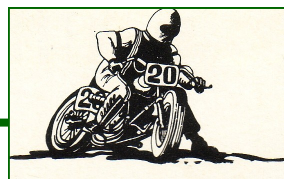


STURGIS, SOUTH DAKOTA

White Plate Flat Trackers

Merry Christmas



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-White Platers:

With the Rally 8 months away, it's business as usual in Sturgis. I'm still waiting for the official tabulation of last years event which is due in 3-4 weeks. It's expected to reflect a slight decrease in numbers but that's only significant when adjusted for the high cost of gasoline experienced at that time. I'm sure that lack of a half-mile event was part of it...and I've tried to make our local "leaders" see that the cycle events are the reason for the Rally not the vender / trade show crowd that follows. However it is a fact that city revenues flow from the vender aspect so they do suffer some tunnel-vision. Mayor Zeigler is now an Ex-mayorhaving fled to Minnesota after managing the Rally to massage his ego and personal perks.....and obligating the taxpayers thru the next century for new

News from Sturgis *According to "Hoel"*

municipal buildings, parks, etc. The temporary Mayor (until April elections) is hardly off to a good start - having reappointed one of the problems back into the Rally Committee.

So far as I know, there still won't be a half mile again this yearit's difficult for hayseed politicians to understand that to have a major event requires that the homework get done in November and December rather than in June and July.

The Gypsies have a full program including their Short Track which will bring the best riders to Sturgis. Lee Rude, White Plater & Jackpine Gypsy Referee told me that perhaps the Gypsies will host a Vintage Half mile during the Rally...but nothing definite at this time.

Last year saw

major projects in the area ...new entertainment, a new RV park, etc. This year maybe they will start to get a return of their investment.

The Indians and a few misguided whites again objected to the annual renewal of liquor licenses - especially in the area of Bear Butte- but the County approved all applicants . We may see some protests again during the Rally- as they seek the publicity...but they are so insignificant they are absorbed/overwhelmed by the biker crowd.

In the Spring, I will get some refurbishing done to the White Plater's Monument per the approval granted in August. New computer printed panels and work on the brass engravings will have it looking good for August.

See you all in Sturgis!

Jack Hoel



Wishing you a Blessed Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

The WPFT'rs

START THINKING
NOW

This coming August at our breakfast meeting, we will be electing a couple of board members and a new director. We first want to say "Thank You" to outgoing director, Davey Durelle. He has brought us some fresh new ideas, and has some projects that will be on going. We will be looking for leadership for purposeful projects, and time to reflect on the good ole days. Using our newsletter to communicate news among our WPFT community. Let us know if you have a nomination.

Kari or Helen

