

Southwest Oklahoma Chapter #1860

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HOG PEN NEWS



DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Hello SWOKHOG chapter;

The weather is warming up and so are all of the activities. We are getting a lot more riding time in and I hope you are getting in on some of it.

A few brave souls went to Two Frogs in Ardmore. They were a tough crowd with the cold weather and a lot of wind. Two Frogs is a great place to eat and I hope we can go to it again soon.

The LOH weenie roast was a huge success. It was a short ride but that did not stop us from eating some good ole fashion hot dogs. If I am going to eat a hot dog it has to be cooked out on the grill and Donny and Cheryl brought the wood and we roasted the weenies. They do taste better that way, along with all of the side condiments and beans. You could not have asked for a better supper and it was spent with your HOG family.

A little rain did not stop the Open House from happening. Well maybe it was a lot of rain but as they say in show business the show must go on and that is what it did. A big thanks go out to everyone that helped put the tent up and worked the event. Thanks to Suzanne, she cooked the hamburgers for the volunteers who put up the tent. A few people came out and did ride in the poker run. I think everyone that did ride in it was a winner. They all got a prize.

This last weekend was a packed one with a lot of miles ridden. First off they rode to Munster, Tx to the German Festival. I heard it was a good time as everyone set around listening to the music and eating some good German sausage. Sound like everyone had a good time. The next day we took off the OKC to support the Storm Riders Chapter and their fundraiser for this year. After riding around the city a while you learn to appreciate riding in the open area that we have it around here. How many road captains does it take to run the poker run? There were five different ones, and I can't count the number of times they switched out of the lead. Needless to say we got lost and made a few bad turns. We still had a good time and got a lot of thanks for coming up to support them. They were all asking when Thunder 2010 was going to be and they said they will be showing up and maybe spending the night. Sounds like we might be going to have a party in the pool! Something we will be looking forward too.

Steve Roberts

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Director

EDITOR UPDATES

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Boner Award

Brian Borer was presented the boner award for littering the roadway with flying helmet visor parts!

Everyone is watching! You could be next! Share your observations at the next meeting.

Duck! Flying helmet parts!

Current HOG Membership is 101

March Mileage Award

**Julie Anderson - 1393
Keith Bush - 2793**

Newsletter Articles

We are in need of newsletter article and pictures. Share your experiences and rides with the chapter. Submit your articles and pictures via e-mail to d.niver@sbcglobal.net.

The newsletter deadline is the 25th of each month.



Debbie Sue Editor

**"Brian Borer"
"April 2010"**

HOG HAPPENINGS

WOOOOOOHOOOOOO!

Finally, some riding and events took place. Well gang, warmer weather and fair sky's got into the picture and boy howdy was I ready. I had received several death threats and found some strange wires hanging out of my mailbox so I had Cheryl go get the mail and all is good now except I have to tie her shoes for her, it's a real pain she says without any hands!

Now on a serious note; April was good to us starting off with the first Ladies of Harley Weenie Roast. Plenty of dogs died that day and more marshmallows then you can poke a stick in. All left full and the weather cooperated allowing 14 bikes and several cars to make it to the event. Weather did play a part in some date changes but couldn't stop the enthusiasm of our riders, both the rescheduled Muenster German Fest and the Storm rider Chapter poker run drew 12 plus bikes. I didn't get to make German Fest but was told the food was awesome and everyone had to loosen their belts coming back. The Storm Riders acknowledged our presence and vowed to get some folks down to Thunder this year.

Looking ahead to May we will kick it off with another double meeting week, business meeting will be the 5th at Pizza Hut, 6118 NW Cache Road, and dinner at 6 meeting starts at 7, all members are welcome. The Chapter meeting and pot luck dinner will be on the 7th starting at 6pm, meeting starts at 7pm. Early arrival should allow us to feed our face and clean things up and still get the meeting in before the cows come home. On the 8th we will be saddling up and heading to the OKC Zoo, should be a great time of year to visit the critters. We will meet at Pro Team at 9am and leave at 9:30, have a sit down meal prior to hitting the zoo so we can walk off all those unwanted calories. May 16th will be the road captains "TAG" ride, this should be a lot of fun as all the road captains present will get there turn to lead. Their only problem is they won't know where they are going until they get their instructions while on the ride. This ride will meet at Bush's at 9:30 and leave at 10. The ladies will be taking off on May the 17th for the Breast Ride Ever; information on this will be coming out shortly watch for updates. Ladies of Harley will once again be at it with the first annual Kite Fest. Dig out the string, use your imagination and build the kite of your dreams, or do like I probably will and run to Wally World just prior and grab the cheapest kite and string available. But don't expect that to win you cash prizes for the highest flyer and most creative kites. We will be meeting at EZ GO, 3003 E Gore at 10:30 and leaving at 11, location has still not been determined but will include at least a couple hours of riding.

It's getting busy folks please pay close attention to the calendar on the web for changes and updates. Also, those emails that Mr. Roberts sends out may just have new information or changes.

RIDE SAFE AND HAVE TONS OF FUN!

Donny

Activities
Officer

HOG INFORMATION . . .

OKLAHOMA STATE HOG RALLY

EVENT DATES

Oct 7 - 9, 2010

EVENT LOCATION

Ardmore, OK

Ardmore is busy planning the 2010 Oklahoma State H.O.G. rally and knows you will agree it will be worth coming. We are returning to the beautiful Ardmore Convention Center but with a new twist.

<http://www.okstatehogrally.com>

Registration is open!

Host Hotels

Springhill Suites

2501 Centennial Dr. North
Ardmore, OK 73401
(580)226-7100

Holiday Inn

2705 W. Broadway
Ardmore, OK 73401
(580)-223-7130

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1st Annual Breast Ride Ever

May 17 – May 23rd.

Ladies Riders will be riding over 1500 miles to raise support and awareness for Breast Cancer.

Suzanne Hay will be leading the ride thru Oklahoma and Texas.

Check out her bike next time you are at ProTeam.

SAFETY OFFICER

Chuck
Dean

Safety
Officer

Arts of the Lean

In this article, I will give you every single tip, trick and technique I can possibly think of to get you to lean your motorcycle. First, keep in mind that a motorcycle or any 2-wheeled vehicle including your bicycle turns by leaning, especially at speed. By speed, I mean anything above about 15mph where the gyroscopic effect takes place on most motorcycles. On a bicycle or a small motor scooter, the gyroscopic effect may take place at 3 to 5mph. At very low speeds on a motorcycle, you can turn without leaning simply by turning your handlebars back and forth, however, turning with the bike straight up is not a natural movement, the motorcycle was designed to lean. Let's take a Harley Road King as an example. If you walk that Road King around in a circle with the bike straight up, it would have a turning radius of about 22 to 24'. If you lean the bike over to it's lean angle limit, that same Road King will turn in well under 18'.

So, if you're able to lean that Road King over only about as much as it leans while sitting on it's kickstand, you can make a U-turn on a 20' wide street with little problem. If you try to turn with the bike straight up on that same 20' wide street, you won't make it. You'll wind up having to back that 800 lb. bike up and duck-walk it forward to make that turn. At 40 or 50mph, if you're afraid to lean that bike, when a car turns left in front of you, you're going to steer right into it or jam on the rear brake and slide into that car, when all you had to do was lean the bike a little and steer around it. Consequently, if you're afraid to lean your bike, you're a crash looking for a place to happen, it will be inevitable.

So, to get you familiar with leaning, we'll start small. First, get out the old mountain bike you've got rusting in the garage and start pedaling it. Get up as fast as you can then start coasting and begin pushing the handlebars back and forth. This will force the bicycle to lean from side to side and hopefully show you that your not going to fall over. Keep you head and eyes up and maintain some speed. You can even set up a few cones in a straight line, say at 15' apart and weave through them allowing the bike as much side to side lean angle as you dare. Then, coast through a few U-turns set up at 12 or 13'. Keep your pedals up so they don't get caught on the pavement and lever your tire off the ground. In addition to helping you get over your fear of leaning, the bicycle can also help to teach you why dragging the rear brake gives you stability at low speeds. Just put the bike in first gear and try to pedal as slowly as you can in a straight line, then try the same thing only this time, put a little pressure on the rear brake (on a bicycle, the rear brake is at your right hand). I'm sure you will find pedaling against the rear brake will allow you to go much slower and with a lot more control. You can even see why hitting the front brake is the wrong thing to do when the handlebars are turned and the bike is leaning.

I guarantee you a couple hours on a bicycle will help you get over your fear of leaning the 2-wheeled vehicle, plus, it's great exercise.

Now, it's time to get on the motorcycle. The first thing to do is get familiar with the friction zone and using the rear brake. First, try going slowly in a straight line, remember to keep your head and eyes up. Begin making turns at 3 to 5mph by turning your head from left to right. Now, get your speed up to 15mph or above, let the clutch out all the way, get off the rear brake and start pushing the bars back and forth. Hold the throttle steady and let the bike weave from side to side. The bike wants to lean, so let it, in fact, above 15mph it must lean when you push on the bars. Once you get familiar with the sensation, slow down to 5mph or so and try to duplicate that side to side leaning sensation while in the friction zone and putting a little pressure on the rear brake. Set up 6 cones in a straight line at 14' apart and begin weaving through them. As this exercise gets easier, start cutting the distance to 13', then 12' apart.

When you get bored with the cone weave, start turning circles. Start with no markers and big 30' or 40' turns. Have a person stand in the center of the circle and focus on that person's face as you ride around them, that should keep you from looking down at the ground. In addition, that person can tell you how far you're leaning, the further the better.

Well, that's it for this month. I know this sounds like a lot of work, but it will save you from injury or even death. All it takes is a few hours of practice.

Remember, all it takes is a little practice. Good Luck!

HOG SHOTS April Activities



HOG SHOTS –

Come join the fun with the SWOK Hog Chapter



ProTeam Harley-Davidson

**ProTeam Harley-Davidson
301 SE Interstate Drive
Lawton, OK 73501**

**Southwest Oklahoma
Harley Owners Group
Chapter #1860**



NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**May 7, 2010
ProTeam Harley-Davidson
7:00 PM**

Pot Luck Dinner starts at 6:00, brings your favorite food item to share

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NEXT BUSINESS MEETING

**May 5, 2010
Pizza Hut, 6118 NW Cache Road**

Meeting starts at 7:00pm; meet for dinner at 6:00pm

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SWOK HOG ACTIVITY CALENDAR

May 2010 (May) 2010

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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Jun 2010 (Jun) 2010

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- Notes:** All Saturday rides meet at ProTeam Harley-Davidson.
 All Sunday rides meet at EZGO Flowermound and Gore (East Bound) or Bush's Shamrock SR62 (West Bound).
 All Chapter Meetings are held at ProTeam Harley-Davidson and start promptly at 7:00PM.
 All Chapter Events are Closed unless otherwise stated.
 All Chapter Rides end at the destination unless otherwise stated.

- 5-5-10 Business Meeting, dinner at 6:00, meeting at 7:00 Pizza Hut
6118 NW Cache Rd. Everyone is invited to attend.
- 5-10-10 OKC Zoo Run, Meet at ProTeam 9:00 leave 9:30 all day event, will eat a meal before entering the zoo
- 5-14-10 Chapter Meeting at ProTeam 7pm, potluck dinner before meeting, Road Captains meeting at 6:30
- 5-16-10 Tag ride, Road Captains will lead this ride, details to follow. We will stop for lunch somewhere. We could get lost so bring your map. Meet at Bush's 9:30 leave at 10
- 5-17-10 **Breast Ride Ever** send off. Details at Chapter Meeting
- 5-23-10 LOH Kite Fest, Meet EZ GO 3003 E Gore 10:30 leave at 11:00 bring sack lunch, location to be determined.
- 6-2-10 Business Meeting, dinner at 6:00, meeting at 7:00 Pizza Hut
6118 NW Cache Road. Everyone invited to attend.
- 6-6-10 Stephenville, Texas BBQ. Meet at EZGO 8:00 leave at 8:30
- 6-11-10 Chapter Meeting at ProTeam 7pm, dinner ride after to El Charro in Fletcher.
Road Captains meeting at 6:30
- 6-19-10 Drive Inn Movie Chickasha. Details TBA
- 6-26-10 Possum Kingdom, pack a lunch. Meet ProTeam at 8:30 leaves at 9:00
There will be a dessert stop.
- 6-28-10 Million Mile Monday

Let's Ride and have fun!

Please check the chapter website for further activities: www.swok.hog