



Pioneer Chapter Riders Club 2019 Sturgis Report - 12Aug2019

It was 20 years ago I first rode my Super X #0070 to Sturgis but as luck would have it my stator went out on Thursday Aug 1st at Belle Plaine. So I ended up riding my Victory Cross Country to Sturgis. Bummer!!!! There were 8 Super Xs out at Sturgis at the motel this year. And we had a group of 11 bikes, Super Xs, Victories, an Indian, and a Harley riding with us.

Gary Thomforde, Doug Bruns, and I left Belle Plaine 6:45 CDT Friday Morning Aug 2nd and headed to Tim's to pick up the Swedes - Jonny, Brollan, and Lars - and then on to Pierre where we spent the night on our way west.

Our group stayed at Crow Peak Lodge, 346 W Kansas St, Spearfish SD arriving in the afternoon Saturday Aug 3rd and departing early Friday Aug 9th.

Sunday we departed at 8 AM MDT from Crow Peak Lodge. We rode to Sturgis on back roads and down Vanocker Canyon Road to Nemo. From there we took Nemo Road to Rapid City and over the hills where Dances with Wolves was filmed on our way to Keystone. We rode down Iron Mountain Road to the State Game Lodge for lunch. They have a great buffet with buffalo stew which is really good. From there we went to Custer and gassed up. Then to Crazy Horse Monument. Leaving there we headed up 385 to hill city and on to Deadwood. Then back to the motel at Spearfish. 200+ miles, only got rained on twice, but a great day of riding with great scenery. Cigars and whatever for the evening sitting around with friends.

Monday we departed about 10 AM MDT from Crow Peak Lodge. We held off leaving as Mike Locklear and Marc Abramson were on there way out. They arrived about 9:30. Ernie Henderson arrived that morning also. Leaving the motel we headed to Wyoming and rode thru Beulah to Aladdin. Then on to Hulett for Bloody Marys. We left there and headed to Alzada in Montana for lunch. Then on to Devil's Tower for an ice cream cone and then to Sundance to gas up. Leaving there we headed back to Beulah for some relaxation time and then back to the motel. Another 200 mile day. Cigars and whatever for the evening sitting around with friends.

Tuesday departing at 9 AM MDT from Crow Peak Lodge. We rode to Sturgis on back roads and spent the morning browsing and libations and lunch before riding to The Casino Bar (formerly Wy's) at 136 Central Main St, Central City SD meeting there at 2 PM. This has been an annual event since 1999. 15 people joined us there. It's great to see other X owners. When we left we headed to Cheyenne Crossing and rode Spearfish Canyon back to Spearfish. Cigars and whatever for the evening sitting around with friends.

Wednesday we departed at 10 AM MDT from Crow Peak Lodge. We planned to have a group ride thru main street Sturgis to show off our 20 Year Old Super Xs. Upon arriving in Sturgis Mike Locklear lost his stator and had AAA haul it back to the motel. After about an hour of indecision we did ride down Sturgis Main Street. From there we rode down Vanocker Canyon Road to Nemo Road and then John Strandell led us to his cabin along Nemo Road for lunch. We had a great time there - Thanks to John for Hosting - and we did some adjusting on his X while there. After that some of the group rode to Rockford and Moonshine Gulch. Then back thru Spearfish Canyon to the Motel. Cigars and whatever for the evening sitting around with friends.

Thursday we left at 9 AM MDT from Crow Peak Lodge and headed to the Spearfish Canyon Lodge for Bloody Marys. After that we headed back to the motel as Doug and I were planning on heading home to miss the forecast of rain on Friday. When we arrived at the Motel, Tony Dominy was there riding Tim's Super X and he had lost his stator. So we loaded it on Gary Thomforde's trailer and Tony rode Doug's backup Redwood leaving with Doug and I about noon. We left the Motel and headed to Huron for the evening. Friday on to Tim Breidenbach's and then Doug and I headed for home in Farmington and South St Paul.

Friday Morning the rest of the crew left Crow Peak Lodge early heading towards home and Jonny and Brollan headed to Cody and west.

It was a Great week with Great friends! Next year is the the 80th for Sturgis!

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