging out with friends, listening to CCR watching the Cossacks Motorcycle Stunt Team, and watching Bubba Blackwell. These guys can sure do neat things on Motorcycles. We look forward to hearing from many of you fellow riders about your riding adventures.

We would like to welcome Bill Kucheran to our staff. He has taken over the Service Managers position. Please stop by when you get a chance and introduce yourself. We are hoping to start on our renovations & expansion soon so that will be exiting and stressful!

The 20th Annual Toy Run was a great time and we hope you all had an opportunity to come out and enjoy this event. The children of the community really benefit from this worthwhile cause. Demo Rides were held on Sunday Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am until 4:00 pm. The new 2007 models are really cool, with many exciting changes. Come out to the store and find out what is new with the motorcycles, parts, accessories and Motorclothes. Our staff is eager to show you what is new for fall 2007. We hope you all had a great riding season filled with many good memories.

Happy trails from Ivan, Wendy, and the staff of Harley-Davidson of Medicine Hat.

### BLUES ON THE PRAIRIE

Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006 dawned a beautiful sunny day. Just perfect for a bike run! Mike's Meats provided a delicious breakfast of pancakes, sausages, juice & coffee under the front awning of Harley-Davidson of Medicine Hat. After breakfast it was time to register for the Poker Run and draw our first card from Greg Hertz. Then off we rode to meet Chris & Karen Young at the Etzikom Windmill Museum where we drew our 2nd card. We stopped for a brief visit with our fellow riders and some ice cream. Under hot sunny skies we headed out for the 3rd stop via Foremost where we topped up our fuel. Onward to catch up with Greg Hertz outside the Oilmen's Club in Taber. Once again we had a stopover to enjoy a tasty treat. This time the BBQ was hot and burgers were the offering. On the road again we headed north up highway 36 and in through the "Hays Maze" making our way to the Hays Campground where Arlen & Shelly Jalbert were the 4th stop of the day. The shade of the picnic tables were a welcomed relief from the heat. After a rest stop we heading into the home stretch, destination, Bow Island where Ivan Karsten was waiting with the final card in front of the Blues at the Bow Theatre. To better your chances replacement cards were available for purchase for a loonie. (some of us were

beyond hope) While Ivan tallied up the scores to determine the prize give away, Mike's Meats once again got to business setting up for dinner on main street. The chow line moved along at a steady pace and once our plates were full we headed inside the Theatre to sit at the tables and enjoy our dinner. After our tummies were full (again) we either went to a room or headed to the Bow Island Campground to get changed & freshen up (get rid of the helmet head) for the evening Blues Concert. Wes MacKey and the John Payne Band started around 9:00 PM and played well into the night. We danced, talked, danced some more, had a "few" refreshments, talked & laughed. (We had to help Carla Babcock celebrate her birthday!!) Sometime in the early morning hours we walked back to the Bow Island Campground and sat around the campfire for a few more hours. We popped popcorn, roasted hotdogs, marshmallows & whatever else we could find to burn. In the wee hours of the morning we wandered off to bed.

A great time was had by all!

Thank you to all who came out in support of this Annual Event. A big thank you to all the volunteers. (we couldn't do it without you) Ivan donated \$700.00 to Medicine Hat Palliative Care.

Story submitted by Wendy Karsten  
IMPORTANT FOOTNOTE:

Our numbers were down a bit this year even though there were 110 riders on the Poker Run. An event of this magnitude requires a commitment from the organizers. With that in mind we

ask you, the membership to plan on attending this event next year and sign up early! What a great way to spend the day, breakfast, supper, riding through Southern Alberta, listening to a great blues band and enjoying the companionship of your fellow riders.

### MEDICINE HAT HOG MEMBERS HIT THE "WILD WEST" U.S. NATIONAL HOG RALLY IN BILLINGS, MONTANA

A group of Hat HOG members wrangled their Harleys and headed down south to Big Sky Country to take in the U.S. National HOG Rally in Billings, Montana, Friday June 30th through July 1st. Club HOG Wild West opened its gates at the Billings Expo and Fairgrounds at 9:00AM on Friday & Saturday to hot sunny days - perfect for wandering the grounds and taking in all the events, concerts, shopping and food. Some of the entertainers on the various stages were: Kenny Wayne Sheperd, Shelly Fairchild, Sugarland and C.C.R. (Creedence Clearwater Revisited, a mixture of original & new members) They were all AWESOME! Up at the arena you could take in an Official Professional Cowboys Association Rodeo or enter your tatt\*s in a Tattoo Contest! In the Stunt Zone we watched performances by the Seattle Cossacks Motorcycle Stunt Team. A 15 to 20 man stunt team all riding 1932 to 1945 era Harley-Davidson bikes. They were amazing, performing all sorts of tricks, headstands, human pyramids & acrobatics\*on their Harleys! Also performing in the Stunt Zone was Pistol

Packin\* Paula - the best Lady Gun Spinner in the U.S. -with her .45 nickel plated Cimarron revolvers and two 7ft bullwhips which she could crack in excess of 750mph!!! Bubba Blackwell, the Buell American Daredevil, also put on a very entertaining & daring show on his Buell & Dyna. Our stroll around the grounds brought us to the amazingly detailed sand sculpture of a Harley pulling a stagecoach filled with hogs! To get a break from the heat we went inside the Expo Center to do some shopping at the various booths. We watched the Nascar Remote Control Racing, and wet our whistle at the Lucky Deuce Saloon, where we could eat peanuts and discard the shells onto the floor, all the while listening to an authentic western bar piano player. At Harley-Davidson Acceleration Nation there were Harley-Davidson Demo Rides, the Harley-Davidson Traveling Museum and the Motor Company\*s first non-race appearance of the new NHRA Race Exhibit.

On Saturday night we headed to downtown Billings to attend the Paint the Town Chrome Street Party! There were lots of dressed up & chromed up motorcycles on display. Bands played, hot-dogs & bratwurst were cooking on the BBQ, the refreshments were flowing! It was all over and Sunday morning had arrived too soon!. We packed up the bikes and headed back to Medicine Hat. Along the way we stopped at Judith Gap where there are fields of wind turbines along the highway. It was an eerie, outer-space feeling to ride past them on either side of us. The ride

home was hot, dry and safe\*.another great HOG Rally Experience to add to our repertoire.

Submitted by Wendy Karsten

Greetings fellow HOG members and welcome to our fall newsletter. This is the time of the year when we start to reflect back on the past summer, the events we participated in and the road trips we enjoyed. Our year started way back in February when the LOH hosted a supper at Tumbleweeds and for those that missed out, well you missed out! In March the regular swap meet was well attended as it is every year. Also in March a new concept the Ride N Dine found 22 members at Patricia for a steak BBQ and some good fellowship between old and new members, only to be topped by the Ride N Dine to Bow Island where we had 40 plus members come out. Our Potluck in April brought out more food than members after the Demo Rides but we who attended had fun and you only get out of a function what you put into it! The 4<sup>th</sup> Alberta Provincial Rally was a great weekend in Calgary for those members of our Chapter that were able to attend. We had a larger group from Medicine Hat attend the US National rally in Billings Montana where the weather was hot, the refreshments cold and the company was excellent and pumped for a great weekend. The events on the weekends sometimes are not as much fun as the group ride down and back as many of our chapter members can attest to. The Poker Run weekend to the Bow Theatre for an evening of good blues was a success after a slow beginning. The weather was hot as well as the music. Thunder in the Valley this past year was one of the biggest and best performances they have ever had, along with that they also had the largest traffic problems due to the large audience. The Canadian National HOG Rally in Sydney Nova Scotia was a great success with a large turnout of local people to support the event. Sturgis I assume was a great week for those that were able to attend. The Rally at Chilliwack was well attended by numerous Chapters except ours. I can report that the weather was excellent and the road trip out and back were

perfect. The Three Flags Classic was attended by some of our Chapter this year and I heard Brad Turton was one of if not the first rider to finish. Our Annual Santa Claus Fund Toy Run was a huge success this year. The HOG chapter along with the UMCI ride group and the Red Knights all pooled together their resources and volunteers to create the first non "HOG sanctioned", but "Motorcycle Enthusiast" Toy Run event, a great success with \$45,000.00 in cash and toys donated. The Demo Rides in September were a huge success this year with the great weather and a large attendance of riders. Ivan's Year End Fun Run, a two day event took us through southern Alberta with an overnight stay in Fort MacLeod. We had a tour of the Remington Museum in Cardston and a great weekend of riding with only one minor mishap of a flat tire on Greg's bike but good rider skills took over and he was able to stop the bike safely. Our next item on the yearly event calendar is our fall General Meeting for all the membership at the Harley shop October 25, 2006 at 7:00 pm. This is going to be a very important meeting for the future of the HOG chapter for the coming year. We will need the general memberships input as to how the HOG chapter is being run, our executive and general meetings and other items of interest that requires the majority of the membership to vote on. This meeting will also include nominations for positions on the chapter executive board. Perhaps you know of someone who would like to be more actively involved and you can nominate him or her for a position. The future of this chapter depends on its membership because a successful chapter is a chapter whose membership gives of themselves by submitting opinions and ideas for change and then helps to implement these ideas and see them through to a successful completion. I would like to see the majority of the members out for this meeting but if you cannot make it out because of work or an emergency you can e-mail me any additions to the agenda or ideas you would like to see brought up at the meeting. In the interest of saving time anything that is not on the agenda will not be discussed during the meeting but it may be discussed after the meeting ends. This is your Harley Owner's Group so come out and support it if you would like to see it successful in the next year.

Pat Knight

Director

**EDITOR'S NOTE:**

January saw one of the most successful HOG Events to date when the Chapter hosted a Pool Tournament at Boston Billiards. Best estimates are that 75 members enjoyed an evening of Pool and socializing. There was a total of 2 Mystery Prize Draws held this year with over \$600.00 raised.

Great Job "Cruise Directors" Kara & Carla!