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UP AND COMING EVENTS

ANNUAL LAUGHLIN RIVER RUN

Even as you read this, Vilnis and his band of River Rats are preparing to load their bikes on the trailers and head down to Laughlin, Nevada and/or Kingman, Arizona, sleeveless and sweating, face in the warm desert breeze, yadada, yadada. If you are interested in joining them, I am sure it's not too late to make some last minute arrangements. See Vilnis at this month's meeting!

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

Retreads Discount

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.

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.brokenspokedcampground.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 a reminder that the dues for 2010 where due at the beginning of the year. They remain at \$25.00 for everyone on your membership. I hope that you all will be renewing as we look forward to another great riding season. You can see Hawkeye at the meeting this weekend.

NEXT MEETING.....

We are still searching for the ideal spot for our breakfast meetings and Brent Gordon has come up with an option for us. Our meeting this month will be at “The Stockman’s” in Heritage Point. Breakfast will be a buffet style, commencing at 10:30am. (***Note the time change***) Members can arrive at 10:00am for coffee, tea or orange juice. Menu will consist of scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage and ham, roasted potatoes, toast and fruit cup. Price will be \$14.50 per person which includes the tip. The manager has waived the 5% GST for the first breakfast meeting and hopes to provide top shelf service and meal to convince our group to return in April.

In addition there will be a presentation by a Canadian Distributor from Easy Brackets and Leatherworks organized by Bob Duncan to present motorcycle quick releases (tools) and leather works.

If you are planning on attending please send Brent an email at Brentg@midwestsurveys.com no later than March 18th to confirm your attendance. I know that some of you are not keen on confirming but it is really important if we want to find a good spot that can accommodate us. It is also important to ensure we don’t run out of food. If this occurs the members will not be happy and the restaurant will not be happy then the executive will be back to looking for another place to hold our breakfast meetings.

The name and location of the restaurant is “THE STOCKMANS” located in the Heritage Point mall in Heritage Point. For those travelling from Calgary 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, March 21st at 10:00 AM, at...

"The Stockman's"

*Heritage Point Mall
Heritage Point*

Hope to see you all there