From 2012 STATE RALLIES to 2013

For many of us, there is that chill in the air that Mother Nature tosses out about this time every year. It is also the time of the year we like to share our recap of the 2012 U.S. State H.O.G.® Rally season. Did you go? Do you know someone that did? Are you planning to ride to a few of them in 2013?

Well…many of you did attend a U.S. State H.O.G. Rally in 2012. 34,753 members to be exact! Let’s take a moment to think of the fun and memories that were created and the friendships that were made or rekindled. How about the adventures of getting to a rally and home again? Many participated in the Chapter challenge –ABC’s of Touring – and many added to their participation in the H.O.G.® Mileage Program.

Speaking of miles, we tracked the mileage members rode to/from each U.S. State H.O.G. Rally this year. Yes, we had a method to calculate miles ridden during the Hawaii Rally. 12,213,753 miles tallied up as the last H.O.G.® member headed home from the last state rally for 2012 in Florida.

It’s not just about all the members, the miles, and the number of rallies. Think about how many Kodak moments there were – the wonderful riding weather, the adventures of traveling new roads and again the memories. All of these are experiences you and your fellow H.O.G. members can have riding to and attending HOG state rallies. There is always the “before we got there”, “while we were there” and then the “on our way home” stories. Which more often then not promotes the “let’s get the rest of them to go with us next year story.” Just as important is the H-D/H.O.G. camaraderie we all know about. As a matter of fact, we provided a survey for H.O.G. members that attended a state rally. The survey told us that riding and hanging out with other H.O.G. members is the most important part of going to a state rally, as well as riding to and from the rally, and riding in new areas that showcase the state. This information and more will be shared with the 2013 rally coordinators so they can again organize enjoyable state rallies for H.O.G. members to attend.

By the way, do you know who plans, organizes and executes State H.O.G. Rallies? Why the H.O.G. State Rally committees! They are H.O.G. members volunteering to provide H.O.G. members a great H.O.G. rally experience. They have volunteered their time and energy to organize a saddlebag full of exciting rides and activities for you. They crafted their rally website, visited Chapters and used Facebook pages to get the word out to you. They meet frequently to decide on the many elements of a rally, such as rally artwork, entertainment, food, prizes, lodging and more. I have even seen some get to the fine detail of ensuring that ample porta potties are on site.

The 2012 rally committees, rally volunteers and H-D dealers that supported the rallies did an excellent job for 2012. They worked for your enjoyment! 2013 is off to a running start with U.S.State H.O.G. Rally plans. And with H.O.G. celebrating 30 years in 2013, many of the U.S. State H.O.G. Rallies are planning to include anniversary activities. Included on page 4 is the 2013 Rally schedule (it also appeared in issue 18 of H.O.G. Magazine). Share it with your Chapter members and encourage them to attend a rally in 2013, especially if they have never been to one!

Visit member.hog.com often. The state rally websites are listed there and are updated often with information on rally details.

Louisiana HOUMA 04/04 - 04/06 2/14/13

Delaware/Maryland REHOBOTH BEACH 04/25 - 04/27 3/7/13

Alabama DOTHAN 04/25 - 04/27 3/7/13

Arkansas HOT SPRINGS 05/02 - 05/04 3/14/13

New Mexico ALBUQUERQUE 05/09 - 05/11 3/21/13

Texas SAN ANTONIO 05/16 - 05/18 3/28/13

Nebraska GERING 05/24 - 05/27 4/5/13

Tennessee MARYVILLE 05/28 - 06/01 4/10/13

Missouri SPRINGFIELD 05/30 - 06/01 4/11/13

Kansas WICHITA 05/30 - 06/01 4/11/13

Illinois QUINCY/ALTON/EFFINGHAM 06/06 - 06/08 4/18/13

Kentucky LONDON 06/06 - 06/08 4/18/13

Indiana TERRE HAUTE 06/07 - 06/09 4/19/13

South Dakota SPEARFISH 06/13 - 06/15 4/25/13

Colorado GREELY 06/13 - 06/15 4/25/13

Alaska FAIRBANKS 06/13 - 06/15 4/25/13

***Ohio STEUBENVILLE TO CINCINNATI 06/19 - 06/22 5/1/13***

Iowa CLINTON 06/20 - 06/22 5/2/13

Minnesota ALBERT LEA 06/27 - 06/29 5/9/13

Virginia ROANOKE 06/27 - 06/29 5/9/13

Montana GREAT FALLS 06/27 - 06/29 5/9/13

***West Virginia SHOWSHOE 07/10 - 07/13 5/22/13***

Wyoming THERMOPOLIS 07/11 - 07/13 5/23/13

New York ELLICOTTVILLE 07/11 - 07/13 5/23/13

Pennsylvania TANNERSVILLE 07/11 - 07/13 5/23/13

Maine CARIBOU 07/18 - 07/20 5/30/13

Washington OAK HARBOR 07/18 - 07/20 5/30/13

Utah OGDEN 07/24 - 07/27 6/5/13

Michigan ALPENA 07/25 - 07/27 6/6/13

Oregon PENDLETON 07/25 - 07/27 6/6/13

North Carolina MT. AIRY 08/07- 08/10 6/19/13

Wisconsin MINOCQUA 08/15 - 08/17 6/27/13

MA/RI - Iron Adventure Run LUDLOW, VT 08/22 - 08/24 7/4/13

NH/VT - Iron Adventure Run LUDLOW, VT 08/22 - 08/24 7/4/13

CT - Iron Adventure Run LUDLOW, VT 08/22 - 08/24 7/4/13

Georgia HIAWASSEE 09/12 - 09/14 7/25/13

California SAN DIEGO 09/12 - 09/15 7/25/13

Mississippi BILOXI 09/19 - 09/21 8/1/13

Sourth Carolina NORTH MYRTLE BEACH 10/03 - 10/05 8/15/13

Hawaii KAHULUI,MAUI 10/11 - 10/13 8/23/13

Oklahoma NORMAN 10/17 - 10/19 9/1/13

Florida DESTIN/FT WALTON BEACH 10/23 - 10/27 9/4/13

Arizonia YUMA 10/24 - 10/26 9/5/13

Nevada LAS VEGAS 10/24 - 10/27 9/5/13