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We miss you Ric...



Ric McKenzie Memorial

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RECOMMENDS MID-VALLEY
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OUR HOG CHARITY THIS YEAR:
THE CHARITY RIC AND WENDY
DESIGNATED IN LIEU OF GIFTS
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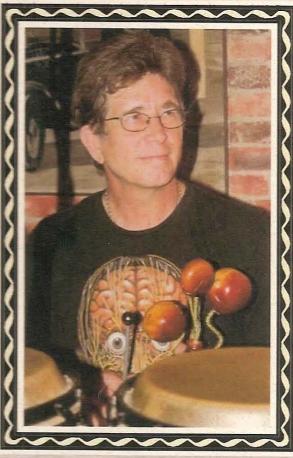
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Photo: Keith Harris

Richard 'Ric' McKenzie

September 30, 1954 - January 18, 2012







Oh my luv's like a red, red rose, that's newly sprung in June.
Oh my luv's like a melody, that's sweetly played in tune.
How fair art thou, my bonnie lad, sae deep in luv am I,
That I will luv thee still my dear, when all the seas gang dry.

When all the seas gang dry my luv, and the rocks melt wi' the sun And I will luv thee still my dear, when the sands of time have run.

Robert Burns

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We lost our great friend Ric McKenzie last month. He passed away at home on January 18, 2012, taken by the esophageal cancer he had fought for over a year. The celebration of his life was held at the Scottish Rite Temple on January 28, and we rode to it and for it.

It sure was nice to see so many people from the HOG club get together for a ride this early in the year. The sun was shining, and the road was dry. It couldn't

have been a better day in January for a mid-day ride. It's just that the occasion was a celebration of the life of someone who, sadly, we won't see on another ride. And we were the opening part of the celebration. There must have been 30 bikes riding to the memorial for Ric. We were the Thunder Salute to Ric, bringing this part of his life to the rest of the group celebrating his life. They brought things to the celebration also, that we knew nothing

about. A running slide show, with childhood pictures; a music video of the band he and Wendy played in; personal memories shared with everyone; and the Drum Circle Tribute at the end was incredibly moving. It is so wonderful to have known him: he had so many interests, so many sides, was such a multi-faceted person. It seems though, with such a rich celebration of his life, you realize that maybe you didn't know him well enough.

Pictures of the ride and memorial on page 14.

Think of Wendy before a ride. Offer to take her along. She is gonna need to get out on the road.

Ric and Wendy McKenzie on the Fall Colors Ride. Mount Hood in the background.



Photo: Keith Harris

The NEW Salemhog.org Website!

Most members are aware that the chapter web site has been rebuilt. It incorporates a public information area with a password protected members only area. All Salem HOG members should be able to log in now. If you have not received an e-mail with login credentials, or if you are unable to log in, you can click the "Lost Password" link to reset your password --Or e-mail Loni Barrett (webmaster@salemhog.org) for assistance.

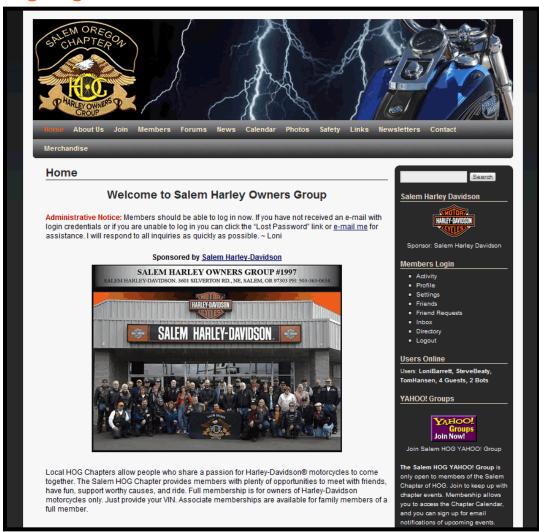
The new site features social networking software including photo profiles, bios, private messages, an activity wall, message forums and more. Once logged in you will have access to all password protected areas of the site, along with the social networking features. You don't have to use the social features of the new site, but it might make your online experience with Salem HOG a little more enjoyable. Go ahead and give it a try!

We're working as fast as possible to restore all the old site content back to the web site. We anticipate that is going to take a little time based on the volume of data to be transferred. Please bear with us and we'll do our best to get it completed and keep it

up-to-date with the latest information.

Got ideas? We'd love to hear them! The web site will be continually tweaked so speak right up if you have ideas. We'll use as many of them as possible.

~Loni Barrett



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About the new Webmaster



Loni Barrett is a relatively new member of Salem HOG but is not new to motorcycling. She has been riding motorcycles since age 12, back when there wasn't much else for a rural kid to do. Loni still rides both dirt and street bikes. She owns a 2007 cobalt blue Harley-Davidson Dyna Super Glide Custom . In addition to Salem HOG, she is active with Patriot Guard Riders.

She is self-employed as a web developer and in a geeky way, enjoys working on the Salem HOG web site. ①

HOG Board Meeting Minutes

We have chosen The Women's Crisis Center as our charity for the 2012 year. We have chose this charity to honor the passing of Ric McKenzie. It was Wendy's recommendation to give to this charity instead of flowers or other choices we could make. This was a charity Ric supported. Thirty plus members showed up to say good bye to Ric and support Wendy at his memorial. We are also considering putting together a Tribute to Fallen Members Ride. This ride would honor lost members and their loved ones. We would put it on our annual calender as the first weekend in June. This year it would fall on June 2nd or 3rd. We will discuss this further at our next meeting.

Albany Bowling Party needs a head count by the 10th, Karen is going to put a request out on yahoo and the web forum in order to get a count of Salem members attending.

Jim is going to draft a donation request letter for this years poker run set for July 8th. Jim will send it to Loni, and she will put it on web site as a PDF file for members to download and use.

We need a committee for planning poker run and it will meet separately from board. We are looking for people who are interested in helping, and ideas. One idea that was suggested is to have the Chateau Rouge as the final destination. It was a favorite stop on last year's route.

Mark Dostal is looking for ideas in putting together the New Members Packets.

Officers attending HOT this year are Mark and JoAnne at Minneapolis, and Dana and Kym at San Diego.

Loni reported that the website is going well. She has a letter coming out in the news letter with help and information on the website. She has added a spot where potential new members can interact to get information on becoming part of our group. So far we have 5 people coming as guests to check us out. She has requested that we delete past events and rides that we post as they pass to keep site current. Pioneer group has requested a link to join our calendars and ride posts together to further help our groups merge. Dana will get Loni hooked up with Pioneer forum so she can work on this project.

If we become 2 separate chapters, we would like to hold a dual chapter Christmas party. After all we are sponsored by one dealer.

We are still looking for The Rock'n Riders Salem HOG bylaws. We have corporate HOG bylaws in place and that is all that is required of us. However it is rumored we have additional ones of our own. Bob will check with Secretary of State Corporation Division to see if they have anything else.. Other board members will be checking with past board members to see what is known on this subject.

July 5th Board Meeting will be at Dana and Kym's home. Both Pioneer and Salem officers will be attending this meeting.

Next Road Captains Meeting is set for February 18th at the dealership. Next Board Meeting is set for March 1st at Great Wall Chinese Buffet if meeting room is available. Loni is setting up and will notify us.

January Meeting Highlights

Activities Co-chair Jeannette Beaty sells raffle tickets



Bill Rietz plotting his rides for the summer

Assistant Director Dana Johnston describing things to Secretary Kym and Historian Joanne Dostal

Photos: Karen Brown Page 6

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New members: Duane Dahlum, Morey Marks

Safety Notice by Jim Johnson, Safety Officer: Check bike with service department if there is a collision: Jim's swing arm got bent in a less-thanwalking-speed nudge from behind. Riding is nice but cool: watch out for icy spots!

New web site info from Loni Barrett: she sent email to each with login and password. You can change the password if you want. Social media internal, message board also.

Jeanette Beaty is co-chair of activities. Joanne Dostal: historian and Ladies of Harley.

Mark Dostal reports on the Christmas party: WOW: great food, the best we ever have had, the bartenders knew how to mix drinks. Servers were very attentive. If you stayed over, the rooms were swank: fireplace, spacious.

Bob Wiro discusses ABATE's new push is to change Oregon's helmet law: the thinking is to get a route to the Pacific Ocean to draw bikers who won't wear helmets. Try to have businesses pressure state legislators to pass a helmet -optional rule.

Bill Rietz announces the Cowboy Dinner Tree ride on August 4 and 5. Dinner is\$30 even including tip. Need to be paid in advance by the July meeting. Desert Inn Motel is reserved already. Call to pay for your room: 541-576-2262

Chapter charity this coming year—prepare ideas to present to the chapter at a later meeting.

Million Mile Monday last Monday in June: the 25th this year. Bill Rietz is planning his usual Cascades route.

Bowling in Albany next month. Call Dana if you want to attend. Half off labor continues at SHD until perhaps mid-February. Their open house is at the end of February. Chili cook off at dealership in March.

Mark Dostal is part of the planning for Tribute to Fallen Soldiers. There is a new organization putting on the ride. Mark will keep us updated as the event is developed.

Prizes:

Raffle

50/50 Kathy Wells \$37, Bob Wiro shirt,

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Vest: Mark D

Pot of Gold \$60: Catherine Johnston

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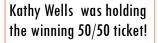
Let it Ride \$63: Polar Bear Ride—Bob Thomas drawn, and he was on the

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ride!

New member Morey Marks mugs for camera above.

Below: Don Nash is grateful a HOG member has taken on the Chilly Buns Run in mid-February







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February 2012

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12	13	14 Salem HOG Meeting: Salem Elks Club 7 PM	15	16	17	18 Road Captain Meeting SHD 10
19 Chilly Buns Ride Stayton 10 AM	20	21	22	23	24	25 Salem HD Open House 10-6 Bowling Night at Lakeside Lanes in Albany 7-9
26	27	28	29			



The Cowboy Dinnertree ride is an overnight annual event. The ride is to a ranch restaurant outside of Silver Lake, Oregon, where dinner is a 2 pound stead or a whole chicken, sides, and dessert.. We spend the night at a motel in Christmas Valley, abut 20 miles from the restaurant. This year, the ride is on August 4th and 5th. Info at right—>

March 2012

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11	12	13 Salem HOG Meeting: Salem Elks Club 7 PM	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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All 16 rooms at the Desert Inn Motel have been reserved for Salem HOG. You will have to call and make your reservation for a room: 541-576-2262. When you call the motel you need to tell them you are with the Salem HOG Group. I will hold these rooms until 2 weeks before we go and if any are left I will turn them loose.

You will need to have your meal paid for by the July HOG meeting. The cost of the meal is \$30.00 and that includes the tip. If someone cancels and I can get the meal stopped or sold, your money will be refunded.

Thanks, Bill Rietz.

DON NASH'S WORLD FAMOUS

ChilLY BUNS RUN

SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 19TH

MEET AT STAYTON BI-MART 10AM - KICK STANDS UP 11AM 1701 SHAFF ROAD - STAYTON, OREGON

"Come freeze 'ur buns off FOR CHARITY!



No ENTRY FEE - NO REGISTRATION -JUST SHOW UP FOR A FUN RIDE! 50-50 - RAFFLE PRIZES

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT "HOST", A NW HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAM BENEFITTING HOMELESS & ABANDONED YOUTH IN OUR COMMUNITY.

PRAY FOR SUN BUT SHOULD IT RAIN, WE DON'T CARE, WE'LL FEEL NO PAIN!
IN OUR LEATHERS N HEATED GEAR, WE'LL BE SNUGGLY WARM 'N HAVE NO FEAR.
IT'S FOR CHARITY YOU KNOW, AND WE ALL WILL AGREE,
A RIDE TO HELP THOSE LESS FORTUNATE. IS THE BEST A RIDE CAN BE!

QUESTIONS? CONTACT LOUISE SCHUENING @ 503-559-2890 OR SOFTAILRIDER6@YAHOO.COM

Do you ride a lot? Then this is for you! The annual mileage contest.

Road Report this month:

River Road from Salem to Independence: some sunken grade between the tracks, not bad.

Hwy 34 from Philomath to Alsea Summit: all great Mary's Peak Road: sand and small tree debris.

Kings Valley Hwy: sunken grade has severe drop-off, otherwise fine

Monmouth Cutoff to KVH: great

Buena Vista Road: open from Spring Hill to Independence Brownsville-Sweethome-Lebanon:: no issues

Clark County Scenic Tour Route past Battleground Lake up to Yacolt: no issues

Silver Falls: a little wet, some snow still on the sides of the road, but only through the trees.

Cascade Highway from Silver Falls to 22: no issues

Salem HOG has an annual mileage contest. It is easy!! Provide me your name, ride model and current mileage. At the end of the year provide me with your ending mileage. If you have more that one ride just make sure that the mileage is specific to that bike. Send a message through the website friend list with your information.

For those who participated last year and have already provided 2011 ending mileage or you have otherwise contacted me you are already on the list. Winners announced at the Christmas Dinner... LO, HI, and Average miles are the winner categories.

Jim Johnson, Safety Officer 🖳



Rose City Motorcycle Club Event

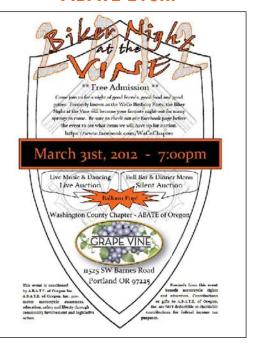
SWEETHEART RIDE 2012

A benefit for the local fight against multiple sclerosis

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2012



ABATE Event



The Salem HOG Poker Run

Salem HOG traditionally hosts a Summer Poker Run the Sunday after July 4th. This year, 2012, the date should be July 8th!

Your help is needed if we wish to follow-up last years success. The Poker Run is our main fund raising event for the

year. Volunteers are requested to help in the following areas:



Donations coordinator
Staff the various Poker Run Stops
Route Planning

Clean-up

Rider/Passenger Check-in

--many other areas that I am forgetting right now!

Please consider volunteering some of your most valuable time!

Thanks! Craig Gilmore

Bear Camp Road Adventure: by Louise Schuening

It was mid-July 2002. I set out round noon heading (thinking I'd be home by dark) to Agnes, Oregon to get my passport stamped as part of RCMC's Grand Tour. I had heard about Bear Camp Road and thought I would see if it lived up to its reputation from what other riders had told me. Little did I know when I set out that it lives beyond its reputation. As I turned onto Bear Camp Road I realized what I had been hearing on the news was happening right in front of me. The Illinois and Biscuit fires had converged in the area and burned over 500,000 acres of forest. I rode in amazement taking in pristine, untouched fir trees on one side of the road and charred remains on the other. Mother Nature surely has a plan of her own and all you can do is stay out of her way!

I was a little nervous making my way to Hwy. 101 with all the fire equipment, fire fighters, etc coming at me around every corner. Sharp, switchback corners. If you've never ridden Bear Camp Road it is a winding, narrow, no-barricade-drop-off-theedge, unkempt, heaved, chew up, steep in parts, gravel in parts road you love to hate! Top speed maybe 15 or 20 mph. I laughed out loud when I saw a sign "road narrows" mid-way. What could be narrower than a one-lane with turnouts road? A bicycle lane? Well yes that's about what it became. I soon realized this wasn't a good idea riding solo this day. but took some comfort in the fire crews around me. If I broke down, well, I could always get a

ride with one of these cute wildland firefighters, right?

I continued on carefully, winding my way slowly to the coast. I stopped dead when I came upon a steep gravel downgrade. I knew it was time to turnaround but as they say, "once you've passed the halfway point, there's no turning back." I thought long and hard and soon developed the nerve to put the bike in gear. Slow and steady and no front brake. I made it, though rolling on the throttle, uphill on a gravel road has a feeling all its own. Sonof-a-bitch that is not a good feeling! Now I don't have a problem going down-l just pick the bike back up and continue on but the slope really both-

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Bear Camp Road...continued

ered me. And I was getting tired and had enough "rough road" for one day. I soon arrived in Agnes and got the passport stamped and was on my way. I'd had enough adventure for one day.

The road improved greatly and now I was able to admire the scenery. Gone were the charred remains of trees that once stood tall and proud. Gone were the crews and all their heavy equipment. Gone was the trepidation I had been feeling the last three hours. Yes it took me three hours to travel perhaps 55 miles. I knew I'd never make it home before dark and the adventure had only begun.

While riding up Hwy. 101, I ran into a raccoon (or some varmint) and miraculously remained upright. My heart racing and underwear now creamed I continued on. It was now getting dark and ahead I could see tailights jumping side to side and I knew something didn't look quite right. As I approached I saw a dead deer and car on the side of the road, its front end and hood smashed. I called 9-1-1 and remained with a young 17-year old girl who had hit her second deer in a month along this stretch of road. I suggested she start taking an alternate route hereafter!

Thinking I'd had enough for the day I stopped to get a room in

Winchester Bay. No luck. No luck in Florence either. I continued on hoping my excitement was over for this ride. All I wanted was a straight road sans animals, to be home safe and sound and a hot shower.

The ride continued, uneventful until Veneta. After a gas-munchiepee stop my trusty Thelma would not start. She was dead as a doornail. What could have happened and how could she let me down now? After the day I'd had? I spied a slope off the gas station driveway incoming off the road and figured I could get a push and get going once again. One problem-the only person around was the 70-something female clerk in the gas station mart. Didn't think she was the one. I waited and waited until finally a young, healthy looking guy arrived. I asked, rather sheepishly, if he wouldn't mind giving me a long push so I could get going. He obliged-even at midnight-even in the inebriated state he was in. God Bless him!

I arrived home at 2:am safe and sound and filled with excitement. What a day I'd had! I knew this was a ride I'd never forget and I haven't. I think of Bear Camp Road as a road I love-and also a road I hate. It has been improved, albeit

very little, since 2002 but it still remains a "rough road" in my book. I love it!!!

They say riding is an adventure and that is an understatement. I've ridden over a hundred thousand miles, across the country solo, been drenched by a water truck from a paving crew, scared shitless by a coyote that chased me, broken down in the middle of nowhere, followed a horse n buggy in Michigan to a charming, little country church, nearly killed by hay bales falling off a truck in front of me, swarmed by bees, run into by another bike, ticketed by unsympathetic cops, "let off" by the nice ones a hundred times, slogged through snow without falling, lost with not a soul in sight, sans GPS, drenched by sudden thunderstorms in Eastern Oregon, and a thousand other "events," all of which bring a smile to my face when I recall them. Every ride creates a memory in one form or another. All good; all longlasting and best of all, none serious enough to prevent me from telling about them! Yes, life is good and riding definitely has made it better!



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Are you a member in good standing? What does that mean? Well, it means that you are eligible for chapter prizes for rides, attending a meeting and wearing your vest/HOG regalia. And you don't have to sign a release when attending HOG rides. How do you know you are a member in good standing? You can recall if you filled out a membership enrollment form for this year, and paid your national and chapter dues. If you can't remember, the membership coordinator, Louise Schuening, probably has your national dues status, and certainly has your local dues status.

Remember, there is a \$4.00 discount if you pay by the end of March. If you do not pay by that date, you will be removed from the SalemHOG web user group and the Yahoo HOG newsgroup, in addition to not being eligible for drawings and needing to sign the release for every ride you attend. We want to ride with you, but remember that membership has privileges, so please be sure you are current on your dues, so you have these privileges.

Enrollment form on facing page.

Give to Louise Schuening

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM AND RELEASE

CHAPTER NAME		
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I have read the Annual Charter for H.6 dealer sponsored chapter,	O.G. Chapters and hereby a	agree to abide by it as a member of this
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something for you.
Check out the display at the
front table prior to the meeting, during the break, or immediately after the meeting.

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Large Reflective National HOG Patch \$25.00
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Salem Chapter Pin \$10.00 Hats \$16.00
Short sleeve T-shirt \$ 25.00
Long sleeve T-shirt \$30.00
(slightly more for plus-sizes)

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