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Tracy Akeret
*Ramblings from
Silk*

Greeting once again,

It's been a great couple months of riding. Debbie and I have done quite a bit of riding this summer and it's less than half over. We have been on several long rides and lots of short rides. We went to San Diego with Wade back in April. I must say that Wade is far better than any Docent that they had on the Midway. I could spend all day listening to him talk about his adventures in the Navy. Then a few weeks later he led a ride over to Beatty and north. We ended up going over the mountains above Big Pine. I had no idea there were so many cool places up in those mountains. Earlier this month we took our annual trip up to Yosemite. Debbie and I have been going to Yosemite every year since 2003. I can honestly say that I never get tired of seeing the park. If anyone has never been up to Yosemite I highly recommend it.

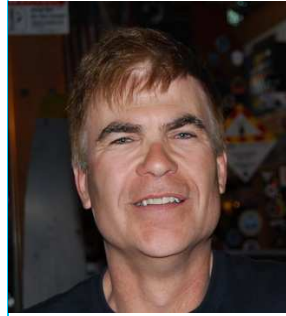
Thunder on the lot was very cool this year. I have talked to Scott and Ron and they are both happy with the way it turned out. Next year I would like to get the RAG members more involved and have talked to several of the people that schedule people about us helping more. So next year don't be surprised when I start asking for volunteers early in the year.

This month we have a couple rides planned, we are going to go to Foxy's in Cal City after we go to Rex and Anita's place to deliver flowers to them. We will be going right after the chapter meeting to show our support for them both. After that we plan on riding down to have lunch at Foxy's at the airport. I know it's not much of a ride but it's still a nice place to eat and they have good food. If you have nothing planned after we deliver the flowers come join Debbie and I for lunch. We also have a Breakfast ride to Peggy Sue's in Barstow planned for the morning of the 17th. This is another nice place to eat, Debbie and I have eaten there several times, just never breakfast. In August we have another after meeting ride planned for Crazy Otto's in Rosamond. We went there earlier this year but Joe and Jennifer; the owners are fellow Harley riders and members of the AV chapter so we like to support them. Plus they have good food. Later in August we have a breakfast ride to Whitney Portals above Lone Pine, this is a favorite ride of several of our members. If you have never been there I invite you to join us for a nice ride and good food. If you leave there hungry it's your own fault because they have HUGE pancakes. Well worth the ride.

Once again we will be having our annual RAG picnic the third weekend of September. This is always a good time and a chance to unwind and spend a few days camping besides Lake Diaz. Plan to come up for a day or the entire weekend. It's always a blast, especially if you like redneck horseshoes.

All in all we have some really fun rides and events planned for the next few months so go through the calendar and pick a few rides to go on and join in on the fun. After all that's what HOG is about. Ride and have fun. Or as Benny Suggs likes to say "Screw it, let's ride!!!!"

Silk



Paul Liesman
*Still a Volleyball
Dad*

No Report this month



Stan Austin Jr.
*"Mikey"
"Safety Stan Jr. "*

**Please see page 4 and 5 for Report
this month.....**



Sandra Moore
*".5"
Treasurer*

*The treasurer's report is provided
at the monthly Chapter meeting
and is available from the Treas-
urer upon request.*

Safety Stan Jr... Safety News....Back To The Basics.....

Before You Ride

- Read the owner's manual, as it will give you many specifics that you will find helpful in understanding and maintaining your bike.
- Check the tires – these are the most important parts of your bike. Check the surface of the tires for cuts and foreign objects.

Check the tire pressure with a good gauge.

- Check the controls – cables are strong and rarely break, but check for kinks or stiffness.
- Check your lights, turn signals, horn, and mirrors.
- Check the oil, fuel, and if your bike is liquid-cooled, the coolant levels.
- If your motorcycle has a chain-drive to the rear wheel, make sure that the chain is properly tensioned and in good shape.
- Make sure that the sidestand and centerstand fold up and stay up.

Check your brakes as you roll off. Make sure they work.

On the Road

- A good reminder for safe riding in traffic
 - o Search around you for potential hazards.
 - o Evaluate any possible hazards, such as railroad tracks, turning cars, etc.
 - o Execute the proper action to avoid the hazard.
 - o Make sure other drivers see you
 - o Make sure your headlamps are on (even during the day), wear bright clothes, and always signal your intentions.
 - o Don't be shy about using your horn to make someone aware of your presence or to make them aware of what they are doing (dozing, getting too close, etc.).
 - o Position your bike where it can be seen. Don't put yourself behind a large truck or in a vehicle's blind spot.
 - o Make sure you can see others
 - o Keep your eyes moving. If they are locked on one thing, you may not notice a potential hazard. Never let your eyes focus on an object for more than two seconds.
 - o When you're riding in traffic, at speeds under 40 mph, keep a two-second gap between you and the car in front of you.
 - o When you're out on the open road, at higher speeds, the gap should be three or four seconds or more, depending on your speed.
 - o Intersections are particularly dangerous. Always check for traffic coming from the side and from behind. Make sure no one is about to run up your tailpipe.
 - o Passing
 - o You should be two (or more) seconds behind the vehicle you want to pass.
 - o Always make sure you turn and check your blind spot with your head.
 - o Don't try to overtake another vehicle if a corner is coming up.
 - o Night riding
 - o Dusk is actually the most dangerous time to ride, when people's eyes are adjusting from daylight to headlights.
 - o The distance between you and the vehicle in front of you becomes even more important as it gets darker.
- Wear a clear faceshield without scratches. A scratch can create light refraction that might confuse you – two headlights can look like four, for example.

Carrying a Passenger on Your Motorcycle

- Make sure the motorcycle is designed to carry a passenger.
 - If you decide to carry a child, make sure the child is mature enough to handle the responsibilities, can reach the footrests, wears a helmet and other protective gear, and holds onto you or the passenger hand-holds.
- Keep in mind that some states have minimum age requirements for motorcycle passengers.
- Instruct your passenger to keep his or her legs away from the muffler to avoid burns.
 - Instruct your passenger to limit movement and talking.
 - Remember that the extra weight from carrying a passenger can affect braking procedures, starting from a stop, and riding through a corner.
 - Exercise caution in quick stops, as a passenger can move forward and bump your helmet with theirs.
 - Passing will require more time and space.
 - The effects of the wind will be more distinct.
 - Review the motorcycle owner's manual for tips on preparing for riding with a passenger.
 - Do not exceed the weight limitations specified in the manual.
 - Before riding, practice low-speed clutch/throttle control and normal and emergency braking in an open area, like a parking lot, with a passenger.
 - Allow the passenger time to adjust to the speed of riding and the feeling of leaning.
 - Make sure the passenger keeps all hands and feet away from hot or moving parts.
 - When in a corner, the passenger should look over the operator's shoulder in the direction of the corner.
 - The passenger should not make any sudden movements or turns.
 - When crossing an obstacle, the passenger should stand on the motorcycle pegs with knees slightly bent, allowing the legs to absorb the shock upon impact.
- The motorcycle should be started before the passenger mounts.

Safety Stan Jr... Safety News....Back To The Basics..... Continued

Group Riding

- Before setting out, hold a riders' meeting where you can discuss the route, rest and fuel stops, hand signals, and what to do in the event of an accident or emergency or if someone is separated from the group.
 - Assign lead and tail riders who are experienced and knowledgeable in group riding procedures.
 - Keep the group to a controllable size of five to seven riders. You can also break the group into smaller sub-groups, each with a lead and tail rider.
 - Be prepared. At least one rider in each group should pack a cell phone, first-aid kit, and full tool kit.
 - To allow for enough time and space for maneuvering and reacting to hazards, it is important to ride in formation.
 - o The leader rides in the left third of the lane.
 - o The next rider stays at least one second behind in the right third of the lane.
 - o The rest of the group follows the same pattern.
 - o Ride in a single-file formation when on a curvy road or in situations where an increased space cushion or maneuvering room is needed.
 - o Do not ride in side-by-side formations because they reduce the space cushion.
- Check the riders following in your rear view mirror from time to time.

Motorcycle Riding Gear

- Helmet
 - o If wearing a helmet, buy one that has a sticker indicating DOT (Department of Transportation) compliance. This means that the helmet meets certain basic impact standards.
 - o Make sure you buy a new helmet if you drop your old one on a hard surface or if it sustains a heavy blow, as it may no longer be safe to use.
 - o Buy a helmet that fits comfortably and does not impair your hearing or vision.
 - o Wear eye protection
 - o Wear a helmet with a shield, a pair of goggles, or shatterproof glasses.
 - o Make sure your eye protection is clean and unscratched.
 - o If your lenses are tinted for riding in the sun, be sure to take some that are clear in case you find yourself riding when dark.
 - Jackets should be made of sturdy material such as denim, nylon, corduroy, or leather. Also, zippered vents allow for breeze to flow through, making jackets comfortable to wear year-round, even in warm weather.
 - Pants should be made of thick material, such as leather, to resist abrasion.
 - Gloves should be worn at all times to prevent any injury to hands or fingers.
 - Wearing raingear makes riding in the rain easier.
 - Wear over-the-ankle boots made of strong leather to protect your ankles. Also, make sure you buy boots with rubber soles and a good tread design for easy gripping.
 - Protect your hearing and your ears by wearing disposable foam plugs or reusable custom-molded devices.
 - Wear high visibility gear
 - Wear brightly colored clothing.
- For nighttime riding, wear clothing that reflects light. Or, put reflective strips on your helmet and the backs of your boots.

Motorcycle Maintenance

- Your bike has a regular service schedule that's listed in the owner's manual – have these done by an authorized dealer.
 - Keep your bike clean. Dirt can disguise a potential problem.
 - Check your battery every month and make sure that the fluid level is correct. If it's low, add some distilled water.
 - Always take your tool kit with you when you ride. Use the tools every so often to make sure that screws and bolts are tight.
- You should always have your owner's manual with the bike. It can tell you what to do in emergency situations.

Legal Responsibilities

- Know your state's licensing requirements. It has been estimated that one-third of motorcycle operators killed in crashes are not licensed or are improperly licensed to operate a motorcycle. By obtaining a license, state licensing agencies ensure that motorcycle operators have the skills needed to safely operate a motorcycle.
 - Take the motorcycle written test, if required by your state.
 - Make sure you get insurance coverage. Most states require liability insurance.
 - Know your state's Helmet laws
 - Resist the urge to speed. In 2007, 36 percent of all motorcyclists who died were speeding.
- Never drink alcohol and get on a motorcycle.

Things Car and Truck Drivers Should Know About Motorcycles

- Because motorcycles can be hard to spot, always look for them, especially when checking traffic at an intersection.
 - Because of its small size, a motorcycle may look farther away than it is. Predict that a motorcycle is closer than it looks.
 - Motorcycles often look like they are moving faster than they really are.
 - Motorcyclists often slow down by downshifting or merely rolling off the throttle, therefore not activating a brake light. Allow 3 or 4 seconds of following distance and predict a motorcyclist may slow down at intersections without visual warning.
 - Be aware that motorcycle turn signals are usually not self-canceling and some bikers may forget to turn them off.
 - Bikers often adjust position within a lane to be seen more easily and to stray clear of road debris, passing cars, and wind. Understand that these position shifts aren't to be reckless, show off, or allow you to share a lane with them.
- When a motorcycle is in motion, don't think of it as a motorcycle; think of it as a person.



"Pines to Palms"
September 28 – October 2, 2010
[Rally Update](#)

Hello H.O.G. Chapter Members:

The California State H.O.G. Rally is shaping up to be an amazing event. If you haven't yet registered for the rally, you are missing out on some really good pre-event fun. Make no mistake, this rally is about riding . . . yep, that thing we bought our Harley-Davidson's for . . . getting out there and visiting as many awesome places as possible. The rally website has been updated with new information on what we're doing, so please visit the site at www.castatehogrally.com and check it out.

To begin with, we could not put on this rally without the generous support of the following dealerships and their H.O.G. Chapters who will be feeding you along the way:

Jamestown Harley-Davidson & the Jamestown H.O.G. Chapter
Monterey County Harley-Davidson & the Monterey Bay H.O.G. Chapter
Santa Maria Harley-Davidson & the Santa Maria H.O.G. Chapter
Bakersfield Harley-Davidson & the Bakersfield H.O.G. Chapter
Lancaster Harley-Davidson & the Antelope Valley H.O.G. Chapter
Corona Harley-Davidson & the Circle City H.O.G. Chapter
San Diego Harley-Davidson & the San Diego H.O.G. Chapter
El Cajon Harley-Davidson & the El Cajon H.O.G. Chapter

In your official rally guide you will also be introduced to the many dealerships who will be making your rally such a great event. From water stops to passport stamp stops, there are dealerships and H.O.G. Chapters all across the state who have helped make this year's rally possible.

What does your \$50.00 rally registration include? If you pre-register before August 11th, you are guaranteed to receive a rally tee shirt and pin, passport and rally guide, as well as the closing ceremony dinner. In addition, numerous meals are being hosted by dealerships and their H.O.G. Chapters along the way. Please note that while you will be able to register on-site for the rally you are not guaranteed some of the items such as the rally tee shirt and pin, passport and rally guide that are included in a pre-registration. Those "included" items are available on a first come first serve basis for those registering on-site. Hotels are also not included, but Hotel Bell Housing (their link is located on the home page of the rally website), stands ready to assist riders with their lodging needs. Hotels on both ends of the rally (Jamestown and San Diego) are offering extended stay rates so that riders can enjoy the experience of the local area.

One of the new components to the rally this year is the State-Wide Rally Passport Game. There are 58 Harley-Davidson dealerships participating in the passport game. As soon as you register, you will receive a passport so that you can go out and start collecting rally stamps. The more stamps you get over the course of the summer, the more opportunities you have for prizes at the end of the rally.

Jamestown Harley-Davidson has arranged for a special pre-event train ride at historic Railtown 1897. Known to be the "movie" train, many famous movies have been filmed there. What better way to start the rally experience than to step onto a real Iron Horse of 1897, take a great ride in the foothills of the Sierra's, step off the train at the end and go right into the Railtown 1897 grounds for the Opening Ceremony of the CA State H.O.G. Rally. Timing of the train ride couldn't be better.

We have several chapter challenges planned for this event. The first one is a Chapter Passport Challenge. A chapter can purchase a Rally Passport and any chapter member can obtain passport stamps from the participating dealerships in the game. Talk to your Assistant Director about the rules of the game. Like the individual rider game, the more stamps a chapter passport has, the better the opportunity for a "cash" prize for the chapter at the end. The second and third chapter challenges will be determined by the greatest number of members from a chapter who depart from Jamestown (touring ride) and Riverside (multi-dealership poker run) respectively. The winners of each of these two chapter challenges will win a 3' x 5' rally flag with the state rally logo. Wouldn't that be nice hanging in your H.O.G. room?

As you can see, the CA State H.O.G. Rally is really taking shape. Can't do the entire ride from Jamestown to San Diego? We've got you covered. You can start your rally experience in Jamestown, Atascadero, Bakersfield or Riverside. This will give you the opportunity to step into the rally at any point along the way. With all the included meals along the way, this is shaping up to be one of the best rallies for the buck in 2010.

So, what are you waiting for? Love to have you ride with us. Let's fill up that building in San Diego at the end of the rally with the best H.O.G. Riders in the world.

See you at the rally!

Bill Davis
Rally Coordinator
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Rex Walraven

Just from out here in the gen admission seats now, but a little input I think should go out to all.

This should probably be something for Safety Stan's to keep on his discussion board to talk about. For those of you who were members with us back in August 2003, I totaled a Heritage Classic down in Oxnard in broad daylight when someone, coming toward me, turned left - right in front of me. I t-boned his little Dodge Neon and about walked away from that one after a few bumps and bruises and then a surgery to fix my left wrist where the arthritis was so bad that the pain would not subside after the accident. The key here is that the other driver didn't see me and I only had one of the three forward facing lights turned on. Fast forward to June 2010. I am going north on highway 395 at about 2100 near Adelanto Rd, coming into that sweeping left curve north of the truck stop. Still a very small tad of light in the sky. I had previously had some people flash their bright's at me and I 'flash' mine back and then I give in and turn off my passing lamps. Now I only have my main headlight on and I am watching this car, a newer Scion, approach from the right side moving very slowly as I am approaching at highway speed. She creeps along and up to the intersection and then I notice her creep right into the intersection. She is not even accelerating through it yet as there were no other cars around (I would love to look at her cell phone record here too). I am grabbing brakes and I probably would have laid it down on the left side had she, a 20-something girl, not impacted my right side and sent Anita and I down on the right side with our very broken legs. I will spare the gory details, I just want people to be aware that those extra lamps are a great safety tool. Not being "fog" lamps, they are legal to use in Calif at all times. Just a little input from me for all to think about. We don't brief light usage in group riding much either. If I am in the middle of the pack I will run my bright during daytime hours and mostly my single light at night. However if I am lead or dash two, I run all three lights. Getting too tired here in the hospital bed, going to hit send.

Ride hard and enjoy the trip!

God bless! Rex



**Judy Gerard
&
Tommie
Lawrence
Double Trouble**



Hello RAG Family!

By looking at the membership list it appears that our family is growing by leaps and bounds. If you don't know everyone in our group, we'd like to encourage you to take the next ride and get to know our family. Recently, on Million Mile Monday several of us had the opportunity to ride in honor of an American Hero, Cpl. Wayne Geiger, son of members Kim and Randy Geiger. Wayne's Ride will be the first annual celebration of life rides held yearly in honor of Wayne's sacrifice to his country. At the beginning of Wayne's Ride, many of us were strangers. However, as the ride progressed and riders joined in along our way towards Olancha, then Lone Pine, and on to Bishop and Tom's Place, we became a family. We had a purpose on this MMM - Making Miles Matter. Sometimes when we just don't feel like getting out in the heat, the cold, the wind, the rain, or what other excuse we can find NOT to ride, having a purpose to gather with new friends and old, might just be the motivation we need. MMM was a beautiful day, full of personal meaning for each rider, making new friendships and renewing old ones, honoring those who have given and those who are still giving.

Please join us in our next ride or event. You might be surprised how great you'll feel at the end of the day and how much larger your family has become.

Rex's Bike





Bland Burchett
Bowler Extraordinaire
Spokes

No Report this month



Barbara Austin
PAO

No Report this month



Crystal Liesman
Historian

No Report this month



Judy McCauley
Show me the bugs in your
teeth

No Report this month



Debbie Ackeret
Silks Lady

No Report this month



Don McCauley
Web Talker

No Report this month



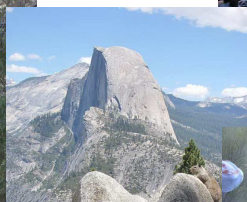
Beatty Ride



Totem Café—Lone Pine



YOSEMITE RIDE 2010





Tom Lystrup
Asleep at the Wheel

Ride Planning & GPS

Prior to a road trip, I once broke out a map to show some of the riders a little different way to go that might be of interest. One of the other riders commented: “Oh look, a paper map!” Everyone got a laugh, but I wasn’t sure if he meant it was obvious I didn’t know where I was going, or that it’s been a long time since he’d seen one in this age of GPS. Probably the former. The point is GPS is here and once you’ve used it, it’s hard going back to paper maps.

Some people always know where they are going. Some people are happy to follow the group. Some don’t care where they are going. It’s all about the ride, right? Any ride is better than no ride, but a great ride requires planning in my humble opinion. GPS and Blue Tooth are the only way to go.

Harley now offers the Garmin Zumo 550 which is weather proof and glove friendly. I recently upgraded my Garmin Road Tech to the Zumo 550. Not cheap but worth it. Touch sensitive screen, built in maps of the US and Canada, Blue Tooth, so you can use your phone hands free almost, but for some reason only mono sound, no stereo, bummer.

Probably like most of you, I don’t like being told what to do or where to go, but when it’s a sexy female voice, I don’t mind quite so much. The Zumo’s got several voices to select from. I like the one button push to find a list of Harley Dealers in the area. Problem is, sometimes the address is an old one and the dealership has moved. Bakersfield HD for example. Everyone knows it’s on 7th Standard (Merle Haggard Drive) and I-99. The Zumo will direct you to downtown, where the location used to be. HD needs to update their locations more often. Most of the dealership locations are correct, but not all.

Planning a ride to somewhere unfamiliar takes some work, but it’s fun and interesting. The Harley Ride Planner is pretty easy to use. A little slow, but I’ve made it work and you can download your ride to your ZUMO 550 from home or anywhere you can access the internet and a USB port. The Harley planner will show you hotels along the way (all Best Western) and gas stations (all Shell), but other points of interest as well. Although interesting, these features slow down the process and sometimes even stop the program from running. If you use it, save often. The Map Source software that comes with the Zumo takes a little getting used to, but is pretty powerful, with many useful features. Since the maps are preloaded, downloading routes and waypoints are quick. Once you’ve created a route and downloaded it to your Zumo, it will tell you it has new data to download. Once the route is loaded, select it, link your Blue Tooth sound system in your helmet and enjoy the sexy voice for your choice telling you where to go. I’ve planned several rides, some that span several days. There are some quirks. Sometimes the sexy voice does not know which side of the road an address is on. Sometimes she doesn’t know her right from her left, sometimes she’ll send you off on a wild goose chase, but you’ll get there, eventually.

So, think about moving up to the GPS age. Your dealer will be more than happy to install one for you. Then you can be the one to say the next time someone breaks one out, “Oh look, a paper map”!

Keep Your Eyes Open

Tom Lystrup

RAG Group Meeting Notes

Date: May/8/2010

Meeting called to Order by: Tracy

Time: 0900

Director, Tracy Ackeret: Harley Million Mile Monday 28 June. Log your miles at members.hog.com. Yosemite Ride 25-27 June . Kern River Brewery Ride today. Car Wash fund raiser June 5th need volunteers. Wade's Frazier Park ride is next weekend. Depart 0715

Asst Director: Paul Liesman: Cal State HOG Rally Begins end of September. Last Friday of the ride there will be a pancake breakfast at AV Harley. RAG members asked to help.

Secretary, Tom Lystrup: Absent – Tracy reported there are 78 members.

Treasurer, Sandra Moore: \$2000 in account. \$ 50 for flowers to Carolyn Cash memory

Activities Director, Josh Wilkerson: absent – Tracy offered that perhaps a cruise could be arranged for cruise night. Wade offered to BBQ at Pone Espresso one night.

Road Caption Coordinator: Bland Burchett: Check with Bland to see if you are on the list or if you want to be on the list.

Safety Officer, Stan Austin Jr.: See newsletter. New higher speed limits in town, New light going in on Church & China Lake, watch others riding habits when group riding.

Web Master, Don McCauley: Still talking about website and System 7 incompatibilities. Newsletter and calendar posted.

Newsletter Editor, Debbie Ackeret: Newsletter is out and posted on website. Submit inputs to Debbie regarding good rides you've been on.

Photographer, Judy McCauley: nothing

Historian, Crystal Liesman: nothing

LOH: Tommy Lawrence & Judy Gerard: Nice to be back. June 19th Big Bear Poker Run. Starts at Quaid's. Also Poker Run in Temecula coming up.

PAO, Barb Austin: Needs POC from Dennis

Member comments: Tom Sanders new member. Wife Pam joining. JD Biros new member from Olancho. Wife Betty will be joining. Rex – Poker Run today in support of RIPS BAD ride. Official BAD ride conflicts with Thunder on the Lot. So Ron is doing an extra fund raiser. Greg Vincent – Moving wall escort May 14th. Depart 0610 from JB. Need help setting up after arrival at Freedom Park. (Note Wall could not be set u and was returned the same day to Lancaster. Another date will be set for returning the wall to Ridgecrest.

The next RAG meeting will be June 12 at Charlies

RAG Group Meeting Notes

Date: June/12/2010

Meeting called to Order by: Tracy

Time: 0900

Director, Tracy Ackeret: New Members welcomed. Frazier Park Ride mentioned. Spider rider interference with group ride. Cager's are not the only idiots to watch out for. AV Harley Cookbook coming out. RAG members requested to submit recipes to Tracy. Poker Run tomorrow. Depart Inyokern 76 at 0900. Mentioned Josh's mileage charts. There will be a prize for the bike with the most miles ridden in 2010. Possible additional fund raisers for Christmas Party Fund include additional car wash and Pool Tournament. AV Bike Night. RAG member help requested.

Asst Director: Paul Liesman: Cal State HOG Rally Begins end of September. Last Friday of the ride (Oct 1) there will be a pancake breakfast at AV Harley. RAG members asked to help. AV HOG Big Bear ride next week. Thanks to Sandra for volunteering to lead the Christmas Party Committee.

Secretary, Tom Lystrup: Welcome to Dennis and Kelly Ambrecht, JD and Betty Biros from Olancho. Nicole, Patricia and David Turbide. All new members. Makes 84 total on the roster.

Treasurer, Sandra Moore: Made \$910 for car wash of which \$835 will go to charities.

Activities Director, Josh Wilkerson: absent – Stan standing in for Josh. Morro Bay Ride in October. Get reservations now if you plan to attend. Maturango Days scheduled for the same weekend. Those not going to Morro Bay asked to help support Maturango Days activities.

Thunder on the Lot starts today. Yosemite Ride 25-27 June. Next weekend Totem Café Ride to LP. Meet at 1030 at Inyokern 76.

Road Caption Coordinator: Bland Burchett: Group riding, be aware of other riders skill level.

Safety Officer, Stan Austin Jr.: New higher speed limits in town, New light going in on Church & China Lake, watch others riding habits when group riding. June 28th. Million Mile Monday.

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Newsletter Editor, Debbie Ackeret: Submit inputs to Debbie by the end of the month to get into the newsletter in time..

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Historian, Crystal Liesman: nothing

LOH: Tommy Lawrence & Judy Gerard: Nothing

PAO, Barb Austin: Links to DI and IROC are in. Should be hearing ads for group meeting

Member comments: Deer and Elk migrating near Conway summit in Mammoth. Watch out for them on ride to Yosemite. Drifty – thanks for Wall ride escort support. Dennis Linck – Dublin Harley riders planning an 8 day ride from Chicago to Santa Monica along Route 66. Charity ride for Dublin Hospital.

The next RAG meeting will be July 10 at Charlies

Rider's Edge

Greetings R.A.G Members :

Learn to Ride or Fine Tune Your Riding?

Come in and see Denyce about any of the up-coming classes.....

Rider's Edge Course—Next group of classes

7/7—7/12 ; 7/22—7/26 ; 9/23-9/27

Skilled Rider Course— Next Class

9/18/10

Denyce Evert, Riders Edge Site Manager
Antelope Valley Harley-Davidson/Buell
661-948-5959

Thanks for your help in getting the word out about Rider's Edge,

Yosemite Trip By Debby Linck

Dennis and myself, Don & Judy McCauley, Dwight and Vicki, Tom Lystrup, John Cain met up with Tracy & Debbie at the Pearsonville Shell Station on Fri morning 25 June 2010 to head north to Yosemite National Park. Took off a little after 0800 on 395 toward the Tioga Pass entrance to the park after being warned by a local sheriff that it was raining in Bishop (guess where the rain gear wasn't!). Fortunately all we saw was clouds and maybe a sprinkle or two. Ran into more bees than we did raindrops! After a ride around the June Lake Loop, we stopped at the Mobil Station at the foot of Tioga Pass for our gourmet lunch at Whoa Nellie Deli. Still love to see the look on people's face when you tell them lunch is at a gas station. They just don't believe that you can get gourmet food at a gas station.

After lunch we headed into the park. Still a lot of snow on the sides of the road and lots of pools of water in the meadows. Definitely much cooler temperatures than in Ridgecrest. Stopped at Olmsted Point and Tunnel View for picture taking. Tom and John split off from the rest of the group after Olmsted Point and went up to Hetch Hetchy. A lot of road construction taking place on Wawona Road – areas where the pavement is removed and it's hard packed dirt and rock. Made it out the south entrance into Oakhurst about 1730 hours. We all headed to our respective hotels to clean off the road dust. Met back up with Tom and John for dinner at Di Ciccio's Italian restaurant. Dwight's son, Jeff, and his friend, Kim, met us in Oakhurst. A few of us met back up at the Best Western and shared stories and wine before turning in.

Tom and John went their own way for the remainder of the weekend, while the rest of us, including Jeff and Kim met for breakfast Sat morning at Katie's Country Kitchen before heading back into the park via the south entrance. Took the tram tour of the Mariposa Grove. Everytime I see those trees, it never ceases to amaze me how tall they are! From there we headed back up Wawona road and up to Glacier Point. Spent some time up at Glacier Point enjoying the scenery – Nevada Fall, Vernal Fall, Half Dome and Yosemite Falls. There was more water running this year than I've ever seen on any of my previous trips to Yosemite. Absolutely beautiful! After leaving Glacier Point, Dwight, Vicki, Jeff and Kim headed back into Oakhurst via the south entrance to enjoy their hotel pool and spa. Dennis, myself, Don and Judy, Tracy and Debbie headed out the west entrance of the park and road along the Merced River and back to Oakhurst. The Furnish group went to a Mexican restaurant for dinner, while the rest of us walked over to Todd's Cookhouse Bar-B-Que for dinner. Back to the hotel to enjoy some time by the pool and another couple bottles of good wine before turning in for the night.

Sunday morning found us back at Katie's Country Kitchen for another good breakfast. Jeff and Kim headed home. The rest of us gassed up the bikes and went back into the park to see Bridal Veil Fall. Some of us hiked up to the fall to get some good pictures. After that we rode over to the Ahwahnee Hotel to check it out. Built in 1927, it's a gorgeous hotel with a great view of Glacier Point. We all rode back across the park and back out the Tioga exit. After stopping at our favorite Gas Station for another outstanding lunch, we headed south on 395 for home. Dwight, Vicki, Don and Judy stopped at Schatz Bakery in Bishop, while Deb, Tracy and Dennis and I continued south. The trip home was pretty warm and we needed a couple of hydration stops along the way, but we made home late Sunday afternoon. It was a great weekend of riding – about 800 miles total!



July Birthdays



Dennis Ambrecht



Debbie Brown



Chuck Cordell



Tommie Lawrence



Sandra Moore



Cheryl Polley

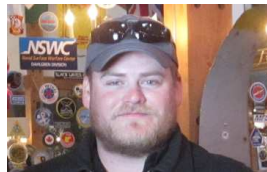


Cheryl Tallman

August Birthdays



Tracy Ackeret



Stan Austin Jr.



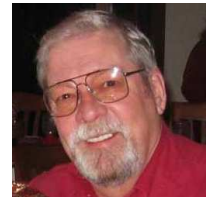
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Robert Gerber



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UNIVERSAL MOTORCYCLE HAND SIGNALS



Start your engines



Stop



Go ahead and pass me



Bikers ready



Hazards on the road



Don't pass me



Stop your engines



Turn off your turn signals



Single riding



Left turn



Slow down



Staggered riding



Right turn



Speed up



Time for a pit stop

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

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

Harley Owners Group

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

California DOT-Road & Highway Info

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



Antelope Valley Harley-Davidson



Store Hours

Sunday/Monday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Tuesday – Saturday 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Service Hours

Sunday/Monday – Drop Off Only

Tuesday – Saturday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Upcoming Events:

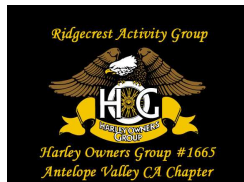
After Meeting Ride—July 10,2010
Rex & Anita's then onto Foxy's in Cal City

Breakfast Ride—July 17,2010
Peggy Sue's Diner—Barstow

After Meeting Ride—August 14,2010
Crazy Otto's—Rosamond

Breakfast Ride—August 28,2010
Whitney Portals

CA State HOG Rally
September 28—October 2,2010



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