



FOOTHILLS CHAPTER OF RETREADS INTERNATIONAL
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April 2010 Newsletter

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Tom and Mary Hubbard, as well as Dennis and Connie Sievers. Looking forward to seeing you on the road when the snow finally quits.

NEW RIDES

Congrats to me on my new '07Harley Davidson Electraglide Ultra Classic and to Tom Hubbard on his new '05 Harley Davidson Springer Classic. Now all we need it the weather to get out and ride.

UP AND COMING EVENTS

*****NEW*****

2nd ANNUAL DEB GREY RIDE OF HOPE FOR HAITI

This is an interesting looking fundraiser that might get the year off to a good start. There is a group to depart from Edmonton and one from Okotoks, bound for Sylvan Lake for lunch and "program". It's scheduled for May 15th and should be good to blow the winter dust off. I will leave this out there and you can give it some thought. We can all meet at the

Evangelical Church (*gives some of us a chance to see what one looks like*).

For more information, you can go the following web site
www.glaacanada.ca/coming_events or link to the poster at
http://www.glaacanada.ca/user_files/pdf/DGROHFH%202010%20Brochure.pdf

ANNUAL OLD BONES RIDE-IN

June 4th 5th and 6th in Wayne, Alberta
Last Chance Saloon
Registration is \$15.00 (includes Saturday breakfast)

This is the Retreads “do not miss” social event of the season. This year Old Bones is an official regional rally and we are working with Edmonton Chapter on it to ensure we have another great weekend.

For those of you that haven't been, ask those that have. This is a great time, with partying, contests, prizes and a great group. Past experience suggests that you not miss Friday night.

Call Dave Corbett @ 1-403-938-3404 or email dave.corbett@calgary.ca.
Camping on-site \$12. Bathrooms / coin showers available

We need a head count for the BBQ Saturday night.
BBQ - steak / beans / potato \$ 17 supplied by the Last Chance Saloon.

Would be a nice Saturday evening meal, Drinks are available from the saloon

**Other accommodations for Old Bones Ride-In are as follows
but I recommend you stay onsite for maximum fun**

Drumheller Travelodge - Drumheller - 403 823-5302

Retreads Discount

Super *8 - Drumheller - 403-823-8887

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Dinosaur Hotel - Drumheller - 403-823-6844

Hoodoo Motel - Drumheller - 403-823-5662

The Lodge at Drumheller - - 403-823-3322

Friday - Meet and Greet

Saturday – Ride and Scavenger Hunt

Sunday - Meet in Drumheller for breakfast

I am going to need a head count pretty soon so please give this some thought and let me know as soon as possible, if you plan to join us.

Great Falls KOA Rally

June 18th to 20th

Once again this year, a group of the Foothills Retreads will be riding to Great Falls KOA for their second annual Ride and Rally. We were there last year and had a great time, despite some wet weather. They have a great campground with lots of tent or trailer space as well as Kamping Kabins. If you have any questions, see me at this month's meeting. Their website is www.greatfallskoa.com

TOAD ROCK RALLY

The Toad Rock Rally is on again this year and it looks like we are going to have a good size turnout from Foothills Retreads. For a little "coming attractions" on it, visit www.toadrockcampground.com . This is the campground that hosts the event and there are some pics. This is something that you should really try to make. It is the best rally in the area by far. They are limiting attendance this year so you might want to register as soon as possible. This can be done at the Toad Rock website.

*****NEW*****

Leather 'n' Chaps, Ridin' for SNAPS

This is a charity ride that I emailed to you some time ago. It's to take place, starting in High River on Saturday, July 24th, 2010. For a little more info on it you can link to the poster at <http://www.foothillssnaps.com/events/upcoming/Motorcycle%20Poker.pdf> ...or the SNAPS website at www.foothillssnaps.com . Tracy Harty has offered to be ride coordinator for this, so if you want to join the group, let Tracey know at tracyha@shaw.ca .

Sturgis

It's time to start thinking about Sturgis for 2010. It is the 70th anniversary year and it will be a big one. Attendance is expected to be well over 600,000 bikes. Yes, I said 600,000 of your closest friends are going to be there. This rally is an absolute "Bucket List" item for anyone that is remotely interested in biking. It is more fun than should be legal. Actually, not all of the fun is legal but it is, for the most part, harmless. This is pretty much an annual event for some of us so if you have any questions, there is lots of information for you. Look for the riders with the doo rag tan.

Anyhow, the Woelfles' and myself did extensive research on camping facilities for this year and have come up with what we think is the perfect venue for our group. It would be nice if we could all camp together but if you really can't stand the idea of a few nights in a tent, give some thought to your preferred accommodations now as it won't be cheap and it won't last long. Soooo, here is what we have selected and recommend.

Broken Spoke Campground and Saloon

www.brokenspokecampground.com

There are a number of great reasons to stay at this campground, not the least of which is the price, \$99.00 each for the entire rally. That is usually 13 days if you are that committed. A few others are as follows:

- Olympic size swimming pool complete with hot tubs, two Tiki bars, BBQ, showers and change area, souvenir shop and bands playing all day and all evening.
- Enormous "ride through" bar complete with Coyote Ugly style waitress/pole dancers, glassed in bike build shop, tattoo parlor, three levels of bar including an hookah bar, (did I mention pole dancers?), continual bands playing.
- Plenty of toilettes and showers as well as a small General Store.
- Lots of tent sites.

- Free bus shuttle in and back to Sturgis all day long.
- It's only about 7 miles from beautiful downtown Sturgis on Hwy 79N. You can get there through Belle Fourche so you don't even have to go through Sturgis to set up.
- Ok, I saved the best for last – FREE BEER FROM 4:00 TO 5:00 at the pool bar.

Lots more but you get the idea. Visit the website for a closer look.

From the feedback that I have been getting, I think that we are likely to have a sizable group heading out there for next year. It's time to start firming up ride groups and routes. We won't be able to and shouldn't attempt to put any large groups together. That would be just plain dangerous. If you have seen the Sturgis bound traffic, you will know what I mean. The smaller the better. As long as we know where we are headed, we will meet up at the Spoke and will have a great time in Sturgis. Trust me.

That being said let me know if you are planning on coming but haven't yet hooked up with a group for the trip. I will see what I can do to hook you up.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Just the last reminder that the dues for 2010 where due at the beginning of the year. They remain at \$25.00 for everyone on your membership. As I said in my recent email, if I haven't heard from you to the contrary and you haven't renewed yet, I will assume you are not going to. Don't hesitate to return to the fold if your plans should change in the future.

NEXT MEETING.....

The consensus of opinion on "The Stockman's" was pretty favorable, albeit not unanimous. Overall though, most seem to want to go back. We will be changing things up periodically through the summer for some out of town type meetings.

If you are planning on attending please send Brent an email at Brentg@midwestsurveys.com no later than April 16th to confirm your attendance.

“THE STOCKMANS” is located in the Heritage Point mall in Heritage Point. For those travelling from Calgary on Hwy 2 South, they turn left at Dunbow Road – 1000 yards turn left into the mall area. For those travelling from Okotoks turn right at Dunbow Road – 1000 yards turn left into the mall area.

This Sunday, April 18th at 10:00 AM (for coffee with breakfast at 10:30ish) , at...

“The Stockman’s”

***Heritage Point Mall
Heritage Point***

Hope to see you all there.