

News of the Wellington HOG Chapter #9066 Sponsored by Wellington Motorcycles

Lynne's trip to Fargo and the Beartooth Pass



Lynne Wilson our chapter secretary was the winner of this years trip to do the Beartooth Pass with the Fargo chapter of North Dakota. You can read all about it on this editions back page.

Assistant Directors Ride

We will be leaving from WMCC at 10.30am on Saturday 23rd and heading over the Rimutaka's. Could all who have booked accommodation please call Terry 04 4790450 so that I can get an idea of numbers.

Ladies of Harley

Debbie is having drinks and perhaps a meal at the Macs Brewery Bar on Friday 8th October from 6.30pm



Some pictures taken on Ken O'Leary's 2010 Wild West USA tour



Entering San Francisco



Stagecoach in Virginia City



Eye candy @ Sturgis



The Desert Doctor fitting a new tyre



Relaxing on Route 66



Main Street Sturgis





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DIRECTORS REPORT

It's been a quiet few months over winter and I've been keeping a bit of a low profile with work and training commitments. It's spring now and the weather is going to come right? Does that sound like a Tui ad? A few of the committee have been travelling to the US and Europe but we're nearly all back on board by the time we have the next meeting. We have a quiz night planned and I have Diesel's commitment (again) to not be Super Nakey Man. It's always a fun event and the following club meeting in November will include a presentation from John Baker. A group of people are attending advanced rider training the weekend of the 26th of September, it's great we still have such a high level of interest in this course, it's worth the effort.

The national rally registration forms arrived in the HOG Tales this month so make sure you get yours in early and support the Hamilton crew. Even though HOG are organizing the event the Hamilton club still plays a large part in making it happen.

Hoping to see you all out there soon.

Ride and have fun.

Lucy



This years toy run is to be held on Sunday 5th December, registration will take place from 9am outside the Sandbar in Mana. We are intending to leave Mana at 11am heading down State Highway 1 to Wellington and arriving at Queens Wharf (Chicago Bar) around midday.

It was entertainment night at the Senior Citizens Center. Claude the hypnotist explained: "I'm here to put you into a trance; I intend to hypnotize each and every member of the audience." The excitement was almost electric as Claude withdrew a beautiful antique pocket watch from his coat. "I want you each to keep your eye on this antique watch. It's a very special watch. It's been in my family for six generations" He began to swing the watch gently back and forth while quietly chanting, "Watch the watch, watch the watch, watch the watch. . . ." The crowd became mesmerized as the watch swayed back and forth, light gleaming off its polished surface. Hundreds of pairs eyes followed the swaying watch, until, suddenly, it slipped from the hypnotist's fingers and fell to the floor, breaking into a hundred pieces. "SHIT!" said the Hypnotist. It took three days to clean up the Senior Citizens Center. Claude was never invited back to entertain..

CALENDAR

October

Wednesday 6th Club Night
 Fri 8th LOH drinks and meal? at Macs brewery bar (Cable St)
 Sat 16th Karori Normal School fundraiser
 Sun 17th Club ride to PN and CD Chapter
 Sat 23rd Assistant Directors ride to Napier (Labour Weekend)

November

Wednesday 3rd Club Night
 Saturday 20th Twin Cam poker run.
 Sunday 21st Club Ride
 Friday 26th-Sunday 28th Ride the Summit, see opposite.

December

Wednesday 1st Club Night
 Sunday 5th Toy Run from Mana to Queens Wharf Wellington
 Sunday 19th Club Ride.

Coming Up:

Christmas Party: details coming soon.

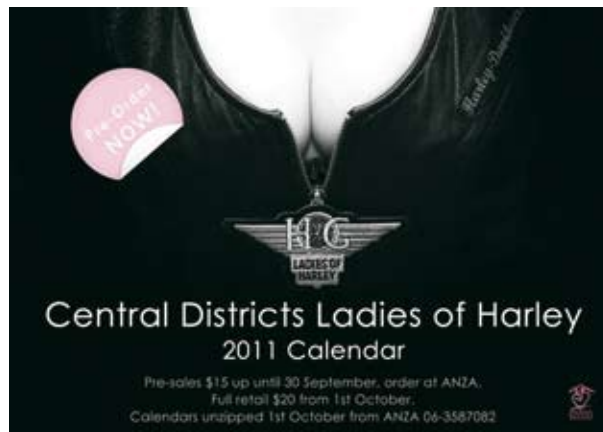
Summer:, hopefully there will be one this year.



Non Chapter events that you may be interested in going to



Ride the Summit. This is the third of these events and is becoming a must go. Open to any Harley riders it is being held on 26-28 November at National Park
 Go to www.ridethesummit.co.nz for further information and to register



Just letting you know that the **Central Districts Ladies of Harley** have been busy producing a **2011 Charity Calendar** - charity is Womens Refuge (ALL calendar sale proceeds will be going to Charity). It is a 13month calendar, 240x340 pages with big squares for writing stuff in. Each month depicts a different characteristic of our Ladies - riders, friends, socialisers, fun-loving, confident, daring, attitude, etc etc. Pre-sale price is just \$15, plus \$5.50 postage, and is effective with payment and until 30 September. The calendars will be launched on 1st October. Price then goes up to \$20, plus \$5.50 postage. Orders can be placed by sending a cheque made out to CDHOG, and sent to Linda Burling, LOH co-ordinator, c/o- ANZA Motor Company, PO Box 845, Palmerston North.



Who say you can't take the whole family out for a ride on the bike?

Two guys were discussing popular family trends on sex, marriage, and Family values. Bill said, 'I didn't sleep with my wife before we got married, did you?' Larry replied, 'I'm not sure, what was her maiden name?'

While shopping for vacation clothes, my husband and I passed a display Of bathing suits. It had been at least ten years and twenty pounds since I had even considered buying a bathing suit, so I sought my husband's advice. 'What do you think?' I asked. 'Should I get a bikini or an all-in-one?' 'Better get a bikini,' he replied. 'You'd never get it all in one.'

He's still in intensive care.

From the merchandise shop. Buy online or see Tana on club nights.



Large back patch \$30 Small arm/ vest patch \$20



Wellington chapter patch \$10



T-Shirt \$45 Back view of sleeve with chapter patch on sleeve

Lots more available, pins patches ladies TShirts etc. etc.

The Fargo Trip

Well how do you start.... It was fantastic. Having never been to the States before I was blown away by the sheer vastness of it. I was excited when I got to San Francisco then flew to Denver followed by a short trip to Fargo. While flying into Fargo I could see the long straight roads disappearing into the horizon and I have to admit I said the F word and just shook my head because I couldn't quite believe what I was seeing. There were to be several more times this would happen over the 3 weeks.

Fargo is as flat as a pancake. I picked up my bike as soon as I got off the plane and was given a Heritage by Del, who owns the Dealership. When I walked up to meet him I put my hand out to shake it and he put his arms out and grabbed me for a big old hug and said "Thanks so much for coming", and I am like 'what' thanks for having me. Ole then got me to saddle up and we headed out for a bit of a ride so I could 'ride on the other side of the road' before I left with the group the following day. I have to admit it was very easy. There were only 2 times I had to be careful. Once was when I was leaving a motel to go and gas up and the other was when I was walking across the road. You have to stop and look to see which way the cars are coming before you step or ride out. Pat & Paul put on an American BBQ for me that night to introduce me to some of the chapter members, and man they were so friendly. (but don't drink much hahahah).

Well we left on the Thursday for the ride to Medora, which was the first day of the trip. I rode through the Teddy Roosevelt National Park wearing no helmet (legal) Saw my first wild buffalo, prairie dogs, and buzzards. Did I mention it was HOT, rode every day bar 1 in a tee shirt and jeans? I got as brown as a berry and some days I didn't wear my helmet as it was just too hot. Temps ranged from 28-38.

The first time I filled up my bike I thought the bike was stuffed. I could see the tank was full but I kept looking at the pump and it was saying \$7.12 and I am like 'what?'" Gas is cheaper in the States. Ha-ha

Well we all made it to Red Lodge and there was a Pizza night at which I was the guest of honour and we had a brief on the ride over the Bear Tooth the following morning. I was to ride behind the 2 road captains and the rest of the chapter was to ride behind. There was to be 2 stops on the way up so we could take photos and to regroup. Once we got to the top (which had the most amazing views of snow covered mountains) we had more photos and Del had provided hot drinks and a bit of a snack. From here we headed down to Cody. I stopped at the 'Top of the World' to have a look around then made my way down the Chief Joseph Highway which I have to say was awesome. It was so beautiful.

From Cody Pat & myself were to start our Road trip. Just the two of us and the Fargo women were very amazed that we were venturing off by ourselves. I had total confidence in Pat.

We went through Yellowstone National Park, Jackson Hole, Buffalo, staying the night at the last 2 places.

And YES I went to Deadwood and STURGIS... By this time the bags are bulging with Tee shirts, jackets and jewellery. And in fact some gear had already been transported back to Fargo by Paul as he had to take Wayne from Florida back.

Once back in Fargo I was told to get up early in the morning and to have my Passport. It turned out they were taking me to Canada. Can you believe it!!!!. So off we all went. We all got questioned at the border as the Canadians couldn't work out why a Kiwi was in a car with 2 Americans going into Canada. So they took us all inside and ran our Passports through the system, and it was all good. You have to be squeaky clean to get into Canada and any offence committed at any time in your life will stop your entry into Canada. (as one of the Fargo chapter members found out when he tried to get in on his way to Alaska). Any way we went to Winnipeg and visited a couple of HD stores (more shopping) had a very nice dinner and stayed the night. We went back to the States the following day.

I went out to see Pat & Pauls farm, (huge) they have got 10 semis just to truck all their grain.

Eventually it was time to come home, and a last dinner was had, we went out with Dave & Kim Klose to a Mexican place (real Mexican) and enjoyed the food and each others company.

On my way back through San Francisco I was bitten by something., but didn't say anything in case they didn't let me fly home. Once back in Wellington I was taken straight to the Doctor where he informed in was a spider bite and I was put onto huge amounts of Anti-biotic. A small price to pay for the awesome experience.

When I got home I was asked what my highlights were. Here they are.

Long straight roads (rode for 10 hours 1 day and turned 4 bends). Its freaking HUGE Sturgis. The Badlands Wild Buffalo that are next to the road Del Hofer from the Dealership Wayne, Deke, Andy and his wife who drove the support van. Dave & Pam Pat & Pauls kids

Stopping for meals at the 'cafes' at places like Gettysburg and Mina and Abilene and you walk in and they start asking where yaw heading and as soon as you start talking and hear an accent they just love it.

I rode across 5 states, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana, Minnesota and went to 2 different Countries.

Pat & Paul the couple who hosted me were the friendliest people I have met for quite some time, and nothing was too much trouble.

I also met Connie & Bud who are coming over in February and I would have to say that Connie is extremely excited about coming. To those who win in future draws, you are going to have a blast, throw your head back and enjoy every minute.

Riding a Harley in the US of A ... there aint nothing better.

Lynn

The draw for the next trip to Fargo will be drawn on club night in February, to enter you have to be a member of Wellington Chapter and also an International member. For those that are interested please call Terry 04 4790450 for details.