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Director
Dennis Linck

Hello All,

This summer sure has been a warm one. Hopefully those days of 115 degrees and humid weather are behind us finally. It's been less than fun to ride around in this heat, kind of like riding in a small blast furnace. Thanks to all of the mountains around us, getting out of the heat and enjoying cooler climates has not been too tough.

I want to thank all who participated in the car wash in July. We were able to raise over 800.00 for our two charities, the American Cancer Society and Make a Wish Foundation, and have a little fun at the same time. I want to thank Frank and Maria Huereque for bringing out their shaved ice booth and for their donation to the charities and to Josh and Debbie Wilkerson for hosting the after Car Wash swim party and barbeque. We are planning on becoming a corporate sponsor for the local Relay For Life, our groups name will appear on all of the relay for life materials.

If you have not had a chance to make to any of the breakfast or dinner rides, please plan to make one of the upcoming rides. Debby and I have been on several and have had a great time. The ride up to McNally's was highlighted by a birthday celebration for Cheryl Tallman. The ride up there was exciting as we rode through the heat, a big thunderstorm just this side of Onyx, and then a windstorm on the other side of Onyx. We all were soaked after the thunderstorm but thanks to the wind and the clear skies and warm air up to McNally's, we were all dry before we hit the restaurant's parking lot. The ride home was a lot less exciting, highlighted by clear skies and a nice cool riding weather. There are still ride's planned for August, please check the website for information on the upcoming rides.

Hope to see y'all at the upcoming breakfast and dinner rides and/or at the weekly Cruise Nights.

Take care and be careful, never ride faster than your Guardian Angel can fly,

Dennis



Asst. Director
Stan Austin

I have been so busy I don't know where to start! This summer is going by **HOT** and fast. I think I will start with 11 Jun 05. Some of us rode to Las Vegas for the wedding of Tommy and Clint. Barb and I had a great room right on the deck next to the pool. This was the first day of our vacation ride to Key West. The ride over was good till we got into down town and man it was hot in that stop and go Las Vegas traffic. We got to the rooms and got ready to go to the wedding. The chapel was very nice and the bride was beautiful. The groom cleaned up nicely too. Of course weddings in Las Vegas are kind of fast but it was nice and everyone was happy for the newly weds. After the wedding we all returned to the hotel for a great dinner and a lot of fun with good friends.

The next day all left for home or other places. Barb and I headed east across the Hover Dam, what a site it is, and on to Kingman. We made our way across I40. We made good time with lots of stops. In Oklahoma we stayed in a hotel with the Mother Road Run (route 66 ride) and there were around one hundred and forty bikes, of all types, at the hotel. On the night before we rode the Tail of the Dragon we stayed in Knoxville, TN. There were six Honda Gold wings with trailers on their way to the Goldwing Convention in Georgia. After riding the Tail of the Dragon we headed south to Florida.

We spent a total of four days in Orlando, two days in the Miami area and two days in Key West. While in Orlando we went to Epcot Center and several other local sight seeing areas. Of course it rained every day but we were only caught twice on our bike. Key West was great and we did all the sights there too.

On Sunday, 26 June 05, we headed for home. Leaving Key West at 4 A.M. we went 653 miles to Tallahassee, FL. That was our longest day, however we did have a 632-mile day in Texas later that week. After FL, we drove along the gulf coast of Mississippi to New Orleans, LA. We drove the Harley down Bourbon Street and many other streets in the famed French Quarter. Once back on I10 we made our way across Texas and New Mexico. Going into Arizona we headed northwest across the Apache Indian Reservation and up to Flagstaff. In Flagstaff we got back on I40 and headed for home. Our last night was in Kingman and after a short 300 miles we were home, Friday 1 July.

The total trip was 6,804.5 miles. We were in 14 states and visited 18 major cities. We had a wonderful time and can't wait to do it again. Once you do a road trip like this, a 200 or 400-mile trip is nothing. I cannot express how much this type of a trip means to me. I am 55 years old and even though I have traveled a lot in my life it means more now as the day is coming soon when I may not be able to take a trip like this anymore. I don't want to past up a chance to travel and see more of the USA. I

hope all of you get the bug and make the most of your days on earth by enjoying you life to the max.

I made some of the breakfast and dinner rides and as always they were fun. The one to Kernville was really wild with rain and wind. The dinner was great, everyone had plenty of laughs and the ride home was cool and beautiful. We will have gone to Mammoth by the time the newsletter comes out but I know that that ride will be fun too. There are still some more rides left so join in when you can.

Please don't forget our long-term raffle that will end with our campout ride at Lone Pine. Ride when you can and stay safe. See you all soon.



Biloxi, Mississippi

Deals Gap Tail



Key Largo

Key West





Road Captain Coordinator

I am submitting my inputs to our newsletter in absentia again as I am off riding around again. This time I'm gone to Sturgis. Seems like I've missed a few meetings this year cuz I was out riding. Oh well, isn't that what this group is for anyway? I was thankful for a great ride in June; Rip's B.A.D. Ride raised a lot of money for my favorite charity ride, Bikers Against Diabetes. People with health issues need to remember not to be shy about these things. I say this because Tony Jaime, Dave Burnworth and I took off on the spur of the moment and went to Hollister for the Independence Rally. I had a low blood sugar on the way back that fortunately I was able to handle, but if it had gotten out of hand, I'm sure Dave and Tony would at least be able to tell any authority about me being a diabetic.

Anyway, we had a good time at the VIP party for Rip's BAD Ride, though I did have a rough time getting into the hotel room after I closed the club down, I finally had to have security open the hotel room and found the others passed out. Couldn't answer the phone or the door. The ride the next day was easy and uneventful. Anyone interested in a good charity ride I would recommend this one. There are those of us with diabetes and lots more that have someone close to them with diabetes can all get involved. The B.A.D. ride is going national with another ride in NoCal and one in Arizona. The AZ ride is in Scottsdale and it's the third weekend in October, the same weekend as Tombstone's Helldorado Days, which I haven't been to in about 25 years, but remember it being quite a celebration. It commemorates the shootout at the OK Corral.

Hollister was a nice ride that makes for a nice short get away. I wanted to go up over Tioga Pass, but got talked out of that since they had just opened up the pass. (I hear that the pass is in very good condition for anyone interested.) So we rode over Highways 178, 58, 33, 198 and 25 into Hollister and thought that was a fine route. Hollister was a good rally, though it did get very crowded as we were leaving on Saturday. I'm sure glad we went on Friday. The ride back down the coast was beautiful and highly recommended with any type of transportation, but on the bike in summer would be at the top of the list.

Road captain talk: Well, we have added a few names to our list of Road Captains, but always welcome more. I'd like to say a few words on group positioning. We all try to get our experienced riders leading and pulling up sweep, but sometimes the hardest position to ride is second from last. This is the person that has to keep their eye on the road and all the members in the group in front of them, and also make sure to pay attention to the mirrors to look out for the sweep rider. So if you find yourself riding dash three in a four-bike group and you aren't comfortable with it, let the road captain(s) know and we'll get you in a more comfortable spot. I know I like

to go through some of the mountain road twisties faster than some, slower than some others, so I find myself doing a lot of slowing down and waiting on the straight stretches or hoping the others will pause and let the slower ones catch up, I think most of us can agree with that. When you ride as a group, we like to keep it together, but on some roads you are just going to have to let everyone ride their own pace and group up at places where you can. As Road Captains, so long as we make sure everyone makes it through we have done our job.

As for the recent news on traffic enforcement, CHP took a hit about giving a 10 mph grace speed and started cracking down on speeders. If you want to agree on a speed before a ride I would recommend that, and if you have a bike with cruise control I would also recommend using that to set the pace.



Ladies of Harley *Billee Burchett*

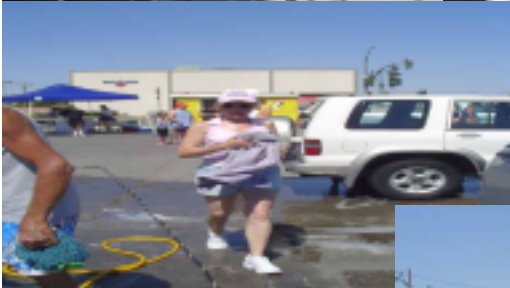
Hi to a great bunch of friends and comrades. We have been having a wonderful time taking dinner rides, breakfast rides, short rides, and long rides. And, of course, the car wash was a blast. The proceeds will be split between the American Cancer Society and Make a Wish Foundation.

Bland is currently planning a late-decision trip to Sturgis. I couldn't resist the urge to go, even though the annual leave is in short supply! As we all know, it has been especially hot this summer. Even riding through Death Valley at night is formidable. We tried it, the hand grips got hot! Scary. Anyway, be particularly careful out there. In preparation for a HOT trip to Sturgis, we made a quick trip to Chaparral in San Bernardino and purchased vests called the "Sahara" by Joe Rocket, to wear under vented jackets by Cortech (Sorry Harley) . Anyway, the vests are an "evaporative cooling system" and should make riding in the hot weather more comfortable. On top of that, we will each have a Camelbak. Point is, when it is hot, you can't be too careful.

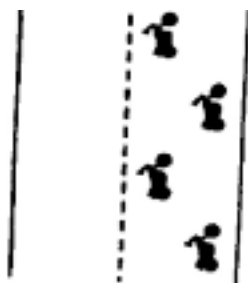
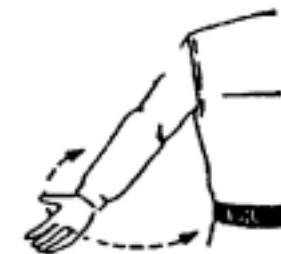
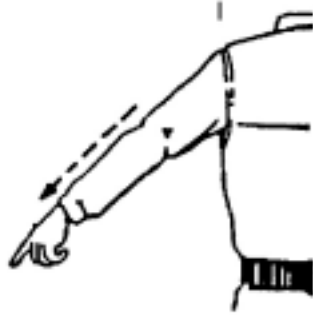
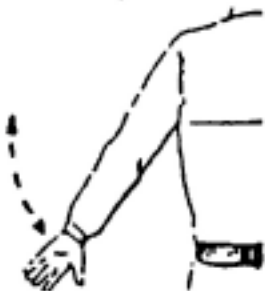
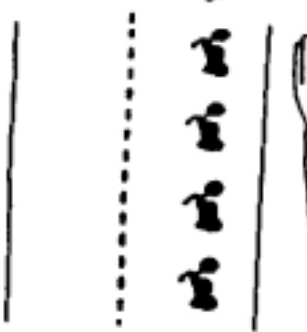
Speaking of our chosen charities. A recent ad in the Daily Independent states they are looking for volunteers to assist in the Relay for Life scheduled for October 1, 2005. This is the Cancer Society's largest fund raiser and the HOG group will be listed as a sponsor (resulting from our donation from the car wash). Anyway, all kinds of help is needed. If you are interested, please contact Jim Weimholt at 375-7019. If we want to volunteer as a group, that would be fun too. Just let me know (E-mail is burchettbj@yahoo.com). I have walked in the Relay for Life the last three years. It is a wonderful experience, even walking at 2:00 a.m. Ask anyone, they will tell you that the "weird" hours are the most special time to walk. So, if you have the opportunity to walk on a team, do it!

Bland and I will miss the next two HOG meetings, so have fun and ride safe. We will be thinking of you.

Working at the car wash!!!









Secretary/Treasurer
Debby Linck

Ridgecrest Activity Group
Antelope Valley Chapter Meeting Minutes
11 June 2005

The meeting was called to order at 0902 hours by Director Dennis Linck at Charlie's (Carriage Inn) in Ridgecrest.

Director Dennis Linck –

1. Welcome to all members.
2. July meeting will be held at 0800 hours (8:00 am) due to our fundraiser car wash scheduled for the same day. Car Wash will be held at the corner of Ridgecrest Blvd. And China Lake Blvd.
3. July Breakfast ride will remain on Sat. 16 July and will be to Cattleman's in Tehachapi (for those not going to Morro Bay on Fri. 15 July). Dinner ride will be the following Sat.
4. Billee Burchett would like to step down as LOH. Looking for someone to take her place.

Secretary Debby Linck –

1. Card going around for Josh and Debbie Wilkerson who recently had an accident on their bike. Everyone please sign.
2. Please make sure if you change your email address that you let me know.

Asst. Director Stan Austin – Not present.

Activities Officer George Fields –

1. AV Cruise-In next weekend (18th)
2. AV Poker Run on 25 June
3. ABATE is having a run to Grump Bears in Kennedy Meadows on 4 July
4. Morro Bay trip flyers are available
5. June Breakfast Ride to Cheryl's in Kernville, Meet 0700 hours (7:00 am) at IYK Chevron
6. June Dinner Ride on 25 June to Seasons in Lone Pine
7. July Breakfast Ride to Cattleman's in Tehachapi
8. July Dinner Ride to McNally's in Fairview (above Kernville)

9. 25 June VFW Ride for the National Cemetery in Bakersfield (Poker Run)
10. 12 June BAD Ride
11. 12 June Thunder on the Lot in Lancaster. Meet at 0700 hours (7:00 am) at Jack-in-the-Box.

Editor Paul Liesman –

1. Latest newsletter available on the website.

Safety Officer Dave Hunter-

1. Discussed Josh and Debbie Wilkerson's accidents along with a couple of other local incidents.
2. Group Rides- Just a reminder, if anyone has any issues with something or someone on a group ride, be sure to bring it up to the road captain as soon as possible.
3. General discussion of group riding issues.
4. Base Basic Rider Course is full with a waiting list.

Road Captain Rex Walraven –

1. For those who went to the Experience Riders Course and who would like to be a Road Captain, let Rex know.

LOH Billee Burchett – Not present.

Photographer Dwight Furnish – Nothing to report.

Historian Deb Milam – Not present.

Webmaster Don McCauley - Not present.

New Business:

1. None.

Member/Guest Comments:

1. Dale Polley – Beware of road work on the far side of Walker's Pass. Also, the gas station at Stovepipe Wells is closed indefinitely.

Old Business:

Reminder – Next board meeting is Fri. 8 July at location TBD. Next general meeting will be on Sat. 9 July at **0800** hours at Charlie's in the Carriage Inn.

Meeting was adjourned at 0932 hours (9:32 am).

Ridgecrest Activity Group

Antelope Valley Chapter Meeting Minutes

9 July 2005

The meeting was called to order at 0805 hours (8:05 am) by Director Dennis Linck at Charlie's (Carriage Inn) in Ridgecrest.

Director Dennis Linck –

5. Welcome to all members.
6. Our annual fundraiser car wash for this year's charities is today after the meeting. Our charities are American Cancer Society and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.
7. 6 Aug Bluesapalooza at Mammoth Lakes
8. Combining our first poker run with our club picnic on October 18. Dwight Furnish will look into reserving an area for camping at Lake Diaz.

Secretary Debby Linck –

3. Reminder – let me know when your contact info changes.

Asst. Director Stan Austin –

1. Tickets available for our charity raffle items.
2. Discussed experience of riding cross country to Orlando, FL.

Activities Officer George Fields –

12. Trip to Morro Bay 15-17 July. POC is Mike Moore.
13. AV Lancaster meeting is tomorrow.
14. July Breakfast Ride to Cattleman's in Tehachapi
15. July Dinner Ride to McNally's in Fairview (above Kernville) – Need head count for reservations.

Editor Paul Liesman –

2. Input for next newsletter is due one week before the August meeting.

Safety Officer Dave Hunter-

5. Road to McNally's is in good shape.
6. Sherman Pass Road has potholes and is very sandy in places.

Road Captain Rex Walraven –

1. Nothing to report.

LOH Billee Burchett – Not present.

Photographer Dwight Furnish –

1. Need to get photos (head shots) of new members.

Historian Deb Milam – Not present.

Webmaster Don McCauley -

1. Website is up to date (calendar, rides, etc).

New Business:

1. None.

Member/Guest Comments:

1. None.

Old Business:

Reminder – Next board meeting is Fri. 12 Aug. at location TBD. Next general meeting will be on Sat. 13 Aug. at **0900** hours at Charlie's in the Carriage Inn.

Meeting was adjourned at 0830 hours (8:30 am).



Editor

Paul Liesman

George Fields, Wade Tallman, and myself rode to Lancaster for the **Thunder on the Lot** the day after our last meeting. The poker run was nice, not much wind and fairly cool. Once again, my poker hand showed me that a gambling career is in not in the cards! The stop at the **Rock Inn** did have some cause for alarm when we saw the waitress carrying a tray full of **shots** and serving them to other riders, all around **9 AM!** When we left there, I believe the guy in front of George had had a few, as he was all over the road.

We had a good turnout for the **June** dinner ride to **Season's** in Lone Pine. The weather was cool for this time of year, 12 bikes made the trip (including one that kept backfiring, causing those of us in the rear to keep checking for snipers!), and probably the best meal of the year. All that made the trip agreed that another trip would have to be made.

Several members did the ABATE poker run in Kennedy Meadows. The bike ride for the poker run was a lot of fun, though I still don't know what type of hand I had. Maybe next year we'll actually get to draw playing cards!

The **July** breakfast ride to **Cattleman's** in Tehachapi had a decent turnout, considering the heat and the Morrow Bay trip was the same weekend. Barry, Dwight, George, Rex, Rollin, Pat, and myself made the trip. Rex then led us back via Calient & Lake Isabella. Making the trip exciting was Dwight's fuel line leaking, but everyready

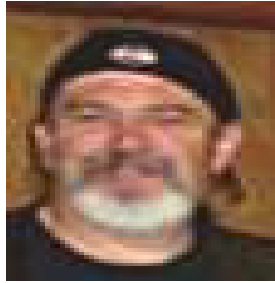
George had a spare line. And seeing all the **cows** laying around on the side of the road brought back flashes to me of growing up in Missouri on the farm, and we'd just had breakfast!

Hollister Pics

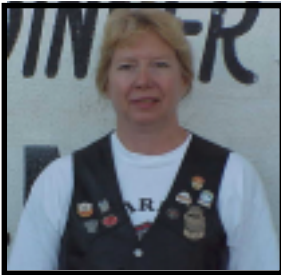




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HD of Lancaster

<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

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

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A filthy rich North Carolina man decided that he wanted to throw a party and invited all of his buddies and neighbors. He also invited Leroy, the only redneck in the neighborhood. He held the party around the pool in the backyard of his mansion. Leroy was having a good time drinking, dancing, eating shrimp, oysters and BBQ and flirting with all the women.

At the height of the party, the host said, "I have a 10ft man-eating gator in my pool and I'll give a million dollars to anyone who has the nerve to jump in". The words were barely out of his mouth when there was a loud splash and everyone turned around and saw Leroy in the pool! Leroy was fighting the gator and kicking its ass! Leroy was jabbing the gator in the eyes with his thumbs, throwing punches, head butts and choke holds, biting the gator on the tail and flipping the gator through the air like some kind of Judo Instructor. The water was churning and splashing everywhere. Both Leroy and the gator were screaming and raising hell. Finally Leroy strangled the gator and let it float to the top like a dime store goldfish. Leroy then slowly climbed out of the pool. Everybody was just staring at him in disbelief.

Finally the host says, "Well, Leroy, I reckon I owe you a million dollars".
"No, that's okay. I don't want it," said Leroy.

The rich man said, "Man, I have to give you something. You won the bet. How about half a million bucks then?"

"No thanks. I don't want it," answered Leroy.

The host said, "Come on, I insist on giving you something. That was amazing. How about a new Porsche and a Rolex and some stock options?"

Again Leroy said no.

Confused, the rich man asked, "Well, Leroy, then what do you want?"

Leroy said, "I want the name of the sum bitch who pushed me in the pool."



Web Master
Don McCauley

Happy Birthday!!

August



Tracy Ackeret



Charlotte Gamel



Bob Gerber



Deb Milam

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September



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