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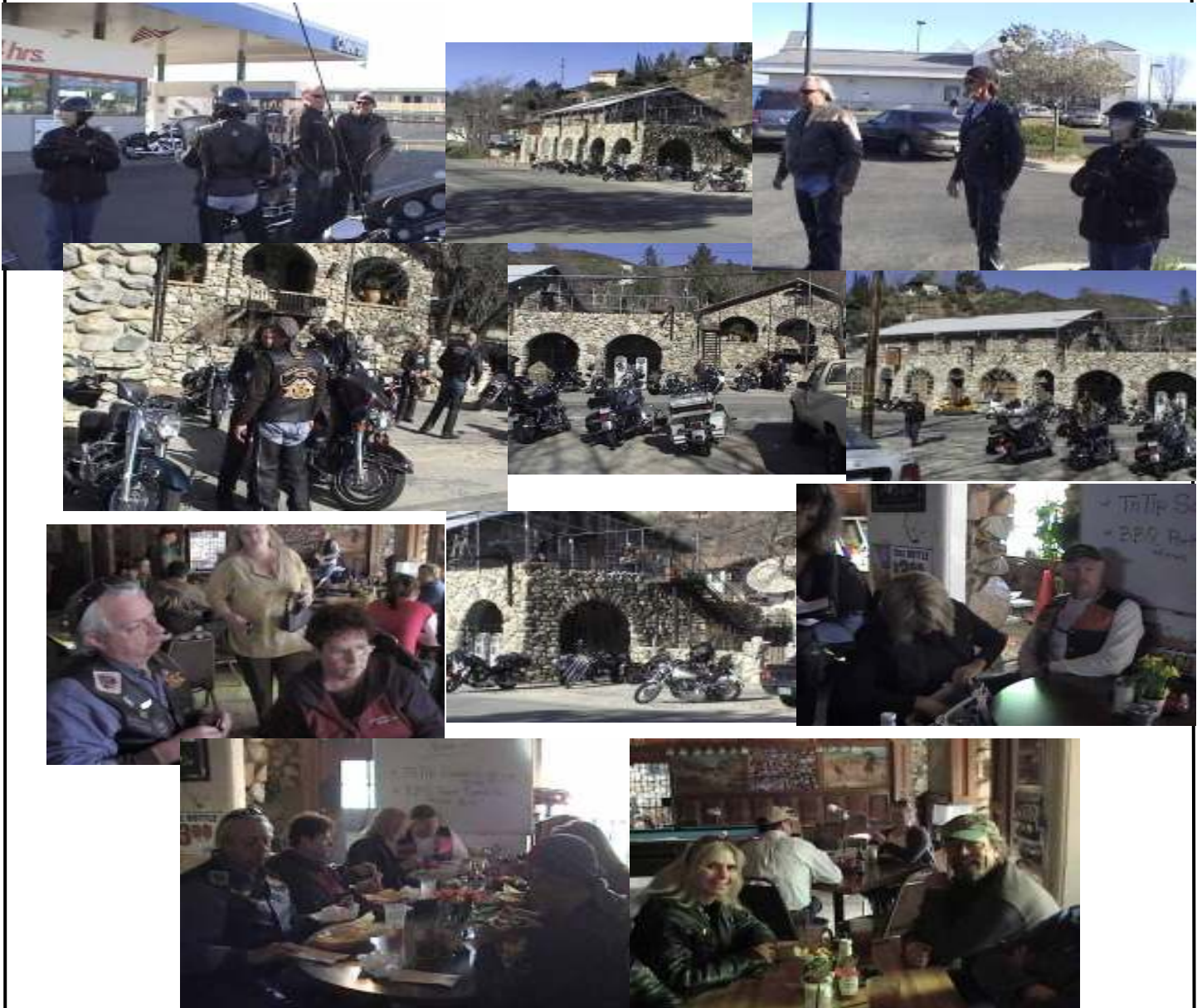
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Director
Stan Austin

By the time you read this the Wine Run to Pahrump will be over. The next overnight ride will be to State Line the end of April. So far this year our rides have been a lot of fun. If you can find the time please come ride with us on one of the trips and have some fun too. It seems like every time I do a news letter I am surprised by how fast the year is moving. This year is no different. It is April and things are looking good for a fun riding year. Please check the web site for up coming rides and we will be having after meeting rides. As HOG members our main goal is to ride and have fun, so that is just what we will do. If you can't ride your bike please come in your car. The bottom line is that we will all be together as friends and life is too short to pass on friendship. We are always open to your ideas for a place to go or a ride to make, please let us know.

There is word around the club that some new bikes have been bought. We might see them at a meeting or a ride soon. It is always nice to see new bikes. Congratulations to the new owners.

The weekend of April 1st is the ABATE 3rd Anniversary Poker Run. This is a local ride and will be a fun event. Sign in is 0800 to 1000 at Phony Espresso, 1355 N. Norma St. The fee is \$15.00 for a single rider and \$25.00 for a double up. Extra hands will be \$5.00. After the run there will be music, food and fun for all. Please try to support ABATE as they do good things for motorcycle riders. They are a political voice so if you want to have that voice please look into membership in ABATE. Many HOG members are ABATE members too.



Asst. Director
Dave Hunter

First let me apologize for being remiss in submitting an article for last month's newsletter.

Well, spring is here and great riding weather is at hand. By the time you read this the Wine and 'Crackers" ride to Pahrump will be behind us and it will soon be time to resume our regularly scheduled breakfast and dinner rides. Also don't forget the "Blessing of the Bikes" right after our April meeting and when you see Scooter remember to thank him for making it possible.

Chris and I had the pleasure of accompanying Doug and Judy Gerard to pick up Judy's new Street Glide. Originally we planned to ride down and escort her back to Ridgecrest however the weather was not looking favorable and we opted to take the Suburban and trailer her bike home. Which was a really good decision because on the way home we hit a downpour from Glen Helen to the top of Cajon pass not to mention a nasty cross wind the rest of the way to home. But even in a cage we had a great time and speaking of cages I have been hearing rumors that some of our members and/or their significant others have not been attending our group rides because they feel that cars are unwelcome on our bike trips. Nothing could be farther from the truth! All of our members and their guests are ALWAYS welcome on our group rides be it on two, three, or four wheels. We even welcome non-HD riders as guests for all our open club rides.

Besides having a car or truck along has a lot of positive benefits. First is safety, should someone get sick or hurt it is much easier to transport them in a four wheeled vehicle than a motorcycle. It is also safer for the group when being followed by a friendly car because they can prevent inconsiderate drivers from following the drag rider too closely. The other benefit or curse depending on your point of view is that if the driver of the car is willing to haul a little cargo more road souvenirs can be purchased and who knows maybe the driver can score some gas money in exchange. However, remember if you decide to bring your car do not feel obligated to carry cargo for others, do so only if you want to.

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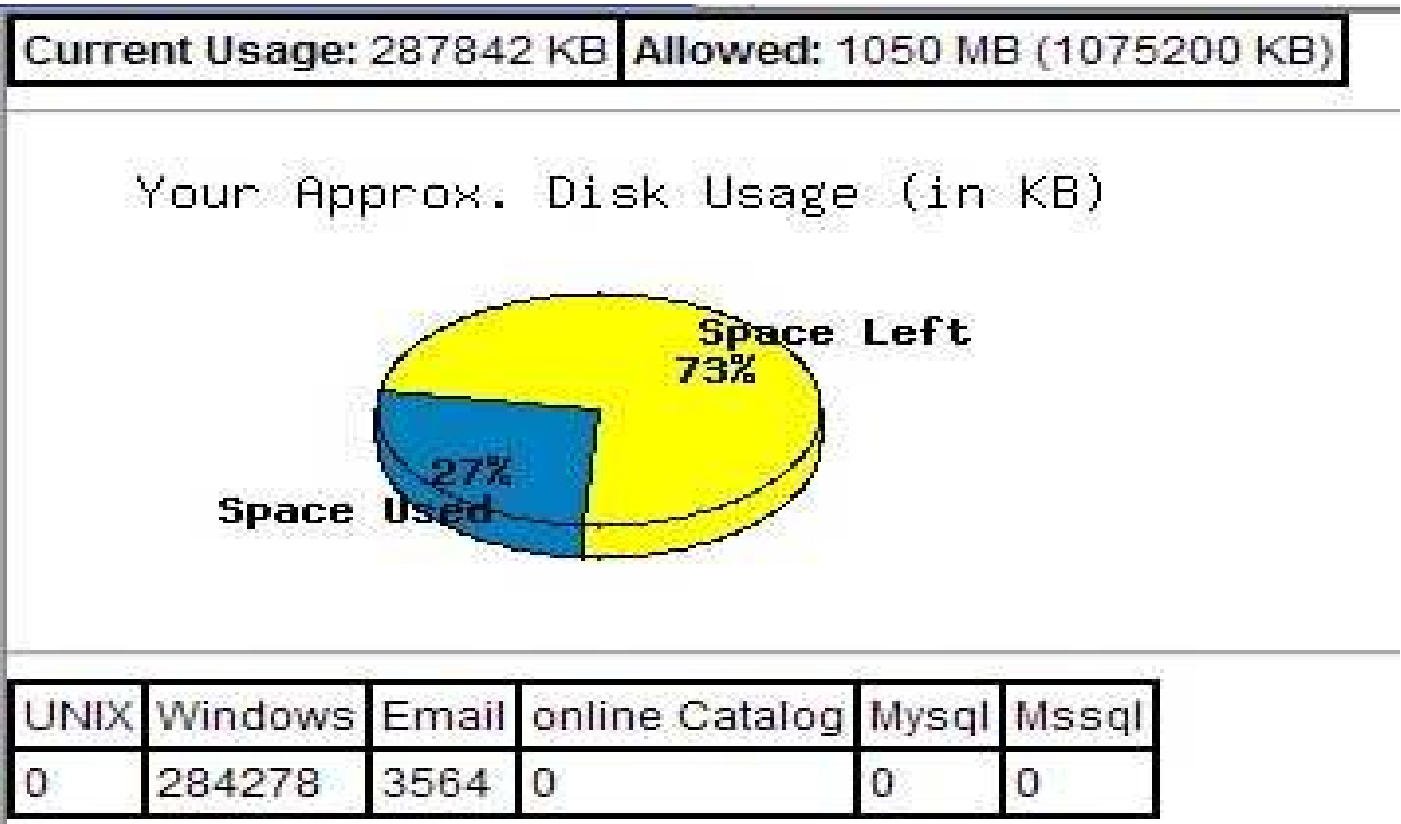


Webmaster
Don McCauley

In February 2006...we renewed our annual RAG HOG web hosting for another year.

We've got approximately 4 years of RAG HOG Activities posted on our RAG HOG website...and are using only approximately 27% of our allocated disk space. So we're fine for the next several years of exciting happenings!

This is a graphic showing our web usage status.





Secretary/
Treasurer
Paul Liesman

Stan Austin, Dave Hunter, Rex Walraven, and myself rode to Lancaster on March 6 for the AV monthly meeting. It was a little chilly going over, but no wind. After the meeting, we stopped at the shop, then went over to the AV mall and had lunch at Famous Dave's BBQ restaurant. To say the least, it was good eatin'. One of the dinner rides later this year will be going there, so mark your calendar's when the date is decided.

**Ridgecrest Activity Group
Antelope Valley Chapter Meeting Minutes
11 Feb 2006**

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

Director Stan Austin –

Announced new historian: Barb Austin.

Announced that **Whiskey Flat Days** is next weekend (Feb 16-19).

Discussed new membership cards & how they were to be used for getting a 10% discount at the AV shop.

Asked for a volunteer to be **Membership Chairman/PR rep**. Wade Tallman volunteered after the meeting.

Announced that flyers were available for upcoming **ABATE** rally & poker run.

Secretary Paul Liesman –

New membership forms are available.

New roster available soon.

Membership dues are to be paid by March meeting or a late fee imposed.

Asst. Director Dave Hunter –
Announced that cars are welcome on group rides.

Activities Officer George Fields – Activities planning meeting after current general meeting

Editor Tracy Ackeret –
Newsletter is available.
Please send articles.

Safety Officer Tony Jaime-
Discussed video of a collision between a car and a motorcycle.

Road Captain Rex Walraven –
1. Anyone interested in taking the Advanced Riders Course, let him know.

LOH Chris Hunter –
Discussed the RAG LOH open poker run on May 13.

Photographer Dwight Furnish – Let him know if you would like a new picture for newsletter.

Historian Barb Austin – Discussed her plans for the scrapbook.

Webmaster Don McCauley -
1. Discussed how to get to the **Officers** page.

New Business:
1. None.

Member/Guest Comments:

Ron discussed the attempt to get HD to allow a satellite store in Ridgecrest.

Ron Vanderpool: Discussed ABATE and upcoming events.

Scooter: Discussed the **Biker Blessing** to be held on April 8, at 1000, at the **Calvary Chapel**.

Starr Bayard: AV LOH poker run is May 13, Feline Poker run is August 5.

Old Business:

Reminder – Next board meeting is Fri. 10 Mar. at location TBD. Next general meeting will be on Sat. 11 Mar. at 0900 hours at Charlie's in the Carriage Inn.

Meeting was adjourned at 1020 hours (10:20 am).



Road Capt. Coor.
Rex Walraven

I sure hope everyone else is getting some good riding done. I am having fun and getting the riding season into full swing. Of course I'm not here for the meeting and the Blessing of the Bikes, but I am having fun in doing an Iron Butt Assoc ride to San Antonio for the River City Bike Fest. And I'm looking forward to many more rides in the near and not so near future. I hope to see some of you in Laughlin for the River Run at the end of the month. And if anyone is planning on riding to Arizona the weekend before and going to either Tombstone for Hawg Wild Days or the Yuma Prison Run, I plan on being there for parts of both of those too.

Road Captain stuff: We have enough Road Captains to accommodate us for most of our organized rides, though it never hurts to have more. I have passed out to some of our Road Captains the forms we need to have ALL non-members sign prior to joining us on any HOG ride as either a rider or passenger. All of our members need to be aware that these are required by National HOG for insurance purposes, so that when they invite (and please invite your riding friends often) other riders they know that the forms are required.

I hope our Road Captains are savvy enough to be able to help other riders looking for possible mechanical problems or potential problems, and there almost always is someone in the group that has the tools and/or parts that can be borrowed to get everyone back on the road too. But the owners and riders need to pay attention and check their bikes before the rides. Nobody wants to break down, but you always need to know what you will do when or if it ever does happen.

I like to ride solo or in a group, and I hope everyone enjoys our group rides. Let me know what we can do better to make it more fun for you? This is your group and these are your rides, and I feel no one should have a bad or difficult time in the group. If this happens, please let me know. If your riding by yourself, let someone know your schedule and plans, you never know when it will come in handy.

Keep the rubber side down!

Ride Hard, Ride Safe, Ride Often, RIDE, Rex



Editor

Tracy Ackeret

I would like to welcome everyone to my second column for the RAG newsletter. I trust everyone had a chance to read the last one. If there was anything that you saw in it that you think could be improved, please feel free to let me know. I have never been able to perfect the art of mind reading, even though Debbie thinks I should be able to. So if you want to put any inputs in, be it an article, pictures or just want to tell me what a wonderful job I am doing, please don't hesitate to do so.

I have been watching the calendar and wondering when it will warm up enough for us to ride our bikes on a daily basis. I know that some people ride year around, but I am a bit of a wimp when it comes to the cold. Actually if I had my way I would go into hibernation come the start of the cold weather and not come out again until it was at least 80 degrees. Alas my job just would not understand that and would want to stop paying me if I did that, so I tough it out. But that doesn't mean that I have to ride my bike when its cold. I have done it and will continue to do it but not on a daily basis. I am one of those riders that thinks riding should be fun and its not my idea of fun when its below freezing. I have a friend that rides his bike to work all year around. He was riding it on March 10, some of you might remember that day, it was the day it started to snow. He had to ride it home in the snow and rain. He has a rain suit, however when he got home his lower legs were cold for reasons unknown to him. Well when he stopped at his house in Lancaster he put his leg down and the ice broke off of his leg. He had rode though so much rain, sleet and snow that it had built up on his legs. That is just not my idea of fun, so I will wait till it warms up a bit before I start riding my bike on a regular basis. Until then I will have to wait I guess.

Anyway I would like to again thank everyone for letting me ramble a bit here. Remember if anyone wants to put something in here all you have to do is let me know what it is and I will find a way to get it in here.

Till next time, keep the shiny side up and the rubber side down.

Tracy (Silk)

2006 Cabin Fever Ride





Activities
George Fields

There is a new calendar of activities out on the website, its under the Hog quick links on the home page. Its dated the 25th of Feb. This shows all of the activities that have we have identified thus far. If anyone has any inputs to the calendar or has questions about it please feel free to ask.



Ladies of Harley
Chris Hunter

Hello everyone, I am Chris Hunter the new LOH chair. I am looking forward to a great year and many activities with the club.

I would like to welcome our newest members John and Susan Brandt and Joel Monteton to the club.

There are a lot of great rides planned for this year including our first open Poker Run. It will start immediately after the May 13th meeting from the K-Mart parking lot and end at the Indian Wells Lodge. The proceeds will be reserved for our Holiday Food basket program. Later in the spring we will also have our annual car wash to raise funds for the two charities the club has chosen for this year.

To get the ladies more active I would like to hold a LOH meeting as part of one of our Thursday Cruise nights. Right now I am thinking about holding it on the Cruise night that occurs immediately before our Chapter meetings. But I want your input and ideas for other possible nights.

I am also looking for suggestions for activities that us ladies can get together and do. So far I have had suggestions for a pajama party and a night of bowling.

It has been suggested that we do our activities in the middle of the week so that they will not interfere with weekend plans. We could plan an activity to start around 6:00 pm so that those that have to work the next day can still get some sleep before going to work the next morning.

Well that's all for now. Remember to ride safe and see you at our next club event.



Safety Officer
Tony Jamie



Photographer
Dwight Furnish



Historian
Anne Haber



Membership/PAO
Wade Tallman



There are lots of members of the chapter that I do not have pictures of or the ones that I have are old pictures. I am going to try to get current pictures of all the members.

Editor

April Birthdays!!!!!!



Mel Berry



Bland Burchett



Dave Lewis

May Birthdays!!!!!!



Malia Bridgeman



Anne Haber



Gene Hart



Michelle Smith

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On Saturday, April 8th at 1000, is the Ridgecrest Biker Blessing. This event was put together by Scooter who is a member of the Calvary Chapel Church. The event will be held at the Church, 210 E. Springer St. (just off College Heights Rd.). After the Blessing of the Bikes, around 1020 there will be a short ride around the city. The ride will end back at the Church for a great BBQ. Every bike in the city is invited. The HOG club is providing sodas for the event. The church membership is providing all the food. The Biker Blessing is a national event. Most often they are held around March or April or when weather allows. Dennis Linck always says, "never ride faster than your guardian angel can fly". Here is your chance to get in better with your angel. The meeting will be at the same time and place as always but it will be a short one. If you want to come early to eat breakfast please do so, 0800 would give you plenty of time. All who want to go to the blessing will leave the Carrage Inn at 0940 for the ride to the Church. Please plan to come along. The blessing, a ride, food, and live music, you can't go wrong.

If you have questions, or comments, please address them to a board member. As a member of RAG HOG you are a voice, so speak up if you wish. The club is all about you, its members. This year we will be setting up committees to plan our events. This year the chair for the Christmas Party is Deb Linck and we will have more committees set up to plan other events. That will include the LOH and Chris Hunter. Please help when you can and join a committee if you wish. See you all at the meetings and rides. Don't forget the discount membership cards. Most have been handed out and punched. If you need a card contact me or my wife. My wife will be punching cards at each meeting. To get the discount each month your card must be punched with the right type punch. So we will see you at the meetings!

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On long trips a truck and a set of ramps can be a real blessing if someone's bike decides to lie-down on the job. It can be a real time and money saver compared to using HOG's or another roadside assistance program.

Since joining the club I have assisted more than one member in rescuing a down bike and I have had to have my own ride transported back from Beatty on the Cabin Fever run. While breaking down away from is not fun it is nice to know that you can count on your fellow club members to lend assistance when needed.

Probably the best part of belonging to HOG and our group especially, is knowing that our fellow RAG members will be there if and when you need them.

Take care and remember to always ride safe.

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HD of Lancaster

<http://www.hdoflancaster.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.isp

Motorcyclists Rights

<http://abate.org/>

Motorcycle Safety Foundation

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

Ridgecrest Activity Group

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<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/>

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Saturday	8:00AM-7:00PM
Sunday	10:00AM-5:00PM