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Meetings Held at
Charlie's in Ridgecrest

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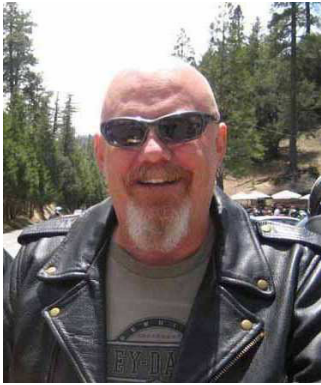
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Tracy Ackeret **Ramblings from** **Silk**



Greetings once again,

First off let me wish each and every one of you a Happy New Year. By the time you read this we will have had a meeting and a couple rides thus far. As usual Scooter had his New Years ride to Domingo's in Boron. I know this is not an official HOG ride but many of the group go on this ride. Deb and I once again made this ride although I must admit that we cheat a bit. Since we live in Cal City we just ride over to Boron and meet the group over there. Yeah I know we could ride up to Ridgecrest and ride with the group but since we are this close I always figure why not just cheat once in a while. After all we ride up that way all the time so it's not like we don't already know the way.

One of the things that we are going to try this year is to have an after meeting ride after most of our meetings. Yes there will be a few during the month that we will not, like April because of the Biker Blessing. But for the most part we will be riding somewhere after the meetings. We figured since that's what we are about why not just plan on a ride after the meetings. In January we went to Crazy Otto's in Rosamond. It's not that far of a ride but you never know what the weather is going to be like so we didn't want to plan a ride to far in case the weather was not conducive to riding. We had a good turnout for that ride. We had 17 members go there. Joe and Jenn at Crazy Otto's always treat us good. Joe has a bike himself, a Heritage Softtail if I remember correctly. They used to be members of the AV group but due to commitments of the restaurant they haven't been able to keep that up. But they still like seeing bikes and treat us good.

I hope by now that everyone has had a chance to look at our yearly calendar, it's out on the website and also on the message board. Take a look at it and it will give you an idea of what we have planned this year. We have 6 overnight rides, 7 if you include the one night after McNally's dinner ride. We will be doing our usual overnight rides this year, Cabin Fever, Yosemite and Morro Bay to name a few. But we also have the Silverton Casino in Las Vegas on the calendar. This will be a ride over through Death Valley and then Pahrump to the Blue Diamond Highway on into Vegas. On Saturday morning we are planning on taking a ride through Red Rock State Park. There are lots of really cool views on this ride so we will plan on stopping several times to take pictures and see the sights. We may also plan on spending some time at the visitor's center. There is a nice little place at the top of Blue Diamond Highway going towards Pahrump that I plan on going to for lunch Saturday.

In addition to what's already on the ride calendar, I am sure there will be other rides that get thrown out to everyone. The best way to find out about these is to log into the message board and check to see what is going on. As I said at the meeting this message board is totally secure, only members can see what is on it. I know there is some worries about security on the internet but with the message board being only members it's about as safe as you can get. Take the time to go out and register for it and take a look around. I think it will be a good place for information exchange.

Anyway I hope to see as many of you as we can on our rides this year and let's get out there and ride. After all that's what this is all about, 'Ride and Have Fun'.

Ride Safe and Often
Silk



Mike Moore
Where's the Meat?



Hello Hogsters, as we start a new year and as I reflect back I find it hard to believe that this is going to be my 8th year in the group, man time sure does fly! It's been a great ride and I've met so many wonderful people, and been on so many fun rides, I'm looking forward to seeing what the next 8+ years will bring. I would like to thank all of the out-going Board members for the time they put into helping make our group what it is. Stan, Stan Jr., and Judy G. - thanks and I enjoyed working with you. To the new Board members coming in this year, Dwight - Safety, Scott - Editor, Stella and Kim - LOH, and Terry - Co-Photographer welcome aboard and I look forward to working with you all. I would also like to thank Tracy for his great leadership, he has done one hell of a job! Let's go out and make this year even bigger and better than last year!

See ya on the road,
Mike



Debbie Ackeret

*Membership
Coordinator*



Happy New Year Everyone,

Please make sure you keep your National HOG current. For those whose national expires this year when you renew please send me your new expiration date. I will be bugging everyone on a regular basis so that everyone is up to date.

I am also going to try and get current pictures and birthday months on everyone in the group so be on the lookout for those e-mails. We don't want to leave anyone out.

Take Care and ride Safe
Silkslady



Crystal Liesman
Historian

Get those Ride Reports in !!!



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*“.5”
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Barb Austin
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Member story

Ramblings & Musings from an ORF (Old Retired Fart)

So here I was on day 126 into my retirement and I was wondering what I should do today. I know, let's go for a motorcycle ride. Middle of the week and there wouldn't be the usual caravan of skiers and/or campers. I decided to take the Road King since I hadn't ridden it in a while. Good move. Now, don't get me wrong, occasionally I enjoy the luxury of a windshield and cruise control. My Wide Glide is a fun, sporty bike when I'm feeling a bit on the "wild side". I still enjoy the feeling of the wind in my face now and then and I feel like I'm part of the bike and can maneuver it with the flick of the wrist when I'm on it. This particular day I was looking forward to a smooth comfortable ride which only the Road King can afford me.

I headed South on Downs Ave. to S. China Lake Blvd. From there I headed South to Garlock Rd. and then on to Hwy 14. I then headed North on 14 through Red Rock Canyon. The RK took me through the curves with ultimate comfort and pleasure. Traffic was light and I was in no hurry to get anywhere particularly fast. I was just enjoying the nice weather and the thrill of being on two wheels. I turned off onto 178 toward Inyokern then took Brown Rd. back into Ridgecrest. Before I knew it the ride was over. It was only 75 miles, but it could have just as easily been 500 miles.

Yes, I'm spoiled, I've earned it. Some days are Wide Glide days and some are Road King days. To Webmaster Don, yes, I do enjoy my windshield (even though there were no gargantuan bugs out that day). But then again, I thoroughly enjoy that "wind in the face" feeling only the Wide Glide provides me. I know, I can take the windshield off the Road King, but it just ain't the same. After all, riding with or without a windshield is still riding. And I'm enjoying every mile of it.

Keep the shiny side up!

Barry Hoyer

CHECK AT THE SHOP FOR UPCOMING DATES:

Skilled Rider Course. Cost for current R.A.G. HOG members is \$125.00 (regular price is \$150.00).

New Rider Course .

Thanks for your support,

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A WORD FROM OUR SPONSER!!

From Scott Kellerman

Happy New Year to all of our HOG members, Ron, the staff and I would like to thank you for all of your support and loyalty this past year. Between AV HOG and RAG you have got to be one of the most generous Chapters in all of HOG as evident by the success of our recent Toy Drives and USO fundraiser. Not to mention all the other causes, events and fundraisers efforts we support throughout the year. Also just for our HOG members we would like to offer a 20% discount on Labor for any parts and accessories installed in our service department through the end of February. And as always you will earn points for your parts purchases through our rewards program. As an example of possible savings, a chrome front end on a touring bike would be \$65.00 off labor and add the parts purchased to your rewards program. (payout details can be found on our web site). And don't forget we will meet or beat any dealers advertised price on the same job. We have also increased our service capacity and added two new Technicians. Harley-Davidson PHD trained and MMI graduate Kirt Hulsey and Dyno Jet performance certified Mike Strozzi formerly of MGS. Stop by and ask for a tour of the shop I'll introduce you to them. As always if you have any questions, comments or concerns please don't hesitate to bring them to Ron's or my attention. If we don't know it's broke we can't fix it. We are looking forward to spending another great year with all of you.

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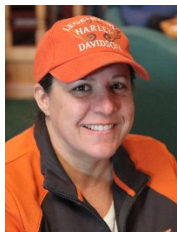




January Birthdays



JD Biros



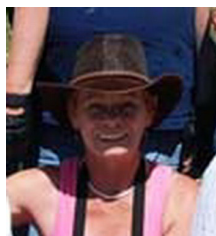
Betty Biros



Dwight Furnish



Scott Covert



Kathleen Hartzell



Tom Lara

February Birthdays



Yvette Bennett



Britt Hartzell



Clint Lawerence



Pam Sanders



Wade Tallman



Steve Wainscott



Debbie Wilkerson



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JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Scooters New Years Day Ride to Domingos in Boron	2 New Years (Fed)	3	4	5	6 Flex Day NAWs	7
8 AV HOG Meeting After meeting ride to Fillmore	9	10	11	12	13 AV HOG RC Board Meeting	14 AV HOG RC Meeting After Meeting Ride to Crazy Ottos Rosamond
15	16 Martin L. King Jr Day (Fed)	17	18	19	20 AV Boot Camp Flex Day NAWs	21 Lunch Ride to Peggy Sue Diner
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Scooters Ride meet at his house 533 S. Norma For Info call 760-793-1547 > Crazy Ottos Diner Rosamond 2635 Diamond St Rosamond CA > Peggy Sue Diner 35654 East Yermo Road Yermo CA 			

Note: Refer to AV HOG Ridgcrest Message Board for latest information



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FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Emma Jean's Holland Burger Cafe 17143 North D Street Victorville CA > Dugans Bar and Grill Independence > Cabin Fever Run to Beatty NV Feb 17-20 Contact Bland Burchett at blandburchett@yahoo.com for Details > LOH CCW Certification Course Contact Stella Raymond 			1	2 Groundhog Day	3 Flex Day NAWs	4 Lunch Ride to Emma Jeans Holland Burger Cafe
5 AV HOG Meeting	6	7	8	9	10 AV HOG RC Board Meeting AV Men's Garage Party	11 AV HOG RC Meeting After Meeting Ride to Dugans Bar and Grill
12	13	14 Valentines Day	15	16	17 Cabin Fever Run Whiskey Flats Bays Flex Day NAWs	18 Cabin Fever Run Whiskey Flats Bays
19 Cabin Fever Run Whiskey Flats Bays	20 Cabin Fever Run Whiskey Flats Bays Presidents Day (Fed)	21	22	23	24	25 LOH CCW certification course
26	27	28	29			

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LOOK AHEAD:

Motorcycle Web Links

Antelope Valley HD

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

AV Hog Website

<http://www.avhog.org>

HD Home Page

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

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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California DOT-Road & Highway Info

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

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