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Director's Report

Well, we went from "I don't think it's ever gonna be summer" to "Daaang, It's hot out there". Such is life, and weather, in Santa Fe. I think most of us have lived in areas where we are not nearly so fortunate though and I'll take this any day. What a great time to be out riding. Lot's of opportunities for us to participate in chapter sponsored rides, store rides and other events all summer long so I encourage you all to take advantage of as many of these as you possibly can cause summer don't last forever.

If you haven't yet volunteered for helping with some of these events please do. We are always needing chapter members to help out with our dealerships weekly hot dog burns. It's a great way to meet folks, help raise funds for chapter events, etc. while having a ton of fun doing it. Check with Jody or any other board member to find out more about volunteering for this and for other events coming down the road.

I would also like to take this opportunity to re-state our mission. As a HOG chapter we have a simple primary function and that is to:

Ride And Have Fun.

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If we ain't riding and we ain't having fun, we are failing in our mission. So with that in mind...

Harley UP!



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Assistant Director's Report

FIRST DAY OF SUMMER, Vamonos muchachos y muchachas. Well the time of year we were waiting for is finally here and to say the least, it has been pretty nice riding weather. I have been riding my bike for the most part to work everyday and let me tell you, when I approach that left turn to my office, I really struggle to make that turn, I would much rather continue up 285 and go play for the day.

The board has been working hard trying to make our rides enjoyable and fun for everyone and we have had anywhere from 30 to 50 members and guest at any given time. Our upcoming chapter picnic on July 10th should be a fun ride and I can assure you the grub is going to be worth the trip up there, as if the ride alone to Eagle Nest wasn't enough of a reward.

I know there are a lot of members out there that receive this letter and read it and then delete it but never come to any of our events. I want to reach out to you and to those of you who are members but have been inactive for a while, come on out next month and join us in Eagle Nest for some fun, food and music (Steve, don't forget the jams). Also, on July 9th, Capture the Flag will be at Santa Fe Harley Davidson, come out and support our chapter. We will be having food, music and other fun events as well. Hope to see you all there.

That's it for me for now, hope to see all of you out there for Capture the Flag on July 9th and then for our chapter picnic on July 10th. Spread the word to all of your motorcycle buddies to come out to the dealership on the 9th and get their bikes washed, whether it's a Harley or not, maybe we can convert them to real bike riders. ☺

Remember that the view in your rear view mirror is a memory of the adventure that awaits you up ahead. Ride safe.

Membership Report

Local Members – 101

Italian Members - 34

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Head Road Captain

Bob Bob Bob

I know this is sort of late, but I just wanted to thank all of the fine chapter members that participated in the Harley-Davidson Demo rides. I would love to thank all of you by name, but I would feel guilty if I forgot to mention someone that helped. The weather was cold and blustery the first day and the next day was just plain ole COLD! We had over a hundred riders participate and you could certainly tell they enjoyed feeling the new rides and all the power, bells and whistles that is Harley-Davidson.

To all of you that participated I want to thank you so very much for your help. Without your support activities like this would be very difficult to accomplish.

Remember we have a lot of riding ahead and hopefully spring will be a thing of the past and we can enjoy a windless and SMOKELESS ride.

Take care and see you on the road!!

July / August Calendar

JULY	AUGUST
1st – 4th Check out SFHD website for activities happening over the 4th of July weekend 9th Capture the Flag <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bikini Bike Wash • In-store Poker Run 10th HOG Party- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picnic at Eagles Nest 14th Bike Night @ Josh's BBQ 17th Store Ride- High Road to Mora 22nd-24th Rough Riders Rally in Las Vegas 23rd LAR- 518/Vegas/64 23rd Patriot Tour Flag Escort- check SFHD website for additional info 30th LAR- Cripple Creek (tentative) – Watch for any updates for this ride	11th Bike Night 14th HOG Party – Ponderosa 27th LAR – Amarillo (tentative) – Watch for any updates for this ride 28th Store Ride – Jemez Springs

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Web Dude Report

Eric

My First Motorcycle

My first motorcycle could hardly be called that – it was a 50cc Suzuki that I got at a garage sale when I was 14 for the huge sum of \$30.00. I have searched the Internet, but can't find a picture of it anywhere – I don't guess that Suzuki wants the GSXR buyers of today to imagine that they ever built such a thing! It kind of resembled the Honda 90s & 110s that were everywhere back then.

It did not have such fancy amenities as an electric starter, but it started pretty easily with a kick or two, and there was no kill switch. To stop that little powerhouse, there was a loop of wire coming out of the top of the carburetor (remember those?) that would kill the engine when pulled up. A classmate of mine, Bryan, said he knew how to rebuild such engines, and I took him at his word. It turned out that his idea of a rebuild was to take it all apart & simply put it back together, changing nothing. That would have been alright, but something DID change. I was assigned the task of pulling the exhaust pipe and cylinder head off, while he "rebuild" the carburetor.

Following the rebuild, I decided that it would be a good idea to test start it before replacing the muffler, as it was quite a task with many pieces of hardware securing the high mounted muffler to the pressed steel frame. Well, it started just fine, and with just a stub exhaust pipe, it was LOUD! The main problem, however, was not so much the noise; it ran wide open - and no amount of pulling on the wire loop on the carburetor would kill it! It would just dip in revs and then catch right back up to full throttle! I tried putting the front wheel against the back yard fence and popping the clutch, but the rear wheel just dug a trench until it was axle deep in sand and ground up shells. Great. Now what? The only thing left to do was to pull the wire off of the spark plug.

I wish I had a video of THAT! That old spark plug wire had cracks in it probably every three millimeters, and apparently, I was a VERY good ground. That ignition system had no battery; it just made electricity to run the engine whenever it was turning, and I'm guessing it was turning right around 14,000

R.P.M. Needless to say, it took a little while to STOP turning, and by the time it had, I had danced up a storm!

About a week later, my Dad was sweeping out the garage and found a little part that he thought maybe was part of my motorcycle. I took it to school and showed it to Bryan. "Oh. Needle valve from the carburetor", he says, so I take it home and get the carburetor off the bike and apart. Now I can see why it ran full throttle. No needle valve to regulate gas from the float bowl, and the slide was in backwards. Now, those old Keihin carbs had slots in the slides, and could be put in either correctly, or 180 degrees out. Guess how mine was? Yup. AND, to make matters worse, when the slide is in backwards, there is a stop tab in the slot that doesn't let the slide go all the way down.

Once everything was back together correctly, I just HAD to ride it down the street for a road test – and that's when I got my first ticket. No driver's license. No insurance. No registration. No license plate. No brake light. No rearview mirrors. Juvenile traffic court. 20 hours "volunteer" work for San Mateo County.

The little Suzuki was soon up for sale. I had painted it Kawasaki Green and got \$50.00 for it. I don't know what Bryan ever did with that old bike...

Greetings fellow riders...

Since we are now without an official chapter photographer and we have a password protected Photos page at the Website, please feel free to send *your* pictures in to be put on the page. They could be of chapter rides, unplanned rides, you and your bike, modifications to your bike, whatever. Just remember that this is a *family oriented* site, so nothing that needs to be censored please... Also, in keeping with H.O.G. National's rules, we cannot post pictures of minors. All you have to do is send them to me, the WebDude, at direwolf1958@yahoo.com. JPEG type photos are best, but I can deal with whatever format comes out of your digital camera... See ya on the road!

SFHD Hot Dog Burns

Each Saturday 11am-1:30pm

Volunteers needed for a couple hrs to cook / burn

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TREASURER'S NOTE:

Here is a picture of a name tag, we need a Minimum of 12 units to fill an order.
Price is \$10.00 each (pre-paid).



Harley Owners Group Merchandise

SDC Chapter Pin	\$10.00
SDC Chapter Tee (M-LG-XL)	\$20.00
SDC Chapter Tee (2XL)	\$22.00
SDC Chapter Long Tee Blk/Blu(M-LG-XL)	\$23.00
SDC Chapter Long Tee Blk/Blu(2XL)	\$25.00
Lg. HOG Patch	\$20.00
Lg. Chapter Rocker	\$20.00
Sm. HOG Patch	\$10.00
SM. Chapter Rocker	\$10.00
Lg. HOG Reflective Patch	\$25.00
Lg. HOG Reflective Chapter Rocker	\$25.00
HOG Mug	\$9.00
HOG Cap	\$20.00
HOG Flag W/Pole	\$50.00
Sm Rocker (Life Mem)	\$6.00



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**WOULD YOU LIKE
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We sure would like to have You as a member and become part of our Harley family. The Sangre de Cristo Harley Owners Group (H.O.G.) Chapter promotes safe motorcycling and social activities that are fun.

To become part of our local chapter
you must first join the “national”
Harley Owners Group
One year Membership:
\$45 Full / \$25 Associate

Once you enroll with “national” you
will be able to become a “local”
Sangre de Cristo H.O.G. Chapter Member
One year membership:
\$20 Full / \$15 Associate

Our Chapter Membership Officer has applications for both National & Local Membership.
Or stop by our sponsoring dealership, Santa Fe Harley-Davidson and submit an
application.

**OUR MISSION...
“TO RIDE AND HAVE FUN”**

**Santa Fe Harley Davidson
4360 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe, NM 87505
(505) 471-3808
Located Santa Fe Place Mall**



Store Hours

**Tuesday through Friday
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

**Saturday
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**Sunday
11:a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**



We Want You!

To Escort the Flag



The 2011 Patriot Tour is passing an American Flag through 48 States to Honor all of America's Armed Forces - Past, Present, Fallen, and their Families.

Santa Fe Harley-Davidson is an official stop along the route and would like as many riders as possible to come out and escort the Flag Bearers along this leg of the route.

Mark July 23rd on your calendars and watch our website for more details. You can also visit www.nationofpatriots.org for more information.



Bikes **BBQ** and Beer!

What could be Better?



July 14th and Aug 11th are our next two Bike Nights!

Join us every second Thursday of the Month at Josh's BBQ (3486 Zafarano Dr #A -Near Lowe's) for Great Food and a Great Time! (6 to 8 PM)

Free Fountain Drink with Meal Purchase (No, Beer is not a Fountain Drink—Sorry)



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Santa Fe Harley Davidson



Saturday, July 9 1:00 - 5:00 PM

Bikini Bike Wash
"Hogwash"

Plus:

- In-Store Poker Run
- Games
- Music
- Burgers and Dogs

Chapter Members Business Advertisements \$10 per issue



Don't miss the opportunity to get a raffle ticket to win this great prize. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased from any of the board members or from the dealership from one of the cashiers. The drawing will take place at the state rally and the proceeds from the raffle will go towards the chapter and for some the other activities we are planning for this year.



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