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Harley Owners Group

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Harley Owners Group

Dwight's New Toy!!!



He told me I HAD to put his bike on the cover of this newsletter because it was the "prettiest bike in the group" I will leave it up to all of you to decide if you agree!!!

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

Hello folks.

How many of you pulled out the DVD that came in the HOG magazine? It's got some pretty cool video and information. I especially liked the road testing on some of the new bikes. Man I like the looks of the Cross Bones!!!

I'm going to keep this short and cover one topic only. The purpose of the HOG group; it's to promote the happy and safe riding of HD motorcycles. It's that simple. In that light we need to protect the HOG name which means we need to keep it safe and not do anything stupid that could tarnish the name. Remember that we have all levels of riders in our group. There has been some rumblings of canceling rides for no apparent reason, fair weather riders etc. All of this is in the name of keeping it safe. Mike has set up rides to many locations and since we never know what the weather is going to be sometimes last minute cancellations are required. Just because the ride is canceled by the Road Captain, doesn't mean those who want to press can't press. It's just not a HOG sanctioned ride and therefore is not covered by HOG insurance. Please keep this in mind.

We all have one common goal....riding for fun and getting to and from without any injuries.

Off the soap box....keep the shiny parts up and the rubber on the road. See you at the breakfast ride or at the meeting.



Ike Bridgeman
Skate Under Tire

Spring is here and so is some great riding weather. The Ridgecrest Activity Group is all about having fun and I am sure there is a lot of fun to be had this year. If we are not having fun then we are doing something wrong! April 19th we will be needing lots of volunteers to have "fun" and wash some cars for our charities. This is also a great way to bond and get to know members of the group. We will also need towels, rags, hoses, and buckets to get the job done. Anyone wishing to let us borrow items please bring them the day of the HOG Wash. You may want to mark your items somehow so you can get them back.

I have noticed that we as a group are sometimes taking things a bit too serious. Letting words that may or may not have been spoken get to our heads. I am one who is guilty of this. I need to let go of the Ego. Lighten up, stand back and take a good look at everything that is going on. We are here to ride, have fun and enjoy the fact that we ride the best American made motorcycle ever built. The camaraderie of our fellow bikers is what this is all about. I am sure not everyone will agree with some of the ways things are done. Don't be afraid to voice your concern. We will try to address these matters the best we can. Safety is always foremost on our minds, but having fun is what we are here for. So relax, let go of the Ego, and stop taking ourselves too seriously.

I would like for all of us to try and come up with ideas of things that are different and fun for the group to do. If you have any suggestions please bring them to our attention and we will get it on the calendar.

Ride safe, laugh and enjoy life.
Thanks Ike Bridgeman
"Skate Under Tire"



Mike Moore
Ghost Rider

Hi Hogsters,

Well Spring has sprung, the time has changed back to daylight savings and the temperature is starting to rise. It's time to start racking up some miles and that's just what we did on our last lunch ride when sixteen of us rode down to Yucca Valley and Palm Springs. We chewed up 377 miles, two birds and a large amount of bugs. You have got to love springtime riding where you see the world through bug gut yellow-tinted glasses.

April is going to be a busy month for our group. Starting with our Morro Bay ride on the 4th, 5th, and 6th, it's always a great ride and a lot of fun. On the 12th we have our meeting followed by the third annual biker blessing at Calvary Chapel. Pastor Glenn and his congregation will once again put on one heck of a BBQ for all the bikers. Judy Gerard's third annual BHS BAD biker parade will be on the 18th. We will be having our spring carwash for charity on the 19th at our usual location – the corner of Ridgecrest and China Lake Blvds. Thanks to Bruce and Char for the use of the lot. We're going to need volunteers and all of the supplies we can get, especially towels.

The Laughlin River run starts on the 24th and goes to the 27th. We have a breakfast ride to the Ranch House in Olancho on the 26th.

May will slow down a little for us but we do have a dinner ride to City Slickers in Tehachapi on the 17th and a breakfast to Whitney Portals is scheduled for the 31st.

All of these rides are good but what makes them great are the people who participate in them. So let's get out and ride together.

See ya on the road,
Mike



**Barb Austin
&
Anne Haber**



Barb and Anne are looking forward to a great year. And hope everyone will share their ideas for fun things LOH can put together for the group. Currently we are in the voting process for our two charities for this year. About half the group voted at the last meeting. Emails have been sent to the remainder of the group to either respond via email or be prepared to vote at the April 12th meeting. The votes will be counted on April 13th then we can advertise who we are supporting at the upcoming car wash. One suggestion was for another dinner and a movie! Does anyone have any thoughts on movies which may be coming out soon? We also plan to do another silent auction this fall to raise money for our holiday baskets; we will be looking for some top notch donations to entice some hardy fun filled bidding.



Rex Walraven
*Semper Fi
Oo-Rah*

***No Report this month due
to getting married
Congrats Rex and Anita!!!***



Tracy Akeret
Ramblings from Silk

Hi again,

Well another couple months have gone by since the last newsletter. Its started to get warmer and I for one could not be happier. I really don't like the cold weather, I know its something that we have to have but that does not mean that I have to like it. The RAG has had a few rides so far this year and for the most part they have been good rides, that is unless you are a bird. The ride that Josh put together to the Summit Diner was a fun ride, a bit windy but fun none the less. Debbie and I did not go on the ride to the Rock Inn but we had gone the same way the weekend before, the only difference was that we did not have the wind that day. We went out by the Poppy fields and I must say that a week does make a big difference in them. When we went there were only a few out and those were right along the rode. Looking at the pictures of the ride the group took there were quite a few more out then the previous week. I guess that's how it goes with wild flowers, they just are not on our schedule. The ride to Morro Bay will be over by the time you read this, with any luck the weather will cooperate with us and we will have another good ride. Debbie and I are looking forward to taking as many rides with the group this year as we can, after last year I figure I need to show my ugly mug at a few more. Dennis Linck and myself are putting together a ride to Yosemite again this year. It will be the 25th-27th of July. There is a flyer in here about it and I have asked Don to put it on the website also. Its always a blast going up to Yosemite and I am looking forward to it again this year.

Take care and ride safe
Silk



Don McCauley
Web Talker



And His Lovely Co-Star

Judy McCauley
Show me the bugs in your teeth

Hello everyone!

Our Valentine's dinner was great!!!! It was too bad that there wasn't more seating available. The Browns and the Halls made separate reservations and stopped by to say, Hi!...after we took their pictures. The food and laughs were plentiful! Poor Bob was on travel...it was his idea and Anne and Bear had all the fun!!!!

Pictures of the cabin fever ride are thanks to Susan Brandt. Additional ones of the Route 66 ride were thanks to Susan and Josh. A windy ride, but a hardy Harley group turned out.

We are looking forward to Morro Bay...hope to see you there!!!

Judy
"Smile... Show Me the Bugs on Your Teeth"
Don
"Web Talker"



Susan Brandt
"No Name"

No Report this month



Sandra Moore
The money lady

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



Paul Liesman
Mister note-taker
AKA
Volleyball Dad

Ridgecrest Activity Group
Antelope Valley Chapter Meeting Minutes
09 Feb 2008

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

Director: shared biker humor, reminded members about use of AVHD trailer. flyer for ABATE April 5 poker run

Asst. Director Ike Bridgeman – Absent

Secretary: Paul Liesman – membership at 96. no volunteer's for LOH, next meeting ends membership grace period

Treasurer Sandra Moore - \$1671.62 before collection of dues today, \$150 deposit placed on Xmas party room, yard sale for Xmas party will be in June

Activities Officer Mike Moore – 2/14 Valentine dinner at lodge, room limited to 20 and is full, Whiskey Flats is next weekend and also AV HOG riding to Beatty & Vegas leaving Rosamond Albertson's at 1000, 2/23 is Cabin Fever leaving Eastridge Market @ 0900, 2/29 is breakfast ride to Rock Inn leaving Jack N Box @ 0700, 3/08 is AV swap meet in AVHD parking lot, 3/15 is Hutchinson's HD brunch ride leaving Jack N Box @ 0830.

Safety Officer John Brandt- showing video after meeting, mentioned Mike Cash looking into bringing riders course to RC

Road Captain Rex Walraven – Absent

Editor Tracy Ackeret - newsletter is out and online, July 25 weekend is Yosemite ride

LOH

Historian Susan Brandt – extra 2007 CD's available

Photographer Judy McCauley – smile

Webmaster Don McCauley - waiting on bill from web hosting site, newsletter is online

Membership/PAO Josh Wilkerson - Absent

New Business: None

Member/Guest Comments: Stan A. : Ride for the Heart website, Iron Socks 500.
Mike Cash: Basic riders course, Run for the Wall, 2008 Road Glide still for sale

Old Business:
Reminder – Next board meeting is Fri. Mar 7. @ Stan & Barb Austin. Next general meeting will be on Sat. Mar. 8 at 0900 hours at Charlie's in the Carriage Inn.

Meeting was adjourned at 0938 hours.

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Ridgecrest Activity Group Antelope Valley Chapter Meeting Minutes 08 Mar. 2008

The meeting was called to order at 0909 hours by Director Wade Tallman at Charlie's (Carriage Inn) in Ridgecrest.

Director Wade Tallman -shared a little bike humor, AVHD having a swap meet today, looking into having a RAG bowling night, looking into having a BBQ @ Pony Espresso

Asst. Director Isaac Bridgeman – Absent

Secretary Paul Liesman – Last day before late fees applied, 68 paid members before start of meeting

Treasurer Sandra Moore - Balance \$1701.50, yard sale on 6/27 at Clint and Tommie's

Activities Officer Mike Moore – leave today @ 1030 from Jack in Box for Josh's ride, 3/15 lunch ride to Hutchinson's HD in Yucca Valley, 3/29 breakfast ride to Rock Inn, 4/04 Morrow Bay weekend, 4/06 next AV meeting, 4/12 biker blessing after RAG meeting, Mike & Anne to talk to Albertson's about donating soda's for blessing

Safety Officer John Brandt - will work on improving safety tips

Road Captain Rex Walraven - always looking for more road captains

Editor Tracy Ackeret – will put out email for next newsletter inputs

LOH none - handed out charity list for voting

Historian Susan Brandt – nothing

Photographer Judy McCauley – broke camera, had to buy new one

Webmaster Don McCauley - needs to get new LOH up on site

Membership /PAO Josh Wilkerson - has registered for POT, suggested ride bells for new members

New Business: New members: Thomas Lystrup

Member/Guest Comments Mike Cash : Ted Hicks bought his 2008 road glide, his charity bowing out of Run for the Wall, MSF - advanced riders course coming to CL

Hugh Cramer from B.A.D.: can start B.A.D. ride from AVHD, talked about organization

Chuck Cordell: encouraged members to become active in these charities

Old Business:

Reminder – Next board meeting is TBD. Next general meeting will be on Sat. 12 Apr. at 0900 hours at Charlie's in the Carriage Inn.

Meeting was adjourned at 0943 hours (09:43 am).



John Brandt
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Hello Bikers,

Our first few rides this season have been safe and fun. The only mishap reported to date was by a lonely bird that lost its mate to Don "Bird Slayer" McCauley. Luckily, the bike and riders only had minor blood stains.

If anyone has noticed any unsafe riding habits or concerns on our rides, please let me know and we can work to get it corrected.

As usual for this time of year, some of our rides have been plagued with high winds. High winds are not only annoying, but they can impair the safety of the group. These winds, especially on long rides, lead to rider fatigue and ultimately less control over the motorcycle. The first attempt at the Yucca Valley ride was cancelled due to high winds. The ride was rescheduled for the following week and we had a great time while enjoying perfect weather conditions.

Antelope Valley Harley Davidson is now offering the Rider's Edge course! Here is a summary of the course details:

- California DMV approved course.
- 25 hour course includes 2.5 hours of increased riding time versus the MSF version. Also includes extended classroom time with an increased emphasis on protective riding gear.
- Class hours:
- Thursday & Friday, 5:30pm - 8:00pm Classroom
- Saturday & Sunday, 8:00am - 6:00pm Riding
- Monday, 6:00pm - 9:00pm Graduation
- Food included for two classroom sessions and graduation party.
- Drink refreshments included during riding sessions (bring your own food).
- Includes 2 new exercises that include laying down the bike and learning proper technique to pick it up as well as a group riding formation exercise.
- Buell Blast motorcycle is included for use during the riding portion.
- Small class size, 8-12 students max.
- Cost is \$395.
- To sign up, contact Jason at Antelope Valley H-D, (661) 948-5959. For more information, visit www.ridersedge.com.

Have fun and ride safe!

John Brandt



Josh Wilkerson
J-Dub

Not much this time just a couple books that I thought were worth mentioning:

Proficient Motorcycling: The Ultimate Guide to Riding Well
David L. Hough ISBN
1-889540-53-6

"Proficient Motorcycling is written from the viewpoint of a veteran biker who has seen most of it, and heard about the rest from fellow survivors. It is a thoughtful dissertation on how you can get off your motorcycle with the same number of arms and legs as when you got on it."

Under and Alone: The True Story of the Undercover Agent Who Infiltrated America's Most Violent Outlaw Motorcycle Gang
William Queen ISBN
978-0812969528

"A great book written by a true American hero. Queen exposes these bikers for what they are, criminals, family men, brothers, motorcycle enthusiasts and, most of all, too human. While some are absolutely evil, most seem to be guys who have been lured by the outlaw lifestyle and all its rewards without willing to accept its punishments as well."

Flyers

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Tickets will be sold at the
March & April meetings
**Drawing to be held at the
general meeting on May 19th**
Makes a great Father's Day gift!



Yosemite Ride 25-27 July 2008



A ride to and through Yosemite is scheduled for the weekend of 25-27 July. Please contact the hotels/motels below for rooms.



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(559)683-8282



Oakhurst Lodge
(559)683-4417



America's Best Value
(559)658-3500



Shilo Inn
(559)683-3555



Best Western
(559)683-2378



Days Inn
(559)642-2525

Plan is to ride north on Friday 25 July out of Ridgecrest on 395 to Tioga Pass. Enter the park via Tioga Pass; see what we can from Hwy 120 on Friday. Ride out the south end and stay in Oakhurst. On Saturday, we can tour the Giant Redwoods, visit Glacier Point, and decide where to go from there.

If you have any question, please contact Dennis or Debbie Linck at 760-375-3950 or Tracy or Debbie Ackeret at 760-373-4120



The Christmas Committee is having its annual yard sale on 27 June 2008. Tommie Lawrence has volunteered to host the event at her home once again. Please save your donations and we will let you know when you can drop them off. Thank you for your support and we look forward to another successful yard sale. More info to come as the event gets closer. ;)

Bikers Against Diabetes

Were you BAD in school???

THEN YOU OWE A LUNCH DETENTION AT THE

3rd Annual BHS BAD Bike Parade

PLEASE JOIN US IN OUR CAMPAIGN
TO FIND A CURE FOR DIABETES.



Ride your street legal motorcycle to:

**BIRBROUGHS HIGH SCHOOL
FLEX FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2008.**

Meet in the staff parking lot at 11:25 a.m.

Parade your bikes along the senior stage in the BHS quad and talk to students about motorcycling. At 12:25 we will start our engines and ride through the school in our BHS BAD BIKE PARADE!



Contact Judy Gerard at
cbjlaw@webci.com

for more information.

All motorcycles are welcome.

Valentines Day Dinner



Cabin Fever



BJ's Brewhouse



Rock Inn/Poppy Preserve





April Birthdays



Bland
Buechett

May Birthdays



Malia
Bridgeman



Michael
Cash



Maree
Cook



Anne
Haber



Indy
Jones



Michelle
Smith

New Members

Ok everyone, your Editor, that would be me is an idiot. We have had several new members join in the past couple months. I have pictures for most of them, Judy has been wonderful with getting me them. I however have been remiss in my duties, I don't have names for all of you. I would rather wait till the next newsletter and put all the new members in with names and pictures then put some in and miss someone. I also need pictures for birthdays. I will take total blame for this screw up. I will be bringing my camera to the next few meeting ALONG with a notebook so I can get this right. I apologize and will submit to 40 lashes, hee hee.

Silk

New Additions



*Ali Mae:
Granddaughter to
Josh & Debbie
Wilkerson*



*Jamilyn:
Granddaughter to
Dennis & Debbie
Linck*



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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



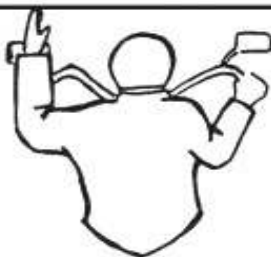
Left turn



Slow down



Staggered riding



Right turn



Speed up



Time for a pit stop

Motorcycle Web Links

HD of Lancaster

<http://www.hdoflanaster.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

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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Upcoming Events:

BHS BAD Biker Parade

4-18

Laughlin River Run

4-24 to 4-27

Mothers Day

5-11



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