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Director
Dennis Linck

Hello All,

Autumn is finally here, cooler weather for riding and my favorite season of the year. One of the big blessings of living in the desert as far as I am concerned is the Spring and Fall weather. I love the cool mornings and evenings and the warm days. I always tell Debby that if the weather was Spring/Fall like all year round we would not be able to afford to live her.

Hope you all have marked the weekend of 14-16 October on your calendars. We are having our Second Annual Ridgecrest Activity Group picnic at Diaz Lake south of Lone Pine. Stan and Dwight have reserved the same campsites we had last year for this year's picnic. We will be barbecuing tri-tip, thanks to our deputy director Stan Austin, and garlic bread. We ask that all of you please bring something to share with all. There is going to be a couple of groups camping all or part of the weekend at the lake, so if you want to enjoy a weekend in the wilds south of Lone Pine, please feel free to join them. You will need to register and pay at the front of the park for camping.

We are also going to have a fun poker run to raise some funds for our charities and the food baskets. The plan is to start at the Inyokern Chevron at 0930-1100 with four stops on the way to Diaz and one card at Diaz (you can earn a free extra card by taking a little detour around the lake.). The poker run is five dollars a hand with a max of two hands a person. You will be able to purchase an extra card at the Lake. We will be giving 40% of the pot to the high hand (aces are always high) and 10% to the low hand.

We will also be pulling the raffle winners at the picnic. We have a bunch of great prizes, a Kuryakyn travel bag, a knife, a watch and many others. If you don't have your tickets yet, be sure to get some at the next meeting or at the picnic. Tickets are one dollar each or six for five bucks.

We will be passing the hat to raise some funds for the poor folks down in the Gulf area who were hit pretty hard by hurricane Katrina. Please open your hearts and your wallets and donate to this wonderful cause.

We have donated \$500.00 to the American Cancer Society and they are supposed to have a representative at the October meeting for a photo op. We will also hopefully be presenting a check to the Make-A-Wish foundation in October also.

Please be sure to check your email and the website often for updates on current events and planned rides.

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

Dennis



Asst. Director
Stan Austin

The very first thing I would like to say, is how much our hearts go out to all the people affected by the severe weather and flooding in the gulf area of the US. No matter what our race or national origin we are all humans, we feel the same pain and fears. All of us should do what we can to help our fellow humans in their hour of need.

Here we are in Oct and our camp out and picnic is on the 15th. We are planning a fun day for Saturday and for those who wish to camp over the weekend, you will enjoy it the campsites and fun Friday and/or Saturday night. There will be a poker run to the camp site on Sat. a.m., then some games, a raffle, and dinner. Please plan to come up for this fun weekend.

This year has flown by, and many of the club members have traveled several miles. Since 11 June, I have put 9,834 miles on my bike. My wife and I have tried to make all the runs and trips we could. We had so much fun this summer and not just on our own trips but hearing others sharing the stories of their trips. After all that is what riding is all about. We still have some rides coming up and the trip to San Diego should be very nice. The club has grown over the year and I hope all of you spread the word to other Harley riders so they will join in on the fun too. Please ride when you can and keep safe.





Road Captain Coordinator
Rex Walraven

Well, not much input from me this time for the newsletter. Was busy riding all summer and now I'm getting ready to do the shorter rides around the area here. I had a great trip to Sturgis with Bland and Billie Burchett. They are an awesome couple to ride with, as we didn't have much planned until Bland made a plan the day before we left. And we rode it well and had tons of fun. I'm looking forward to going to Sturgis again in the coming years. Went through some absolutely beautiful country through Utah, Wyoming, South Dakota, Montana, Idaho, and Nevada. I ran into a problem on the last few days of the ride home with my medications and had to watch my diet as my insulin went bad, but Bland and Billie adapted and helped to keep an eye on me. It was comforting to know that someone would be there if something did happen to me with my diabetes.

If you remember I wrote in our last newsletter about discussing medical conditions with the road captains before we go on rides. Seems like that newsletter was going into print as I was riding back from Sturgis having my problems.

I also went to Reno Street Vibrations and that is another great Rally that I would recommend if anyone wants to hit one of the bigger rallies that are not so far away. Most everything is on the closed out streets of downtown Reno and seemed well organized. Hotels in Lake Tahoe are not any more expensive than they are any other weekend where the hotel prices in Reno were way up there, but most came with concert tickets too.

Road captain news – not much to say. Looking for a couple of road captains to maybe help us out on our HOG RAG Picnic Poker Run. Though we have most if it laying fairly flat, would be nice to have a couple captains available for anything that slips by the wayside. Contact one of the officers or myself if you can help out. I know everyone had a great time at the picnic last year and I'm really looking forward to another fun trip to Lake Diaz.

Ride safe, and ride often. Sure makes life more enjoyable in my book.





Safety Officer
Dave Hunter

I hope everyone had a great summer season, I know that I have. Finally the temperatures are dropping and riding is enjoyable throughout the day. The two big western events; Reno Street Vibrations and Vegas bike week are over and our Chapter Poker run and picnic are just around the corner along with Toy Runs and other holiday fundraising activities.

Rising gas prices and more disposable income has resulted in an increase of new motorcycle riders and an increase in motorcycle accidents.

The external risks to motorcyclists are well know by most riders and if asked most riders would state that the vast majority of motorcycle accidents were caused by other automobiles. However, did you know that almost 50% of all motorcycle accidents involve only the motorcycle and no other vehicles while 90% of all automobile accidents are multi-vehicle? Some of this disparity could possibly be attributed to the fact that in many cases the motorcycle crashed while avoiding another car that wasn't involved, but over 25% of all motorcycle accidents involve a single motorcycle negotiating a curve. This can be attributed to the unique handling characteristics of motorcycles, especially in curves. The natural reaction whenever a motorcyclist feels that he is traveling too fast for a curve is to apply braking, however braking in a curve will cause the motorcycle to become unstable and often depart the road. The correct reaction is to lean into the turn even further and stay off the brakes.

Why do motorcyclists do the wrong actions in a curve? Lack of adequate training. Lack of adequate training is a contributing factor in almost ALL motorcycle accidents. Many people have the mistaken idea that if they can keep the bike on two wheels that they will be ok. This couldn't be farther from the truth. An untrained motorcyclist is more likely to panic and react improperly resulting in loss of control of the bike. Motorcyclists that receive initial rider training and regular follow up training are significantly less likely to panic and lose control of the bike when presented with a road hazard. As responsible riders we need to mentor new riders (both young and not so young) and strongly encourage them to successfully complete a motorcycle rider safety course. We also need to remember that we need to periodically refresh those skills through advanced rider training. In this way we will all have a more enjoyable motorcycling experience.



Secretary/Treasurer
Debby Linck

**Ridgecrest Activity Group
Antelope Valley Chapter Meeting Minutes
13 Aug 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 0908 hours by Director Dennis Linck at Charlie's (Carriage Inn) in Ridgecrest.

Director Dennis Linck –

1. Welcome to all members.
2. Car Wash Fundraiser raised \$824. We'll round that up to \$1000 and donate \$500 per charity. With our donation to the ACS, we will be recognized as a corporate sponsor.
3. AV Chapter photo next month.
4. RAG Chapter photo after a chapter meeting at Cerro Coso. Time & date are TBD.

Secretary Debby Linck –

1. Please send any changes for the roster.

Asst. Director Stan Austin –

1. There will be a motorcycle Safety course on the base at the old TID site to be run by Navy Region Southwest.
2. Talked about his and Barb's cross-country ride to Key West, FL. Total of 6,804 miles. Article in August newsletter. Talked about ride to Mammoth for Bluesapalooza last weekend.
3. Drawing for our special charity raffle will be done at the picnic in October.

Activities Officer George Fields –

1. 20 Aug Breakfast Ride to Whitney Portals. Meet at IYK Chevron at 0700 hours (7:00 am).
2. 27 Aug Dinner Ride to Seasons in Lone Pine. Meet at IYK Chevron at 1600 hours (4:00 pm)
3. Need suggestions for Sept Breakfast Ride; Sept Dinner ride to Domingo's in Boron.
4. RAG Picnic on 15 Oct at Lake Diaz along with our first Poker Run.

Editor Paul Liesman –

1. Latest newsletter available.

Safety Officer Dave Hunter-

1. Discussed K.C. Slone's incident with a snake that had crawled up around his handlebars.
2. Watch drivers using cell phones.
3. Be cautious around 18 wheel trucks.

Road Captain Rex Walraven –

1. Talked about his ride to Sturgis.
2. Anyone interested in being a road captain, let him know.

LOH Billee Burchett –

1. ACS Relay for Life needs volunteers.

Photographer Dwight Furnish – Not present.

Historian Deb Milam – Not present.

Webmaster Don McCauley -

1. Newsletter will be on-line later today.
2. If you send pictures for the website, please name the pictures but do not use upper case or spaces in the picture name.
3. Talked about his and Judy's ride to Chico the previous weekend.
4. Website has plenty of storage. Next, he would like to try some mpeg videos on the website.

New Business:

1. None.

Member/Guest Comments:

1. Ron
 - a. Shop name change to Antelope Valley Harley-Davidson.
 - b. Satellite shop approved – Earl Burley will be the manager.
 - c. Expanding the AV shop.
 - d. Ron's cell number: 661-810-0561 Call him if you have any problems with the shop.
 - e. Shop now has 2 full-time service writers and a shop foreman.
 - f. Servicing about 30 bikes per day.
 - g. 10 Sept Veteran's Home fundraiser – new annual fundraiser, Poker Run, refreshments, \$20 donation, 100% of proceeds to Veteran's Home
 - h. AV Cruise In today at 1700 hours (5:00 pm); collecting non-perishable items
2. Tony Jaime- Attended the serviceman's funeral in Bakersfield last

- weekend. The Westboro Church members did not show up as advertised.
3. Liz Gray – Good article in USA Today about increase in accidents.
 4. Dave Hunter – Selling tickets for Community Dinner to benefit Light of the Desert Performing group. 17 Sept at Kerr McGee Center.
 5. Tracy & Debbie Ackeret – Talked about their trip up to Canada. Through San Francisco on the Golden Gate Bridge. To Vancouver Island, through Seattle Hood Canal Bridge – all grated – not good for the bike! Back through Eastern Oregon desert. 5 Days of rain north of San Francisco.
 6. Bland & Bille Burchett – Rode to Sturgis. Advised watching for oil on the road.
 7. Bob & Anne Haber – Spent 8 days in Scotland and 5 days in Ipswich, England and got to visit 3 Harley-Davidson Shops.

Old Business:

Reminder – Next board meeting is Fri. 9 Sept. at location TBD. Next general meeting will be on Sat. 10 Sept at **0900** hours at Charlie's in the Carriage Inn.

Meeting was adjourned at 1005 hours (10:05 am).

Ridgecrest Activity Group Antelope Valley Chapter Meeting Minutes 10 Sept 2005

The meeting was called to order at 0900 hours by Director Dennis Linck at Charlie's (Carriage Inn) in Ridgecrest.

Director Dennis Linck –

5. Welcome to all members.
6. We'll be passing the hat to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina.
7. RAG Picnic on Sat. 15 Oct at Lake Diaz. Campsites are reserved for Fri., Sat. and Sun.
8. Poker Run combined with Picnic. \$5 per hand. Stan, Paul and Dave Hunter coordinating the poker run. Raffle tickets to be drawn at the picnic.
9. Cruise Nites to continue at Pony Espresso until the October meeting.
10. RAG Photo to be done at the picnic.
11. American Cancer Society representative to attend the October meeting for picture. Need to check with Anne Haber about getting a Make-A-Wish Foundation representative to the meeting as well.
12. Breakfast ride on 17 Sept. Don to check out a location and lead the ride. Dinner ride on 24 Sept to Domingo's in Boron.

13. Most of the officers are in Lancaster at the Shop fundraiser for the Veteran's home.

Secretary Debby Linck –

2. Please send any changes for the roster.

Asst. Director Stan Austin – Not present.

Activities Officer George Fields – Not present.

Editor Paul Liesman – Not present.

Safety Officer Dave Hunter- Not present.

Road Captain Rex Walraven – Not present.

LOH Billee Burchett – Not present.

Photographer Dwight Furnish – Not present.

Historian Deb Milam – Nothing to report.

Webmaster Don McCauley -

1. Website up and running.

New Business:

1. None.

Member/Guest Comments: None.

Old Business:

Reminder – Next board meeting is Fri. 7 Oct. at location TBD. Next general meeting will be on Sat. 8 Oct. at **0900** hours at Charlie's in the Carriage Inn.

Meeting was adjourned at 0920 hours (9:20 am).





Editor
Paul Liesman

We had a great turnout for the August breakfast ride to Whitney Portals. There was about 20 bikes, (no one actually counted), so 2 separate groups went up. Don McCauley led the 1st group and veered them around parts of the Alabama Hills. The 2nd group was lead by Dave Hunter who got us there ahead of the 1st group and into the front of the breakfast line! It was a great day at the Portals with a huge breakfast feast, clear skies and cool weather.

On the way home, some members rode 395 straight back to RC, but most went around to Panamint Springs, and came home via Panamint Valley.

We had another great turnout for the dinner ride to **Season's** in Lone Pine. Once more we had good eats, conversation, and to top it off, Stan Austin Jr's 19th birthday.

We had another good turnout for the brunch ride to **Uncle Sam's** in Lancaster. Robert found out it was not a **free** brunch, eh Robert?

8 bikes and 15 people showed up for the dinner ride to **Domingo's** in Boron.

The RAG was well represented at the **Operation Gratitude** in Lancaster.

We have our stops checked out for the club **poker run**, Oct. 15. Instructions will be provided at the check in, the **Chevron** in Inyokern.

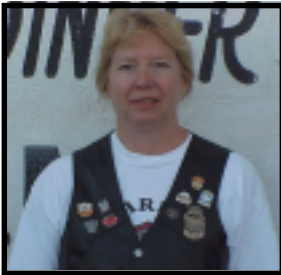




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<http://www.avhog.us>

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

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Whitney Portals Breakfast Ride



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October



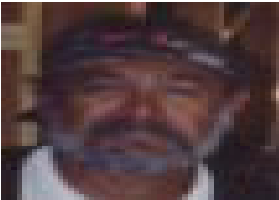
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