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Director
Dennis Linck

Happy Spring to All,

It has been a pretty eventful Spring for the RAG already. After the meeting last month a group of folks headed to Death Valley to check out the wild flowers and enjoy lunch at Stove Pipe Wells. The next week we had about 17 people or so head north to Olancha for our first breakfast ride of the season. We all enjoyed some good chow and then headed to Panamint Valley over 190. We ran into some of the densest fog I've ever been in and ended up going over the pass down into Panamint Valley at about 20 miles an hour. I want to thank Stan and Barb Austin for leading the ride through the fog. If you have not seen the pictures from the ride check them out on the website. After surviving the fog coming over from Olancha, six bikes continued over to the Longstreet Inn in Amargosa Valley Nevada. The hotel and casino were quite a bit smaller than our usual stop in Beatty but the rooms were also quite a bit nicer. Again, be sure to check out the photos on our website.

I want to thank all of you who have renewed your membership for the 2005 year and also welcome our new members. Our membership is again up around 60 people. If any of you know of anyone who needs to renew their membership our join the club anew, please have them contact Debby at 760-375-3950 or by email at missin2@verizon.net.

There is a lot of great rides planned for this Spring, Summer, and Fall. Please check out the calendar on the website or contact George Fields (760-375-6934) for further information.

We are planning a new raffle to assist in raising funds for our charities (vote results to be available at the next meeting) and we will have further info at the April meeting. I can tell you that we have some great prizes which include a Harley knife, a Harley watch, a Harley coffee gift set and a Harley framed set of miniature gas tanks. We will be selling tickets at the meetings leading up to the car wash and draw the winner at the car wash.

Remember to ride safe and never ride faster than your Guardian Angel can fly,

Dennis



Asst. Director
Stan Austin

Wow, can you believe we are into April now! We have already had some good rides, the cabin fever ride in February, the wine & roses ride in March, and some short rides around the area. See the web site for pictures of the different trips. On the wine & roses trip, Ann and Bob invited the wine party to their room for the wine and snacks. There was more food than we could eat and wine left over. We all enjoyed a good visit with lots of laughs. Even with the weather issues we had great rooms and a good time. Some in our party were winners in the slots and brought home more money than they took, way to go! I will not be at the April meeting as some of us are riding to Sedona, AZ.

The new roster is out, we lost a few members and we will miss them. The good news is we are still growing. If you have time, please try to make it to the meetings, cruise nights, or the rides. The more people the more fun. We have several things in the planning stages for the summer and I am looking forward to them. Please check the events calendar for more information. Don't forget the retirement for Capt. Wade Tallman at the VX-9 Hanger, 15 April. I hope you all ride when you can, keep safe!





Activities Officer
George Fields

Stuff to do this year

2005 Rides: Make your motel reservations early.

April 8-11 Sedona Ride.

June 13-18 Grand Canyon Ride.

June 17-18 June Lake Campout.

July 15-17 Morro Bay Ride.

August 25-28 Coast Ride.

September 17-18 Yosemite Ride.

October 15 Lake Diaz Picnic.

November 4-6 San Diego Ride.

TBD Big Bear.

2005 Grub Runs: We will try to make reservations about a week in advance and have a few backups just in case .

April 16 Breakfast Ride to Stovepipe Wells.

April 23 Dinner Ride to Harley's Rock Inn (via poppy fields).

May 21 Breakfast Ride to the Apple Shed in Tehachapi.

May 28 Dinner Ride to Rossi's in Big Pine.

June 18 Breakfast Ride to Cheryl's in Kernville.

June 25 Dinner Ride to Season's in Lone Pine.

July 15 Breakfast Ride to Cattlemen's in Tehachapi (Start of the Morro Bay Ride).

July 23 Dinner Ride to McNally's.

August 20 Breakfast Ride to Whitney Portals.

August 21 Dinner Ride to Domingo's in Boron.

Lancaster AV after meeting rides:

May 1 Kernville.

June 5 Balboa Island.

July 3 Ventura.

August 7 Big Bear.

September 4 Chapter Photo.

October 2 Chapter Picnic.

November 6 Panamint Valley.

December 4 Mayflower Gardens.

And don't forget: Wades retirement party April 15th at 0930am.

ABATE Poker Run May 14th.

Bakersfield HOG MDA Run May 21st.
Thunder On The Lot June 11-12th.
RAG car wash July 9th.



Road Captain Coordinator

Well the riding season is certainly back, and George, our activities officer, has all sorts of things planned to put fun miles on your odometer. I feel that even when I ride to work the miles are still fun, I just hate to have to stop and go to work.

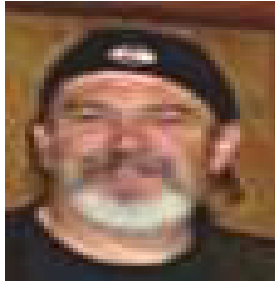
We are gaining road captains and planning more rides. I hope that some of the riders that recently completed the experienced rider course will sign up to become road captains. It's a great feeling to lead a group of riders. And with the RAG it is great to work with all of the people, help plan the rides, and participate with good friends.

For those that have been to Death Valley recently on a couple of our recent rides you may have seen a once in a lifetime thing with the flowers in bloom there. And I hope everyone has a great ride after the meeting here this month too. I will be riding in a Saddlesore 1000 for the Ride for the Heart Foundation the day of the RAG meeting and I know some of the members will be over in Sedona, Arizona having a good time.

For those going to the Laughlin River Run towards the end of the month, I hope to see you there and having a good time. For those going to the third annual Run to the River at the Gunns at that time, we'll see ya there.

I hope everyone remembers to check over your bike before you ride. Better to spend a little time in the garage than to spend a long time on the side of the road. See ya next month. Ride safe and have fun!





Safety Officer
Dave Hunter

Hope you have been out riding and enjoying spring. I know I have. So far this year I have been racking up the miles with the Cabin Fever ride, a Death Valley run, The Long Street Casino ride, Trips to the AV HOG meeting in Lancaster, 1300+ mile round trip to Tucson and back over a three day weekend, the ERC course in Bakersfield, and finally a three-day trip to Sedona AZ. In doing all of this riding I have learned a lot about myself, my bike and the other motorcyclist's I meet on the road.

The biggest safety factor I have noticed is the extremely poor daytime visibility of the headlight on many of the other bikes I meet on the road. The bikes that stand out are those with passing / fog lamps or high beam on during the day. Many bikes with only a single headlight on are pretty much invisible during the daytime unless they have their high beam on. Be sure to ride with your passing lamps or high beam on during the day.

To see for yourself, the next time you are out riding compare the intensity of the headlights on the bikes you meet. You may be surprised at just how hard it is to pick out oncoming bikes just by their headlamp. Also when group riding look in your mirror and compare the headlights of the bikes behind you. Can you easily pick out each bike just by its headlight?

Right now the roads are BUG CITY. After only an hour of riding in some areas of Southern California my face shield had taken several hits from some very messy insects. Be sure to take along a liquid cleaner for removing them along with a few sheets of newspaper. Forget using cloth towels or HD soft cloths. They just don't compare to the cleaning ability of plain old newspaper. BTW those bugs impact pretty hard. Be sure you have the proper eye protection when riding. Your glasses / goggles should be ANSI Z87.1 certified. If they are not you are playing Russian roulette with your eyes every time you ride. Good protective glasses can be purchased at WalMart for less than \$10.00. Stan found a great website for protective eyewear and accessories at www.safetyglassesusa.com They carry a wide range of manufacturers and styles that range in price from under \$5.00 to over \$100.

Frequent Rest stops are crucial to safely completing longer rides and should be planned by time instead of by mileage alone. Sure you may be able to stretch out a tank of fuel to 175 miles but the ride will be much more

enjoyable with more frequent stops. A good rule of thumb is to plan a 10 to 15 minute break for every 90 minutes of riding. These breaks can coincide with fuel stops or be scheduled separately but are critical to having a safe and enjoyable ride. Frequent stops keep you alert and your muscles from becoming too stiff. A bottle of water at every stop will keep you from dehydrating during a long ride. Beware of eating a heavy lunch as it may make you drowsy. It is better to have a light lunch consisting of a Chef salad or other light meal and save the burger and fries or steak for the evening after arriving at your destination for the night.

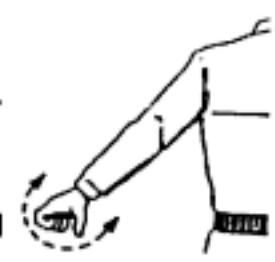
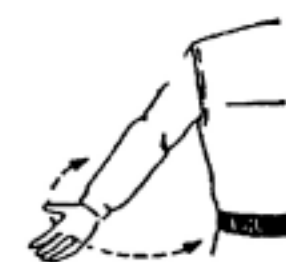
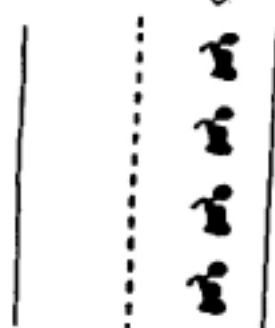
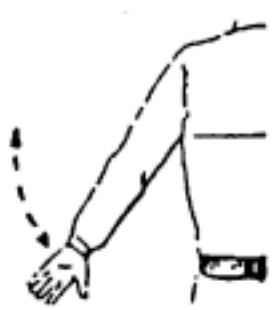
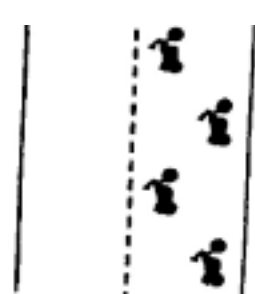
On the down side, there were 2 motorcycle accidents in the high desert last month. The first involved a couple from Brazil riding a 2005 HD in Death Valley that ran off the road at approx 9:30 PM. The driver stated that he may have dosed off resulting in the bike's departure from the road. While he was not seriously hurt the passenger was air lifted to Las Vegas for injuries to her spine. The second involved the death of the rider when he ran his 2005 HD off of Trona-Wildrose Rd at about 6:45 PM. The actual cause is unknown but there were no indications that he attempted to take evasive action prior to impact.

In the first instance and I suspect in the second fatigue was the primary reason for losing control of the bike. Recognize when your body has reached its limitations and respond accordingly. Remember, it is about the ride NOT the destination' and it is always better to be late getting to your destination than it is to be early to your own funeral.

All,
CO of NAWS, China Lake has changed/clarified the policy for acceptable upper outer garment for motorcycle operators onboard China Lake. Please ensure that you are in compliance.

R, CDR B...starting on 22 February, the following will be required to enter and ride aboard the base on a motorcycle. Aboard NAWS a brightly-colored-upper-outer-garment will be defined as (either of the two conditions):

1. a jacket that is one of the following three bright colors: **yellow**, **orange**, or **green**. These must be bright colors (dark green, or flightjacket, or cammo is not considered bright). or,
2. rider is wearing the typical **orange** or **yellow** vest. In other words, if you have a bright green ("Kawasaki green" for example) jacket, you do not also need a vest. At night, riders must have **reflective material** on their jackets or vests.





Ladies of Harley
Billee Burchett



Recently killed by separate left-turning cages, Trog, Grody, and Animal were waiting for entrance into Heaven. St. Peter walked up to Trog and asked, "How many times did you cheat on your wife, and remember, I will know the truth." Trog thought for a moment and replied, "Well, sir, it must be around 40 times." "Fine," said St. Peter, "you may enter Heaven but you will be riding that little green Suzuki over there."

St. Peter approached Grody and asked the same question. Grody answered, "Sir, I do believe it couldn't have been more than 20 times." "Good," said St. Peter, "you may enter Heaven, also, and you will be riding the red 600 Kawasaki."

St. Peter stepped up to Animal and repeated the question. Without pause, Animal answered, "Never!" St. Peter peered at him quizzically and said, "Never?" "I have never been unfaithful to my wife, sir" he replied. "Excellent," stated St. Peter. "You may enter Heaven and you will be riding that gold-chromed custom Road King over there."

Grinning from ear to ear, Animal approaches the bike, but when he reaches the exquisite showpiece, he suddenly lays his head on the tank and begins to cry. St. Peter rushes over and asks, "What's the matter?"

You have never cheated on you wife, you've gained entrance into Heaven, and you will be riding the bike of your dreams, with no breakdowns, for the rest of eternity." Animal replied between sobs, "See that woman over there on the old beat-up Vespa? That's my wife!"



Secretary/Treasurer
Debby Linck

Ridgecrest Activity Group
Antelope Valley Chapter Meeting Minutes
12 Feb 2005

The meeting was called to order at 0912 hours by Director Dennis Linck at Charlie's (Carriage Inn) in Ridgecrest.

Director Dennis Linck -

Welcome to new members Jason Feary and Tim Andolsek and to Guest Mike Greenwood.

Membership Renewals due by 1 Mar.

AV visits Mayflower Gardens - interest in visiting High Desert Haven? Yes. Charlotte Gamel to check into it.

High Desert Road Runners Car Club Show on 2 April on Balsam Street.

Secretary Debby Linck -

Membership renewal forms are available. Renewals due by 1 March. \$20 dues.

Please make sure you have signed in on the sign-in sheet.

Asst. Director Stan Austin -

Need ideas for rides.

Unofficial run to Beatty last weekend. 16 bikes in 3 groups went.

Good Ride.

Send emails out if you're looking for someone to ride with.

Activities Officer George Fields -

1. Is there any interest in a ride to Pahrump versus to Beatty? Yes - Pahrump via show of hands.

2. Whiskey Flats Days next weekend. Meet on Sat. at Inyokern Chevron at 0730 hours (7:30 am).

3. AV Pool Tournament tonight at 1800 hours (6 pm).

4. Ride Planning meeting today after regular chapter meeting.

Editor Paul Liesman -

15 copies of AV newsletter available.

Sign up at AV website to view AV newsletter electronically.

Safety Officer Dave Hunter-

1. NAWS CO new policy for riding on base: orange, green, yellow color must be on jacket or the orange vest must be worn.
2. 2 Apr Experienced Riders Course in Bakersfield. Course costs \$75.
3. Elaine Hofer - Base contact for new rider's course. 939-2386. 24 people max. Runs Thurs. evening, Fri and Sat.

Road Captain Rex Walraven -

Need volunteers to be Road Captains. Need to have the Experienced Riders Course.

Need to remind folks that non-members joining us on rides need to fill out a Release of Liability Form.

LOH Billee Burchett -

1. Planning meeting after today's chapter meeting.
2. Looking at possibly planning a poker run later in the year.
3. Voting on charities this month and next month.

Photographer Dwight Furnish - Not present.

Historian Deb Milam - Not present.

Webmaster Don McCauley -

1. Website running out of disk space.
2. Decision to keep last year and current year photos on website. Archive older pictures.
3. Will keep 2 newsletters on-line.

New Business:

1. Presented Lancaster HD former owner, Bill Buchanan, with RAG Group Photo in appreciation of the time and support he gave to RAG.

Member/Guest Comments -

1. Jack Dutton - Road Captain Guide is just being completed. See HOG Tales article on pipes and Laughlin River Run. AV Cruise Nights will be May through Sept at the Shop.
2. Ron - Approved for satellite store. Applied for Rider's Edge Course. Average HOG chapter size is 600-800 members. Thunder on the Lot will be in June - the weekend before Father's Day. \$25K to be donated to MDA.

Old Business:

Reminder - Next board meeting is Fri. 11 Mar. at location TBD. Next general meeting will be on Sat. 12 Mar. at 0900 hours at Charlie's in the Carriage Inn.

Meeting was adjourned at 1009 hours.

Ridgecrest Activity Group
Antelope Valley Chapter Meeting Minutes
11 Mar 2005

The meeting was called to order at 0910 hours by Director Dennis Linck at Charlie's (Carriage Inn) in Ridgecrest.

Director Dennis Linck -

\$75 Donation made to VFW Women's Auxiliary in memory of Mary Burchett.

Secretary Debby Linck -

New Rosters will be emailed out in the next couple of weeks.
Cruise Night change starting in April - Pony Espresso.

Asst. Director Stan Austin -

Flyer available for ride to Longstreet Inn in Death Valley.
Flyer available for ride to Sedona, AZ in April.
Showed several varieties of safety glasses and a crush proof glass case.

Activities Officer George Fields -

After meeting ride to Stovepipe Wells.
Sedona, AZ run 8 - 11 April.
Yosemite ride being planned.
25-28 Aug ride to the coast.
13-18 Aug ride to Grand Canyon
15 Oct Chapter Picnic at Lake Diaz.
Mar breakfast ride to Olancha on 19th.
Car Wash will be after 9 July Chapter Meeting.

Editor Paul Liesman -

AV newsletter available.
See Debby if you want AV newsletter mailed to you.
BAD Ride on 12 June.

Safety Officer Dave Hunter-

Experienced Riders Course on 2 April.
Talked about Herman Pate's accident.
2 AV members pushed off the road on Highway 14.
Meet at Eastridge Chevron at 1030 hours for ride to Stovepipe Wells.
Sedona Ride- Wants to finalize itinerary. Staying at Super8 Motel.

Road Captain Rex Walraven -

Putting together list of Road Captains.
Ride for Heart same weekend as Sedona Ride.

LOH Billee Burchett -

Final voting on charities today.
Poker run idea still being worked on.

Photographer Dwight Furnish - Nothing to report.

Historian Deb Milan - Not present.

Webmaster Don McCauley -

See Officers Page for most up-to-date information.

New Business:

None

Member/Guest Comments -

Tony Jaime - New helmet law. Right of Way bill would increase penalties for those who injure

Motorcyclists. Emissions/Noise becoming an issue in many communities.

Ron - End of April expect ok from H-D to start looking at satellite shop. Call Ron if you're not happy with service at the shop. Rental Bikes are now available. Additional parts and merchandise now stocked in the shop. Will be building HOG porch at the shop later this year.

Old Business:

Reminder - Next board meeting is Fri. 8 April. at location TBD. Next general meeting will be on Sat. 9 April at 0900 hours at Charlie's in the Carriage Inn.

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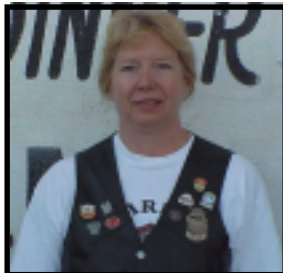
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Happy Birthday!!

April



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Bland Burchett



Carl Hoberg



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Mark Dean



Anne Haber



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Motorcyle Web Links

HD of Lancaster

<http://www.hdoflanaster.com/lancasterhome.html>

AV Hog Public Site

<http://www.avhog.com>

AV Hog Members Site

<http://www.avhog.us>

HD Home Page

http://www.harley-davidson.com/hd_main/hd_home.jsp

Motorcyclists Rights

<http://www.abate.org/>

Motorcycle Safety Foundation

<http://www.msf-usa.org/>

Ridgecrest Activity Group

<http://www.ridgecresthog.com/>

HOG Chapters

<http://hogchapters.net>

Maps

<http://www.mapquest.com/>

California Department of Transportation – Road and Highway Info

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/>

Harley Owners Group

<http://www.hog.com>

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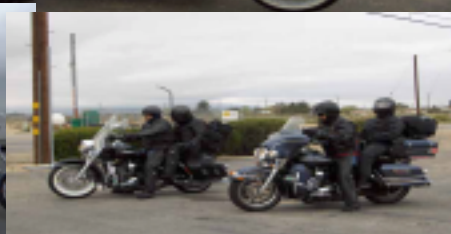
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