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Director  
*Stan Austin*

It is newsletter time again. I am getting ready for Sturgis, bike has been serviced and a new windshield, back tire, Roady set up and windshield bag installed. Saints to Sinners was fun and Billings was great too. The wife and I have stayed on the road this summer heat or no heat. Last big trip will be Branson MO in September.

Now I will talk about some HOG Group items. Our food rides have been going strong. Not a lot of people but a whole lot of fun. The car wash was a big success with over nine hundred dollars raised. We did that in only three hours. It is not too late to make your cash contribution, so give your money to Paul. The RAG HOG is now up to 78 members and still growing. We have had some past members return to the group and that is a good sign that they are riding more. There are around 20 people going to Sturgis that I know about. Ridgecrest will be well represented this year. Herman and Terry will be celebrating their marriage in Sturgis. Best wishes to the both of them. Chris Hunter has had back surgery and is now home getting well. We sent over a basket of items and crafts to keep her busy. Reports from Dave are good. The last report I had on Crash was good too. We are all hoping all of our members who are ill will recover soon, we miss them.

For those who have trouble with the heat there is light at the end of the tunnel, in 6 to 8 weeks the real bad heat should be over. Then we will have the short window till it gets real cool and shorter daylight days. Hey! That is why we buy leather, right. I have so many miles in the rain now it does not matter any more. Saturday night on the dinner ride it was so hot I didn't need a rain suit. In fact I was glad we had the clouds and rain to cool us down. The heat is like taxes, you don't like it but you live with it. That's all I have for now. See all of you around and keep riding.



Asst. Director  
*Dave Hunter*

Well hopefully the heat and humidity are behind us and the rest of the Summer will be a little less humid and not quite so hot.

Thanks to everyone that helped at the car wash. We had a great time and raised almost \$1000.00 dollars. Thanks again to Bruce and Char for the use of their ideal location. Also thanks Doug and Judy Gerard for bringing their camper so that we had shade and a restroom.

I would also like to say a special thanks to everyone in the club for their well wishes, the wonderful cards, and the great basket that you sent to Chris. It is wonderful to know that we have such great friends.

Lastly please take to time to visit Crash. He still has a very long road to recovery and even a 5-minute visit will lift his spirits.

Thank you all.  
Dave



Activities  
*George Fields*

Breakfast Ride for Aug 19 is to Whitney Portals.  
Dinner Ride for Aug 26 is to Domingo's in Boron.  
Yosemite Ride 25-27.

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AVHOG will be doing the Chapter Photo on Sept 3rd after the monthly meeting.

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Other stuff:  
CA HOG State Rally in Redding Sept 1-3.  
Las Vegas Bikefest Sept 14-17.  
Reno Street Vibrations Sept 20-24.



Secretary/  
Treasurer  
*Paul Liesman*

**6/04/06:** Dave Hunter and myself left RC for the AV general meeting in Lancaster. We joined up with Tracy & Debbie Ackeret in Mojave.

**6/11/06:** Thunder on the Lot. I helped Barb Austin with the poker run sign up table next to the Boys & Girls club. Dave Hunter arrived before we closed up shop. We received a call from Stan that he had broken down around Mojave. Dave & I went with Barb to their house, helped unload the trailer and hitch it to their SUV. Stan called again saying he was going to nurse his bike in to the shop. Dave & I headed out to Coaches in Rosamond for card number 2, then on to the shop for cards 3 & 4. Once we arrived at McAdam's Park in Palmdale, Dave drew card #5. We walked around checking out the cars & bikes, talked to people we knew, then came on home.

**6/17/06:** Saturday breakfast ride to Cheryl's Diner in Kernville. We started with 10 bikes, but Mike Moore had mechanical problems and turned around at Walker's Pass. In Kernville, Anne, Bob, Clint, & Tommie headed to a new cafe to check out, while the rest of us continued on to Cheryl's.

**6/24/06:** Doug & Judy Gerard and I rode to Reno for the annual Volleyball Festival that our girls were playing in. It was a fun week watching the girls and a good ride up there and back.

**7/08/06:** The RAG car wash was held today after the meeting. We raised \$915 for our 2 charities, **Make a Wish Foundation** and **Operation High Desert Cares**.

**7/15/06:** The breakfast ride this morning was to **Cattleman's** in Tehachapi. We had a decent turnout, including prospective members Don & Debbie Bailey from Trona, and Larry Horn, Ridgecrest.

**7/22/06:** The dinner ride to McNally's in Kernville turned out to be a **caged** event. The threat of thunder showers caused most of us to leave our bikes in the garage. Our fearless director and Barbara made the trip on two wheels, coming over via Bakersfield.

**Ridgecrest Activity Group  
Antelope Valley Chapter Meeting Minutes  
10 June 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 0804 hours by Director Stan Austin at Charlie's (Carriage Inn) in Ridgecrest.

**Director** Stan Austin –

Introduce Crash. The club sang Happy Birthday to me.

Talked about Thunder on the Lot.

Mentioned the car wash is **July 8**, after the general meeting.

Mentioned Dennis Linck & Tracy Ackeret are planning a Yosemite trip in late July/early August

**Secretary/Treasurer** Paul Liesman –

Account balance is over \$2 K.

**Asst. Director** Dave Hunter –

Absent

**Activities Officer** George Fields –

Absent

**Editor** Tracy Ackeret –

Newsletter is available.

**Safety Officer** Tony Jaime-

Absent.

**Road Captain** Rex Walraven –

Hoped everyone would have fun on the Thunder poker run.

Anyone interested is welcome to join him on the B.A.D. tomorrow

**LOH** Chris Hunter –

Absent

**Photographer** Judy McCauley –

Smile for the camera

**Historian** Ann Haber –

Needs pictures or CD's for yearbook.

**Webmaster** Don McCauley -

Web site up to date and in good shape.

**New Business:**

The 2006 Christmas party is Dec 9.

A surprise birthday party is planned for Bruce Bartels on July 22.

**Member/Guest Comments:**

Judy Gerard showed plaque from ADA for the club and thanked all who donated for the B.A.D. ride.

Mike Moore is arranging the Morrow Bay ride for Oct 20 -21. The Veteran's poker run is June 24, starting & ending at the VFW in Tehachapi.

**Old Business:**

Reminder – Next board meeting is Fri. 07 July at Debbie & Tracy Ackeret's in Cal City, time 6 PM. Next general meeting will be on Sat. 08 July at 0800 hours at Charlie's in the Carriage Inn.

Meeting was adjourned at 0900 hours (09:40 am).

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Road Capt. Coord.  
*Rex Walraven*

It's August and time for more great rallies and rides, but most of all FUN. For those going to Sturgis, have a great ride and time there. I hope to see some of you there myself. I'm getting a late start to get there, but if all goes well with work I will make the final days of the Black Hills Rally. The state HOG rally is coming up soon too for those interested in that one.

We have lots of rides planned in the near future and I hope all of you are able to attend at least some of them. Most all will require group riding and that's where Road Captains come in. Our Road Captains are there to coordinate the group and do their best to keep them all safe out on the road. It's more than just leading a ride from one place to another. It starts with analyzing the group and finding out all the needs of the members of the group for that particular ride. Then taking the planned route and ensuring that it is viable for the identified needs, and then discuss planned stops and keep everyone informed.

If anyone is interested in becoming a Road Captain, talk to me or another board member and let us know. The only requirement is to go through the Advanced Rider Course, and HOG gives you chrome cash for that too. The course usually costs around \$75 and HOG gives you about \$50 chrome cash. Then it's just a desire to participate and help the group.



Editor

*Tracy Ackeret*

Hello fellow Harley riders. I trust that everyone is having a good summer thus far. This has been a busy summer for Debbie and me. We have gotten to take a couple of nice rides on the bike. Not as many as I would have liked, however the Shuttle took up most of my July. I started working it the week before it launched and worked 22 days straight. That included three weekends and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. This was the first time in all the years that NASA has been launching the Space Shuttle that we launched it on the 4<sup>th</sup>. It was the world's biggest Roman candle. Everything went well on it and after a week of reports and other end of mission stuff, my life has gotten back to almost normal. At least as normal as my life has ever been. Now we are starting to get ready for the next launch on August 28.

This will be the day after the Yosemite trip. For those of you that still have not heard about this I will give you a little insight on it. Dennis Linck and I have put together a trip up to Yosemite. We are going to leave on Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> and go up the Owens valley to the Tioga Pass. This is a nice ride and the scenery is wonderful. For those who have not been over Tioga pass it is well worth the trip up there. At the top of the pass, you enter the Park itself. From there we plan on going through the park stopping for pictures as everyone sees fit. Not sure where we will go in the park on Friday, however we plan to stay in Oakhurst that night. Oakhurst is on the Western side of the park and is a nice little town with many places to dine. On Saturday we are going to get up and trek back into the park for the day. We are planning on going to the redwood grove and up to Glacier Point. The view from Glacier Point is breathtaking as you look over the valley floor. From there we probably will go down to the valley floor itself and find some place to eat then over to the Inn. I have never gotten over to the Inn itself and asked Dennis if we could go over to it this time. After what will undoubtedly be a wonderful day in the park, we will go back to Oakhurst for the night and back home the next day. Not sure how we will go home as there are a couple of ways home depending on your mood at the time.

Anyway, I have rambled along enough so I will close. Here is hoping everyone is safe in your riding.

Tracy (Silk)



Photographer  
*Judy McCauley*

*Hi there!*

Since our last newsletter, we have added pictures to the web site for: The Ladies of Harley poker run...extra pictures thanks to Anne Haber. Breakfast @ Satterfield's. The BAD Schoolmarm lunch at Burroughs High School...extra pictures from Judy Gerard and over \$1000.00 for Diabetes from many sources....thanks Judy, Rex and everyone who brought their bikes or gave in any way! Wade Tallman and Dave Hunter's ride to Beatty and Gold Point with pictures from Wade. Big Bear Choppers weekend...thanks to Josh for planning and Josh and Stan for pictures. Big breakfast monthly meeting with Crash. Hog wash for Make a Wish and High Desert Cares.....almost \$1000.00. Breakfast @ Cattleman's. 12 people attended the McNally's dinner ride. 10 leaving Inyokern in vehicles due to word of a promising wet ride, and 2 brave souls who left home at 7am with their Harley & trailer before plans were changed. Great going Stan & Barb! We also had Motorcycle month at City Hall with a great showing of bikes, not on the website. I remember someone mentioning that we are the group that has fun.....yes, we are!!!!

*Judy*

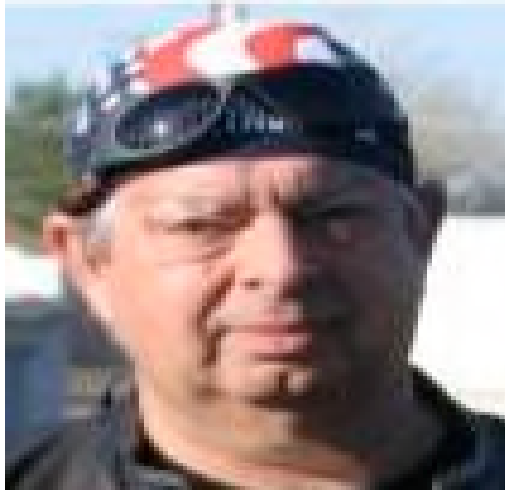


Ladies of Harley  
*Chris Hunter*

I would like to thank every one for being such great friends. The cards, basket, and well wishes are greatly appreciated. The surgery was successful at removing my sciatica pain but there were a few hiccups during surgery. Because of this, my doctor said that I had to wait 8 weeks before he would consider letting me ride again. I can't even take any long trips in a car. With luck I should be able to go on the September Dinner Ride and the Morro bay ride. Until then I will tough it out and be content with just dreaming of riding. If anyone is ever in need of a great back and spine specialist I can definitely recommend one.

Currently there is another Poker Run planned for October 7th. It will start at the small park in Johannesburg; pass through Trona, Panamint Springs, and Olancho, ending at the IWV Lodge. They are having their OctoberFest that Saturday and have invited us all back. I will need volunteers to work the stops and help with the organizing.

Chris



## Ride Input From *Barry Hoyer*

Stan Austin and I rendezvoused at Jack-in-the-Box at 5:00AM Sunday morning, June 18, in preparation for the ride to Salt Lake City where the Saints to Sinners rally was to begin the next day. After a cup of coffee and waiting for the sun to rise, we eventually departed Ridgecrest at 5:30AM. Our intent was to ride until one of us got too tired to go any further. We hoped to make it far enough at least so we could wake up the next morning and arrive at the SLC Harley dealership by noon for the start of the activities there. As it turned out we didn't get tired until we had reached SLC at 5:30PM, some 660 miles later. A party was thrown at the dealership's back lot Monday afternoon including a live band and beer and food available for a nominal fee. Also, members of the SLC Police Dept. were demonstrating their riding/maneuverability skills in an area of the parking lot. The floorboards of their Road Kings were in constant contact with the pavement as they rode in a tight circle. It looked easy enough. Three VIPs from Harley-Davidson corporate were also in attendance to meet with their devoted followers. Approximately 2500 HOG members were registered for this event. One of the parking lots at the Little America hotel was set aside for Harley parking only.

Tuesday was set aside for rides in the local area. As we discovered, the rides were at your own discretion and not prearranged by HOG. Stan and I rode to Park City where some of the Winter Olympic events occurred in 2002. The area where we stopped to take pictures was at 8,000 feet elevation and was noticeably cooler. It was nice to see green tree-covered hills again. The return portion of this ride took us past several lakes and a unique geological rock formation. The road down from the summit was scenic and adventuresome. Hardy souls had ridden their bicycles up the mountain and were almost passing us on the way back down. This ride covered 135 miles by the time we returned to the hotel in SLC. (Cont on page 23)

*Saints to Sinners 06*



# Crash



Big Bear 06



Cattleman's 06



RAQ CAR WASH 06



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Historian  
*Anne Haber*



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## **August Birthdays**



Tracy Ackeret



David Burnworth



Rich Newton



Darryn Sizemore



Pete Grav



Robert Gerber



Elizabeth Gray

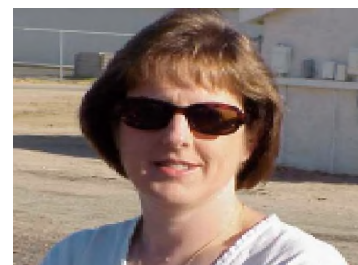
## **September Birthdays**



Barbara Austin



Megan Howard



Debby Linck



Don McCauley



Allen Soard

**To all:**

## ***Chris is finally home***

For those that were unaware Chris had surgery last Tue, July 18th, down in LA for a ruptured disk. There were some minor complications that delayed her return home a few days but now all is well and she is on the road to a complete recovery.

Thanks for the basket She really loved it. Also thank you all for your support, prayers and well wishes. It really means a lot to have such great friends.

God bless you all.

Dave and Chris Hunter

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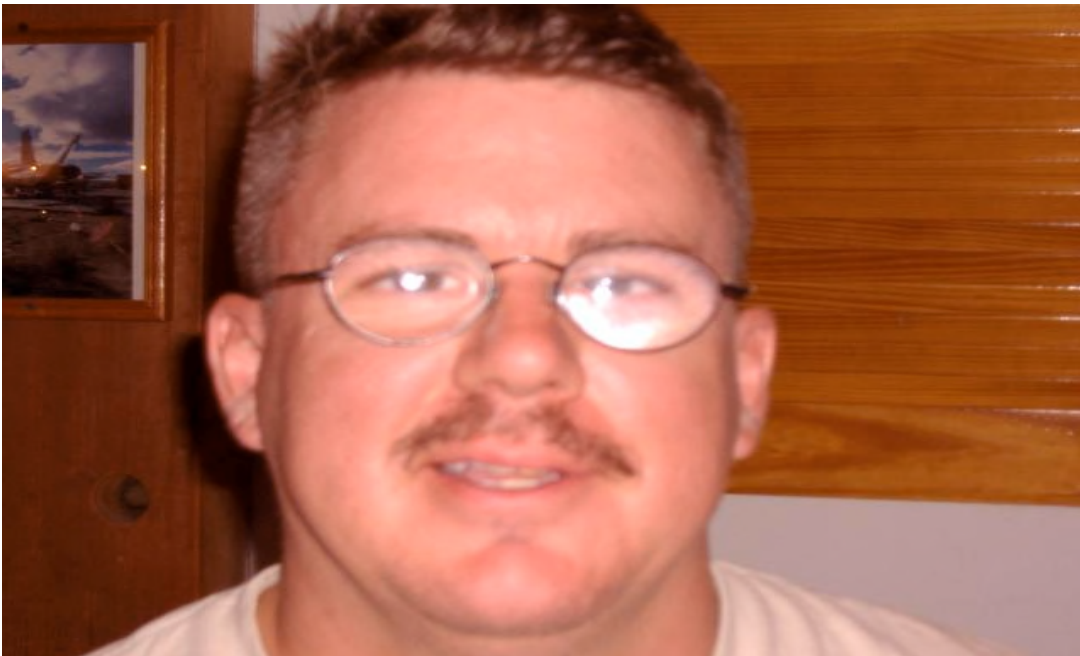
Chris is doing a lot better. She still has about 6 more weeks before the doctor will even consider letting her return to normal activities. Until the end of Aug she is pretty much restricted to the couch and the occasional short trip in town. Then she should be able to start physical therapy and begin returning to normal activities.

## A note to the RAG Group:

Many of you may already know this however I thought I would put this out in the newsletter just in case you have not heard.

David Burnworth, one of our fellow members and Harley rider is out of the Navy. He has told Paul that he is going back to Ohio to care for his ailing father. He said he may move back in a few months depending on how things go.

I would like to extend best wishes to him and hope to see him in the future.



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**Ridgecrest Activity Group  
Antelope Valley Chapter Meeting Minutes  
08 July 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 0820 hours by Director Stan Austin at Charlie's (Carriage Inn) in Ridgecrest.

**Director** Stan Austin –

The annual car wash is after the meeting, from 1000 to about 1400, or we get tired.

Suggestions for group photo location.

Flyers for upcoming events are on the table

**Secretary/Treasurer** Paul Liesman –

Current balance is \$1844.15, current membership is 75

**Asst. Director** Dave Hunter –

Suggests wearing long sleeves are better than tank tops/short sleeves.

Vote on another poker run, maybe one the same weekend as the brewery's Oktoberfest

**Activities Officer** George Fields –

Breakfast ride next Saturday is to Cattleman's in Tehachapi

Dinner ride in 2 weeks is to McNalley's in Kernville

**Editor** Tracy Ackeret –

Absent

**Safety Officer** Tony Jaime-

Ride safe, watch for debris, drink lots of water

**Road Captain** Rex Walraven –

CHP says that riders must come to a complete stop with 1 foot down.

**LOH** Chris Hunter –

Absent

**Photographer** Judy McCauley – Would like birthday list

**Historian** Ann Haber – Working on album

**Webmaster** Don McCauley -

Thanks for paying web site bill.

**PAO** Wade Tallman -

Ads for car wash in Friday's Dailey Independent, and on local radio station.

**New Business:**

Suggestion made to change car wash time in future to 0700

**Member/Guest Comments:**

Dennis Linck mentioned the Yosemite ride is Aug 25-27, near town of Oakhurst.

**Old Business:**

Reminder – Next board meeting is Fri. 11 Aug at location TBD. Next general meeting will be on Sat. 12 Aug at 0800 hours at Charlie's in the Carriage Inn.

Meeting was adjourned at 0902 hours (09:02 am).

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We departed SLC at 5:30AM on Wednesday for the ride to Las Vegas (425 miles). By the time we stopped for gas some 125 miles later I was shivering and my fingers were almost numb. Stan wasn't complaining but I think he was ready to stop too. Yeah, I had heavier gloves and leathers in my bag but they were at the bottom. It wasn't worth the effort to dig them out only to have to re-stow them an hour or so later. But then we got closer to Vegas and were wishing we were back in SLC. At least I was. The temp had to be 105 at least. Stan's wife Barb was on travel to Las Vegas that week, so his accommodations were taken care of. He navigated us to the Silverton Casino and Hotel where I was staying. Road construction made it difficult to get through that section but we managed somehow. Thanks Stan.

The Sinners portion of the rally took place at Las Vegas H-D. Again, a band (Strange Brew) provided live entertainment. And of course, a beer booth was conveniently available as well as food from Hog Heaven, a semi-tractor trailer rig equipped with everything including the kitchen sink. The highlight of the afternoon was the drawing for a Softail Standard which was won by a lady rider from I don't remember where. A couple of girls representing Hooters in Florida were present to promote their establishment and were more than pleased to have their pictures taken with a couple of dirty old men biker types. I have no complaints and didn't hear Stan protesting too loudly.

Friday morning saw us departing Las Vegas for the return trip home and not a minute too soon in my book. If you've won any money in Vegas lately you can thank me later. We departed Vegas fairly early and arrived home around noon before the weekend traffic had begun.

This was my first rally and I'm looking forward to many more in the future. We met lots of people from all walks of life and parts of the country and continued to cross their paths on the trip from SLC to Vegas. Many friendships were formed and I look forward to seeing some of these fellow Harley riders on future events. I'm committed. It's not mid-life crisis. I like to think of it as coincidental with the kids growing up and leaving home and I can finally pursue my dream. Happy riding and lots of it.

(Editors note, there are pics in this issue  
of Stan & Barry's trip)

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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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