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HAPPY NEW YEAR



WELCOME TO 2011 COME ALONG AND JOIN THE RIDE !!!

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Tracy Akeret
*Ramblings from
Silk*

Greetings once again,

Welcome to 2011 and what I hope will be another great year with the chapter. 2010 was a good year for the RAG. We had lots of really good rides that everyone who went on them enjoyed. Some that stand out in my mind were both rides to Crazy Otto's in Rosamond. Jen and Joe from Crazy Otto's always take good care of us when we go in there. Plus they are riders themselves which makes it even better. Another ride that stood out for me was the ride to the Greenhorn Grill. It was a bit of a bad day at first, plus we got into some fog up higher in the mountains. However the food was good and the ride was even better.

We had our planning meeting for 2011 back in December and Stan has gotten the yearly calendar out. If you have not seen it, take a look at it on the website. We have another great year of rides planned. We have 6 overnights on there with other rides planned for every month. If we have the kind of turn out for this year's rides as we did last year we will have many fun rides. I am looking forward to being on as many of them as I can and I encourage everyone to take a look at the calendar now and decide which rides you want to go on. Some of the overnights will require a bit of planning getting hotel rooms so look now and start calling hotels.

I would like to thank those board members that are stepping down this year. Paul, Tom and Tommie are stepping down. They all have been valuable assets on the board and I look forward to seeing all three of them this coming year on rides. They have all worked very hard this past year and I want to say a big thank you to them. Mike Moore will be stepping in as Asst Director, Barb Austin will be our new Secretary and our LOH will still be handled by Judy Gerard with help from other unsuspecting women in the chapter.

I look forward to really good rides and times this coming year and hope each and every one of you has a safe and happy 2011.

Ride safe and have fun

Silk



Mike Moore
Where's the Meat?

Hi everyone, well 2010 ended with a bang with another great Christmas party and 2011 is here with the promise of another great year for the RAG HOG. I am happy and excited to be stepping in as your new Assistant Director. I plan on helping Tracy as much as possible and I would like you all to know that I will be available to anyone who might need assistance with anything or to answer any questions you might have. I may not always have the answers but I will do my very best to get them for you. I know I tend to be long winded at times so I'll go against the grain and keep this short. I will do the best job I can to help make this another great year for our group.

It's not the destination it's the journey
Mike

*Keep the rubber side down
and the shiny side up !!!*



*Activities Director
Stan Austin*

**Where do you want to ride
too !!!**

Well it is 2011, Happy New Year to all, I hope it is a fun and safe year. We had a planning meeting in Dec. and we put together a busy calendar. We hope there is something for everyone. I would like to remind all that weather is always a big part of a road trip. Yes rain and cold may not be weather you choose to ride in and the heat can be rough too. But think about the destination, the friends, and try and come out and enjoy several of the rides. If you need to adjust your ride for safety, everyone on the ride should understand. In some places my wife will get motion sick so I need to slow way down, she really hates the wind but I got her a helmet with thicker padding and that has made a big difference for her. I do not like to ride at night, due to my vision issues, so I hold back from the group and ride slower to allow my eyes to adjust to the darkness. If you have a passenger you owe it to them to ride safe, as they have placed a lot of confidence in you to get them home safe, make sure you earn that trust. We all may have some issues when riding. The main thing is to get in on some fun rides !

If you have a place you want to go it may not be too late to add it in but please look at the planned rides and weigh the time and place of your ride to one that has already been planned. We may not want two dinner rides the same night but a short ride on the same weekend as an over night ride would be fine. Two over night rides on the same weekend will split riders and make both rides less fun. Please consider others and avoid over planning. I have retired from my job and I plan to put in a lot of time on planning and pre riding. If you work nights or weekends (or are retired) and you wish to pre ride with me, just give me a call or send me an email and I will be glad to have you ride along. Good-bye for now, ride safe, keep your head up and the rubber side down.



Stan Austin Jr.

“ Mikey ”

“Safety Stan Jr. “

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

Well I hope everyone had a good holiday season. The Christmas party was awesome, thanks to Sandra and Mike.

Here are some little tips.

1. Assume you're invisible.

To a lot of drivers, you are. Never make a move based on the assumption that another driver sees you, even if you've made eye contact. Bikes don't register to the four-wheel mind.

2. Be considerate.

The consequences of strafing the jerk du jour or cutting him off, start out bad and get worse. Pretend it was your grandma and smile.

3. Left-turning cars remain a leading killer of motorcyclists.

Don't assume someone will wait for you to dart through the intersection. They're trying to beat the light, too.

4. Hope for the best, prepare for the worst.

Assume that car across the intersection will turn across your bow when the light goes green, with or without a turn signal.

5. Leave your ego at home.

The only people who really care if you were faster on the freeway will be the officer and the judge.

6. Pay attention.

Yes, there is a half-naked girl on the billboard. That shock does feels squishy. Meanwhile, you could be drifting toward Big Trouble. Focus.

7. Mirrors only show you part of the picture.

Never change direction without turning your head to make sure the coast really is clear.

8. Be patient.

Always take another second or three before you pull out to pass, ride away from a curb or into freeway traffic from an on-ramp. It's what you don't see that gets you. That extra look could save your butt.

9. Watch your closing speed.

Passing cars at twice their speed or changing lanes to shoot past a row of stopped cars is just asking for trouble.

10. Beware the verge and the merge.

A lot of nasty surprises end up on the sides of the road: empty McDonald's bags, nails, TV antennas, ladders, you name it. Watch for troublesome debris on both sides of the road.

Also remember to think about your bike before rides.

Remember T-CLOCK as a great Pre-ride.

- T - Tires & Wheels
- C - Controls
- L - Lights & Electrics
- O - Oil
- C - Chassis
- K - Kickstand

Hope to see all of you on some of the rides we planned this year.

S~JR.
760-793-0998



Judy Gerard
Schoolmarm
LOH

Check your wallet or purse !!! You just never know with Schoolmarm !!!



Sandra Moore
“.5“
Treasurer

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



Barb Austin
Secretary/PAO

Did you hear or see our ads?

Happy New Year! It is time for everyone to renew your membership. Please either complete and print the membership form from the website, or I will have forms available at the meeting. The dues are still \$20.00 per year. Remember your National HOG Dues must be kept current. Hopefully everyone will rejoin and we can bring in new members also. Also, I plan to have the latest roster with me at the meeting, so you can take a look at it and provide me with any updates. I am looking forward to being the Secretary this year, please let me know if you need anything.

RAG Group Meeting Notes

Date: 11/13/2010

Meeting called to Order by: Tracy

Time: 0900

Director, Tracy Ackeret: Tracy read a letter of thanks received from Women's Shelter. AV Christmas party planned for Dec 11. Summit Inn Victorville ride planned for Dec 12. Tracy has 3 sets of HOG patches and AV rockers for sale. Ron was elected as the Dealer representative for the West Coast Region.

Asst Director: Paul Liesman: Renew membership in January. AV LOH cook-books for sale \$10. RAG group members won lots of door prizes at AV HOG meeting.

Secretary, Tom Lystrup: 88 members - visitors – Robert Johns, Tiernan Johns, Merryn Johns, Wynn "Bear" Musser, Ben Leak. Jessica Moore, and Jessica Shillings.

Treasurer, Sandra Moore: \$3800. Sold 38 Christmas party tickets so far. Deadline Dec 10. \$21

Activities Director, Stan Austin Sr: absent – 1130 Recover your Cub ride to Tehachapi today. Solicited requests for ride destinations for next year. HOG coins still available.

Road Caption Coordinator: Mike Moore: Road Captains need to make sure riders stay together. Make sure everyone makes it to the destination. Rider in front of sweep needs to keep an eye out for the sweep.

Safety Officer, Stan Austin Jr.: Weather changing. Watch for drunk drivers. Call someone for a ride if you need one.

Web Master, Don McCauley: Web site caught up except for last couple of rides.

Newsletter Editor, Debbie Ackeret: News letters emailed.

Photographer, Judy McCauley: not present

Historian, Crystal Liesman: fill out ride sheets – will start bringing ride sheets to meetings

LOH: Tommy Lawrence & Judy Gerard: Cruise night – Planning another Ladies night to Solvang.

PAO, Barb Austin: Victoria Moore – Boys & Girls Club in attendance. \$1000 check from Ron presented from Thunder on the Lot proceeds. Jessica Shillings – DI newspaper rep in attendance

Member comments: Wade- Ride to recover my cub going back through Caliente. Planning another San Diego ride for 2011.

The next RAG meeting will be 12/ 11 at Charlies

RAG Group Meeting Notes

Date: 12/11/2010

Meeting called to Order by: Tracy

Time: 0900

Director, Tracy Ackeret: Baggers with hard side bags need to lock them. Christmas Parade following meeting. AV Harley Chili cook off/ Toy Drive coming up. Summit Inn ride tomorrow. Christmas Party next week. Christmas Card from Boys & Girls Club presented to RAG group. Juan & Susan presented with ½ of 50/50 drawing as a tip for this years service at Charlies. Juan will not be helping out for 2011.

Asst Director: Paul Liesman: New memberships in January

Secretary, Tom Lystrup: New members Adam & Lorinda McKay.

Robert Johns, Wynn Musser. Visitors: Tiernan and Merryn Johns.

Kernville Christmas decorations mentioned. Loose gravel on Walker Pass mentioned. Onyx Store is open now.

Treasurer, Sandra Moore: \$3400 in checking account. 74 Christmas Party tickets sold.

Activities Director, Stan Austin Sr: Planning meeting held last night. Several good ideas for rides. Tentative calendar activities identified. Cruise night changing. More rides in 2011. Some coins left for sale.

Road Caption Coordinator: Mike Moore: Contact Mike if you want to be on the Road Captain list.

Safety Officer, Stan Austin Jr.: no comments

Web Master, Don McCauley: no comments

Newsletter Editor, Debbie Ackeret: News letter inputs requested.

Photographer, Judy McCauley: no comments

Historian, Crystal Liesman: fill out ride sheets with pictures if available. Ride sheets available.

LOH: Tommy Lawrence & Judy Gerard: Handed out award for best decorated bike to Don & Judy and last person to buy Christmas tickets.

PAO, Barb Austin: no comments

Member comments: Scooter – New Year’s Day ride to Domingo’s in Boron announced.

The next RAG meeting will be Jan 8 at Charlies at 0900



Crystal Liesman
Historian

Get those Ride Reports in !!!



Judy McCauley
Show me the bugs in your teeth

Keep Smiling for the camera !!!



Debbie Ackeret
Silks Lady

Your reading it!!!!



Don McCauley
Web Talker

Please visit our website



**Co -Road Captain
Coordinator**

Mike Moore



**Co -Road Captain
Coordinator**

Randy Geiger

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Randy Geiger as our new Road Captain Coordinator. I will be staying on as sort of a CO-RC Coordinator to help Randy get up to speed in the position. I believe Randy's professional experience will be a great asset to the board and to the group. I would also like to welcome our newest Road Captain, The One, The Only, Mr. Hal Bennet. I believe Hal will also be a excellent asset to the group as a Road Captain. Anyone interested in leading and planning rides as a RC please let Randy or myself know.

Ride Hard or Stay Home
Mike and Randy

Christmas Parade



Christmas Party





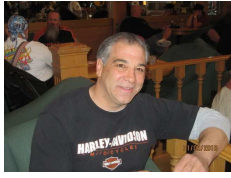
January Birthdays



George
Fields



Dwight
Furnish



Mike
Mansi



Mike
"Scooter"
Prosniski

February Birthdays



Ike
Bridgeman



Britt
Hartzell



Clint
Lawrence



Pam
Sanders



Wade
Tallman



Debbie
Wilkerson



2011

JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
> Scooters Ride meet at his house 533 S. Norma, For Info call 760-793-1547 > Peggy Sue Diner 35654 East Yermo Road Yermo CA. Meet at Ridgecrest JTB 09:15						1 Scooters New Years Day Ride to Domingos in Boron
2	3	4	5	6	7 RAG HOG Board Meeting Don & Judy's House <i>Flex Day NAWs</i>	8 RAG HOG Meeting
9 AV HOG Meeting	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Martin L. King Jr Day (Fed)	18	19	20	21	22 Lunch Ride to Peggy Sue Diner in Barstow <i>Flex Day NAWs</i>
23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29



2011

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
			Groundhog Day		<i>Flex Day NAWs</i>	
6 AV HOG Meeting	7	8	9	10	11 RAG HOG Board Meeting TBD	12 RAG HOG Meeting After Meeting Ride to Emma Jeans in Victorville
13	14 Valentines Day	15	16	17	18 Cabin Fever Run Whiskey Flats Days <i>Flex Day NAWs</i>	19 Cabin Fever Run Whiskey Flats Days
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		Washingtons Birthday	> Emma Jean's Holland Burger Cafe 17143 North D Street Victorville CA. Meet Ridgecrest JTB 10:30 > Cabin Fever Run to Beatty NV. Feb 18-21. Contact Bland Burchett at blandburchett@yahoo.com for Details > Whiskey Flats Days in Kernville CA. Feb 18-21 > Starbucks 927 South China Lake Blvd. Come join other for coffee and talk 18:00			
27	28					

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

Antelope Valley HD

<http://www.antelopevalleyhd.com/>

AV Hog Website

<http://www.avhog.org>

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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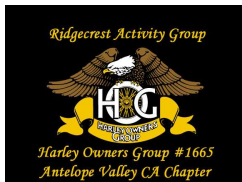
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Tuesday – Saturday 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

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Sunday/Monday – Drop Off Only

Tuesday – Saturday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM



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Upcoming Events:

AV HOG Meeting

January 9,2011

Lunch Ride To Peggy Sue's—Barstow

January 22,2011

AV HOG Meeting

February 6,2011

RAG HOG Meeting

After Meeting Ride—Emma Jeans Diner

Victorville

February 12,2011

Cabin Fever Run—Beatty, NV

February 18-21,2011

Whiskey Flat Days—Kernville

February 18-21,2011

Cruise In—Starbucks

February 25,2011