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## 2005 RAG Christmas Party



# HARLEY OWNERS GROUP # 1665 ANTELOPE VALLEY CA CHAPTER, RIDGECREST ACTIVITY GROUP

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Director  
*Stan Austin*

I hope 2006 is off to a good start for all of you. Please get your memberships in for the New Year. I think this is going to be a fun year and we are trying to plan lots of things to do. When you read this Cabin Fever will be over for 06 and as always I am sure we had fun. The next planned trip is March 25 and 26. This will be our Wine & Cheese Run, this year to Pahrump. I have seven of the twelve rooms I held left. If you want one of them call or e-mail me and I will give you a confirmation number. This is going to be fun and we are staying at the Nugget Hotel and Casino. I will close out unclaimed rooms on 22 March. There is a Winery in Pahrump and we plan to visit it on Saturday afternoon. Some of us are going up on Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> as that is a flex. A short run will be planned on Saturday morning with the plan to meet up with the riders from Ridgecrest. Then the next trip is April 28-30 to Stateline with a Saturday ride to Laughlin, NV for the River Run. After the Feb 11 meeting, we will hold a planning meeting to plan our trips, breakfast and dinner rides for the year. Please stay after the general meeting if you wish to be in on this activity or get your ideas to any of the board members before the 11th. We are open to any ride you wish to suggest. I will wrap this one up and I hope you all ride safe and see you next month.



Asst. Director  
*Dave Hunter*

***No report this month***



Safety Officer  
*Tony Jamie*

***No report this month***



Secretary/  
Treasurer  
**Paul Liesman**

**Ridgecrest Activity Group  
Antelope Valley Chapter Meeting Minutes  
10 Dec 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 0815 hours by Director Dennis Linck at Charlie's (Carriage Inn) in Ridgecrest.

**Director Dennis Linck –**

1. Elk's Xmas Parade at 1000 hours (10:00 am) this morning.
2. Xmas Party tonight at the VFW Hall. 1800 hours (6 pm) is no host cocktail hour. 1900 hours (7 pm) dinner is served. Optional white elephant gift exchange.
3. New Board Members:  
Stan Austin – Director  
Dave Hunter – Asst Director  
Paul Liesman – Secretary/Treasurer  
Chris Hunter – LOH  
Tony Jaime – Safety Officer
4. Toys for Tots went well. There were 86 entries. 50/50 was over \$500.

**Secretary Debby Linck –**

1. New membership forms are available.
2. New roster available soon.

**Asst. Director Stan Austin –**

1. Looking forward to next year. Please call if you have suggestions.

**Activities Officer George Fields – Not present.**

**Editor Paul Liesman –**

1. Newsletter is available.
2. Looking for a new Editor. Takes about 6 hours every other month.

**Safety Officer** Dave Hunter-

1. Discussed a couple of members' close calls. Watch out for cars in parking lots.
2. Don't stop for anyone on the road between Caliente and Bodfish – carjacking have been taking place.

**Road Captain** Rex Walraven –

1. Xmas Parade today. Please watch out for each other on the parade route.

**LOH** Billee Burchett –

1. Chris Hunter has adopted another family from the Women's Shelter for Xmas, along with one other family and the family from the Salvation Army. Delivering on Sun 17 Dec at 1300 hours (1 pm).

**Photographer** Dwight Furnish – Not present.

**Historian Deb Milam** – Not present.

**Webmaster** Don McCauley -

1. Website updated with pictures from Toys for Tots.

**New Business:**

1. None.

**Member/Guest Comments:**

1. Bland Burchett – Thanked Dennis and Debby Linck for their efforts over the last few years for the group.

**Old Business:**

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

Meeting was adjourned at 0855 hours (8:55 am).



Road Capt. Coord.  
*Rex Walraven*

WELCOME to 2006!

I hope everyone is back from a safe and sane holiday season and that they are all getting ready for another great riding season. Of course, if you're like me, riding time here is year round. Though I do slow down some in the winter months.

I'm writing this prior to our annual Cabin Fever ride. But I know it will be another fun adventure. Our Christmas parade was another success and then we had a wild hair 'somewhere' ride when a member sent out an e-mail saying that the weather was supposed to be good for the weekend and how about a ride to the Rock Inn for lunch. We had 12 bikes meet at Jack-in-the-Box and a great lunch ride. Thanks Josh and Deb! I know most of our riding season we have breakfast or dinner rides, but lunch rides in the winter can be a great idea.

After our meeting in January I thought of a few things that our Road Captains and group riders should think about while riding with a group and so I thought I would put it in print here.

When riding with the group, the Road Captain(s) need to consider all the riders in the group and when going into the twisties in the mountains need to think about giving the single file signal. This signal should then be passed along to all members behind to the sweep rider. The single file signal is to let all the group members know that the bikes are most likely going to take the whole lane going through the curves, rather than stay to the half they use in the staggered formation. This will give those a little less comfortable on the twisty road the space they want or need to negotiate the curves without having to worry about how close someone else is. Remember, we are all riding to the ability of the whole group. I know that some riders will always move through those roads slower, so it is the Road Captains responsibility to slow down and wait for the sweep rider to close the group up when coming out of the mountain roads too.

Sweep riders need to communicate with the lead rider prior to the ride on what they are going to do should they need to stop, slow down, or separate from the group. I know I am guilty of this. But a couple of minutes discussing this before the ride can alleviate unneeded stops and worries.

Road Captains should brief the group on speed, route, and any additional info prior to the ride so all know what is expected on the ride. Communication is



Editor

*Tracy Ackeret*

Since this is my first column as your newsletter editor I thought I would tell you a bit about myself. Some of you may already know most of this, and if you do I'm sorry but there are probably lots of you who are thinking, who is this clown. My lovely wife and I have been members of the RAG since sometime in early 2004. We try to get to as many of the chapter meetings as we can, but living in California City makes that a bit hard sometimes.

I started riding motorcycles when I was 16, shortly after I got my car license and have never looked back. All my life I have wanted a Harley but was never at a place in my life where I could afford/justify one so I have rode most all the metric bike brands. After Debbie and I got married in 1997 I began to go to the dealer and drool, that is the only way I can put it. She was after me since that time to just go get a Harley but me being a stubborn person I resisted.

In September of 2002 I guess she finally got tired of hearing me whine every time I saw one go the other way on the highway and pushed the issue until I went and picked out the one I wanted. I will love her forever for being so pushy. We put in the order for a new 100th anniversary Lowrider in September of 2002 and took delivery of it the first week of April 2003. The winter months that year went quickly, however when it started to get warm I have to admit I was a bit of a grouch. I wanted my bike and when I saw a bike go the other way I whined a bunch because I didn't have my bike.

After we got my bike, we rode it whenever we got the chance. We went to a few of the HOG meetings in Lancaster, but never really clicked there. One of the times we went to the meeting, we met a few of the members of the RAG and after finding out we lived in Cal City they invited us to try the RAG meetings. As they were a bit smaller. We attended the first one, joined that very day, and have not regretted it at all. Everyone has made us feel at home from day one.

We have posted a couple of sets of pictures of rides we have taken last year and hope to post more as the riding season gets more underway this year. Not sure where we will venture this year but if last year is any indication it should be good. I highly encourage everyone to get a digital camera if you have not already done so. They are the greatest thing to hit pictures since Kodak came along. They let you take tons of pictures and not have to worry about messing them up, as all you have to do is delete the bad ones. If anyone does take pictures and wants then put in the newsletter just email then to me and I will be glad to post then in here for you.

# 2005 Christmas Parade



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Activities  
*George Fields*

***No report this month***



Ladies of Harley  
*Chris Hunter*

***No report this month***



Webmaster  
*Don McCauley*



Photographer  
*Dwight Furnish*



Historian  
*Deb Milam*



**February Birthdays!!!!!!**



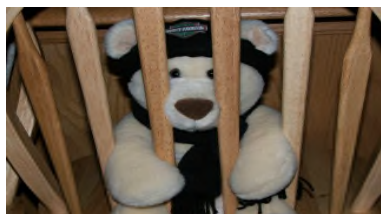
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Frank Huereque



Clint Lawrence



K.C. Sloan



Wade Tallman



Stephen Wainscott

**March Birthdays!!!!!!**



Char Ender



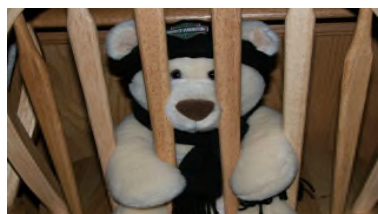
John Gamel



Doug Gerard



Judy McCauley



Doug Smith

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the key. Those of us with CB radios have an added way to do this, provided they have the gear they need to use the CB that is.

I look forward to going on many rides with you all again this year, and I wish everyone a safe and fantastic riding year. I hope all of you will stay after the meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> to talk about your interests in what rides to consider for the group this year. I hope our Road Captains will do that for sure too.

I guess I should remind Road Captains that the experienced rider course should be taken approximately every three years. Which of course means I need to take it again too.

Ride Hard, Ride Safe, Ride Often, RIDE, Rex

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This brings me to another point, this is not just the board members newsletter, this is everyone's newsletter. If anyone feels the creative juices flowing and wants to put something in here, please feel free to send it to me and I will make sure to put it in the next issue.

Well I am sure I have bored you all enough so I will close this with a very heartfelt thank you for letting me have the opportunity to give a bit back to the chapter in doing this newsletter. I hope I do not let anyone down.

Tracy (Silk)

# Mini Laughlin Run



**BUFFALO BILLS**  
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1-800-386-7867

When: 28 to 30 April 2006

Where: Buffalo Bills, Stateline

Depart: From Denny's Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 0800  
Breakfast 0700 if you wish.

Route: We will ride thru Death Valley into the  
Vegas area then on to Stateline.

Sat. Ride: We will ride to Laughlin for the day and  
and return to Stateline as you wish.

Return: Ride home as you wish  
Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>.

## HUMOR

AN AMERICAN tourist in London decides to skip his tour group and explore the city on his own. He wanders around, seeing the sights, and occasionally stopping at a quaint pub to soak up the local culture, chat with the lads, and have a pint of Guinness.

After a while, he finds himself in a very high-class area...big, stately residences... no pubs, no shops, no restaurants, and worst of all... NO PUBLIC TOILETS.

He really, really has to go, after all those pints of Guinness. He finds a narrow side street, with high walls surrounding the adjacent buildings and decides to use the wall to solve his problem.

As he is unzipping, he is tapped on the shoulder by a London Bobbie, who says, "I say, sir, you simply cannot do that here, you know."

"I'm very sorry, officer," replies the American, "but I really, really HAVE TO GO, and I just can't find a public toilet."

"Ah, yes," said the Bobbie, "Just follow me".

He leads him to a back "delivery alley", then along a wall to a gate, which he opens. "In there," points the Bobbie. "Whiz away SIR, anywhere you want."

The fellow enters and finds himself in the most beautiful garden he has ever seen. Manicured grass lawns, statuary, fountains, sculptured hedges, and huge beds of gorgeous flowers, all in perfect bloom.

Since he has the cop's blessing, he unburdens himself and is greatly relieved. As he goes back through the gate, he says to the Bobbie: "That was really decent of you... is that what you call "British Hospitality?"

"No sir", replied the Bobbie, "that is what we call the French Embassy."

With a humble apology to all who are French, which by the way I am!!

# 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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<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:00AM-8:00PM</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:00AM-8:00PM</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:00AM-8:00PM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:00AM-8:00PM</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00AM-8:00PM</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8:00AM-7:00PM</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00AM-5:00PM</b>

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