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**Wade Tallman**  
***Wind in my Hair***  
***(Wind across the Bald spot)***

Riding season has started off with a bang. Early good weather sure feels good. Unfortunately I was unable to make the first B-fast ride as I was in Las Vegas doing POT (Primary Officer Training). Lots of good ideas and interaction with other Chapters. It will give our board some food for thought as we progress and ride through the year.

**IN THE NEWS:** **Activity Support:** for those not at the last meeting, I'd like to have one person from the Chapter, a non-board member, to sign up to "champion" each of the events. Don't worry we won't leave you hanging; we'll have a board member there to assist should you need it. This is an opportunity for you to give a little back to the organization, and allow you to add your own twist (maybe) to the event. Give it a run. Remember IT'S OUR CHAPTER and ONLY WE MAKE IT GREAT!

**Shop Transportation:** Still working the details with Ron and the shop but hope to have it up and running by end of April. I'm looking at being the first guinea pig and if anyone else would like to jump in let me know ASAP.

**Budget:** I'll be posting the budget for the year on the website sometime this month. It's a reminder of what we have to bring in, to support all that we want to put out/into the chapter. Take a look and feel free to make comments to me or any of the board.

**Upcoming Events:** As a group we have a multitude of events and activities available to us to participate in. There are a few that I believe deserve special recognition and massive support (variable reasons). They are in date sequence:

**AV HOG April Mtg.** 1 April. Why- our host organization and we need to show them our support just as they have done for us the past few months. AV has come up to our meetings with approx 8-10 folks. I'd like to double that number going to their meeting. HOPE to see you all at Jack in the Box at 0700 on 1 April.

**Biker Blessing.** 14 April 1000 following the meeting. Why: no explanation needed!

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Ike Bridgeman  
*Skate Under Tire*

I would like to take this time to tell all of you a little about myself. I became a HOG member in 2003 when I bought my new FAT BOY. I have been riding off and on for 30 plus years. One day I made the decision that I wouldn't ride again unless I had a Harley, so, I planned for one on my 40<sup>th</sup> birthday. In the fall of 2002 I placed the order for a new 2003 gun metal blue Fat Boy. The bike arrived a month before my birthday and I've been riding with a smile on my face ever since.

When I joined the local HOG group I was met with a warm welcome. It made me feel like I was instantly part of the group. I have met a lot of very nice people who will, and, have gone out of their way to help a fellow member in time of need. I had an accident on my bike December 26, 2005. I broke my leg and had to have two surgeries.

During the time that I was down with my broken leg, my wife, Malia, and I were closing on our new house. Mike Moore put the word out that we were needing help to move. The response was overwhelming. The group showed up with two trailers, several pickups and plenty of hands willing to help. They had everything moved out of the rental and into the new house in two hours. Record time! I don't know if everyone who helped that day knows how thankful Malia and I were, and will always be. These are the kind of people we have in our group, and that is why I am proud to be a member.

I am thankful to have been given the opportunity to be the Assistant Director. Dave did a great job, and I hope to continue doing well for the group. I hope to get to know every member, and I hope they get to know me as well. I Love to ride and have fun. I hope that we all get to do both this year and for years to come.

As per "Wind In My Hair", I have chosen the name "Skate Under Tire". For that is what caused my accident.

Thanks and ride safe.



**Mike Moore**  
**Ghost Rider**

Hi Everybody,

Well, here we are, prime riding weather again and the Silver Ghost and Sandra and I are ready to hit the open road. Our ride calendar is pretty full with a lot of great rides and we have room to add more if we want.

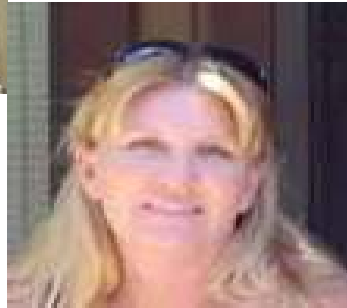
We've already had several rides that were a lot of fun. The Cabin Fever rides in February and a ride down to Victorville Harley-Davidson. In March the LOH Date Night was a huge success. Thanks to Tommie and Judy G. for a job well done! Our esteemed Director Wade, aka "Wind Across Bald Spot", put together a ride to Kernville after our last meeting. We had nice weather and good food at the Kern River Brewery. We'll be going back there for a dinner ride later in the year. We also had our first breakfast ride to the Ranch House in Olancha and then rode through Panamint Springs on the way home. We had 13 bikes and 20 people but unfortunately Dwight and Vikki had to drop out a few miles into the ride when his headlight fell off, but with some creative use of a cargo net they were able to hold the light on so they could get home.

On 23 March was the bike parade at BHS that Judy G. puts together to help raise money for the BAD ride. There were about 30 bikes and she raised over \$400.00 to get her well on her way to her goal of \$1000.00. We rode to Palmdale on 24 March for our first dinner ride to Famous Dave's. We left town with seven bikes and thirteen people and met with six others that were already down in the area. When we arrived they couldn't seat us for 2.5 hours so we decided to divide and conquer. We all enjoyed our meals and it was still a good ride.

In April we have two big events coming up. First, on Saturday 14 April, right after our meeting, is the Biker Blessing at the Calvary Chapel. We should give this ride a lot of support because fellow HOG member, Scooter, puts in a lot of time and effort organizing this event, as do Pastor Glenn and his congregation. The church provides a great feast for free and the RAG group donated the sodas. Religious or not, this is a great ride. If you have never ridden in a group of a 150-200 bikes, I'll tell you it will make the hair on your arms stand up! Second, on Saturday 21 April, is our spring car wash to benefit our two charities. We need volunteers for supplies and of course help washing. Come on out and help us meet our goals for our charities. On Sunday 22 April, we will have a lunch ride to Stovepipe Wells and on Saturday 28 April, there's a dinner ride to City Slickers in Tehachapi.

Like I said, it's a busy calendar but you can't beat riding and spending time with good friends.

Mike "Ghost Rider" Moore



Judy Gerard  
&  
Tommie Lawrence  
*Double Trouble!!!*

### **The Gift of Giving**

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

**Margaret Mead, American Anthropologist**

When I read these words recently I immediately thought of our little group here in Ridgecrest and how we have changed the world. Although at times it seems that the actions we take are taken in vain, it is important to remember that change starts one person at a time. Ridgecrest Activities Group members have always supported many causes and charities, but sometimes we loose track of just how important these efforts are to so many people. Recently our group voted to adopt two local charities, the **Indian Wells Valley Humane Society** and the **IWV Women's Center**. We will be working this year to raise money and items to donate to these two charities. However, many members personally support several other organizations such as the American Cancer Society, Ride for the Heart, Make a Wish Foundation, and Bikers Against Diabetes, to name just a few. Some members offer support through monetary donations, some 'man' (and 'woman') booths to spread the word about their respected charities, some wash cars for donations and some ride their motorcycles in a show of support for fellow bikers working to make a difference in the lives of others. Our hometown RAG is full of "thoughtful citizens" working to make the world a better place. I am grateful to be a part of this group, who recently gave up time from work or their day off to ride to Burroughs High School in a show of support for the 2nd Annual BHS Bikers Against Diabetes fundraiser. You brighten so many lives with your contributions in so many different ways. As Edith Wharton, American author, says, "**There are only two ways of spreading light - to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.**" Many of you are not only mirrors; you burn the candle at both ends! We salute you for making the world a better place.

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Josh Wilkerson  
*Debbie's Toy*

Hey RAG's! Looks like I get to take a crack at representing all of you as the Membership Chairman and Public Affairs Officer. Sounds like a great opportunity to let the rest of the world see what a great group we are and to encourage other like minded Harley owners that it's worthwhile to be part of our organization!

I also see this position as a way to voice your thoughts and ideas to enhance the group by getting the word out there for all of the positive things that the RAG represents in a Motorcycle Riding Club like our charity work, camaraderie, community involvement, and yes... the rides! Just take a look at the pics that our webmaster Don puts up and tell me that we don't know how to ride and have fun!

I seek your participation by sending me input! What do you think we need to get out on the radio, newspapers, flyers, etc.? What direction would you like to go in? How would you like to see THE LAST OFFICIALLY SANCTIONED ACTIVITY GROUP GROW!?! And most importantly, how do you think we can keep our momentum moving in a forward and fun manner?

I see the membership/PAO as a voice to the community and your voice to the RAG and AV HOG Boards. The communication lines are open, so let me know what you want!

Have a great riding year and keep the shiny side up!

JJ



**Rex Walraven**  
***Semper Fi***  
***Oo-Rah***

I sure hope everyone is getting some road time in, and putting miles on their favorite motorcycles. It has been beautiful recently and I certainly look forward to more great weather. Remember that the four wheelers have not been used to seeing too many motorcycles on the road and may not see you out there. And cell phones are still legal and all those people talking on them while driving most likely won't see you either. No, I'm not going to put in my thoughts on loud pipes saving lives here.

We are actively trying to get more people through the experienced rider course. Looks there may be one the weekend of 14-15 April with A/V HOG. Another one on base the weekend of 20-21 April. And we may have another in early May too. Anyone interested in becoming a Road Captain or leading / sweeping rides please contact me and I will let you know the requirements and responsibilities. It's an easy and FUN job.

Thought I would share a little about group riding too. When riding with a group, we try to keep the group in staggered formation, we try to communicate to those around us with hand signals, and we try to keep the group safe and informed of the intentions of all the individuals as well as group intentions. If someone is having issues, and signals you to pass them, please do so, so that the sweep road captain can eventually contact them and find out what the issue is to resolve it.

Also I like to ride with my bright light on when in a group during daylight hours. If your bright light bulb burns out, it is not as big a deal as when your dim bulb goes. When I ride alone I keep my passing lights on during the day, as it is a bit more visible than the single bright light.

Hope you all get all the miles you dream of and a couple more too.

Ride Hard, Ride Safe, Ride Often,  
Rex Walraven



**Tracy Ackeret**  
**Ramblings from**  
**Waco by Silk**

Greetings everyone,

As most of you already know I have been in the wonderful town of Waco Texas most of the year. I have spent more time in Waco then I have at home in 2007. I put most of the newsletter together in my hotel room at night. Don't get me wrong I have had some fun while I have been away, however for the most part if I had my way I would have been at home. For one thing it makes riding really hard since my bike is 1800 miles away from me. I was going to rent a Ultra from the local dealer one weekend but the weather has not been on my side thus far. I still have one last time I have to go back so I may still get to rent one. I do not mind riding in the rain if I have to, however I am not going to go out of my way to do it.

One thing that I have seen in Texas is they do not have a helmet law in the state. You see all sorts of people riding sans helmet. I do think it's a personnel choice to wear a helmet or not but I will not ride without one if I do rent a bike back there.

While I have been in Texas I have gotten to go to several dealers in the area around Waco. I have been as far as Conroe Texas on my weekend adventures. The nice thing about going to other dealers is seeing how much we really are just one big family. I have yet to meet anyone in the dealers, employees or patrons that was not more then willing to stand and chat with me about where I was from and what I rode. One universal thing that has come out of my chats is that they all envy me for living in California due to the amount of riding locations we have out here. You can ride up to the mountains of Yosemite or the beaches of Morro Bay and all points in between. We are truly blessed with wonderful places to ride.

Take Care  
Tracy (Silk)



**Paul Liesman**  
*Mister note-taker*  
**AKA**  
*Volleyball Dad*

I have been archiving to PDF files all of the membership firms, financial reports, newsletters, etc fro the past years of the group. I have completed 1995-1997. If any of you original members would like to keep any of this history, please let me know. We are supposed to keep records going back 7 years. My plan is to shred anything over 7 years old at the end of this year, after I have archived it to either CD or DVD.

Since we live in the electronic age, I have been working on a membership form in PD format that will allow everyone wishing to join the group to be able to fill out the form using their computer and the free download Adobe Acrobat Reader. I hope by next year's membership renewal time frame to have everyone doing this electronically. I will keep you posted.

Paul



Tony Jamie  
*Safety Dude*

Safety is a word we hear and use all the time but just exactly what does safety mean to us as motorcycle riders? Since we are all individuals and see things differently from various perspectives, it behooves us to take a moment and examine what safety means to each one of us. What one rider might consider unsafe, another might find to be not only safe but also exciting and thrilling. Consider for a moment how some riders love to hit a challenging set of twisties full tilt boogie and wring out every ounce of enjoyment they can from testing their skills and the limits of their machine as they zoom through those turns. For instance, those guys on the extreme crotch rockets that whip through a set of twisties like it's a Grand Prix course. And those tendencies aren't limited to just the guys on the speed machines. There are some Harley riders that run pretty hot too. I confess to eliciting a certain momentary satisfaction from dragging my running boards as I lean hard into a curve. However, other riders might not find themselves as comfortable shooting through the same set of curves and turns at the same speed or level of intensity. Differing levels of skill and riding experience all impact a rider's zone of comfortability within which he or she feels safe in the manner in which they ride. A good rule of thumb for a rider to follow is to never exceed the limits of that comfort zone and engage in any act while riding that causes the rider to become unduly nervous or uncomfortable, thereby increasing the possibility of them losing control and crashing. Many of us have heard a similar sentiment expressed in the phrase, "Never ride faster than your angel can fly!"

While we should acknowledge that a major motivation for riding a motorcycle is the freedom offered to the rider by his or her machine, we also need to acknowledge that the level of freedom sought varies from rider to rider. Some people like to ride fast while others like to ride at a slower pace, just as some people like to ride non-stop to their journey's destination and others pull off at every whistle stop and take the time to smell the roses. Some folks ride motorcycles because it is an integral part of their lifestyle, some ride only on the week-ends, and some ride because it is a fuel efficient mode of transportation. Regardless of the diverse number of reasons people ride a motorcycle and the different skill levels they possess, the one commonality amongst all riders is that we are on two wheels without any exterior protection other than the clothes on our backs and the other assorted items of protective gear that we choose to put on. We are vulnerable to temperature extremes, changing weather conditions, and an ever increasing hostile riding environment filled with motor vehicle operators whose level of driving skills seem to be progressively deteriorating as drivers chat on cell phones, put on make-up, read newspapers, or eat food at the same time as they are driving on the road with other people, some of whom would be us, the folks riding motorcycles.

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**Don McCauley**  
*Web Talker*



**And His Lovely**  
**Co-Star**

**Judy McCauley**  
*Show me the bugs in your teeth*

Hopefully, by the time this newsletter is out, the "Wild Hogs" will be on your computer screen via our local Hog website. What a night!!! Our Ladies of Harley could not have picked a better movie, for us Hogs and Hoggetts. If I remember, we had 30 bikes and 56 people. Being near the back of the "pack", I thought it was sooo cool that we all made it though every light going from John's Pizza to the theater!!!!

Susan Brandt just emailed us some pictures from the Olancha Ranch House Cafe breakfast ride, so those will also be up in the near future.

We will also be having pictures of the BAD ride with Judy School marm & Rex and a few of the dinner ride for March.

*Judy & Don*

# Wild Hogs the Movie



# Cabin Fever 07



# Whiskey Flats Days 07





Cheryl Tallman  
*The money lady*

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

***WANTED!!!!!!***



Historian  
????

Have a little creativity? Some computer skills? Like to shop with other peoples money? How about putting it to work for the Chapter? Minimal hours (without pay), no benefits (other than being a board member and assisting in the direction of our Chapter). But don't let all those tidbits stop you!. Please consider stepping in and taking over this position.

# **RAG Meeting Minutes**

## **February 2007 & March 2007**

### **Ridgecrest Activity Group**

#### **Antelope Valley Chapter Meeting Minutes**

#### **10 Feb 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 0906 hours by Acting Director Dave Hunter at Charlie's (Carriage Inn) in Ridgecrest.

#### **Director:**

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Paul Liesman – Current balance about \$1800. MAW foundation lost our check of \$500. Membership at 44. After March 1, \$5 late fee for re-newals.

**Asst. Director** Dave Hunter – Stan is stepping down as Director. Let Ron know if/why you are interested. Chapter rides need 2 road captains. AV LOH baking 10,000 cookies to send to troops, contact Starr if interested in helping. You can sponsor a box for \$10.

**Activities Officer** Mike Moore – 14 April is Biker Blessing, Whiskey Flat days next weekend.

#### **Editor** Tracy Ackeret –

Newsletter has been emailed. For hard copy, ask.  
Please send articles.

**Safety Officer** Tony Jaime- Absent

**Road Captain** Rex Walraven – 11 people signed up for Advanced Riders course

**LOH** Judy Gerard, Tommie Lawrence – Will do another ride to BHS to promote BAD ride..

**Photographer** Judy McCauley – nothing

**Historian** Anne Haber – got picture book ready

**Webmaster** Don McCauley - web page is current, John Gamel birthday party in Mesa, Az.

**New Business:** none

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**Member/Guest Comments:** Ron Emard - We are the only Activities Group in all of HOG, working on new AV HOG bylaws, presented a check to local Boys & Girls Club.

Jesse Mattox - Thank those who attend AV meetings, contact him if needing anything.

Scooter - bike blessing ride

Bland - Cabin Fever ride meeting after this meeting.

Hugh Kramer (Rip's BAD Ride) - ride's 10th year, June 10, 19 starting sites, bike show, kids games, talked about diabetes, handed out flyers.

**Old Business:**

Reminder – Next board meeting is Fri. 09 Mar. at location TBD. Next general meeting will be on Sat. 10 Mar. at 0900 hours at Charlie's in the Carriage Inn.

Meeting was adjourned at 1017 hours.

## Ridgecrest Activity Group

### Antelope Valley Chapter Meeting Minutes

### 10 Mar 2007

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

**Director** Wade Tallman – meetings will stay at Carriage Inn, need new Historian, May 12 meeting will start at 0800 (summer hours), would like to have a board member at each activity, limit on opportunity drawings is \$75, Bakersfield HD open house is today, ride to Kernville after meeting.

**Secretary** Paul Liesman – current balance is \$2231.86, membership is 70, currently archiving old records

**Asst. Director** Isaac Bridgeman – getting to know everyone

**Activities Officer** Mike Moore – 3/17: Olancho breakfast ride, 3/24: Famous Dave's dinner ride, 4/1: ride to AV general meeting, 4/14: biker blessing, 4/21: charity car wash

**Editor** Tracy Ackeret – 3/28 deadline for next newsletter inputs

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**Safety Officer** Tony Jaime- suggests taking rider's course to stay alive

**Road Captain** Rex Walraven – ARC needs 12 people, cost is \$125

**LOH** Judy Gerard, Tommie Lawrence – handed out charity list to pick 2, top 3 will get support, 1 is for Thunder, piggy back on dinner ride for LOH poker run, BHS ride is 3/23, will have a yard sale

**Photographer** Judy McCauley – absent

**Historian** Anne Haber – stepping down

**Webmaster** Don McCauley - Website is up to date

**New Business:** Ride for the Heart will start in Lancaster

**Member/Guest Comments:** Scooter - biker blessing flyer  
Ron - working on picking up bikes in RC

### **Old Business:**

Reminder – Next board meeting is Fri. 13 Apr. at location TBD. Next general meeting will be on Sat. 14 Apr. at 0900 hours at Charlie's in the Carriage Inn.

Meeting was adjourned at 0953 hours (09:53 am).

## The bald spot from page 3

Car Wash 21 April. Why- \$\$\$\$

Ride for the Heart. 5 May. Why: Stan has gotten Inyokern on the map as a start up and stop location for the 500 mile leg. This is a great opportunity to support a good cause, but a BETTER way to grow recognition and maybe open the door to other events starting from this area. This is OPEN TO ALL BIKES and RIDERS. TELL ALL YOUR OTHER "BIKER" FRIENDS.

Thunder on the Lot. 10 Jun. Why: Support our Dealer and the KIDS.

There are plenty of other rides you can participate in from the LOH Poker Run after the May meeting to the Breakfast and Dinner rides all over the valley from the lows of Death Valley to the peaks of Big Bear.

Keep the shiny side up and the rubber on the road.

Wade

PS. Remember May meeting goes to 0800.

Given the fact that it is a hostile environment filled with all manner of hazards lying in wait for us, there are some precautionary measures we can all take regarding our safety while riding on the streets and highways of this nation. First and foremost, I would suggest that before jumping on your motorcycle and taking off that you, the rider inspect your machine and make sure your tire pressure is good, the clutch, brakes, driving lights, turn signals and mirrors are all working and properly adjusted, the fluids such as oil and gas are all full, and that there are no loose bolts, straps, bungee cords or anything else that can come loose and cause problems while you are riding. I know of at least two crashes that were caused by loose items and thankfully in both instances the riders were not seriously injured. Since many folks tend to garage their motorcycles during the winter months, it is especially prudent to check your motorcycle over thoroughly before taking it out on the road after it has been garaged for awhile.

Secondly, I would suggest that riders have a mental checklist to run through prior to starting the engine and taking off. Remind yourself that you are going out into a hostile environment and mentally prepare yourself for the situations you will be riding in. In the words of Louis Pasteur, "Chance favors the prepared mind." That is the value of taking the advanced rider's course, since it offers students the opportunity to perform maneuvers on a motorcycle in a classroom environment that could save your life in a real world situation. If you are mentally prepared for the unexpected events that can occur during your ride, your chances of avoiding an accident will be greatly increased. Should a rider become involved in an accident, mental preparation can also increase one's chances of survival. It is also important to not gain a false sense of confidence in safety apparel such as your brain bucket or leathers. While that skid lid might protect your cranium from being dented and your good looks from being smashed and your leathers will help prevent road rash, they won't prevent you from being in an accident. That is your responsibility!

Lastly, I would stress being alert and remaining ever vigilant to the possibility of unexpected dangers that can occur while riding. Pilots have the advantage of flight simulators that can simulate all kinds of conditions and although I have heard tell of simulators for motorcycle riders, they aren't too commonplace. Nevertheless, by mentally preparing yourself through envisioning possible scenarios, reactions, and consequences you can increase your chances of survival on the highways of America. Expect the unexpected. Just last summer I was headed for Reno, riding west on I-80 near Carlin, Nevada when I found myself in a situation where a wildfire had burned right down to the edge of the highway. I was following an eighteen wheeler and had four more behind me when we rounded a curve and all of a sudden we were in the midst of a wildfire. Since we were traveling at highway speed, we were suddenly in the middle of this out of control, raging wildfire before we could react to it and as I watched the flames shooting just over the top of that lead eighteen wheeler and the thick black smoke began to curl around us, I realized I had limited options. I could either attempt a stop and try to go back or I could take a deep breath, hang on, and follow that eighteen wheeler. The chances of being run over by one of the four eighteen wheelers following me were fairly significant, especially since visibility was limited, so I chose to take a deep breath, hang on and follow that lead big rig. As I came under that curtain of flame, the heat was so intense and the smoke so thick that I briefly questioned my decision but we all managed to make it through without mishap except for me with some irritated eyes and a bit coughing and hacking. And to top it off, just as we cleared the wildfire, there was about a three hundred yard stretch of highway where the heat from the wildfire had caused a severe windstorm effect that was blowing across the roadway which had me gripping my handlebars and dodging the sagebrush being hurled across the roadway.

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It was a scary situation for sure but as I look back on the incident, what I feel best about was my ability to scan the situation, come up with my options, and make a quick decisive choice in a life threatening situation. It wasn't any superior riding skill or protective gear that got me through this situation. It was remaining calm and keeping my composure that got me through this bad state of affairs. It was being aware of the traffic around me as well as the conditions I was facing. Truth be known, I didn't have time to be scared until after it was over which gave me the opportunity to take a tour of Battle Mountain which was the next place to stop where I could change my underwear. As a long time construction hand, I had heard of Battle Mountain for years from boomers who had worked at the power house at Valmy, Nevada, located just a short distance away. So I took the opportunity and had a look around. Actually, the entire trip, which lasted over a week offered several interesting opportunities, including running into Gary Provenzano, the sales manager from Lancaster H-D, his wife, and another couple at dinner in Cedar City, Utah, which is where I also realized I had left my bank card at a mini mart in La Verkin, Utah, just outside of Zion where we were forced to cancel our plans to visit the park due to another wildfire. But that's another story, so let's get back to safety.

In my opinion, mental alertness and preparation are the key ingredients to riding safely. Know the limits and capabilities of your motorcycle as well as your own. That's why alcohol and motorcycles don't mix well, because the alcohol has a tendency to blur an individual's ability to boot up those limits and capabilities in the old cranial cpu and give them the level of attention they deserve. Remaining alert and vigilant to hazards of the road will keep you up and the rubber on the road. Getting to my journey's destination without incident is always my goal and I mentally prepare for that whenever I ride, no matter how long that journey. If I'm riding with others, that goal extends to them also. That's what safety means to me. That's all from me this time.

Ride hard, ride safe, ride free!

~  
Tony~

## LOH continued from page 6

**To our newest members:** If you would like to become more involved in the RAG, but aren't quite sure how, LOH would love for you to 'man or woman' a poker ride stop. It is an easy and enjoyable way to meet and greet our terrific membership and give to our organization. You'll be repaid with a lot of smiles and many new friendships. Be sure to contact Tommie or Judy for more details.

So keep smiling, keep laughing, and reward yourself for a job well done.

Judy Gerard and Tommie Lawrence  
AKA "Double Trouble"  
RAG LOH



## *April Birthdays*



Bland  
Burchett



Carl  
Hoberg

## *May Birthdays*



Malia  
Bridgeman



Maree  
Cook



Anne  
Haber



Lawrence  
Horn



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# More Harley T-shirts



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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

**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](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**

<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/>

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## **Lancaster HD Store Hours**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:00AM-8:00PM</b>
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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00AM-5:00PM</b>



The Christmas Committee is asking our HOG members to start saving their unwanted items for our yard sale fund raiser we'll be having later in the year. Please hold on to your donations and we will let you know the date of our event. More info will be coming and thank you in advance for helping.



**THE END FOR THIS  
TIME!!!!**