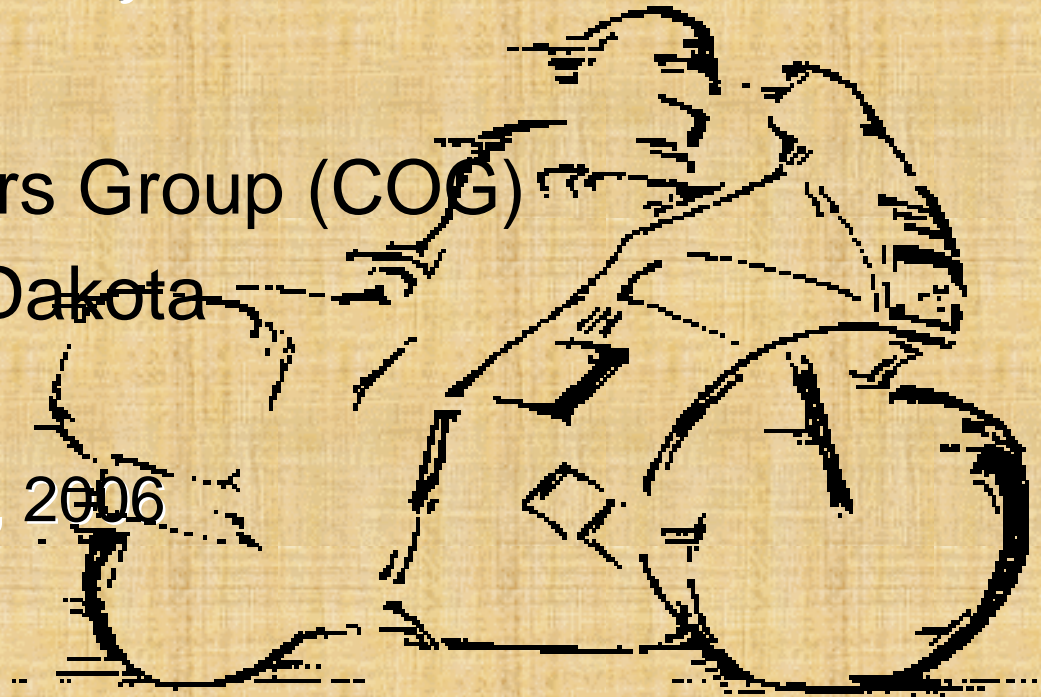


# The “HIGH PLAINS DRIFTER” 2006 National Rally

Concours Owners Group (COG)  
Hill City, South Dakota

June 26 – June 30, 2006



To the Concours  
Owners Group,  
Board of Directors,  
and members:



Your Rally hosts Chris Baum, Jerry Layman (NC AAD), Larry Leranth (NCAD), and the members of the Central Region of COG are pleased to present the following information for the 2006 Rally.

# Rally Headquarters

The location for the 2006 COG National Rally site will be the town of Hill City, South Dakota.

Hill City is a friendly, modern, mountain town and will be used as the main COG rally headquarters. A variety of great roads and several National Parks are within close proximity. As host, this small town will provide ample accommodations and restaurants for the COG members and their families.



# So....where do we start?

We will begin with a Pre-National Rally kick-off event in Lincoln, NE on June 26 to celebrate the 20 year anniversary of our beloved Concours.



The kick-off will begin with a tour of the assembly line at the Kawasaki plant currently manufacturing the Concours. We will work with Kawasaki to make this a special event. After the tour, we will provide information on the best routes to take as we move the rally toward Hill City. We will distribute information on lodging in and around the Lincoln area prior to this date.

# How do we get there?

There are 4 major routes which can be taken through the scenic and historic sites of Nebraska on the way to our rally destination. The trip from Lincoln to Hill City is approximately 550 miles. If riders choose not to ride the entire distance in one day, there are many lodging choices along each route to the Black Hills.



- ✓ Sandhills route - scenic highway through the heart of the sandhills.
- ✓ Oregon Trail route - through the Platte River valley which was used by settlers traveling west.
- ✓ North-Central route - through scenic small-town central Nebraska past various state historical sites.
- ✓ North-West route - north on highway 81 and west on I-90.

# Our destination.....Hill City

This friendly, modern mountain town, which resides roughly 5,000 feet above sea level is a great headquarters for exploring the natural wonders of the Black Hills.

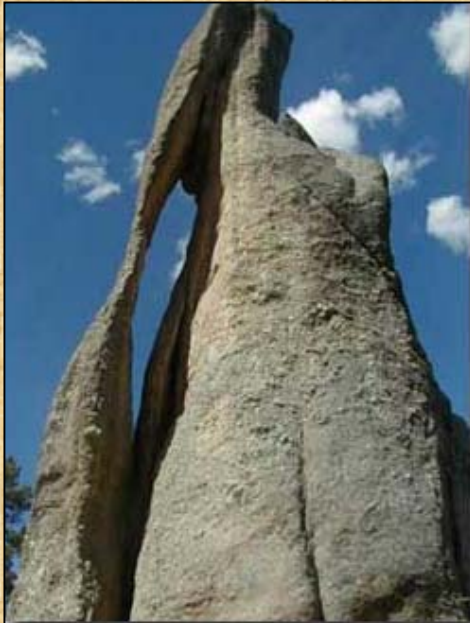
This lovely community is nestled in the center of many attractions. Ideally situated a few miles from Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse, Custer State Park, Wind Cave, and the Mickelson Trail, to name a few of the outstanding sites in their backyard. It also boasts a vibrant art gallery district, lively restaurants, a beautiful winery, and colorful retail shops.

[www.hillcitysd.com](http://www.hillcitysd.com)



# What is there to see?

Within a 150 mile radius of Hill City, you will find a multitude of areas to explore. This includes:



- ✓ 5 National Parks (i.e.. Mount Rushmore)
- ✓ Deadwood
- ✓ Crazy Horse Monument
- ✓ Needles Highway
- ✓ Custer State Park
- ✓ Spearfish Canyon Scenic Byway
- ✓ Sturgis

# Accommodations

- ✓ Rally Headquarters will be at the Best Western Golden Spike Inn & Suites. They offer 78 rooms, meeting room, attached restaurant, indoor/outdoor pool, indoor hot tub, air conditioning, laundry facilities, espresso bar and in-room coffee, and a small number of suites with kitchenettes.  
[www.bestwesterngoldenspike.com](http://www.bestwesterngoldenspike.com)
- ✓ Several other accommodations are located nearby to provide rooms for the balance required to support the rally. These include Super 8, Holiday Inn Express, Comfort Inn, and other small locally owned motels.
- ✓ Camping is available in locally owned campgrounds. Crooked Creek Campground and Resort is a short 2-mile drive south of downtown.  
[www.crookedcreeksd.com](http://www.crookedcreeksd.com)

# How's the weather?

The unique part about the great plains is the un-predictable weather pattern in the summer. Typically in June, the temperatures are generally in the 80's with lots of sun. Thunderstorms in the evenings are always a possibility.

- ✓ Lincoln & central Nebraska - average temperatures are in the mid-80's for the last week of June.
- ✓ Hill City - average high temperature for late June through early July is 74, while the average low is 44 degrees.

# Rides

The focus of the rally will be individual day rides and sight-seeing by the participants. This area of South Dakota is rich with scenic riding opportunities in the mountainous areas of the Black Hills.



We've mapped out a number of prospective day rides for rally participants to choose from. Information for each ride will be available for participants to review and decide which rides would be most enjoyable.

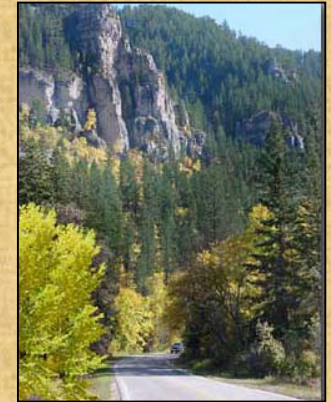
The following are some examples of the prospective rides. Map routes are being developed and will be available prior to the Rally date via the Concours webpage.

# Rides

Once arriving in Hill City, there are a multitude of routes you can choose from to see the sites and landscape of the area. Listed below are a few of the possible riding routes we think would be most enjoyable for road type and scenery. Maps will be created for your use as the Rally date approaches.



- ✓ Badlands Route
- ✓ Devils Tower Route
- ✓ High-Plains Drifter Route
- ✓ Central Black Hills Route
- ✓ Northern Black Hills Route



# Rally Schedule

## Monday - June 26<sup>th</sup> in Lincoln, NE

- ✓ 9:00 am - Pre-kickoff Rally - Kawasaki Plant Tour
- ✓ 11:30 am - 12:30 pm - Lunch
- ✓ 1:00 pm - leave Lincoln for the Black Hills

If not attending the plant tour:

- ✓ Noon - 5:00 pm - Rally Check-in, Hill City, SD
- ✓ All day - rides and bike-wash

## Tuesday - June 27<sup>th</sup>

- ✓ 11:00 am - 5:00 pm - Rally check-in
- ✓ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Mini-tech. session
- ✓ All day - rides and bike-wash

# Rally Schedule

## Wednesday - June 28<sup>th</sup>

- ✓ 8:00 am - noon - Rally check-in
- ✓ 10:00 am - noon - Open House at Powersports in Rapid City
- ✓ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm - Wrenching Tech. Session
- ✓ 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Rally check-in
- ✓ All day - rides and bike-wash

## Thursday - June 29<sup>th</sup>

- ✓ 8:00 am - 9:30 am - Women's COG Breakfast
- ✓ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm - Rally check-in
- ✓ All day event - ERC class (to be announced)
- ✓ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Bike Show voting
- ✓ All day - rides and bike-wash

# Rally Schedule

## Friday - June 30<sup>th</sup>

- ✓ 7:00 am - 4:00 pm - day rides
- ✓ 5:00 pm - Official Rally Picture at Sylvan Lake
- ✓ 5:15 pm - 6:00 pm - Drinks and socializing
- ✓ 6:00 pm - Banquet Dinner (guest speaker, awards, door prizes)

## Saturday - July 1<sup>st</sup>

- ✓ 7:00 am - noon - day rides
- ✓ Rally concludes

# Additional information

A website will be in operation prior to the Rally for participants to use in planning their trip. Information and resources on the website will include:

- ✓ Ride information
- ✓ Road construction areas
- ✓ A way for Rally participants to share information, find roommates, lodging, etc.
- ✓ Information regarding points of interest, sightseeing, local attractions & activities
- ✓ Schedule updates or changes



# Summary

- ✓ Hosting the 2006 National Rally in the central region will show some of the most scenic landscapes in the Great Plains and Black Hills.
- ✓ The Hill City community is excited about hosting the Concours Rally in the heart of the Black Hills.
- ✓ The National Rally has not taken place in the Central Region since 1999 and has never explored the South Dakota area. Not only will it be centrally located for travel, it will expose the riders to the unique landscapes in the region.
- ✓ Riding opportunities are varied and plentiful.
- ✓ The kick-off in Nebraska at the Kawasaki plant is a unique way to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Concours motorcycle.

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