

The Vancouver H.O.G. Report

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Members are welcome to submit personal and/or "For Sale" type ads for publication.

If you have an idea, information or news and would like to share it with other members, put it in writing. All contributions will be published, subject to good taste that are received one week before mailing of that issue. Issues are 11 times a year appearing on the 3rd week of the month.. Articles can be submitted on paper or on disk in the following formats:

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Directors Comments

Another great riding season is almost over for the majority of us. Right now we seem to be having the best weather after waiting so long this summer for it.

A lot of members got away to Sturgis again and points beyond. The "Wanderers", Doris and Lindsey Spence returned Sept. 15 from a 3 month tour of Canada and the U.S.A. Welcome back and I'm sure we'll be hearing about their travels. Wouldn't it be nice if we all could take off for that long each year!

Changes at Deeley's

Congratulations to Darwin Osarchuk who is now the General Manager at Deeleys. Also to Stacy Goodman who is now Assistant Manager. Would like to thank Mitch for all his support over the last four years and wish him all the best in his new endeavors.

Deeley's Open House, Sept. 21

A great success and turnout. On hand were many of the new '92 models for demo rides. Once again the Heritage and Fatboy models were the greatest in demand. Thank-you to Shirley and Phil for helping with the demo rides.

Deeley's Turkey Run

To be held Oct. 6, leaving the store at 10:30am. Poker cards are \$5.00 each OR for \$10.00 you get a poker card AND sweatshirt. All new route this year and as always a great turkey dinner. Proceeds going to Tiger Williams' Special Charity.

Museum Ride with Skagit HOG Chapter

Approx. 22 members on 15 bikes from the Skagit H-D sponsored Chapter met up with us at the border. Rode to the Import warehouse to view the museum bikes for a couple of hours. Many of our members met up with us there. Then off to the Maritime Pub for lunch and socializing. This group really appreciated seeing the bikes as many had never been up to Vancouver before. Special thanks to Ken at the warehouse for coming out on his day off and opening up for us.

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Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 18, 1991

606 E. Broadway

7:00pm sharp

refreshment served

HOG Rally in Whitehorse

This is a definite go. Will be held July 17, 18 & 19 in Whitehorse, Yukon. There will be a planned ride originating from Dawson Creek Mile 0. One point to remember is that accommodation is limited. There are a block of rooms booked in Whitehorse and the number to call is: Doug Selland at 1-800-661-0454. Call immediately for a room and anyone not camping had best book rooms **NOW** for the entire route. We'll have more info at the next meeting in October. The tentative date of departure from Vancouver is July 11th to arrive in Whitehorse on the 16th.

New Executive

As mentioned at the beginning of the year, the entire Executive is retiring this year. That means that you'll need a Director, Assistant Director, Sec./Treasurer, Newsletter Editor and Ladies of Harley Officer for 1992. Nominations in Oct.-Nov. with the new Executive taking over in January/92. If you want to see this chapter continue **GET INVOLVED.**

Christmas Party

This year we are taking to the water. We have chartered a yacht for Dec. 18th for a 4 hour cruise.

Christmas Party

December 18, 1991

On a Harbour Cruise Ship

Limited tickets

Book Early

We will join up with the Carol Ships. Tickets available at the Oct. meeting and are limited so come out to the meeting.

HOG Chapter

We have ordered sweatshirts with our Chapter patch on the left-side on a dark blue sweatshirt. Cost is \$30 including all taxes. Available at our meetings or at Deeleys. Also available are small chapter patches for \$5 each, flags for \$20 and large HOG patches for \$16.

If you think you see a familiar face riding a 1992 Springer, turquoise and white Springer Softtail, k.d. lang just picked up on from Deeleys.

Deeleys Specials

Free Service pick-up effective Oct. 1st. within a 30 km range, for winter service, customizing, high performance work or storage. Available again this year is a heated, insured warehouse for winter storage for your bike. Please remove your battery.

Chapter discount does apply to the cost of \$50 per month.

Bike Ban in Germany?

For all our grumbles about politicians, ICBC, helmet laws, we have nothing on Germany. A member of the German parliament named Gunter Oettinger has stated repeatedly that motorcycles perhaps should be banned from the highways by the year 2000.

His reasons are grounded in the fact that our chances are 14 times as great to get into an accident on a bike. Needless to say, this fellow is very unpopular with the bike press.

Another new star on the German scene is the head of the German Medical Association. Much like the trukey in Maryland who proposed the catastrophic health insurance for motorcyclist this trukey wants the same for German motorcyclist. The kicker is

that he also wants to require if of smokers and others engaged in risky business. Fortunately, reception for his plan has been chilly.

Tires!

Think your Harley tires are too pricey? Try the tires on the **Lamborghini LM002**. The Pirelli Scorpions on that \$158,000 125mph jeep cost \$2,200 US apiece! Special flanges on the sidewalls improve floatation in soft sand and mud.

Daytona

For those of you who like to plan ahead, **Daytona Bike Week** will take place February 28 - March 8, 1992.

Warning re a Potential Road Hazard

Make it a habit so stay well back from, or pass outright, or carrying anything in an open trailer or open truck body.

On a recent brief ride (I just went out to blow my bike dry after washing it) I was passed by a couple in a Jeep Wagoneer, with a large flat cardboard box tied on top. They hadn't got more than 150 yards past me when pooff!, off comes the cardboard box and goes sliding down the road behind them.

Fortunately, I was able to avoid the box completely, without difficulty, so it didn't pose a problem for me. I stopped to help then retrieve what was left of appeared to be a skylight for a boat, and told the lady that while I didn't want to seem to be giving her a reprimand, she should realize that if something falls off of, or out of, her vehicle, she is 100% responsible for any damage that results.

I had hardly got this piece of free legal advice off my chest when a contractor's small flat-deck truck went by, and lost a bale of fiberglass insulation onto the roadway. A guy in a VW van immediately ran over it - he was following the truck so close there was no way in the world he could avoid it. He was lucky - what if it had been a wheel barrow, or a table saw?

The moral of the story is this:

1. never follow any vehicle so closely you can't avoid anything which may fall off or out of it. (or is revealed on the roadway as the other vehicle

passes over it.)*

2. if you see somebody with stuff tied to the roof of their car, assume it was tied on by an idiot supplied only with light string. (This is often not very far off the truth, in all respects.) Therefore, pass them or let them stay well ahead of you.

3. if you see somebody towing a trailer, make similar assumptions, and take similar precautions. (I once passed a Honda Civic towing a U-Haul trailer. The licence plate was from somewhere out near Porkypine Crotch, Saskatchewan. The guy was using a rented trailer hitch of the type that clamps to the bumper. The bumper? well, it was about half tore off the car. I hope to tell ya, people, I motored right on by!

* A piece of plywood - e.g. a highway road sign - laying spluck down on the road is easy enough to drive over, but if it gets tossed up into the air by the

back draft of a truck you are following, you are going to eat it. I have seen this exact thing happen, and the result was minor - the following driver clipped the sign with the left front bumper of his car, and suffered nothing more than a bit of green sign paint rubbed off onto his bumper. But to a

motorcyclist, it could have been fatal.

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