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DRIVEL FROM THE CRABDicator

My threat worked! After the last issue, Larry Segeleon said he was sending a story about his trip to South Dakota. Everyone should thank Larry for saving them from more bad motorcycle poetry.

Finally! A CRABS event is in the offing. Thanks to loyal CRABS Danny and Audra Bishop, we have a recommendation for a nice place to which we can ride and enjoy a repast in the company of our fellow riding raconteurs. On the way, we'll have a nice ride through the Amish country of St. Mary's and Charles Counties. For those of you who worry, we should be home before dark. 🏍️

crabs outing!!!!

SUNDAY

16 SEP 2007

3:00 PM

**RIDE-N-DINE TO
Captain Billy's
On Pope's Creek**

**MEET: PARKING LOT,
SHOPPING CENTER
BEHIND MCDONALD'S
ON RTE 5 NORTH OF
LEONARDTOWN.**

**RIDE: SCENIC ROADS
THROUGH AMISH
COUNTRY.**

**DINE: AT CAPTAIN
BILLY'S CRAB HOUSE
IN NEWBURG, MD.**

**ENJOY: A FINE RIDE
FOLLOWED BY MUCH
HILARITY BROUGHT
TO YOU BY "THE
USUAL SUSPECTS"**

**DON'T MAKE ME
COME LOOK FOR
YOU...**

South Dakota, Sue & Larry

by Larry Segeleon

Under the threat of more about Mark and/or more of Mark's poetry, I will help fill space by telling you of our trip to South Dakota. It all started like this: my wife Susie wanted to do something special for our tenth wedding anniversary - she wanted to do the fly-and-ride Harley-Davidson has for its members. The fly-and-ride is where you hop on a plane, fly to a participating city, and jump on any kind of Harley you want, all for \$100.00 a day with unlimited mileage.

So, we flew out to Rapid City, SD, hopped on a brand new Harley Ultra Classic (with only 3,873 miles on it) and rode for 5 days. If it was there, we saw it. We left no site unvisited: Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse, Deadwood, Bad Lands, Black Hills National Forest, Custer State Park, the waterfalls on 14A by Spearfish, Sturgis, and Devils Tower in Wyoming.

We panned for gold, gambled, and saw the reenactment of the murder of Wild Bill Hickok in Deadwood. We had a chuck wagon supper with tin plates and tin cups at the CR Ranch and a cozy anniversary dinner at the Fireside Inn. We saw buffalo, deer, antelope, wild donkeys, longhorn steers, and prairie dogs. We met the nicest people and had beautiful weather. Susie only has 2 weeks vacation a year, so we were only allotted one week for this vacation and we did it all, 884 miles, in 5 days.

If you know Susie, you know she is very organized (strange because she is a natural blonde). We sent off to the South Dakota tourism department and received a great catalog of things to do and see in

South Dakota. Susie being Susie, made up (and I am not making this up) an Excel spreadsheet of all the places we had highlighted in the catalog. Rapid City was the hub of the wheel where we had our motel. Each day's ride was set up as an out-and-back, not using the same routes.

It worked out perfectly. The GPS unit was loaded with sites before we left home and put it on the Harley. One of the things that made the trip so great was the weather: 5 days between 75 and 81 degrees and no rain to cloud the beautiful blue skies. The air was so clean and warm.

Another great thing was the people. No matter where we stopped or what we did, we met the nicest people. The geology student, Gale, who helped us pan for gold, was a wealth of information and a joy to know. Unfortunately, I am writing an article for Mark so you know we did not hit the mother lode. We found some gold, but not enough to quit our day jobs.

At the hotel, Jessica changed our room from an inside second floor to an outside first floor when she found out we had a bike. She did this without even being asked to do so. She also had our luggage moved for us while we were out riding. Our bartender at the motel, Pam, came in on her day off and brought her husband to meet us.

How would I describe South Dakota in one word? Contrasts. Granite Mountains covered in pine trees and endless grasslands without a tree in sight (the buffalo scene in *Dances with Wolves* was filmed there). Twisty winding roads through the mountains on Needles Highway and straight, flat superhighways with 75 mph speed limits on I-90.

Susie took 176 pictures on our trip, pictures of just about everything we saw and did. As Harley owners, we went to Sturgis; however, this was for our anniversary so we preferred not to do it with 500,000 of our closest friends. We wanted it to be just a little more intimate with just the two of us, so we did not go during bike week.

If you ever get the chance to go out to South Dakota, early June is the best time to go. We had very little traffic anywhere we went because tourist season had not really started yet. We rode miles without seeing another vehicle or passing one and the weather was perfect for riding. I could go on and on about all the things to do and see out there, but that would take up this whole issue. Instead just hit this site and they will send you the travel guide. <http://www.travelsd.com>

The only regret I have is that on all of those mountain roads, I was riding a lumbering, overweight, underpowered Harley. Deals Gap and the Dragon came to mind more than once on the ride up to Snowshoe, with its twisting turning 180's up the side of a mountain. No guard rails and sheer dropoffs of thousands of feet. No traffic to stop us or slow us down and we were riding a Geezer Glide (a road sofa). Those roads were screaming for my Suzuki Bandit, however, on this trip it was not about me, it was about us. SCOOTERS – IN – THE – WIND! 🏍️

"Indians?!? Who the hell is afraid of a few Indians?!?"

General George Armstrong Custer

KEEP YER SHIRT ON!!

And sweatshirts, and stickers, and buttons, and stuff with Jen Seidel's brilliant CRABS logo aboard, all available at www.cafepress.com/chesriders. Get yours today! 🏍️

An Electrifying scooter

Our friend Jimmy Caton reports that he is going to be riding a new kind of two-wheeler soon. Check out www.vectrix.com for more information. 🏍️

BACKROADS FALL FIESTA

Our friends at Backroads Magazine are having their annual Fall Fiesta in the Adirondacks at Saratoga Springs, NY from 5-8 October at the beautiful and historic Adelphi Hotel. Join them if you can for what promises to be a great time. See this web site www.backroadsusa.com/home.html/Fall%20Fiesta%202007.html for details. 🏍️

Morton's BMW Track Day

On 1 October, Morton's BMW is hosting a track day at Virginia International Raceway (VIR) in Southern Virginia. The cost is \$225 and if it is anything like their event at Summit Point in April, it will be a great time. There isn't a lot of bike prep for the basic group and chances are you can wear something you have or can rent from their partner, Team ProMotion. www.mortonsbmw.com.



When Larry said he sent me some "dead presidents," I thought he meant cash.



Larry, Sue, and friends...