

Annual Report 2006 - by Urs Thomann

Dear Easy Riders,

The most important stations of the very eventful year will be reviewed again hereafter, although the year is so perfectly documented on our homepage that this review has nearly become unnecessary.

This is at the same time an opportunity to pay a compliment to Erika and Paul who really care enthusiastically for our webpage under the friendly leadership of our president.

Thank you very much!

Nevertheless let's go over the most important issues:

We welcomed our new Sponsor-Dealer, Roger Lasta on behalf of the general meeting dated January 14th. Contrary to previous general meetings the situation then was peaceful and calm. We thank Roger for doing an outstanding job!

On January 31st the responsible team preparing the formation of the association "Charity Riders" met for the first time. The association was then established formally on March 21st.

On February 2nd we met in "Albisgüetli" for the HOG-Winter-Event. It was a successful overture in view of the culinary and the musical performance. But you remember: It was damned chilly!

A special event happened on February 26th: We visited the children hospital (KISPI), attended by 16 members and we suddenly were aware how thankful one has to be for the own health and the one of our children.

Further events in March: 4th and 5th Open Days at HD, Sunday, 26th: Chapter Aperitif which was well attended by the members.

The first great Highlight was the Love Ride on May 7th. Good weather, 15'000 visitors, 8'500 bikes, more than half a million francs were raised!

Saalbach took place between May 25th and 28th, dirty weather. But - I have to admit - I travelled there by car. I would like to express a special compliment again to the organisers.

On June 8th a very sad story started becoming true: the foreclosure proceedings against T.H. and S.C. which were already decided by the board on behalf of its meeting on April 28th. I don't want to tell more about this, you all

know how the story ended. We all wish that such a nightmare will never happen again.

Then things were happening fast: June 30th - July 2nd: Swiss National HOG Rally Lenzerheide, a great party again, in between blood donation on Glaubenberg.

June 17th to 29th: Ireland Rally with 9 members (6 bikes, 1 car)

August 5th to 6th: Jura ride, 14 members

August 18th: Marriage of Tanja and Pascal (20 bikes)

September 3rd: Charity, good weather, great success, collected amount: CHF 18'452.70

September 30th: short ride, snack at the new HD-store, then barbecue party.

October 7th to 8th: CORE, a mega-event overshadowed by the fact that we lost our way, an accident with no hard consequences and that I had to spend a night in the most catastrophic hotel of my life. But Franky, I forgive you definitively!

December 3rd: "Santa on a Harley", a well respected event, 80 Harley, 10 from our chapter. The event can be watched on "YouTube".

And then is there to report our extraordinary general meeting on December 13. Just one word: The dinner was fantastic, the rest: Let's forget it!

My personal highlight: I had to show my "Sporty" before the Technical Control Board and said to the repairmen that they just have to change the pipes. One of the repairman said that this would never be enough and bet he would eat his hat if they let the bike pass..... I hope he enjoyed the meal!!

So it's up to me to wish you all a great, accident-free 2007.

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(Translation: Daniel Bucklar - January 23rd, 2007).