



Harley Owners Group

Red Deer H.O.G.® Chapter # 9035

News letter April 2011.



Click on <http://www.gasolineallyharleydavidson.com> and click on the icon, or go to www.reddeerhog.com to open up the **Red Deer Chapter #9035 Web site**, for copies of the full H.O.G.® Chapter Newsletters, Events Schedule Calendar, Rides, L.O.H.™, Officers, History, Photo Album, Links, Forms, and a **Members Board** - where you can **CHAT and Post Comments, Leave messages, and Posts.**



Rick Mulhall , Editor Red Deer H.O.G.® Chapter #9035. Once again my riding plans were dashed by the “**White - No Riding Powder**”. My bike remained fast a sleep like Rip Van Motor Winkle. My friends; one and all; dashed off to warm climates throughout the winter, to get some riding time in the saddle, preparing their Minds and Body’s, their Reflexes, the Twisting motion of the Wrist, much like Spring Baseball Camp. (well; actually they were Killing brain cells, and expanding their Bellies). But for me, I had to resort to squeezing a rubber ball to work on my wrist muscles, and watching “Hog Wild” and “Easy Rider” movies over and over again. My friend Ron would sit on his bike, in his heated Garage, “NO Helmet”, making vroom, vroom noises, with his i-pod pounding...“Heading down the Highway....Looking for Adventure”..... OK, ok I’m stretching it a bit, but I am bored, itchy, bitchy, and twitchy. We are more than month behind last year, “Come on, already”. I sure **hope every one Had a Good Easter**, maybe some nice **Family time**, or a quick trip. It’s a time of reflection and a season to be thankful for



what we have. The first GAHD Poker run April 16, turned out to be a Snow day, so we hoped for some nice weather for the **Spring Kick off on April 30**. It turned out to be cool and windy, the Temperature’s were at least in the +, so it didn’t scare off many bikes. It was pretty busy, good deals, great burgers, and lots of people. Thanks to all the volunteers that helped out, flipping burgers, and selling H.O.G.® Memberships and Merchandise. I dusted off the Main Steed, this week for a short ride on Wed night, then rode our bike to GAHD for the day, Sat. But it hasn’t been really good weather. I hope we are into some awesome riding weather soon. Once the covers come off, we Bikers will be riding here and there, back and forth, up and down the highway, trying to cram in all the lost riding time from last year. We will be like a bunch of “little kids”.... remember when your mothers would have to call us by our “Entire full length Legal names to get us to come in at night? Now they have i-phones and we just text them. We had a few Members return from Myrtle Beach, Smoky Mountains so stories are slowly surfacing. A few others are just finishing up at the Laughlin River Run, so hope they had a good trip.

Mel and Bob will be putting on a “**Riders Edge**” **Training Course**, designed for **NEW and EXPERIENCED RIDERS**, that want to brush up on their **Group Riding Skills and Safety** on the Road. **May 7, at 10:00 am at GAHD upstairs in the Board Room**. See the information below. May, will also bring the “**Mothers Day Ride**”, “**Demo Days**”, and “**Sell your bike Day**”. The next Up coming H.O.G.® event is the “**Family Camp out**” **June 4-5**. **I will fill all the members in as the day approaches. But don’t forget to get the camper trailers, tents and Golf clubs ready, for a weekend at the Golf course / camp ground south of Rimby. For this event we are gearing it a little more towards a family event, that you can bring your kids, grand kids, etc. to share a weekend and meet some of our motorcycling friends.**

Remember, **Sunday Brunch at 10:00 AM, Smitty’s on Gasoline Alley.** Rick Mulhall Editor.



Mel Carr Safety Officer Red Deer H.O.G.® Chapter #9035.

Mel and Bob will be putting on a **“Riders Edge” course** **On Saturday, May 7, 2011, at 10:00 AM, at GAHD, upstairs in the board Room.** Weather and time permitting, they will go for a short ride afterwards. The Riders Edge Course, is geared for New and Experienced Riders, with a focus on Group riding techniques and Safety on the road. Pre book with Mel, at [403-597-5337](tel:403-597-5337), or email mel.carr56@yahoo.ca or just show up at GAHD, a little before 10:00, This is the day before the Mothers day ride so may fit in nicely, to help people become comfortable in a group situation. **Come on out, Brush up on your Skills. Do not be shy, or nervous. This course will help alleviate some of those Group riding fears.**

Obituaries



MEGNA
Peter Michael Plotto
 (1953 - 2011)
 Unexpectedly on March 31, 2011 in Hamilton, ON. Loved son of John (1986) and Siria. Dear brother to Bob (Plotto), Robert (Chiara), Michael and Lina (2001). Always a loving and involved Dad to Dan (Laurie), Sara (Glen), Kathleen (Chris), Brittany and Clayton. Devoted Pappy to Emily, Rion, Jaclyn and Rawny. Great friend and partner to Debra. Peter will be sorely missed by Cathy and Dave, Pat and John, Laura and Jamie, Bev and Darren, his nieces and nephews and many wonderful friends in Cayuga, Guelph, Toronto and Red Deer, Alberta. Peter loved life, his family, his Twisted Lemon family and his Harley, Josephine. A Master Craftsman, his work is in homes and businesses across North America and the Turks and Caicos Islands. He was larger than life and his booming laugh and generous spirit was an inspiration to live every day to the fullest. A private cremation has been held and a celebration of his life will be held on Sunday May 1st, 2011 from 3 p.m.-9 p.m. at Twisted Lemon Restaurant in Cayuga, ON. (Contact Dan 905-229-9565). Peter's love for his children and family will be remembered most and any donations in his memory can be made to the Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto.

Just a heads up for any one that remembers one of our past Chapter H.O.G.® members, that moved back down east a couple of years ago. I clipped this out of the local Red Deer Advocate. Peter Megna was a member of our Chapter, who we All probably went on a ride or two, with him. He attended many events, Poker runs, and hung around at GAHD, and attended many H.O.G.® breakfasts. I would like to express our condolences to his family, and friends. Peter will be Riding in the Wind.

Don't forget to sign up for the **“Local Chapter Mileage Contest”**. We would like to get **ALL LOCAL MEMBERS** to **Sign up and enter their opening and closing Mileage** this year, no matter how few. There will be **1st, 2nd**, prize for the most miles, but also a **Nice Prize Draw from EVERY ONE** that participated and contributed to the overall **Chapter Challenge Goal** of over a **Million Miles**. Participation Draw will be at the fall Members AGM Meeting. Fill out the form, take a picture of your Opening Odometer, and email it to register. Then send your closing by Oct. 30.

I would like to **Encourage Members to “Be Part of the Newsletter” Yes You.** **Send me a couple of paragraphs and a few pics about your “Favourite Ride” this summer, a “Unique Destination”, a “H.O.G.® Event”, or an “Interesting Experience”.** **Keep it Current, Clean, Family Oriented, and I will reserve the option to use it or not, and will have to Edit anything for useable Content in Accordance to the Rules and Regulations of the H.O.G.® Charter. We want to hear from our Local Chapter Harley Owners.**

E-mail me at editorhog9035@yahoo.ca Thanks Rick Mulhall.



Gerry Johnston, Membership, Red Deer H.O.G.® Chapter #9035.

The local HOG chapter web site will be updated by the end of April so that **“Only the Current Membership”** will be recognized or receive **Chapter E-Mails**. If you have been waiting to register **PLEASE** get it done **ASAP**. Membership forms are still available on the **H.O.G.®** Chapter Website. Print it out, fill it in, and bring your completed form along with \$20 to the Sunday Breakfasts, or drop it off at GAHD. I will update your status on the Chapter website, weekly. **Don't forget to sign up.**



Peg Averill Treasurer, Red Deer H.O.G.® Chapter #9035. The local H.O.G.® Chapter has a Limited amount of **“Red Deer Chapter Pins”** approx., 1-1/2 inch diameter, like the Eagle above, with **“Red Deer Alberta”** in the logo. **\$15 dollars each**. We also have, **“H.O.G.® Merchandise”**. Flags Hats, Bags, Chapter T-shirts, Playing Cards etc. You can order items from the attached Document, by sending an email to members@reddeerhog.com. We have some items on display at GAHD in the showcase, and will be selling merchandise at some GAHD events. See you at later. **Peg**



Sandra Olsen LADIES OF HARLEY™, Red Deer Chapter #9035. The **L.O.H.™** met for dinner April 14, at All Greek to Me. I want to remind Ladies they **Do Not have to be a member of the Local Chapter to participate in LADIES OF HARLEY™**, you only need to be a member of the **National H.O.G.®** group. **L.O.H.™** Sandra Olsen.



Bob Paradis mans the Local RD H.O.G.® Chapter booth at the Spring Kick Off at GAHD April 30, 2011.



GAHD Spring Kick off, April 30, 2011.



Hope you had a
Super Easter.

(Sorry; I had to use this picture
again this Easter). Rick Mulhall
Editor .

RED DEER HARLEY OWNERS GROUP
CHAPTER 9035
MILEAGE PROGRAM

Member Name _____

H.O.G.® Membership # CD _____ Expiry Date _____

BEGINNING MILEAGE _____

Verification _____

ENDING MILEAGE _____

Verification _____

Mileage must be verified at the beginning and the end of the riding season. Have a member of the Executive look at your odometer or take a picture with your phone or camera. Executive member's names may be located on the Red Deer Chapter website www.reddeerhog.com or send us an email at members@reddeerhog.com with your form and opening mileage picture.

Closing Mileage program forms must be submitted to the Executive before the Annual General Meeting by October 30, 2011, so we can tabulate the results.

This is a chapter sponsored program and is separate from the H.O.G.® Mileage Program. All participants must belong to the local chapter and be current with their National Membership at time of form submittal.

Members that log the most miles during our riding season will be announced at our AGM in November and prizes will be awarded.

We want everyone to participate, so along with this we would like to hold a Chapter Mileage Challenge. Our goal is 1 Million collective kilometres. We would like everyone to submit their total mileage for the upcoming riding season to us no matter how many. As an added bonus we will be holding a participation prize draw at the AGM in November for everyone that has submitted their mileage. Sign up now and good luck.