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July 2007 Newsletter

RECENT RIDES

TOAD ROCK

It sounds like Vilnis, Larry and Penny had a great time at Toad Rock this year. If it was half as much fun as last year, I know they would have had a blast. I assume you all got his email so I wont rehash it hear. I think we should plan in advance for it next year and maybe get a larger group out. Keep the July long weekend open in 2008 if you think you might be interested. In the meantime, I look forward to seeing Vilnis' pics, both R and X rated.

HORSE THIEF HIDEOUT MEMORIAL RALLY

Only the Woelfle's and the Corbett's made this ride. Probably due to some threatening weather here that weekend. It actually turned out to be a very warm and sunny one in Invermere. The rally itself was a smaller one but well run and a great location. Really nice facilities and lots of room for camping. We had a great time and this is a rally to watch for in the future. As it becomes better known, it is going to take off I think.

Thanks to Doug for coordinating this.

FUTURE RIDES

The following is an email I have received regarding the "Bikes and Blues Festival". This may be of some interested as it looks like fun!!

Hello, we are hosting a Bikes and Blues festival July 28th weekend in Calgary, and would love if our information could go out to your members? Please see our website at wildwildwestcalgary.com or call us at 242-9796. Thank you Press Release – Festival Overview For Immediate Release: July 4, 2007 BIKES, BLUES & BBQ 4-7-2007 The Wild Wild West Event Centre (Calgary AB) has announced a BLUES Music Festival - to be held on Friday July 27 & Saturday July 28. 'Bikes, Blues & BBQ' will take place at the Wild Wild West Event Centre, live music to play from 7pm till 12am Friday the 27th, and from 12pm to Midnight on Saturday, July 28th. Tickets on Sale Now June 29 at www.wildwildwestcalgary.com, or <http://www.megatunes.com/>

The Bikes & Blues Festival, Alberta's leading festival of Blues music, will offer a talented and entertaining 1st season, bringing to the Calgary Area leading Albertan Blues artists. Highlights include the Johnny V Sextet, nominated "the Guitarist of the Year" by the Toronto Blues Society for their Mapleblue Awards, also featuring The Mike Clarke Band performing a riveting fusion style of blues, roots and jazz. In addition, artists featured include The Steve Pineo Band, Little Voodoo, Firm Handshake, JV3, with special guests Wild Bill & The Bandits introducing their Cow Blues Fusion. The Festival opens on Friday, July 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Wild West Event Centre (off the HWY #1 Springbank Exit, Calgary AB), with a Poker Run with Cash Prizes, Burgers & Beer, & Live Music. Camping is available for all guests at \$10 per RV/tent. No hookups. The Festival continues on Saturday, July 28 at 12 p.m. with The Mike Clarke Band opening the day's events. Mike truly is one of Canada's premiere blues and roots artists and has been nominated for a Maple Blues Award in the category of "Horn Player of the Year" for three consecutive years. Live music will run consecutively with all 7 bands playing from noon until 12am. Saturday's events feature a Show & Shine from noon – 2pm, Iron Horse Fox Hunt from 3:30-5:30, and a BBQ Dinner at 6:30pm. Camping is available for all guests. Press contact: Michael Werbisky, Authentic Western Productions Call: 403.242.9796 Email: michael@wildwildwestcalgary.com

Logan's Pass Run 2007

One ride in particular I want to bring to your attention is one that Birdo is putting together. It is an overnigher called the **Logan Pass Run 2007**. This is a great ride, that includes the "Going to the Sun Road" that everyone has been saying they want to take.

You can find the information at:

http://www.foothills-retreads.com/logan_pass_run_2007.htm

It would be a good idea to make your motel reservations now as it is the busy season. Like Birdo, I got a very reasonable rate at the Super 8 in Kalispell (\$92.00 US, including all taxes) but you will need to nail it down now and cancel later if you have to. I know they still have some rooms left as of this morning. Thanks Birdo for putting this together.

LAST CALL FOR STURGIS!!!

Ok, for the final time, I am adding the information for the Sturgis run this year. If you are considering joining us, let me know and I will give you all the information you might need beyond what is below. If you decide at the last minute to join us, that's great to.
The more the merrier.

Fri., August 3rd – leave for Great Falls, Mt and spend night at the KOA there.

Sat. August 4th – leave for Hardin, Mt. (Little Big Horn) and spend night at KOA there.

Sun. August 5th – leave for Mount Rushmore/Hill City KOA and spend three nights here visiting Sturgis for one day and two days touring the Black Hills.

Wed. August 8th - leave for Sheridan, Wy. KOA. Take the back route and stop for sight seeing along the way. IE Custer, Crazy Horse, Devils Tower Monument

Thurs. August 9th – leave for Cody, Wy. and stay at the KOA there for two nights while touring the area

Sat. August 11th – leave for Great Falls, Mt. Plan to take the time to enjoy the ride up through the Chief Joseph Highway and the Beartooth Highway. This is a must see and do for us. Spend night at Great Falls KOA.

Sun, August 12th – leave for home.

As you can see, we are partial to KOA. You usually know what you are getting there and it usually includes a pool with restaurant nearby.

HELP!!!

If you have a look at the calendar that Don Morberg has prepared for us on our website, you will see that there are lots of options. If one ride catches your fancy, it would be great if you could volunteer to be ride coordinator for it. All that it involves is being responsible to keep a list and pick a spot to meet for the ride out. I really need some help with that.

If someone would volunteer to be permanent Ride Coordinator, that would be great. It isn't much work, just be the "go to guy" for misc. rides. Planning for day rides seems to have lost a little steam. If you have an idea for a ride, all you have to do is send an email to members saying what you have in mind and where you want to meet. We have not had the day rides this year that I had hoped for so maybe we can work to fix that for the balance of the riding season. You don't have to be the ride coordinator to do that. Just toss out an idea. Any help would be appreciated. Not everyone is interested in the overnight rides and we will have a lot more fun if we can have a lot of rides available. Short or longer. Maybe even just somewhere for a coffee. Give it some thought as I think we could get more members out for this sort of thing.

NEXT MEETING.....

As you should all know by now, this months meeting is a Stampede Breakfast, hosted by Brent and Sheila Gordon at their home. It is at 10:00 AM this month. Attached is the map in case you misplaced the one sent earlier.

Sunday, July 15th at 10:00 am

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The Gordon's

Hope to see everyone out.

