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A wonderful 2008
With many safe
Rides!!!!*



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

Hello and welcome to the New Year. We had a nice showing for the first meeting of the year. Good start for getting everyone signed up. Hope everyone got something from the video. We will show it at the end of every meeting for the next couple of months. I think it's important to get everyone on the same sheet of music.

How many of you read Enthusiast and Hog Tales? I for one was never much for reading them but... there are really some good articles and great ride stories. One that I found really interesting last month detailed the ride down the Oregon coast. Having done route coast 1 from Long Beach all the way to the Oregon border, I have always thought about doing it again and continuing all the way up to Canada. The article has now reinvigorated my desire to do the ride.

Speaking of articles there was a short snippet on S.E.E. HOG is all about having fun and being safe doing it. S.E.E. is simply Search, Evaluate, and Execute. A philosophy centered on riding education and riding technique. There are many good techniques, comments, and ideas for keeping it safe and HOG tries to keep that in everyone's mind as we go down the roads.

As we get moving this year lets continue to look for new rides, new ideas, and continue to have great fun. Remember we are also looking for some ideas on Toys for Tots...we have to figure that one out soon.

See you on the road!



Ike Bridgeman
Skate Under Tire

Hello Everyone...

Spring is on its way and there are plenty of events coming up for the motorcycle enthusiast. Just remember to be careful and watch out for those crazy people in their cars talking on their phones. With the New Year upon us, we will be looking for some volunteers for our upcoming car wash. It is a little bit of work but it is also fun, and it is for charity. If you are new to the group, it is a great way to get to know some of your fellow members. We are always looking for members who want to get involved. Being involved is the best way to get the most out of your membership.

Springtime is the time for spending a bit more time on the bike, that may have not been rode very much during the winter months. Please make sure to go over the bike with a fine toothcomb, check fluids and air pressure in the tires and while you are looking at the tires check the tread, it may be time to order a new set.

Hope everyone has a lot of rides planed, and plans on riding with the group this year. It should shape up to be a great year of riding.

Take care and ride safe.

Ike "SKATE UNDER TIRE"



Looking for LOH
Could it be YOU????



Mike Moore
Ghost Rider

Hey Hogsters,

2008 is here, which means another great year of riding. I've finished the activities calendar and there are some fun and exciting rides planned for the year. We have some old stand-bys and some new ones.

We kicked off our year with a lunch ride on January 26th to BJ's Brewhouse in Palmdale. The weather broke long enough to give eight bikes and two cages with fourteen people a nice cool, clear ride.

In February, there is Whiskey Flats days in Kernville which is always a fun day ride. We are also going to Beatty, Nevada for the Cabin Fever run on the 23rd. You can get a room or just ride over for the day if you want, either way it will be an enjoyable ride.

When March rolls around we will be going to Hutchins HD in Yucca Valley for a lunch ride and to the Rock Inn for breakfast.

I know it's still out a little bit but the Morro Bay ride is the weekend of April 4, 5, and 6. We already have sixteen people going. If you are interested in this weekend trip, it's recommended that you make your reservations early at the Blue Sail Inn (where we've stayed in the past) because it tends to fill up quickly.

I hope to see many of our members riding this year because that's why this group exists – to ride!

Take care,
Mike



Rex Walraven
*Semper Fi
Oo-Rah*

Still looking for some more road captains, I have had a couple of people show some interest and now I'll be looking for them on the rides so we can get them started on the road to becoming road captains.

I am also asking the current road captains all to volunteer to lead and sweep our upcoming rides. See Mike or myself about getting your name on there as one of our group leaders. We have some fun rides coming up and I hope all of our road captains take the opportunity to have some fun and show a little group leadership skills too.

I know everyone is enjoying the winter months there in Ridgecrest as I am writing this newsletter input from a beach in Hawaii. I do hope to rent a Harley out here again and ride around the Island at least one day while I am here.

For those going on the Cabin Fever ride I thought I would remind everyone to go over their bikes to check it out before setting out on this one. Tires and brakes are something critical to check as we have had snow over Townes Pass before. When riding in a group in the cold conditions remember to give yourself more room in case of icy conditions. (I think the acronym for checking out the bike is TCLOCK.) The sweep rider can help by setting an example and dropping back a bit to give the others more room to spread out and the lead rider needs to do their best to try to keep the whole group in site.

Two groups of RAG riders may be better, and we will have another group or two from AV HOG too.

Keep the rubber side down and the chrome side up,
Rex



Tracy Akeret
*Ramblings from
Silk*

Greeting again everyone,

Once again I sit here putting the newsletter together taking the proverbial pen to paper. I want to thank all the board members for getting me their inputs for the newsletter it makes it a lot easier if I can just set down for a few hours each time and put this together.

I also want to thank Josh for his wonderful report on his "Cool Ride" I was wishing while I was reading it that he had asked me to go along with him as it sounds like he had a nice ride despite the chilly temps.

Deb and I just got back from Arizona, where we went for a few days. We have had this trip planned for several weeks and had originally planned on taking the new bike. However mother nature had other plans.

When we got up Friday morning not only was it supposed to be raining the following days but after checking the road conditions for the I-15 over Cajon Pass it was snowing. I will ride in rain if necessary, however I draw the line at snow. So we took the car over there.

One of the reasons we went over there was to visit with some friends we met while on our trip to Canada a few years ago. They live in Wisconsin, but have become "Snowbirds". I can totally understand not wanting to be in Wisconsin right now. While we were there they got a phone call from their son, who is still back home, and he said it was supposed to get "up" to 2 degrees that day. Way to cold for this desert rat.

We also visited the Pima Air and Space Museum in Tucson while we were over there. If you like airplanes and ever get the chance I highly recommend this place. They had airplanes from all eras of flight including my all time favorite the SR-71 blackbird. I spent 11 years working on this airplane and spent quite a bit of time at the museum talking about it to the volunteers and visitors. It seems that I am not the only one who likes this plane and when they found out I worked on it they all wanted to hear about it.

Plus we got to see parts of the country that we had not seen before, even if it was in the car. I would have preferred to have been on the bike but even still we had a good time.

I want to again remind everyone that this is your newsletter also so if you take a "Cool Ride" tell the rest of us about it by putting pen to paper.

Keep riding
Silk



Don McCauley
Web Talker



And His Lovely
Co-Star

Judy McCauley
*Show me the bugs in your
teeth*

Hello everyone!!!

Welcome to all our new members! Here's to another great year.

Thanks to Tommie and Judy for the leadership and fun during the past year for the Ladies of Harley. They ended their Double Trouble with the delivery of the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets!

The Christmas parade was fun again as always!!! I love seeing the people along the route...from the older ones remembering times they have ridden (or wishing they had) to the little ones with their hands over their ears.

Another thanks to Sandra and her Christmas party committee...Anne, Billie, Debbie W., Tommie and Vicki. Great job girls...everyone is already looking forward to next year!

The food at BJ's Brewhouse today was great as always...pictures on the website to follow.



Sandra Moore
The money lady

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



**Ridgecrest Activity Group
Antelope Valley Chapter Meeting Minutes
08 Dec 2007**

Paul Liesman
Mister note-taker
AKA
Volleyball Dad

The meeting was called to order at 0819 hours by Director Wade Tallman at Charlie's (Carriage Inn) in Ridgecrest.

Director: shared biker humor, presented money gift to Susan & Juan, reminded all that membership dues will be coming, introduced Jim Smith, Toy's for Tots complete, Xmas party dinner serving will begin at 6:45 tonight, need fresh ideas from members for next year.

Asst. Director Ike Bridgeman – wished everyone Happy Holidays

Secretary: Paul Liesman – membership at 95. no volunteer's for LOH

Treasurer Cheryl Tallman - \$4900 - \$4200 leaves about \$700 going into next year

Activities Officer Mike Moore – Thanked all Road Captains for leading rides this year, January's meeting will return to 0900, has a few rides planned for next year but would like member input

Safety Officer John Brandt- advised all to ride carefully this winter and in the parade, watch out for obstacles

Road Captain Rex Walraven – gave pre-parade brief, glossed over AV Road Captain guidelines

Editor Tracy Ackeret - newsletter is out and online

LOH Judy Gerard, Tommie Lawrence – Xmas basket delivery will be Dec. 22, 9-10 am

Historian Susan Brandt – will send out email regarding 2007 CD

Photographer Judy McCauley – announced Randy Brown had bought a Harley

Webmaster Don McCauley - found pics from 2002 Xmas party, has his bike back, newsletter is online

Membership/PAO Josh Wilkerson - Absent

New Business: None

Member/Guest Comments: Judy G. : suggested we could ride in the Lone Pine Film Festival parade next year.

Stan A. : went to Bakersfield Xmas party.

Old Business:

Reminder – Next board meeting is Fri. Jan. TBD. Next general meeting will be on Sat. Jan. 5 at 0900 hours at Charlie's in the Carriage Inn.

Meeting was adjourned at 0838 hours.

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Ridgecrest Activity Group Antelope Valley Chapter Meeting Minutes 12 Jan. 2008

The meeting was called to order at 0907 hours by Director Wade Tallman at Charlie's (Carriage Inn) in Ridgecrest.

Director Wade Tallman -shared a little bike humor, showed tri-fold flyer, need LOH, Habitat for Humanity at 1133 Boston, balance @ \$708.05

Asst. Director Isaac Bridgeman – Thanked Xmas committee

Secretary Paul Liesman – March meeting will be last for membership dues before late fees

Treasurer Sandra Moore - introduced by Wade

Activities Officer Mike Moore – 2008 calendar is finished, but is not final, 1/26 ride to BJ's Brewhouse in Palm-dale, proposed Valentine's dinner ride, 2/23 weekend id Cabin Fever, 2/16 is Whiskey Flats, Xmas party room is reserved, looking at some non-ride get togethers such as BBQ, other possibilities are Jethawks game, Morro Bay

Safety Officer John Brandt - showed group riding DVD

Road Captain Rex Walraven - sent email this morning with new road captain handbook

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

LOH none -

Historian Susan Brandt – yearbook cd complete, handed some out

Photographer Judy McCauley – nothing

Webmaster Don McCauley - plenty of space on website

Membership /PAO Josh Wilkerson - nothing

New Business: Need new LOH for next year, New members: Randy Brown, Crystal Malone, Jimmy Smith

Member/Guest Comments Mike Cash : won a 2008 Road Glide and will sell for \$20,000, proceeds will go to charity, is doing the Run 4 the Wall

Old Business:

Reminder – Next board meeting is TBD. Next general meeting will be on Sat. 9 Feb. at 0900 hours at Charlie's in the Carriage Inn.

Meeting was adjourned at 1005 hours (10:05 am).



John Brandt
?

Hello Bikers,

For those of you who attended the January meeting, I hope the group riding video was informative. I will bring the video to upcoming meetings for those who have not seen it.

I hope everyone is ready for a great riding season. Please remember to make safety your number one priority.

Tip of the Month: While group riding, avoid fixating on the motorcycle in front of you. Looking ahead for potential hazards and regularly looking behind you will help maintain awareness of your surroundings.

John



Susan Brandt
"No Name"

No Report this month



D"oh! Looks Like someone didn't Follow the Safety rules.

Saturday, August 18, 2007

By: North County Times

PAUMA VALLEY ---- A California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection firefighter died Saturday after a motorcycle accident in which he hit a tow truck head-on, officials said.

Ricardo Villalobos Jr., 28, of Menifee, was speeding westbound just east of Valley Center Road at about 10 a.m., according to California Highway Patrol Sgt. Scott Payson.

On a blind curve, Villalobos crossed a yellow double line to pass other motorists and collided with the eastbound truck, Payson said.

Villalobos slid under the truck while his motorcycle flew into the air, bounced off the windshield and over the cab, Payson said. Villalobos was pronounced dead at the scene.

A friend riding alongside Villalobos also crashed. He was taken by ambulance to a local hospital with moderate to serious injuries, according to Payson.

Payson said the tow truck driver was not injured.



Josh Wilkerson
J-Dub

One "Cool" Ride

You've gotta love Southern California when a large portion of the country has their bikes in hibernation and we get to ride all year! So to start off the New Year I decided to explore a bit of old Route 66 on a brisk yet beautiful morning this January with clear skies and no wind. Thirty-three degrees leaving the garage at 08:00 you'd think I was little crazy but the weather report said it'd warm up, no really, it'll warm up.

As soon as I cruised onto southbound 395 the cold seemed to diminish as I rolled back on the throttle and "The Who's" teenage wasteland came on the radio with its road tempo guitar licks setting the pace for the days ride. Highway 395 is 395, you get used to the two lane semi-truck infested grandpa RV pace after awhile and understand that southbound is a means to else-ware and that's just where I was headed.

By the time I reached Four corners, Highway 58 and 395, the wind-chill let me know that it was time to stop for a break and play ectotherm for about fifteen minutes to let the sun sink into my black leathers, heating me up enough to hit the road again. As I stood in the parking lot of the gas station I realized that my bike and I shared something in common, we're both air cooled, so I elected to break out the trusty old face mask to keep the icecycles off my nose and chin. It'll warm up, it'll warm up, it'll warm up was my mantra for the morning.

A few miles just north of Adelanto, CA I took the Shadow Mountain Road turn-off that leads to the small community of Silver Lakes where there is actually a couple of connected small lakes, in the middle of nowhere, in the desert, go figure. Shadow Mountain Road ends with a left-hand turn onto Helendale Road effectively skirting the south perimeter of Silver Lakes bringing me to a four way stop intersection with Vista Road. There is a well groomed pocket park here and a visitor's center for information on the local area for those that are interested. Here in Silver Lakes is were I turned right onto Vista Road which is a short connecting section of asphalt to National Trails Highway, Old Route 66. Northbound will take you to Barstow, CA and Southbound leads to Victorville, CA and that's the direction that I was heading. It is warming up, it is warming up, at least that's what I kept telling myself.

The rustic beauty of this section of road really surprised me. It follows the old Mojave River bed and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railway, as most of California's Route 66 did, slightly winding back and forth through the all but forgotten spot-in-the-road communities of Bryman, Oro Grande, and Mojave Heights. If you're destination oriented, these old way-stops of another era will be missed if you blink, if you're into the experience of the ride and where it takes you, there is a lot to see.

Just before Oro Grande on the right-hand side is the "Bottle Tree Farm" that is a true testimonial to what the heat of the desert, to much time on your hands, and drinking copious amounts of liquor can make a person do. I'm not sure if any of the aforementioned is actually a contributor to this recycled architecture, but it is an oddity that's worth a picture or two. Continuing southbound there is the Iron Hog Saloon that dates back over a hundred years and has had many personas with the last being a biker bar. Unfortunately, the owner recently died with no heirs and the property is now in probate, the last official party at the Hog was December 29th, 2007. I hope the state finds new owners that carry on the tradition as this was a cool place for a cold beer and biker stories. As I continued south down the road there is Club 66 that Clint and Tommie found after a Big Bear run, the club has now changed its name to the Gold Rush Saloon and Grill with the same atmosphere and menu. In between Oro Grande and Mojave Heights is Emma Jeans Holland Burger Café, this grub stop was recently featured on the food channel's "Diners, Drive-ins, and Dives" and has been a Route 66 greasy spoon since the 50's. I haven't been there yet, but the show made it look like a worthwhile place to load up on heart stopping food. As I continued into Victorville I noticed the Route 66 Museum just before 7th Street, I'm definitely stopping in the next time I pass that way to see how they've preserved the memories of the "Mother Road". And by this time, it did warm up.

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Hog Wash of The Sequel



Christmas Parade of



Christmas Party 07



Christmas Basket Delivery 07





February Birthdays



Isaac
Bridgeman



Clint
Lawrence



Frank
Huereque



Wade
Tallman



Debbie
Wilkerson



Lawrence
Knight



Jeff
Thompson



Stephen
Wainscott

March Birthdays



Char
Enger



Doug
Gerard



John
Lelis



Judy
McCauley



Doug
Smith

Josh's "Cool Ride" Cont from page 9

Turning right on 7th is the old highways original route and is a typical Victorville street with congested traffic, stop lights, and lined with shoulder to shoulder businesses including Tattoo Image who has some good artists if you're into getting inked. About three quarters of the way down 7th there is a right hand cutoff street that takes you over to the local Harley shop for the obligatory stop, so I did, and had a great cup of coffee to bust out the last of the mornings chill. It's at the end of 7th that I had a choice to get on the Super-slab I-15 south or explore the route that was more in line with the original 66. I chose to be true to the day and took Mariposa Road which parallels the south side of I-15 and headed south to grab some lunch at the Summit Inn, and yes, it's another original Route 66 restaurant located at the top of the Cajon Pass. One thing to keep in mind if you go this way is that Mariposa is not a straight shot thoroughfare. Since it runs along side the I-15 you have to traverse some off-ramp intersections at Bear Valley Road, Main Street, and Oak Hill Road but the ride is worth it as there is little traffic as the congestion of the city thinned way out into a more rural landscape.

Rolling into the parking lot of the Summit Inn takes you straight back in time. The old gas station still stands, but now looks like it's used more as a storage shed than the business it once was. A new Shell Station has taken its place at the entrance and is just at the right location to top off the tank for the return trip. The Inn itself is warm and inviting with its walls covered in Route 66 memorabilia and set up in true Dinner fashion with a horseshoe breakfast and lunch counter in the middle and booths lining the walls. The waitresses are what you'd expect with a lot of personality and are just rough enough around the edges to let you know that you're in a true Dinner. As I scanned the menu, while having that well deserved cold beer, I could tell that the place found a niche in the dinner market by including ostridge and buffalo burgers along with the usual fare. I've passed by the Summit Inn countless times at 80 miles an hour on I-15 since 1983 and never new that it was part of the Route 66 legacy. This just goes to show how much we take for granted when point "A" to point "B" in the fastest way possible keeps us from stopping and taking in the history and heritage of our surroundings.


By this time the weather had warmed up quite a bit as it was time to head back home and I hit the road with just jeans, t-shirt, and a jacket. Like I said earlier, you've gotta love Southern California. To top the trip off, as if it were choreographed, another perfect "Who" song came over the radio as I rolled on the throttle to head back... "Going mobile".

This was a great day run and had much more to offer than I could take in for one day. The ride reinforced what hitting the road is all about, the freedom of riding and what you can experience on two wheels while the rest of the world flies by on the super slab in their cages from point "A" to point "B". The road less traveled is definitely the route that holds more. What rides have you taken lately?

Keep the paint side up, rubber side down, and just ride!

J-Dub

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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



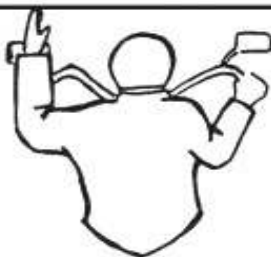
Left turn



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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Hours:

Monday-Saturday 8am to 7pm
Sunday 10am to 5 pm



Upcoming Events:

Whiskey Flat Days

15-17 Feb

Cabin Fever Ride

24-Feb

Hutchins HD Lunch

Ride 15-Mar



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