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December Meeting  
Saturday  
December 13, 2008  
09:00AM

January Meeting  
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Meetings Held at  
Charlie's in Ridgecrest

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*Harley Owners Group*

## Merry Christmas

**HOG Christmas Party**  
Ridgecrest Activity Group

**Tickets on Sale Now!**

**\$25.00 per Person**

**Grand Prize HOG Draw\*** Saturday - December 20, 2008 - 6pm  
Carriage Inn - Ridgecrest, CA

Block of Rooms Available - Call 760-446-7910 for Reservations

**Door Prizes**  
**No-Host Bar**

**White Elephant Gift Exchange\*\***

*Hot & Cold Meats & Sauces*  
Meatballs with Asian Sauce  
Chicken & Vegetable Egg Rolls  
Honey Chicken Drumsticks  
Teriyaki Beef Steaks  
Doritos Eggs  
Fiesta Salad  
Desserts & Imported Cheese & Crackers  
Fresh Fruit Tray  
Assorted Pastries  
Coffee And Tea, Water

\* Must Be Present To Win

\*\* Bring a Gift - Receive a Gift

Come Join in the fun  
**RAG Christmas Party**  
December 20th  
Carriage Inn 6pm

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

It's that time of the year. One ending and another one about to start. What can you say, time flies when you are having FUN! We had some good rides this year and are hoping to expand them next year. That is what it's all about. I'm going to keep this short and to the point. We exist for the sole purpose of HAVING FUN by enjoying the company and camaraderie of our fellow Harley Riders....everything else is gravy. We are going to have a new board starting in January with some new ideas. If you have ideas or complaints, now is the time to let a board member know so we can address it. We are going to be holding a planning meeting in Dec. We will get our plan written out, let everyone know what it is in January...and watch it run....We will still need help in leading rides and events. And there are still a couple of board slots open if you want to help out. I can tell you now I have heard rumblings that we do to much charity...OK, we'll step it down a notch and try and make our charity events more Harley friendly (what ever that's suppose to mean...)

Let's look to have another great year. Keep the shiny parts up and the rubber down.

Happy New Year!!!



**Ike Bridgeman**  
*Skate Under Tire*

*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.*



**Susan Brandt**  
*"No Name"*

*No Report this month*



**Josh Wilkerson**  
*J-Dub*

*No Report this month*



Mike Moore  
Ghost Rider

RAG Club Meeting Saturday 13 Dec 9am Carriage Inn.

Annual Elks Christmas Parade Saturday 13 Dec 10am meet right after club meeting

AV Christmas Party in Lancaster Saturday 13 Dec.

The 13th is going to be a busy day if anyone wants to do all the events on that day but that's what its all about right.

RAG Christmas Party Saturday 20 Dec 6pm this is our big event of the year and is one that you don't want to miss if you can help it.



Anne Haber

LOH would like to thank RAGHOG for their help raising money in 2008 for our two charities (High Desert Cares and Boys & Girls Club); Thanksgiving and Christmas Basket Family; our Christmas Party - and for the first time and hopefully not the last, Relay for Life. I hope the next LOH has as much fun as I have had and I look forward to offering my help with next years activities.

Anne



**Tracy Ackeret**  
*Ramblings from Silk*

Hi once again

This is a bit of a bitter sweet time for me, this is the last time, at least for now that I will be sitting here putting together your newsletter. I have really enjoyed the last 3 years of doing the newsletter. Its been fun if not a bit of a pain sometimes. However I can safely say that I would not trade these times for anything.

The only complaint that I might have it that not enough of the chapter members are willing to put something together for the newsletter. This newsletter is not only for the board members but for anyone that wants to put something in here. Don't be afraid of putting something down and giving it to anyone of the board members for inclusion in the newsletter. Don't worry that its not grammatically correct that what spell and grammar check is for. It only takes a few minutes to put something down and I am sure that other would like to read about that last trip that you took or even about one you took years ago. So I want to see more articles in here from other members in the future.

On to other things, as most of you already know I will be moving into the assistant directors position next year. I look forward to the new challenges that it will bring with it and hope every one will give me their support in my new role.

We have a very busy couple weeks coming up with the regular meeting the Christmas parade the AV Christmas party then our own Christmas party. I want to encourage everyone to take part in as many of these events as you can but remember to be responsible and not do anything stupid, we want to see all of you after the first of the year.

Keep riding  
**Silk**



**Don McCauley**  
*Web Talker*



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

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

Hi all,

Finally back up and running after WAY to many computer problems. We have new pictures up on the WEB of the RAG picnic, the Burroughs High School Cheerleaders and Old Town Days. Hopefully we won't have any more computer problems and we can get things back to normal in posting pages.

*Judy & Don*



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

**RAG meeting Notes**  
**11/08/2008**

Meeting called to order by Assistant Director Ike Bridgeman at 0907 (9:07 am).

**Director, Wade Tallman:** Absent

**Asst. Director, Ike Bridgeman:** Maturango Days last weekend a huge success, looking for volunteers for next years Xmas party committee. Thank all on this years committee. Ride next Saturday to Whiskey Creek in Bishop, Bland will lead. Car club has invited us to join them at Santa's workshop on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Secretary, Paul Liesman:** current membership is 81, asked Don to move link on website for membership form so that it is easily found.

**Treasurer, Sandra Moore:** current balance is \$4631.34, Xmas party tickets cutoff date is 12/10-12/15 and are \$25.

**Activities Director:** Absent

**Road Captain Coordinator, Rex Walraven:** always looking for more road captains.

**Safety Officer, John Brandt:** talked about his experience in wet weather riding.

**Web Master, Don McCauley:** PC died, all data was saved.

**Newsletter Editor, Tracy Ackeret:** nothing.

**Photographer, Judy McCauley:** Absent.

**Historian, Susan Brandt:** Absent.

**LOH, Anne Haber & Barbara Austin:** Presented checks to Judy from the High Desert Cares for \$500, and to Victoria from the Boys and Girls Club for \$1500. \$1000 came from Ron at AVHD from proceeds from Thunder on the Lot.

**POA, Josh Wilkerson:** Absent

**Members comments:**

**Judy Gerard:** Commented on how much everyone enjoyed the members who rode the cheerleaders around the football field during the BHS homecoming.

**Notes:** The next RAG board meeting will be TBD. The next RAG general meeting will be December 13, 0900 at Charlie's in the Carriage Inn.



John Brandt  
?



Rex Walraven  
Semper Fi  
Oo-Rah

Hello Bikers,

First off I wanted to say thank you for giving me the opportunity to be the Safety Officer this year. It has been fun but I am ready to try something else. I look forward to being your newsletter editor next year.

The cold and sometimes wet weather is upon us and everyone should make sure they are prepared for it. Even though we don't see much rain, I still would recommend investing in a rain suit. Remember to slow down in the rain since the roads can be very slick around here and dirt tends to wash across the roads. The cold weather in the mornings can also affect your ability to ride safely. I would recommend wearing several layers of clothing that you can remove as the day warms up. For me, the hands have been the worst and I am looking into getting some better gloves. The disposable hand and body warmers sold at sporting goods stores also work great. I look forward to riding with you all again soon!

Ride Safe,

John

Merry Christmas HOG of Ridgecrest!! I hope everyone is ready for a wonderful time of year, and it is nice to live in a place where you can enjoy it as we do here year 'round like we do. I know there are some that are putting their bikes up for the season, but I know it won't be long until they get them back out again. If you do store your bike for a while I recommend a battery tender and making sure you go over your bike real well when you get it back out in warmer weather.

It's been another great year with the RAG board, and for those of you that want to participate, we still have room. If you just want to have fun being a member that's alright too. Stepping down from the Senior Road Captain spot after many years, it will be nice working as the Treasurer and still having fun with the planning of our activities on our board. I strongly encourage all of you that have some sort of riding plans for this year to step up and let it be heard and get some others to ride along with you. Unless you are that much more comfortable riding solo? But give us a shot, we'll all ride with you and we can have a great time.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas season and enjoy the festivities. Remember the reason for the season.

*Burroughs High School Cheerleaders*



*Old Town Days 08*



RAQ PICNIC 08





## December Birthdays



Stan  
Austin



Judy  
Gerard



Bob  
Haber



Karl  
Howard



Chris  
Hunter



Zoomer  
Lindeman



Mike  
Moore

## January Birthdays



George  
Fields



Slow poke  
Furnish



Kathleen  
Hartzell



Mike  
Prosniski

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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**



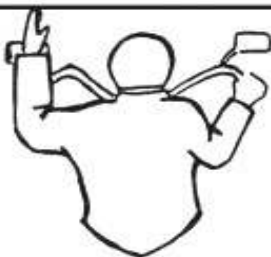
**Left turn**



**Slow down**



**Staggered riding**



**Right turn**



**Speed up**



**Time for a pit stop**

# Motorcycle Web Links

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**AV Hog Website**

<http://www.avhog.org>

**HD Home Page**

[http://www.harley-davidson.com/hd\\_main/hd\\_home.isp](http://www.harley-davidson.com/hd_main/hd_home.isp)

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**Ridgecrest Activity Group**

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## Upcoming Events:

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*13 Dec*

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