

White Plate Flat Trackers



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Hello Everyone and Happy Holidays,

It's been a long and busy year, a lot has happened. The passing of Pearl has left an empty spot in all of our hearts.

We've been making some changes in the WPFT to improve our application and start to promote the injured rider support fund. In 2006 we will start selling WPFT T-Shirts to help generate money for the support fund as well as improve the awareness of this organization. I've been working with AJ Eschwig who owns Victory Circle Graphix on some designs for the shirts. You may know AJ, he's an ex-dirt tracker from the northwest but now lives in Colorado. He does an amazing job designing graphix for many individuals and race teams. He does it all from Lance Armstrong's bicycles to Danny

Walker's American Supercamps.

I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Your Pres,

Davey Durelle

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1939 HD this was start of 6070 mile trip Marge Dwyer Hummel



The WHITE PLATE FLAT TRACKERS, and Former BSA RACERS attended Ralph Wayne's - 13th BACK YARD NAIONAL KC, MO. L/R: George Holter 60k , Dale Phillips 46k, Ken Bright 69n Curt Maupin 66n

By Jack

Pearl- inducted to the SD Hall of Fame



Mom's nomination and acceptance to the SD Hall of Fame was indeed an honor. She knew of the nomination

but passed before the announcement was made. I'm sure she never anticipated the honor but would have been humbled by it's award. Not once in her life

did she ever deliberately seek such recognition. It was just the result of her personal code of ethics and her many interests concerning the Sturgis community and the Rally. It became my responsibility to represent her at the ceremony. The attendance of about 500 included past recipients, the 15 inductees for 2005 and South Dakotans involved in business, arts and politics. It was a memorable experience to

spend the day with such an elite group. I was somewhat intimidated to speak before such a gathering, but was encouraged by many whom I had met earlier in the day. I told of Mom promoting the Rally and SD every year, and that she had become the icon for everything good about the Rally. On Mom's behalf I accepted a medallion, small trophy etc.

Many of these items were on display at the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum when they dedi-

cated their recent Open House to Mom's memory. Some will remain year around exhibits. I left Huron with a real appreciation that Mom had been recognized for simply being a good person and friend to the many who came to Sturgis from around the world. She will be missed but we hope her guiding influence will keep "Sturgis" as the place old friends meet and new ones are made. She would like that. Jack

This article was published along with articles about the other inductees in the Huron Newspaper.

The proposed life size bronze statues of Dad (sitting on a motorcycle) with Mom standing behind him with her arm resting on his shoulder is making progress. I should have more details to tell you about next issue. It is a quality project and it's proposed location is at the intersection of Junction and Main. I think it will become one of the most photographed Rally attractions. Jack



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**Pearl Hoel* - Sturgis, SD
UNSUNG HEROES & GOOD HEARTS**

Pearl Hoel lived a long and full life. She was born November 10, 1905 and passed away on February 27, 2005, not quite reaching her 100th year goal. She was active and interested in local, state, and national politics to the end.

Pearl was five years old when she moved with her parents and two brothers to Rapid City, South Dakota. She graduated from Rapid City High School in 1923 and began her teaching career in a country school that same year. She went on to graduate from Spearfish Normal Teachers College in 1925. Pearl married Clarence Hoel in 1928. They had one son, Jack, who lives in Varsocher Canyon on the site of the original ice dam where his parents conducted their ice delivery business for many years before the Indian Motorcycle Dealership business in Sturgis.

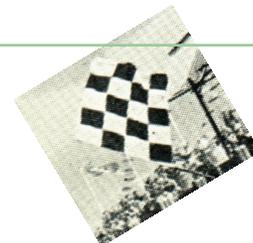
For the next six decades Pearl was "the hostess" for the hundreds of thousand motorcycle riders and enthusiasts that come to the Sturgis Rally and Races each year. Pearl never tired of meeting the many motorcyclists from all over the world that came to Sturgis, continuing her endless array of old friends who always stopped to see her.

As the Sturgis Rally and Races continued to grow with each passing year, Pearl took it all in stride, exhibiting a kindness and graciousness that will always be remembered. She will be greatly missed in the years to come.

< A little WPFT Ballet

Walt Timme WPFT Member - will be missed.

Downtown Pueblo, Co. was home to Walt Timme's motorcycle dealership for almost 65 years. Walt passed away in mid November after a short illness. Bikes weren't just his business, they also were his lifelong mode of transportation and entertainment. He rode not only on highway trips but also engaged in enduro racing, hill-climbing and a brief flurry of flat-track racing. He maintained a collection of bikes including his favorite antique Indians, and loaned some of them to the Rocky Mountain Motorcycle Museum in Colo. Springs. He also belonged to the Antique Motorcycle Club of America, and he and his wife were inducted as a couple into a Motorcycle Hall of Fame. He will be missed....



Gathering Information

George Holter (60K) has been drafted by those attending the WPFT breakfast as our field reporter, news and information center. George is computer literate, (even if he denies it) and has been helping to find current addresses for WPFT members. If you know of someone who is a member, and isn't getting the newsletter please let George know. If you have a story to put in the newsletter, let George know. If you know someone who should be a WPFT member, let George know. His email address is gmanpv66@aol.com.