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March 2007 Newsletter

RECENT RIDES

You wouldn't know it if you look outside but it was great riding weather this past weekend. We managed to get about a dozen bikes out for a run out the back way to Bragg Creek and then back through Turner Valley and Black Diamond. That included the obligatory pit stops. It sure didn't take long for the weather to crap out. Won't be long now though....

WILD HOGS

Has anybody **not** seen Wild Hogs yet? Don't think so. I think it was a great flic but I guess it has gotten mixed reviews. I am thinking that if you are over forty and ride a bike, you loved it. Anyone else, maybe not so much.

Anyhow, thanks to Birdo for arranging our own Retreads Movie night

ROAD TRIP!!

Speaking of spur of the moment road trips, with two days notice, Al Jeffrey, Kim Bechtel and I decided to zip down to Daytona Beach for Bike Week and a visit to Bruce Rossmeyers "Destination Daytona". It was a great time and I really recommend it. They were saying 500,000 bikes which puts it gaining on Sturgis



Daytona Beach



Bruce Rossmeyers' daughter at the Arlen Ness Showroom

SICK AND VISITING

Bad news for Melody Cameron and Doug Provost this past week. On their way out to Retreads Movie night last Wednesday, Doug was taken out on his Heritage Softail Classic under the 9th Ave Bridge when a cager decided he wanted Doug's lane. Melody and her Fat Boy hit either Doug or some debris and went down as well. The cager kept going.

Anyhow, Doug and his bike ended up in the hospital, both needing surgery. Doug has a badly injured knee that cost him several days in the hospital, after the operation. Melody and her bike fared a little better but both were banged up. Best wishes to both of you guys and we look forward to seeing you back on two wheels as soon as you are able.

TOAD ROCK RALLY 2007

If you are planning on going (I really recommend it) you should see to registering right away. Admission is very limited this year. Vilnis is already down for it so you can talk to him about a group ride.

OLD BONES RALLY

I have confirmed with Don Gabert of Edmonton that the rally is still on in Wayne this year. The sense I got from the Christmas party is that we should have a fair number going. There will be what I am assured by Don is a "minimal" registration fee this year to cover the costs that he has paid himself in the past. (Like breakfast) We had a ton of fun so it will be worth the fee.

The following is a “cut and paste” from last years notice that I have tried to update. It should give you enough info for now and I will get more as it develops.

Old Bones Ride-In

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June 1, 2 & 3rd, 2007
Wayne Alberta
Last Chance Saloon

Camping on-site \$12 (to be confirmed) / bathrooms / coin showers available

STURGIS

At the Christmas Party, a few of you indicated an interest in another Sturgis run this year. We have a small but increasing group that is looking at this now. I don't think I have it in me to put together the well organized and hitchless sortie we had last year but it would be great to have a group to travel with or meet up with at stops etc. Kirsten and I have kind of already preplanned for 2007 and the following is what we have in mind. If you can join us, that would be great. We had a great group last year and had a blast.

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.

FUTURE RIDES

We are in the process now of trying to put together a busy and interesting season of rides but are looking for a little help. Any ideas you might have for short or long rides, overnights or just for a beer please let me know. As well, offers to organize rides are gratefully accepted. During the season, we can scramble a fleet of bikes for a last minute ride pretty easily. You can use the membership list (I will update it soon) and make a few phone calls (you call two who call two who call two. You get the idea.), or, you can use

the email list that you get when I send you something, and let everyone know what you have in mind.

Any ideas you have for improving the club are always welcome. We are a very new club and we need ideas from you to make sure it works for everyone. Not everyone likes a large group. Small rides are also a good plan.

“NEW CREST”

We now have a small supply of our own “Foothills Retreads” crest. I am attaching a pic of it. I will try to remember to bring a supply out to this Sunday’s meeting. We will sell them for \$10.00 per to recoup the setup and manufacture cost.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL “STILL”

The fee for 2007 is still only \$25.00 for an individual or the whole family. You can pay me (*cheques payable to Foothills Retreads*) at the meeting if you can be there or you can send it to me as follows:

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So that I can narrow down my list of who I should follow up with, I would really appreciate it if you could let me know if you do not plan to renew your membership for 2007. That way I can remove you from the mailing and stop nagging you. Thanks a lot.

NEXT MEETING.....

Sunday, March 18th at 11:00 am



Hope to see everyone out.

