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Harley Owners Group

RAG BREAKS 100 MEMBERS !!!!



We welcomed Debbie Moore into our group in May but she was taking her Rider's Edge Class that weekend so we saved this for the June meeting...

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Tracy Akeret **Ramblings from** **Silk**

Greetings once again everyone,

Let me start this newsletter input by thanking all the people who have been participating in all the rides that we have had in the past couple months. We have had some really awesome rides. Since the last newsletter we have had rides to Bakersfield HD and Hooters, Whoa Nellie Deli, Newcomb's Ranch, RIPS BAD ride, Seasons and Yosemite. Not to mention the man ride that Hal put together. Thanks to all the road Captains and those who helped in planning all these rides. This is what HOG is supposed to be about, riding and having fun, and if my experiences and those whom I have talked to is any indication then we have indeed been having fun with all these rides.

And now I will continue with what I started last time. As I said last time we are always looking for new people and ideas on the board. The board is there for all of the members and the more input we have the better we can make OUR chapter. Last time I went over some of the duties of the Primary officers. These are the Sponsor, Director, Assistant Director, Secretary and Treasurer. This time I will go into some of the Secondary Officers and what they do. HOG requires a chapter to have at least the Primary Officers and the Secondary Officers is up to the rest of the board as to whether they want or need to have them. The only other thing that is required to have a HOG chapter is that you need to put out 6 newsletters a year.

The first of the Secondary officers that I want to talk about is the Activities Officer. The main job of the Activities Officer is to oversee the administration of chapter events. This does not mean that he/she has to run all the chapter events or even be at them, just make sure that they all run in a safe and fun manner. He/she recruits volunteers to help with chapter events. These events could be our fund raisers, rides cruise nights or our annual picnic and poker run. He/she also ensures that we have met our insurance requirements for chapter events. The Activities Officer works close with the Road Captain Coordinator in making sure that we have Road Captains for all our planned rides.

Next up is the Ladies of Harley Officer, or LOH. LOH primary focus is to encourage women members and spouses of male members to take an active part in the chapter. This does not necessarily mean riding their own bike, although that's always encouraged but just taking an active part of the chapter. The LOH officer coordinates LOH activities such as the Solvang ride that just took place this past week. More women than ever are enjoying the sport of motorcycling. With the help of LOH and the rest of the board we can help to keep our female members active in the chapter.

Road Captain Coordinator is another Secondary Officer. The main job of the RCC is make sure that all our rides have safe routes and that we have enough Road Captains for each ride. This means having a lead Road Captain for each ride, not necessarily to lead the ride but to make sure that we have safe rides. The RCC works closely with the Activities Officer as I stated to make sure that we have Road Captains for our rides. The RCC also makes sure that our members know the hand signals that we use on our rides. Each chapter has the same basic hand signals but sometimes a chapter may have some that other chapters don't so it's the job of the RCC to make sure that all know what these may be. Ask Bland about "special" hand signals that we may have.

We have an Editor position also. The job of the Editor is to put together chapter publications, such as our newsletter or handouts that we may have. The Editor works with all the board members as well as any other member who wants to have a story or ride report put into the newsletter. If anyone has any inputs to the newsletter please feel free to get it to our Editor. Even if you feel that it's not the best written please get it to him/her. We can work to get it cleaned up. Remember this is everyone's chapter and newsletter so please take advantage of it. We have had some really good articles from people other than our board members.

We have a Safety Officer in the chapter also. His/her job is to provide information about safety to the chapter members. This may be Motorcycle Safety Foundation or MSF information, Safe Rider Skills program, Riders Edge program or any other information that comes along that may be of interest to our members to make them better riders or keep them safe. The Safety Officer also assists in the completion of any injury reports when accidents occur.

We have a chapter photographer also. The job of the photographer is pretty self explanatory. His/her job is to take photos of chapter events and rides.

As I am sure all of you know we have a RAG website. We have a Webmaster position on the board to run the website. The Webmaster's job is to Author, Edit and update our website. He/she takes information from the board as well as any other members and puts it in a format for the web. This can include photos, updates on rides or and events or anything else that could be of interest to the members. Basically he/she is the caretaker of our website.

The last of our Secondary board positions is our Historian. Basically the job of the Historian is just what it sounds like. He/she keeps a record of the chapter history. He/she works closely with the photographer and editor to make sure that all our rides and events are captured for future members and those interested in being members to show what we are about so that we can continue to grow.

So as you can see we have many things for interested members to step into. If you want to help out but don't know what you might want to do there is always the opportunity to help out one of the existing board members. That way you can get an idea of what is involved. One place to start is to come to one of our board meetings. Everyone is welcome to come to our board meetings; they are open to all members. Or you can just talk to one of us and tell us that you are interested.

So until next time ride safe
Silk



Mike Moore
Where's the Meat?

Well the dog days of summer are here so when we ride we need to prepare accordingly. Make sure to stay hydrated and make sure you have plenty of water with you as well as sunscreen and a hydration vest is a great investment if you don't already have one. Hot weather or not we have had some really fun rides recently. In June we had thirty six people go to Season's in Lone Pine for dinner. This was the largest turnout for any ride that we've had since I've been in the group and it was great to see. Along with the sixteen bikes we also had two cages and two walkers go along, so don't let not wanting to ride or not being able to ride for some reason stop you from joining your HOG friends for some great fun! We also had the second annual Wayne's Ride, a memorial ride for a true American Hero and the son of our very own Randy and Kim Geiger. We also had the annual ride to Yosemite. As you can see the group has been busy and with many more rides planned this year we'll continue to be that way. I've sent out the flier for this years Morro Bay Ride but please disregard the possible discount at the La Serena Inn, apparently that's not flying anymore, sorry for the misunderstanding.

In closing I just want to say that our group grasps the true essence of why HOG was formed to begin with, which is to ride and have fun and to create that camaraderie between people with a common interest, and I'm proud to be apart of it.

Take care and see you on the road,
Mike



Stan Austin Jr.
" Mikey "
"Safety Stan Jr."

Remember T-CLOCK as a great Pr-ride.

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

Hope all of you have a good time on the rides we planned this year.

RIDERS EDGE

Because the Antelope Valley Fair runs in August the fairgrounds will not allow us to conduct classes from mid-July through mid-September.

The next schedule Skilled Rider Course is Saturday, September 10th, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Cost for current R.A.G. HOG members is \$125.00 (regular price is \$150.00).

The New Rider Course in July is full. Upcoming classes are: September 15th – 19th and September 20th – 26th.

Thanks for your support,

Denyce



Activities Director
Stan Austin

Where do you want to ride too !!!

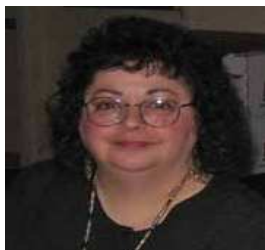
It is time for the newsletter input. It is July and hot. We have had some fun rides and there are more to come. Buy the time you read this the LOH ride to Solvang will be over. I know the numbers are up for LOH attendance and I am sure they will have had fun. The Rag board MTG. for July will be over too. There is an after meeting ride to Kernville on 9 July. AV will be meeting on Sunday the 10th of July, as they did not want to break up the 4 July weekend. The Spring Valley Ride is on 16 July departing Inyokern at 0800. A big event is the Whitney breakfasts ride on 30 July, meet at Inyokern 0700 and depart 0715. This will be a cool event, until you get back close to Ridgecrest! On the 6th of Aug. is a breakfast ride to Tehachapi. That will leave Inyokern around 715 so meet at 0700. As always watch for e-mails as they come out. Ride Safe; keep your head up, your eyes open and the rubber down.
Stan



Barb Austin
Secretary/PAO

Did you hear or see our ads?

"Hope everyone is getting a chance to get out and enjoy our "warm" weather and abundant sun!



Sandra Moore
“.5 “
Treasurer

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

RAG HOG
General Meeting Minutes
5/14/2011

Meeting called to order by Tracy at 0900

Director, Tracy Ackeret – Cupcakes for all the birthdays of the month. Thanks to everyone (31 people) who helped with the car wash! The next car wash will be in Sep to raise money for our group. The Yosemite ride is 24-26 June; the group is staying in Oakhurst. There is a World Youth Day car & bike show at St. Ann's after the meeting and for the \$20.00 entry fee, you get lunch. 21 May is the Diabetes Poker Run in honor of Rex and Anita. !! June is a poker run at Nellis AFB "Remember the Fallen". End of Sep is the CAL State HOG Rally in Monterey Bay. Thanks to everyone who brought toys, keep bringing them in every month. If you can't purchase toys, Sandra will take up a special collection. Loretta is selling Avon and donating her profits.

Assistant Director, Mike Moore – Introduced guests Gail Smith and Kate Slater, and new member Mark Keller, who re-joined the group. Mike also mentioned that Debbie Moore was our 100th member ever, but she was in the Beginner's Riders Course today. Plan ahead for the Morro Bay Ride 14-16 October 2011, planning to stay at the Blue Sail Inn. Mike had business cards for Classic Mobile Detailing, they have real reasonable rates. Mike shared another benefit from the HOG website – Roadside America, which has several different packages starting at \$20.00 per year.

Secretary, PAO, Membership, Barb Austin - 100 members, not counting today's new members. Betty has graciously offered to perform the secretary duties at the June meeting since Barb will be on vacation. Thanks Betty.

Treasurer, Sandra Moore – \$3479 in account.

Activities Director, Stan Austin – Successful car wash on 7 May, 18-27 May, Ride to the Wall, with 28-29 being Rolling Thunder. 28 May the Lee Vining ride. 21 May AV Harley hosting the Diabetes Poker Run, starting at 0800, registration is \$25.00, contact Rex for more details. 3-5 June Reno, 4 June lunch ride to Newcomb's, 5 June ride to AV meeting then after meeting ride. 10 June board meeting at Stan Jr's. 11 June general meeting. 11-12 June Thunder on the Lot. 18 June dinner ride to Season's in Lone Pine.

Road Captain Coordinator, Randy Geiger – Bakersfield ride – meet at 1030, depart at 1045.

Safety Officer, Stan Austin (Jr) - Check over your bikes, remember your T-clocks, school is almost out so watch out for new drivers on the road. Road work on highways 58 and 14.

Newsletter Editor, Debbie Ackeret – May/June newsletter is out via e-mail, website, and hardcopy for the non-computer types. Also have hardcopies of AV newsletter. Patches and cookbooks are available. Have opportunity tickets for Thunder on the Lot.

Webmaster, Don McCauley - May calendar, newsletter, Ordnance Day, Spa Night and Hal's video all on website.

LOH, Judy Gerard - Solvang ride is 5-7 July, possibly some ladies staying over until the 8th. Staying at the Royal Copenhagen. After today's meeting there is a ride to Bakersfield Harley (lead by Judy Gerard), then on to Hooters for a meal (lead by Kim Geiger) and then shopping at Bikersfield. Wayne's Ride will be 26 June. May is Women Who Ride Month, with 14 May being Women Who Ride Day. Million Mile Monday is 27 June.

Member comments:

Wade - talked about the San Diego trip in April. Had some AV members attend. Good first night in Palm Springs with a street fair on going. Friday road through the mountains to Julian. Activities in San Diego – Sunset from the Del Coronado, Midway tour, dinner at the Brigantine, visit to Little Italy.

Also threw out a car wash challenge – we raised \$710, John C. pledged \$100, Chuck \$50, Bland & Billee \$100 and Wade the last \$40 to bring us up to \$1000 for our charities.

Bland – Relay for Life is 1-2 October.

The next RAG HOG general meeting will be 11 June 2011, in Charlie's, at the Carriage Inn.

RAG HOG
General Meeting Minutes
6/11/2011

Meeting called to order by Tracy at 09:00

Director, Tracy Ackeret : Newcomb's Ranch ride report given. Upcoming rides - Thunder on the Lot 15:00 today Sunday - Poker Run 07:30-10:00 registration, Dinner ride to Season's in Lone Pine next weekend - 06/18/2011 group to depart from Inyokern 76 at 05:00 p.m. The Yosemite ride is at the end of the month (June 24th-26th) - discussed possibility of not being able to go through Tioga Pass due to the amount of snow. Tracy will keep everyone updated on the route. Toys for Tots - don't forget to bring in your unwrapped toys. Two new members - Rebecca Goodwin and Bill Schulz were introduced. Presentation of an award to our 100th member, Debbie Moore. She received a certificate and a collectable Harley-Davidson shadow box frame. LOH Solvang ride will be July 5th-7th, Relay for Life (Bland) is the 1st weekend in October. (10/01 & 10/02)
Food Baskets for needy families - difficulties in contributing to a specific family because of RAG HOG's tax structure were discussed, members were asked for any suggestions or ideas to be submitted by email.

Assistant Director, Mike Moore: Not present

Secretary, POA, Membership, Barb Austin: Not present - Betty Biros filling in for this meeting.

Treasurer, Sandra Moore: \$3,633 in checking account. Car wash brought in \$1,000. Christmas Party planning - she will organize and plan again this year.

Activities Director, Stan: Not present

Road Captain Coordinator, Randy Geiger: Not present

Safety Officer, Stan Austin Jr. : Don't forget to do your TCLOCKS. Check Caltrans routes before rides...the 405 will closed from Hwy 126 to I-10 16th June for construction. There is a website/message board for hot weather gear and accessories - ridemyown.com.

Web Master, Don McCauley: Currently posted on website - Wade's ride to San Diego, LOH Hooters/Bikersfield ride, Lee Vining - Mobile Station/Whoa Nellie Deli ride.

Newsletter Editor, Debbie Ackeret: Needs inputs for newsletter by end of June. Has AV Cookbooks and patches still available for sale.

Photographer, Judy McCauley: No updates

Historian, Crystal Liesman: 2010/2011 ride reports will be combined.

LOH, Judy Gerard: Not present

Member comments:

Dennis & Kelly: Elko, NV ride will be Thursday of next week (06/16/2011)

Hal: Man Ride May 26th - Gave a report on the Man Ride to the coast.

The next RAG HOG general meeting will be 9 July 2011, in Charlie's at the Carriage Inn.



**Road Captain
Coordinator
Randy Geiger**

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

Hello all you RAG HOGS! I want to start my first contribution to the newsletter with a heartfelt thanks to all of you who participated in the second annual Wayne's ride, with a special thanks to Judy Gerard. She conceptualized this ride last year. Judy is very creative in the ways she finds to pay tribute to our son's memory and sacrifice and each tribute has a very genuine, personal touch and is obviously very well thought out. This year, Judy has made arrangements for a hiker to deliver an American Flag to the peak of Mt. Whitney where it will be flown for a period of time then brought back down and sent to the 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment's Association headquarters in Velseck, Germany. And, the intent of Wayne's ride is not only to commemorate Wayne but all the soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen who have made the ultimate sacrifice defending the freedoms we enjoy in this great country of ours.

Welcome summer weather! I doubt we've told anyone, but Kim and I love the hot weather! The hotter the better! But, with the onslaught of record heat there comes significant risks to those who choose to recreate outside. Anyone of us, if not mindful of our environment can fall victim to dehydration, heat exhaustion, or heatstroke. There are a number of ways all of us can minimize or avoid these issues, all of which can turn life threatening, particularly if you are riding a motorcycle! The 2010 Summer Edition of HOG Magazine (#007) ran a very informative article entitled "Playing it Cool." It's safe to assume that all of you as HOG members receive the HOG magazine. I hope you kept or at least read that issue, specifically that article. If you have not, I strongly recommend you do.

I have over the years been fortunate enough to receive some fairly in depth training in various types of wilderness survival, most of which I've forgotten because thankfully, I have never been in a situation where I had to use it. However, all of us, in the process of our everyday lives find ourselves exposed to extreme temperatures. And, it does not take long to realize the effects of dehydration, heat exhaustion or heatstroke. Avoiding the onset of any of these maladies is relatively easy to do. The simplest precaution and easiest to remember is to drink plenty of water. There are a number of specialty drinks out there but water is the most effective. On hot summer rides I wear a hydration system with a 70 ounce bladder. It is easy to access while riding and it causes little to no distraction. Many times I'll put the bladder in the freezer overnight so I have ice cold water for hours during the ride. There are numerous manufacturers of hydration systems, such as Camel Back and they can be purchased on line as well as most cycling or sporting good stores. I also carry two additional containers of water. Frequent stops during the ride to refresh your water supplies and pour water over your noggin and neck are also great preventative measures. A common mistake most make is stripping down to short sleeve or sleeveless T-shirts. As the previously mentioned article brought out, that may feel good in the short term but in the long run the exposure to the hot air sucks the moisture out of your skin and before you know it your symptomatic of one or more of the dreaded heat related conditions. Wearing protective clothing that covers your skin is a better alternative though it may seem completely the opposite. Covering the skin surface reduces evaporation and provides added protection from the harmful rays of the sun. Advances in hot weather clothing have come a long way and there are many good choices available. Harley Davidson offers a hydration vest coupled with a nylon vented jacket that provides protection from heat and to your skin in the event of a fall. I have worn the vest a few times and found it works best when used with the hydration jacket. Other clothing made by manufacturers such as Columbia, Cabelas, Under Armour, and 5:11 Tactical, just to name a few, provide excellent quality, breathable clothing that protects you from UVA & UVB rays and allows your body to utilize your sweat to cool you down.

Symptoms for heat exhaustion include dizziness, headaches, cramps, nausea and general weakness. If you or someone else develops any of these symptoms, get off the bike, find a cooler environment, i.e., shade or an air conditioned building, and not only drink water, but pour it over your head, neck, and chest. Be aggressive with these measures! You must get your core temperature down before you develop a case of heatstroke. Heatstroke is a medical emergency. Always call EMS if you or your fellow rider develops heatstroke.

Here is a check list for that hot summer days ride:

Hydrate before you ride

Wear a wet bandana around your neck

Carry plenty of cool water

Wear protective clothing including long sleeves

Apply copious amounts of a good sunscreen, carry it with you and reapply often

Make sure you cover all exposed areas not covered by clothing such as the area on your arms not covered by long sleeves and gloves when your arms are fully extended.

Make frequent stops to refresh your water supplies and take advantage of cool offerings such as shade, sprinklers, or air conditioned buildings

I would like to address one last topic; the value of an experienced Road Captain. I recently participated in a 1500 ride with several fellow RAG members, all of which have extensive riding experience coupled with a history of safe and successful rides. There is a lot to be said for that. One can have ga-zillion miles on his/her bike but have developed a not so successful and safe history. I want to acknowledge the group that I rode with on the first annual "Man Ride" at the end of May. Our leader, Hal Bennett did an outstanding job of leading the group throughout the entire 1500 mile Northern California loop that took us through some breathtaking and challenging country in all kinds of weather and road conditions. His planning, analytical and riding skills (and his patience at times) ensured a successful, safe and memorable ride. I also believe the depth of experience in the group greatly enhanced the event. Wade Tallman, Mike Moore, John Cain and Chris and Chris Inc., all had valuable ideas and strategies to contribute to the success and enjoyment of that ride. A guy like me could do nothing but watch, participate and learn. And, I learned a lot! So, thanks gentlemen for including me and I look forward to the next "Man Ride" and greater participation from our fellow RAG HOG members.

I am sure Mike Moore has some "throw down" stories from that ride and I'm no doubt the main source of cannon fodder, so bring it on Mike! It's not like I don't have it coming to me!

In the ensuing newsletters I'll try to deal with issues more specific to my Road Captain Coordinator duties, but I hope these topics were at least timely and possibly useful.

See you all at the next meeting!

Randy

Old Guys Rule!



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



Judy Gerard
Schoolmarm
LOH

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

Greetings RAG Family,

I hope you all have been having a wonderful riding season. The summer is off to a great start with all of our new lady riders, and I offer my congratulations to all of you. You are members of a special minority of women who do something extraordinary, and it sounds like you did it the right way by taking the proper classes and becoming educated about riding. Please don't ever hesitate to call another lady biker in our group to go for a short ride or a longer one. We are all very supportive of one another and always have room in our bags to carry home that pair of shoes you just had to buy at the mall but couldn't fit on YOUR bike!!! If you're not quite comfortable enough for a group ride right now, look for an all-girl bike ride coming up again soon. We'll take good care of you!

Some recent rides that many LOH's took part in included the second annual Wayne's Ride and the annual Solvang Ride. Wayne's Ride was a wonderful day that allowed us to show support for Cpl Wayne Geiger, son of members Randy and Kim Geiger, and true American hero KIA in 2007. This year we carried a flag that will fly over the highest point of the USA, Mt. Whitney, and overlooking Wayne's hometown of Lone Pine. The flag will be sent to Wayne's unit's headquarters with messages from the RAG to show our support of our troops. So the ride was much more than just "live to ride, ride to eat." We truly DID something to support our troops...beats putting a sticker on your car.

The LOH Solvang Ride was a "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun," trip with cages and bikes going. But as the saying goes, "What happens in Solvang stays in Solvang." If you have to ask, you wouldn't understand!

Judy Gerard
LOH



14 October to 16 October 2011

The Morro Bay trip is coming up and we are looking forward to another great ride. We are meeting at "Jack in the Box" on Friday, 14 October at 0630 and leaving at 0700 sharp.

We will be traveling via Highway 58 to Bakersfield, continuing onto Old Highway 58 to Highway 101, then Highway 41 into Morro Bay, with two planned stops, the first at Buttonwillow and the second at Atascadero.

Saturday is open for day rides or shopping or just relaxing around Morro Bay.

We will be returning home Sunday, 16 October.

If you would like to stay at the Blue Sail Inn, their phone number is 888-337-0707 or 805-772-2766.

Another option would be La Serena Inn, their phone number is 800-248-1511 or 805-772-5665. Mention Ridgecrest when making reservations for a POSSIBLE discount.

If you have any questions, please call Mike and Sandra Moore at 375-6989, or e-mail us at moorems@verizon.net.

Hope to see many of you on the ride!

RAG Pictures



Yosemite by Dwight !!

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

TRACY AND DENNIS HAVE BEEN PLANNING THE RIDE FOR THE LAST 5 YEARS AND EACH YEAR IS DIFFERENT AND AS SPECIAL AS THE LAST.

This year as in the past at 07:45 we meet at Pearsonville . Stan graciously supplies donuts and begs out of the ride, having just returned from Alaska.. Stank , wishes us well and also has to pass this year, but gives us a welcome send off.

So much for who didn't go. Tracy gives us the low-down on the ride or we have a riders meeting. Today. From Pearsonville to Independence for a potty break then to Bishop, stopping for gas. From Bishop to the Whoa Nellie Dellie for lunch then on to the Park over Tioga pass, through the park to Oakhurst for the night. Tracy leads, Bland sweeps.

KSU 08:00 The adventure begins. 10 Bikes 18 Riders, No Wind, Blue Sky, Dry Road, Light Traffic, Smiles all around. Uneventful, so far-so good.. But confusion rears it's ugly head.

How do you miss the only bathroom in Independence. We ride on. Desperation replaces a couple of smiles. Then What the heck is that flying out the back of the sidecar? Vikki has lost the visor off of her helmet, sharp eyes spot the UFO and dodge disaster. I can't believe it, no one stops to pick it up.

Bishop. We pull into the Shell gas station. The race is on , the men jockey for gas pumps, the ladies run for the bathroom. Tracy approaches me suggesting that I should lead from here.

A huge sigh of relief from the group convinces me to accept . There has been some talk of the lack of power the Pumpkin possesses and as not to loose sight of me Tracy wants me in front.

I like to think because I know where the bathrooms are. Tracy is avoiding a mutiny.(Just an opinion).

We ride from Bishop with the Trophy Winning, Absolutely Beautiful, Orange and Black 2002 Ultra Classic with matching Spalding Sidecar in the lead. (It's my pencil.) Up the highway over the pass through Mammoth Mountain I decide to take the June Lake loop. Wow the lakes are full Grant Lake is at the highest I have ever seen it. We continue on to our lunch destination. The Whoa Nellie Dellie. Wild Buffalo Meatloaf, melt in your mouth lunch. We all satisfy our needs and head back to the bikes.

We top-off the gas tanks and start up Tioga Pass to the entry of Yosemite National Park.

At the Entry station Tracy informs me that Bland has an issue with the "Girls Bike" he borrowed for the ride and will be along shortly. We wait... and wait...Yup it's Bland and Billie safe and sound, bike repaired and running strong. We ride on through the park with stops at the Olmstead outlook for pictures and a butt break. The next stop was at the tunnel for more pictures of Yosemite Valley . From here we ride past the Wawona Lodge, Golf Course and History Center to the West Entrance to the Park.. 16 miles later I lead the group into the Best Western at Oakhurst. After checking in, my son Jeff and his girl friend Kim meet up with us the group heads to dinner afterwards we down-load pictures and videos of the ride, throw down the beverage of choice, and don't make it to the pool for the party.

Saturday morning, breakfast, Subway sandwiches and gas. I lead to the Giant Sequoia Grove.

Some of the group take the tram tour, others chose to walk around we all meet back at the bikes and head for Glacier Point. With traffic backed-up for what seemed a mile ."The Hero of the Trip". Our own Get-er-done Debbie. Suggested to the Rangers at the parking lot that they allow the bikes to use one of the bus parking spaces. BINGO. We are in, bikes parked, smiles around, great view of the Valley floor and water falls. "BIG THANKS Debbie". After lunch Vikki and I head for the pool back at the hotel, Bland, Billie, Ben and Paula, Vicky and Paul follow. Dennis and Tracy lead part of the group on an add-on loop to Mariposa . The pool hits the spot. After dinner we gather back at the pool for wine and conversation .

Sunday morning, we say good bye to Paul and Vicky as they are heading out on highway 41 for Fresno and home, a short cut for them. We say good bye to my son Jeff and Kim who are on there way back to Redding. I lead the group back into the park down to the valley floor to a short walk to Bridal Vail Falls and then ride on to the Ahwahnee Hotel. The valet Parking attendant took one look at my bike and insisted on having the bikes displayed right in front of the hotel entrance. After checking out the Hotel, I led the group to the lower Yosemite Falls parking area. It was a zoo, we rode on out of the mass of humanity towards the high country and a potty / butt break, then over Tioga Pass. Stopping at the Whoa Nellie Dellie for lunch. From here Billie took the lead and we rode south into the heat and home.

Thanks Tracy and Dennis, as always this was a special treat for all who joined this ride.

Dwight



July Birthdays



Dennis
Ambrecht



Debbie
Brown



Chuck
Cordell



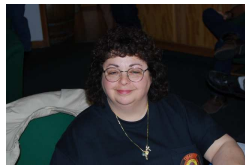
Diane
Ghilardi



Tommie
Lawrence



Ben
Lee



Sandra
Moore



Cheryl
Polley



Jack
Steimer

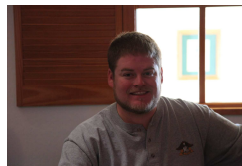


Cheryl
Tallman

August Birthdays



Tracy
Ackeret



Stan
Austin Jr.



Darla
Begin



Kim
Geiger



Robert
Gerber



Ted
Hicks



Lorinda
McKay



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JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
> Kern River Brewery 13415 Sierra Way Kernville CA. Meet at Inyokern 76 10:30 > LOH Solvang Run to Solvang CA. Contact Judy Gerard at schlmm@mchsi.com > Pierpoint Springs Resort 801 Hwy 190 Camp Nelson CA. Meet at Inyokern 76 08:00 > Whitney Portals. Meet at Inyokern 76 07:00					1	2
3	4 Independence Day (Fed)	5	6	7	8 RAG HOG Board Meeting Wade Tallman Flex Day NAWs	9 RAG HOG Meeting After Meeting ride to Kern River Brewery RV Bike Night
10 AV HOG Meeting	11	12 LOH Solvang Run	13 LOH Solvang Run	14 LOH Solvang Run	15	16 Lunch Ride to Pierpoint Springs Resort HOG poker run @ dealer
17	18	19	20	21	22 Flex Day NAWs	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30 Breakfast Ride to Whitney Portals



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AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 National HOG Roundup	4	5 Flex Day NAWs	6 Breakfast Ride to Apple Shed & Winery Tour
7 AV HOG Meeting	8 Sturgis Rally	9	10	11	12 RAG HOG Board Meeting Paul & Crystal Liesman	13 RAG HOG Meeting After Meeting Ride to Antelope Valley HD RV Bike Night
14	15	16	17	18	19 Flex Day NAWs	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Cruise Night Ride to Lancaster	27 Dinner Ride to McNally's
28	29	30	31	> National HOG Roundup Las Vegas NV. August 3-6 > Apple Shed 333 East Tehachapi CA. Meet Inyokern 76 07:00 > Sturgis Rally Sturgis SD. August 8-14 > Antelope Valley HD 1759 West Ave J-12 Lancaster CA. Meet JITB 10:30 > Cruise Night Ride to Lancaster. Meet Inyokern 76 16:45 > McNally's Fairview Lodge Kernville CA. Meet Inyokern 76 17:30		

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



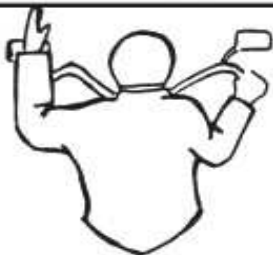
Left turn



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/>



Antelope Valley Harley-Davidson



Store Hours

Sunday/Monday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Tuesday – Saturday 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Service Hours

Sunday/Monday – Drop Off Only

Tuesday – Saturday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

LOOK AHEAD:

9/3/11 : RAG HOG Car Wash

**9/3/11 : AV Harley Night at Jethawks—
Harley's Ride around infield before
game**

**9/9 : RAG HOG Board Mtg—Randy & Kim
Geiger's Lone Pine**

9/10 : RAG HOG Mtg –Charlie's

**9/11 : AV Meeting—Knight's of Colum-
bus , Lancaster**

9/16 - 18 : RAG HOG Picnic

9/23 : Cruise Night - Lancaster

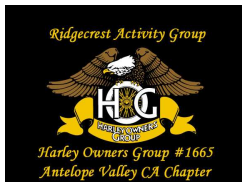
9/24 : Lunch Ride - Panamint Springs

**9/29 - 10/2 : Cal State HOG Rally—
Monterey**

**10/2 : AV Meeting—Knight's of Colum-
bus , Lancaster**

**10/7 : RAG HOG Board Mtg—Tracy &
Deb's—Cal City**

10/8 : RAG HOG Mtg –Charlie's



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