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August Meeting
Saturday
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September Meeting
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September 8, 2007
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Meetings Held at
Charlie's in Ridgecrest

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Congratulations Scooter!!!!



Scooter won *First Place* with his re-stored 1955 Panhead at the Bakersfield H-D MDA Rockin' Ride for Life. He also got \$300.00 out of it. *Good Job!!!*

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

Hello everyone!

Sorry I didn't make the last meeting and may not make the Aug one either (suppose to be in Basic Rider Course in preps for being an instructor for BRC and ERC). But I know it was left in good hands-thanks IKE, and from my intel it went quickly with little pain!!

Anyway on to the fun. How many of you read the Spring 07 Enthusiast? I did- and there is one article I think all of us from the high desert need to read. Its called "Beat the Heat" on page 22-23. One of Harleys test riders who works at the HD desert proving grounds in Mesa, Arizona writes it. Give it a look. Most of us do one or two of the items, some more, some A LOT LESS. Good info for those hot day

rides. In addition, while you're in there, look at page 34 and the "Nova Project" - Different? Also for the women, some editorial comments about an article last issue called "Size Matters"-more interesting reading.

Who reads Hog Tales on a regular basis? I missed last issue for some reason but part 2 "Between the Lines" gives some great situational information and "food for thought", especially for some of our newer riders. After you read it you might say, that's common sense! How many bike riders have you seen applying "common sense"? It's always nice to renew our thought processes just in case we find our selves in a "situation".

And since we are on the topic of reading- check out the second to last page "Leader of the Pack". Interesting perspective from a guy who just doesn't like to lead!!!!

We slowly keep increasing our ranks, with two new members at last meeting and one more that joined up at Whitney Portals. Believe that's 87...

We've had some nice rides, despite the heat and a couple more coming up. Again, remember, we need a lead to help in the coordination. Talk to Mike or I and let us know.

As a side note, Dave and Crystal are now running a travel agency and have a great idea already in the works. They have a cruise set up for 5 days during the November 3 for 9 period starting 12 Nov. Cost is very reasonable PLUS, she has the ability to make it a bit of a fund raising event for the HOG group. See the info inside the newsletter and contact them for more info....sounds like a great bit of fun for a very low price!!!

Keep the shiny parts up and the rubber on the asphalt.

WAMBS



Ike Bridgeman
Skate Under Tire

Here we are in the "DOG DAYS OF SUMMER" "when it's almost too hot to ride. I am really ready for cooler weather so I can enjoy riding during the middle of the day. Right now about all the riding I am getting in is to work and back. When its 100 plus it really feels like a blow dryer on high right smack in your face. I guess I really do not need to tell you how it feels because we are all in the same boat.

Another summer is just about behind us and soon fall and winter will be here, the best time for riding, in my opinion. I hope everyone gets out to enjoy the great riding weather that will soon be here. Speaking of which, in September Street Vibrations in Reno is a great event to attend and one that Malia and I will be enjoying. If anyone would like to join us for the ride up please let me know.

If there is anything that anyone of you feel can be approved upon in our group, please let myself or any other board member know, we are here for you. I would also like to thank you for making this a great group to be apart of and to serve.

Remember this in your travels "NO MATTER WHERE YOU GO, THERE YOU ARE."

Thanks and ride safe.

Ike Bridgeman "SKATE UNDER TIRE"



Rex Walraven
Semper Fi
Oo-Rah

The summer riding season has been hot around here, but then I have not been here for most of it due to work travel. I hope everyone has some good rides in this summer and look forward to many more in the fall. We have been working on getting our Road Captains more up to speed in how we are organized as a group in riding events.

One thing I have been remiss in is getting the word to all our members that anytime a non-HOG member, or chapter member, goes on a ride with us we are obligated to have them sign a release form. I need to pass these forms out to all of our Road Captains so they have them handy whenever they lead a sanctioned group ride. There is form I have and can get you a copy of in case we have any sort of

also a HOG Injury Report injury on one of our group rides. I hope that we will never need this one.

Group riding is significantly different from riding solo. As a member of a group ride all riders are now responsible for those other riders around them. There are many nuances you need to notice if you are fairly new to group riding. This is one thing our road captains are there for – to get people into group riding without making anyone uncomfortable. Communication in a group is a hard thing to grasp, but needs to be done by all riders if possible. Riding up next to the person in front of you for a brief moment is often acceptable on straight easy roads but do not try it on a windy road unless you are very sure of the road, yourself, and the person in front of you. Let the person in front of you know that they need to pass a message up to the lead. Especially if the sweep and/or someone else have dropped out of the group, this keeps the leader informed of the situation and helps preserve group integrity.

I hope all those folks getting out on the typical August rides are having a great time and I look forward to many miles in the next several months with all of you.

Ride Hard, Ride Safe, Ride Often, but never faster than your Angel can fly,
Rex Walraven



"We don't accomplish anything in this world alone ... and whatever happens is the result of the whole tapestry of one's life and all the weavings of individual threads from one to another that creates something." Sandra Day O'Conner

Judy Gerard
&
Tommie Lawrence
Double Trouble!!!

We hope our RAG family has had a relaxing and fun-filled summer. While some of you have played it safe and stayed indoors, others have ventured out in the summer heat and took some wonderful rides. Regardless of your game plan, you have helped create the beautiful "tapestry" of the Ridgecrest Activities Group.

Speaking of summer rides, Doug and I took a quick run to Hollister to visit the Corbin factory and had Doug fitted for a new saddle for his bike. WOW!!! Not only was the experience great, the visit to the shop (museum) was the highlight of the trip. If you are ever in the neighborhood,

stop in and experience the wonderful displays they have. You can eat at their very own restaurant, "The Wizard's Café," while you watch them craft your custom seat. Nowhere was there a sign stating that you could not be in the work area! They wanted you involved in the entire process and to participate in the creation of your custom seat, which took a total of about 3 hours! We made many new friends while there, and they will forever be part of the tapestry of our lives. I will post an article on the website and display all of the wonderful photos we took while there. Look for it soon.



The RAG LOH is in the process of crafting some major events for the fall. We will begin with our LOH planning/get together meeting at Tommie's house, Friday, August 3, 7:00p.m., 619 W. Coral Ave., phone 384-2939. We welcome all Ladies' of Harley to come and bring your ideas.

We have a silent auction coming up along with our next charity event for the High Desert Women's Center. We will present our donation at the October general meeting along with a truckload of "wants and needs" items. The list of "Always Needed" items is in the newsletter, so start gathering those little articles that are so important for the dignity of local women who come to the Center. (Editors Note, the list is on page 9 of this issue of the newsletter.)



Tracy Akeret
*Ramblings from
Silk*

Greetings fellow riders.

Another wonderful summer is fully upon us. I have been back from Waco for a bit over two months now and I am finally starting to get caught up with all the stuff around the house that I had to put off the first part of the year. Debbie and I did take time away from the house to get away on the bike to the coast for a long weekend. We stayed in Santa Maria and took a nice ride up the coast on Highway 1. We only rode as far as Ragged Point then back down to Hearst Castle for one of the tours they have. The whole weekend we never saw anything over 68 degrees. It was very nice riding weather. Not to cold that you needed anything but a sweat shirt but warm enough in the afternoon that you could go in shirt sleeves. Then we had to ride back to the desert into what felt like a blast furnace. I do not mind riding in

the desert, I have spent most of my life here and actually enjoy the warmth, however after being at the coast for three days it was quite a shock to the system to ride back into over 100 degree weather.

Not sure if everyone has had the chance to get a look at the 105th anniversary bikes that H-D has out for 2008, however if you get the chance to take a look you will either love them or hate them. That is the general reaction that I have seen to them. They are making the anniversary bikes in limited quantities unlike the 100th. All the bikes during 2003 were anniversary bikes but for 2008 only a limited number of them are being made and not in all models. Debbie and I had already made the decision to get another bike this coming year anyway and when I saw the anniversary bikes I knew I had to have one. So a few weeks ago we put in our order for a 2008 anniversary Ultra Classic. I will never give up my Dyna, I really enjoy riding it, however, Debbie and I enjoy taking long rides seeing the country. I will be retiring from NASA in about 10 years and plan on taking even longer rides after that. We have made my Dyna as comfortable as we can but it's still not the easiest thing to ride it several hundred miles a day for days on end. So we have decided to take the plunge and get an Ultra. I have been told that riding one is like sitting on an easy chair so I am looking forward to it. I know that it will take some getting used to it but I have no doubt that Debbie and I will enjoy every mile of it. I will make sure to bring it to the RAG meeting after I get it so everyone can pick on me for getting a geezer glide, as I am sure will happen.

Until next time stay safe and keep riding

Silk



Don McCauley
Web Talker

Quite a few new pictures added since the last newsletter. We have pictures of Scooters win with his 55 Panhead. The ride to the Mobile Gas station at Tioga pass for lunch. Dinner ride to McNally's on the Kern River. The ride to Big Bear. The breakfast ride to Whitney Portals. And there is also the pictures of the



**And His Lovely
Co-Star**

Judy McCauley
*Show me the bugs in your
teeth*

HOG RAG donation to the Humane Society. Check out the web site for all the pictures, there are some of them here in the newsletter but more at the website.



Paul Liesman
Mister note-taker
AKA
Volleyball Dad

Ridgecrest Activity Group
Antelope Valley Chapter Meeting Minutes
09 Jun 2007

The meeting was called to order at 0855 hours by Director Wade Tallman at Charlie's (Carriage Inn) in Ridgecrest.

Director: would like feedback on email he sent out, mentioned all activities need a leader, trying to set up group

photo for Sept 8 @ Inyokern hanger, working with Habitat for Humanity to build a house, looking for volunteers.

Asst. Director Ike Bridgeman – would like to know who has trailers, CPR training, EMT, or 1st aid training

Secretary: Paul Liesman – membership at 84. New members John Weaver and Rebecca Thurman

Treasurer Cheryl Tallman - \$3500+ is available in the fund at present, minus a few expenses

Activities Officer Mike Moore – showed HOG patch, Big Bear ride after meeting, next Saturday is lunch ride to Lee Vining, monthly dinner ride to McNally's.

Editor Tracy Ackeret - newsletter is out, letting everyone know that Mediacom thinks he is a spammer

Safety Officer Tony Jaime- Absent

Road Captain Rex Walraven – need more road captains, discussed qualifications, will create a standardized list for rides, will set up a road captain meeting.

LOH Judy Gerard, Tommie Lawrence – \$175 collected towards holiday baskets, \$650 for animal shelter, working on project for holiday baskets, Doug rode for 1st time last week since accident, will set up another date night, B.A.D sent plaques to BHS and Inyokern.

Photographer Judy McCauley – is mingling and taking pictures

Historian Susan Brandt – doing year book, email her pictures, sent out sheet of ride notes

Webmaster Don McCauley - web page is current except for poker run.

Membership/PAO Josh Wilkerson - wants to do a trifold flyer for handout.

New Business: guests Frank & Ruthie McCollin from AVHOG, Chuck Cordell

Member/Guest Comments: Ruthie - thanked RAG for donations for our women stationed in Iraq.
Dwight Furnish - has 9 campsites reserved at Lake Diaz for Sept 15-16 and will lead ride

Old Business:

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

Meeting was adjourned at 0950 hours.

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**Ridgecrest Activity Group
Antelope Valley Chapter Meeting Minutes
14 July 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 0900 hours by Asst. Director Isaac Bridgeman at Charlie's (Carriage Inn) in Ridgecrest.

Director Wade Tallman – absent

Asst. Director Isaac Bridgeman – The Xmas committee garage sale raised \$874.38. Would a list of members with MC trailers.

Secretary Paul Liesman – 84 members + 2 new members joining today. AV Bike Night tonight @ 1700 @ the shop

Treasurer Cheryl Tallman - Absent

Activities Officer Mike Moore – Whitney Portals ride next Saturday, 2 separate groups, 1 leaving from Inyokern @ 0600, the 2nd group leaving @ 0730. The 1st weekend of August is Bloozza Palooza in Mammoth, RAG patch needs some work, next AV meeting is August 5

Editor Tracy Ackeret – Absent

Safety Officer Tony Jaime - Absent

Road Captain Rex Walraven - Absent

LOH Judy Gerard, Tommie Lawrence – October is Domestic Violence Awareness month, will have a silent auction instead of opportunity drawing to raise funds. August 3 will be next LOH meeting at Clint & Tommie's house

Photographer Judy McCauley – asked that we all keep smiling

Historian Susan Brandt – working on year book

Webmaster Don McCauley - got his computer up and running & is trying to catch up

New Business: none

New members Beth & Eric Shoaf were welcomed

Member/Guest Comments Eric Shoaf talked about the ABC's of touring.

Dave Hunter is riding into the mountains tomorrow, depart from Jack in the Box @ 0830.

Old Business:

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

Meeting was adjourned at 0925 hours (09:25 am).



Cheryl Tallman
The money lady

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



Mike Moore
Ghost Rider



Tony Jamie
Safety Dude



Susan Brandt
"No Name"



Josh Wilkerson
Debbie's Toy

Sound Waves
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Women's Center/Shelter Network Wish List March 2007

Always Needs: (New)

Personal size Kleenex Packs

Hair Spray

Hair Brush's

Liquid Eyeliner

Mascara ~ Black

Small Deodorants

Shaving Cream ~ *Small*

Tylenol ~ Extra Strength

Equate ~ Extra Strength Pain -
Reliever's

Alieve

Emodium AD

Roloids

Over the Counter Flu & Cold -
Remedies

Airbourne ~ Adult & Children

Tums

Bactine

Visine

Antibiotic Ointments /Neosporin

Alcohol

Always Needs: (New)

Mops

Brooms

Dust-pans

Trash Cans

Toilet Brush's

Clocks

Q-Tips

Pull-Ups ~ Size 3 & 4

Baby Wipes

Baby Powder



Big Bear Ride 07



Tioga Tommie's 07



August Birthdays

Tracy Ackeret
Robert Gerber
Ted Hicks
Chrystal Lewis
Rich Newton

September Birthdays

Barbara Austin
Megan Howard
Debby Linck
Don McCauley
Vicki Thompson
John Weaver

New Members Pics



Eric & Beth Shoaf

McNally's 07

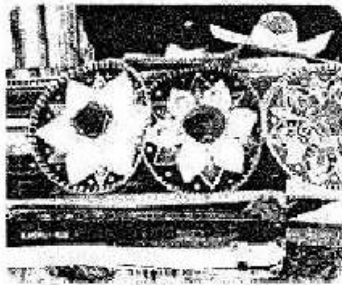


Whitney Portals 07





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5	Los Angeles, California	6:00 AM	



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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



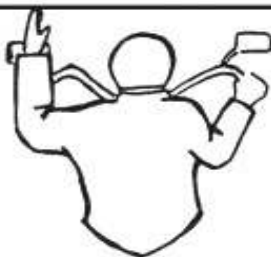
Left turn



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:

Dinner Ride to Seasons in
Lone Pine August 25.
RAG Picnic at Lake Diaz
September 15.
Street Vibrations in Reno
September 19-23.



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