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April 2006 Newsletter

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to:

Ray Montpetit

RECENT RIDES

There still isn't much to report on recent rides. With the weather up and down like it has been, only short hops have been possible and, as yet, nothing organized. Hopefully, that will change very shortly. A few of us did manage to get out this past Saturday for a run to Bragg Creek.





On the subject of rides, we are setting up a “traveling get together” once a month through the riding season. By that I mean that on the first Sunday of the month, for example, we are going to pick a spot (i.e.: Olds, Canmore, Strathmore, Nanton etc) and all head out there for a ride and maybe a meal. We would set a fixed time and departure point for those that can make it for a group ride or just arrange a meet time, for others, and we can hookup there. We will try to arrange all of these at the beginning of the season and put them on the calendar that Don Morberg has set up on our website. Please send me any suggestions you might have on locations including a place to eat and we will get this set up as soon as possible.

Any suggestions you have about prearranging any rides would also be appreciated. That would include maybe going out to bike nights like they have Wednesdays at the A & W in Airdrie or other locations. (Thursday is bike night at the Turner Valley Hotel. It’s two for one beer and cheap wings for bikers). All of this can be put on the calendar so we can check it out if we are looking for something to do.

We have a good size membership now and I would like to make sure that we have lots of events to think about, just to keep it worthwhile. Any ideas would be welcome.

WEBSITE

BBQ
Sunday
Meet in Drumheller
For breakfast

"STURGIS 2006"

If you are interested in being part of the group, either riding with or join in Sturgis, let me know if you have any questions.

CHANGE OF MEETING DATE AND "LOCATION"

Because the third Sunday falls on the Easter weekend, we will be moving our meeting date back one week to **April 9th**. I hope this works for everyone, and I look forward to seeing you this weekend.

Now I need to fill you in on location issues. The cook at the Willey has quit and as yet, has not been replaced. It has become impossible to count on them as a regular meeting spot. In the interest of finding something more reliable, I have contacted Smitty's Restaurant in Okotoks. They have agreed to let us meet in their bar area so that we have a more privacy and can put tables together so we are not scattered around the place. They have a patio area as well, for when the weather warms up.

The concern with Smitty's had been parking. It can get pretty busy on a Sunday. The manager tells me that he has 10 spots reserved in the parking lot of the **Okotoks Country Inn**, just across the street. He promises me there will be no problem parking there. We can give it a try this weekend and see how it goes. It would be great to find a permanent and reliable spot to meet so hopefully this is it. Feel free to comment.

Smitty's is at **57 Riverside Drive in Okotoks**. That is just off the main road through town. Turn east at the first set of lights south of Elizabeth Street (where you used to turn to go to the Willey) and its right there. You can't miss it.

NEXT MEETING.....

Sunday, April 9th at 11:00 am



Hope to see everyone out.