

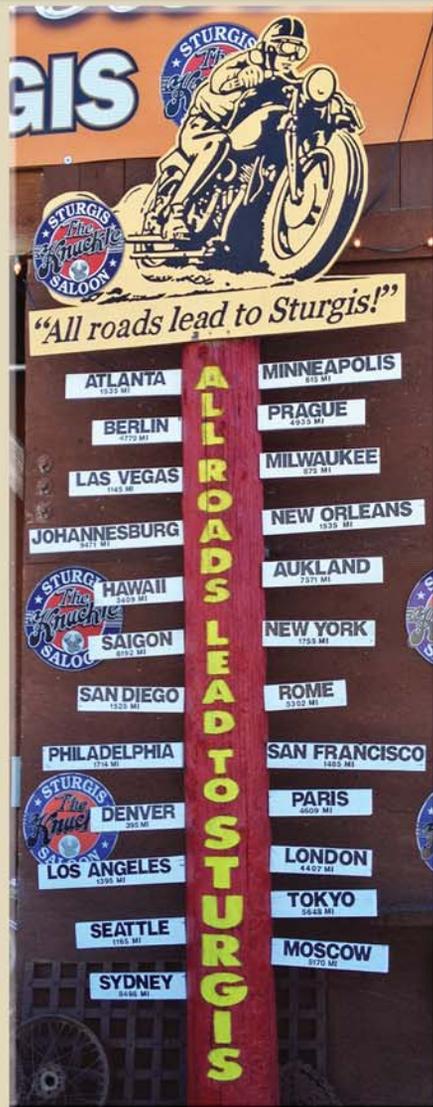
Far Corner of the West

Looking at a map, with all its rectilinear Western states, it's easy to think South Dakota is a Plains state, and overall it is. But the western reaches of South Dakota blend into the Mountain West, from the Black Hills on into Wyoming.

The wonders of this region are many: historic Deadwood; Sturgis, the motorcycle capital of the world; Devils Tower, Wyoming, across the state line but best reached during a South Dakota tour; the Black Hills and Badlands National Park, and of course Mount Rushmore National Memorial. Lodging is plentiful throughout the region, as are dining opportunities, from motorcycle bars to fine restaurants to some surprisingly good Mexican cafés.

The area is reached by the finest of road trips from Arizona, about 17 hours north and east of Flagstaff (about 630 miles north and 390 miles east, about 1100 highway miles). You can head north through Utah and Wyoming; east then north through New Mexico, Colorado and Wyoming; or combinations thereof. With wide open highways, dramatic desert and mountain scenery, several National Parks, and your choice of classic roadside lodging or world class resorts en route, the treasure trove of sights at the northern end, as well as the drive itself, are not to be missed.

For more information, check out the following:
www.travelsouthdakota.com
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Sturgis Motorcycle Museum names new Executive Director

Time to Honor the Ride. Build the Legacy. The Sturgis Motorcycle Museum mission is unchanged, while the means to its goals get a boost as diehard motorcyclist Myrick Robbins has been named Executive Director.

The Museum's Hall of Fame celebrates its 15th anniversary in June and will induct the Class of 2016 in August during the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, the Black Hills Motor Classic.

"The Sturgis Museum belongs to everyone, but they have left me with the keys to take it for a joy ride," says Robbins. "How great is that? For a lifelong rider who wants to live in a world filled with loud pipes, endless curvy roads and great conversations at the next fuel stop, this really is the opportunity of a lifetime."

You are invited to meet Robbins and honor the 2016 Hall of Fame inductees, including Arizona's Buddy Stubbs, at the induction breakfast on August 10 at the Lodge at Deadwood in Deadwood, South Dakota. Tickets are available for a \$35 donation, tables of eight \$300, available at 605-347-2001 or online at sturgismuseum.com/shop/hall-of-fame-breakfast. ■