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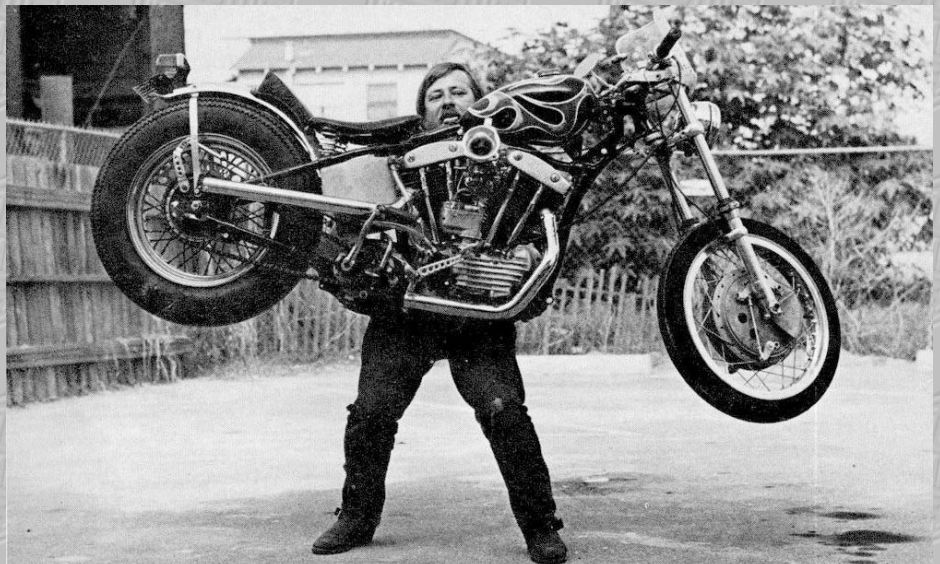
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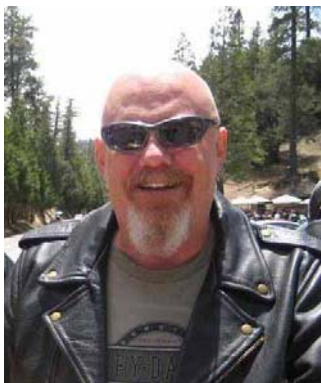
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Tracy Ackeret **Ramblings from** **Silk**



Greetings once again,

Time for me to once again put words to paper, or at least virtual paper as it was. I hope everyone has had lots of opportunities to get out and ride. Debbie and I have been riding all over the state it seems like to get stamps and passes for the Cal State HOG Rally coming up in September. I will go into that in a bit. Plus the chapter has had quite a few really good rides. Some we went on and a few that we had to pass on for other reasons.

We had our annual spring car wash on the 5th of May and again the members stepped up and helped with washing cars. If it weren't for lots of people coming out to help it would be quite a bit harder for the rest of us to wash that many cars and BIG trucks. I think every person who has a dually pickup waits for us to have our car washes to get them washed. Those things are big. We raised \$1000.00 for the Women's Shelter, so thanks to all who helped with the washing or just bringing out your cars and trucks for us to wash. I am sure the Women's Shelter will appreciate the money in November when we give it to them. I would also like to thank all those members who have been bringing toys to our monthly get together. This has turned out way better than I think anyone thought it would. So thanks and keep up the good work with the toys. The Marines and lots of children will be happy come November and December.

Wade once again led the ride to San Diego and a good time was had by all. This is one of the overnights that we have that is always fun. However it seems like it may be getting a bit overdone doing it every year. So next year we have decided that instead of going to San Diego we will be going north to Monterey. Debbie and I went to the Cal State HOG Rally last year in Monterey and had a really good time, so I know it will be worth the trip up there. The plans are to do it like we do San Diego and leave on a Thursday and probably stay in Paso Robles then go the rest of the way Friday. That will give us all day Saturday to explore the area. There are lots of good riding places around Monterey not to mention in Monterey itself. Unfortunately you can't ride around Carmel anymore on a bike but there are other places to ride. And in Monterey there is the Aquarium which is in itself worth the trip but also Cannery Row and the Wharf. Debbie and I have had the opportunity to explore all these places and they are all great places to see. Then the following year we will once again go back to San Diego. If this works out we will plan on alternating between the two of them.

Now onto the Cal State HOG Rally that I mentioned. This year the Rally is once again being run by Bill Davis. Bill ran the Rally back in 2010 on the ride called Pines to Palms. That year it was a riding rally which started in Jamestown and ended up in San Diego. Debbie and I had such a good time on that ride that when we heard that Bill was once again doing the rally we were eager to sign up again. That one had a "passport" that required you to get stamps from HD dealers all over the state. You started when you signed up and got as many of them as you could before the rally. The more you had the better prizes you were eligible for at the ending ceremonies. That year they had 56 dealers playing along and Debbie and I got 43 of them. That got us out on the road and got to visit lots of dealers that we hadn't been to before. This year they have 26 dealers playing but they have added another element to the game. This year's ride is called the California Passes ride. Like I mentioned they have 26 dealers playing but you can also get points by visiting and getting a photo of yourself at some of the passes and summits in California. They have 46 of them on the list. So far Debbie and I have done about 12 of them but have plans for at least 23 of the total. On the weekend of the Seasons ride, Debbie and I went up a day early and went and got 4 of them. We started in Lone Pine and went to Westgard pass which is above Big Pine and goes to Nevada. We then came back to 395 and headed up to Sherwin Summit above Bishop then Deadman Summit which is above the turn off to Mammoth. From this point we continued to Lee Vining and had lunch before going up to Conway Summit which is about 13 miles from Bridgeport. I might mention that Debbie rode the Low Rider this whole way with me on the Ultra. By the time we got home Sunday afternoon we had put almost 600 miles on the bikes, and had fun in the process. We will continue to explore California in our quest for pictures of the passes and summits leading up to the Cal State HOG Rally in September. My plan is to take lots of pictures and put together a set of them along with a write up for our website like I did on our trip to Canada a few years ago. Hopefully it will be interesting to others. All I can say is it Bill Davis every does another HOG rally you might want to sign up for it because he does it the right way.

That's all for now, ride safe and ride often

Silk



Mike Moore
Where's the Meat?



Why do I ride? This a question I've been thinking about lately, partly because between work and life in general sometimes getting in the way of living I've noticed that I haven't been riding as much as I used to. Another reason I've been thinking about it is I don't want to take life and what it has to offer for granted and I admit that sometimes I am guilty of doing just that, so I've been thinking and here's what I've come up with.

The most obvious reason I ride is because it's FUN! But I dug a little deeper into the think tank and realized it's not the obvious reasons but the little things that keep me on two wheels. The spark I feel inside when I hit the start button and that big American V-twin comes to life and starts that deep throaty rumble that we all know and love, man there's just nothing like it. Rolling out of my drive way with my favorite riding partner my wife Sandra, bike and T-Bag loaded to the gills, heading out on a long road trip that we've had planned for a year or more to some far away place that we probably would have never thought to go to if we didn't have our bike. The feeling of accomplishment I get when we get home after a week or two knowing that we just rode all those miles to all those places relying only on each other and our bike to get us there and home again. That's why I ride. Getting together with my best riding buddies for an adventure that usually includes twisty roads, trees, mountains and rivers, as well as lots of laughs. That's why I ride. Riding up the central coast, my favorite place of anywhere that I've been to ride, with Sandra and smelling those sweet strawberries in the air as we pass the fields and later the smell of the ocean as we hit the coast. That's why I ride. The people I meet while riding, whether it be a total stranger at a gas station coming up to say "where you heading?" or the people that have become life long friends. That's why I ride. The smell of pine in the air. That's why I ride. The changes in temperature I feel, hot and cold pockets I call them. That's why I ride. Getting caught in a snow storm in the middle of nowhere and having to get to where I'm going because there is no other choice. That's why I ride.

All of you in the HOG group. That's why I ride. The way we come together to go share a meal at some new place or a place we've been to ten times whether four people or thirty-four people show up. That's why I ride. The way that people who ride step up when somebody needs a hand in life whether it be a minor breakdown on the side of the road or a major life changing event. That's why I ride. The way we as a group all accept each other for who or what we are. That's why I ride. The funny stories I hear from other riders and having others listen to my ride stories. That's why I ride. Getting on my bike by myself and blasting down the highway to clear my head. That's why I ride. The camaraderie we share as a group on our overnights and weekend trips. That's why I ride. The "Woo Woo!" I hear from Sandra when the weather and riding are perfect. That's why I ride. The way food tastes better, most of the time, and the beer is colder after a long day of riding. That's why I ride. The way riding brings all walks of life together with no difference to race, age, gender, religion, or political leanings. That's why I ride.

I know that I've rambled on but I told you I've been thinking and I had a lot on my mind, so now I as well as all of you know why I ride. Why do you ride? Have you ever really thought about it?

Keep riding,
Mike



**Activities Director
Hal Bennett**



In case you forgot what Hal looks like when he's mad!

Bad days, we all have them.

Being part of this great group means never having to be mad alone.

It's really great to have so many people willing to help a downed bike or rider. Being a part of the group means someone always has your back. It's hard to put a price on that.

Scott Covert, Editor.





Dwight Furnish
Safety Officer



HOG News Letter input from the Safety Officer

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Dwight



Randy Geiger
Road Captain
Coordinator

"Mr. I Got Nothing"



Hey Randy!
If you don't send in any write ups for the newsletter
sometimes this happens!

Scott Covert, Editor.





Debbie Ackeret
*Membership
Coordinator*



Hi Everyone,

Please remember to keep your National HOG current!!!

For those expiring this year when you do your renewal please let me know the next expiration date. I will be going through the roster sending out e-mails to those that have expired dates on them.

Thanks

Silks Lady

From Stan G Byrd

Subject: Motion Induced Blindness - important for motorcycle riders...

Motion Induced Blindness - important for motorcycle riders...

It works exactly like it says, and is one major reason people in cars can 'look right at you' (when you're on a motorcycle or bicycle)---AND NOT SEE YOU.

From a former Naval Aviator. This is a great illustration of what we were taught about scanning outside the cockpit when I went through training back in the '60s. We were told to scan the horizon for a short distance, stop momentarily, and repeat the process. I can remember being told why this was the most effective technique to locate other aircraft. It was emphasized (repeatedly) to NOT fix your gaze for more than a couple of seconds on any single object. The instructors, some of whom were WWII veterans with years of experience, instructed us to continually "keep our eyes moving and our head on a swivel" because this was the best way to survive, not only in combat, but from peacetime hazards (like a midair collision) as well. We basically had to take the advice on faith (until we could experience for ourselves) because the technology to demonstrate it didn't exist at that time. Click on the link below for a demonstration ...

<http://www.msf-usa.org/motion.html>

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AV HOG Ridgecrest (formerly RAG HOG)
General Meeting Minutes
12 May 2012

Meeting called to order by Mike Moore at 09:00

Director, Tracy Ackeret: Absent, On San Diego group ride

Asst Director, Mike Moore: Mike announced that this was his first meeting to run solo and despite not leading off with the obligatory joke, he did a great job. He acknowledge our new member "John Capazzi" and another potential member "Bill Farir(?)" He discussed his recent HOG Primary Officers Training (POT) held in San Diego. He had a couple take a ways from the meeting:

Our chapter is doing it right- After listening to other chapters discuss their issues, challenges and operations....it was clear to Mike that our chapter and sponsor are doing what it takes to make a successful organization.

Trike Group Riding: He attended a session on group riding and one of the topics was how to handle Trikes on group rides. Their location in the group didn't seem to matter as much as making sure all the riders knew that Trikes need:

More time to stop- most riders decelerate by letting off on the throttle before actually applying the brake. What this does for the trikes...without the "Brake Lite" notice, they will tend to ride up on your "Arse". Therefore, if you have a trike following you, it would be a good practice to use your brake when throttling back so they can see your decelerating/braking pattern.

More time to accelerate-This just magnifies the slingshot effect of group riding. Lead riders need to accelerate slowly up to cruise speed to keep the group intact and to prevent the tail end riders from having to ride at excessive speed to catch up.

BYOB - After paying \$12.00 per drink in the Hyatt's bar....he figured out.....not to quickly from what I could gather..... that it would be wise to stock up on the spirits in the roomJ

Car wash raised \$915 and Bland challenged the club to raise it to \$1000 when he offered to take it to \$950. The challenge was quickly accepted and the final was \$1000....good on the "HOG WASHERS"!

Wounded Warriors: We have been approached by the High Desert System Engineering organization on their plans to hold an event to raise money for this cause sometime in the next 3-6 months (mostly like in the heat of the summer). They have secured the location "Pizza Factory" and they are in the preliminary planning stages. Looks like the venue will mirror our past "Toys for Tots" Col Kevin Leffler Car & Bike Show at Kmart. More to come. What we can do for next year is to add this to our charity list and provide support this year thru participating in the bike show. LOH has some ideas on how to support this year and Mike deferred to Kim & Stella.

Treasure, Sandra Moore: Club account as \$4,490. \$1000 of this total is from the car washJ

Secretary & PAO, Barb Austin: Not present

Bland & Billee providing excellent support in her absence againJ Bland & Billee did their time in the saddle and will now slide back into the masses.

Activities Director, Hal Bennett:

Green Horn Grill run today after meeting.

10-13 May – San Diego ride, you can still get rooms in Palm Springs and at El Cordova.

19 May- Yard House run may be cancelled due to problems in handling a large group of riders since they don't take reservations.

22-24 June – Yosemite, better get your rooms now....Best Western full.

Note: Onyx store is open, but can't handle a large group unannounced. Therefore, if you're planning a ride and stopping for lunch, need to give them notice well in advance so they can staff up.

LOH, Kim Gieger & Stella Raymond: Upcoming woman's ride to Solvang has 8 ladies signed up with requests to add 2 more. They'll need to check with the Landlord on capacity limits.

Girl's night is in the planning stages at this time and suggestions are welcomed.

Wounded Warrior: Followed up with Mike's discussion on the club's options to supporting this cause, they are thinking about holding a raffle on donated gifts for the remainder of the year with a drawing in Dec. A hand crafted quilt and handmade porcelain doll have already been offered.

Road Captain coordinator, Randy Geiger: Described a recent accident on "Towns" Pass where 7 bikes went down. He wasn't the investigating officer, but from the reports he was able to describe the event. To summarize, the riders just crested the pass and were heading down into the first sharp 30mph curve too fast. Lead rider overcorrected and went down...then the domino effect occurred and took out the others. The first two riders were airlifted with serious medical injuries and the remaining riders were able to continue their trip. Lessons learned are:

Complacent: The riders were all very comfortable and familiar with the road. Being too confident in their abilities lead to complacency which was the biggest contributing factor to the accident.

Speed: They were riding above posted limits...and OK....even a safe limit too!

Following Too Close: Remember the 2 sec rule and single file on narrow twisty roads.

Locked up Brakes & Released: What do you expect...basic bike physicsL

Newsletter Editor, Scott Covert: Needs inputs for the next newsletter by 23 June. Also looking for folks to volunteer for a "Membership Profile" to be posted in the newsletter. Purpose is to let folks know a little something personal about each member to help open up the personal relationship side of the club. As with any large organization like ours is now, folks tend to gravitate to a small group and this way at least the entire membership will get to know a little something about everyone.

To ease in transferring articles with large files, Scott has Flash Drive "Key's" for folks to use and return with articles if needed.

Safety Officer, Dwight Furnish: Discussed answers to his Quiz handout. It was a short and effective quiz even if you did Google the answersJ The quiz was on the acronym "SIPDE"

S: Scan, I: Identify, P:Predict, D:Decide, E:Execute

Bland and Billee scored % 100....there were a couple others...but they got lucky and didn't have the quiz completed as fast as the BB'sJ

On a more serious note, he discussed summer riding and the symptoms of dehydration. Drink lots of water!

Photographer, Judy McCauley & Terri Anderson: Provide your personal pictures and ride statistics and they'll make sure they are included on the club's web page. They are working on putting pictures to music on DVD's and/or CD's.

Membership, Debbie Ackeret: Absent

Web Master, Don McCauley: Absent

Historian: Absent

Member's comments: Mike Cash discussed the upcoming Run to the Wall. His organization has donated over \$2M for this cause. He'll be departing Ridgecrest JB on 14 May 0800. Looks like there will be 4 riders from R/C going on the trip. It will be an 11 day trip to Washington D.C and back. This is the 24th year of the run. Estimating 500,000 bikes in Rolling Thunder which parades around the D.C. Mall.

Amy reported on the biker blessing: Had ~250 bikes this year (350 last year) and the reduced numbers are most likely due to the wet/cold weather. A special collection was established by the riders a couple years back to support local military families and this year they raised \$250.

Additional comments: The following people have volunteered to host board meetings:

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| 8 Jun 2012 | Scott & Amy Covert |
| 13 Jul 2012 | Wade Tallman |
| 10 Aug 2012 | Randy & Kim Geiger |
| 7 Sept 2012 | Terri & Bill Anderson |
| 12 Oct 2012 | Mike & Sandra Moore |
| 9 Nov 2012 | Barb & Stan Austin |
| 7 Dec 2012 | Hal Bennett (planning meeting) |

Notes: Then next RAG general meeting will be 5/12/2012, at 0900 in Charlie's at the Carriage Inn.

Date: 6/9/2012

Meeting Called to Order by Tracy Ackeret at 0904

Director, Tracy Ackeret:

Explained what we are doing for Toys for Tots, bring a new \$10 dollar toy each month and will invite the Marines to our November meeting to present all the toys collected since March. Thanked members for their overwhelming donation of toys to date. Tracy has chapter coins for \$5.00 and has ordered more Ridgecrest patches.

Asst Director, Mike Moore: Looking for members with artistic talent to donate hand made items for prizes for the Christmas party. There will be some changes on the board next year, so if you are interested in being on the board, please contact one of the board members. Introduced guests Tony Ullrich and Rodger Warnock. Also announced last's month's guest, Bill Thayer, is now our newest member.

Treasurer, Sandra Moore: \$4,264 in account. \$1K is for charity. Had gifts for Diane (surgery) and Dwight (accident)

Secretary & PAO, Barb Austin: Thanks Bland & Billee for taking the minutes for April and May, you were a GREAT help.

Activities Director, Hal Bennett: Not present, but here is a list of upcoming events:

Today – after meeting ride to the Rock Inn then on to Thunder on the Lot

16 June – dinner ride to Seasons. Please let Randy know if you are planning on attending. Meeting ~1630 at the Inyokern 76.

22-24 June – Yosemite Ride, and Saturday night planning on taking the Sugar Pine Railroad BBQ trip

1 July – AV HOG meeting 0900 Lancaster meet JIB 0700 and depart 0715. The after meeting ride is to the Bass Pro Shop in Ontario

5-8 July – LOH ladies only Solvang trip

13 July – Ridgecrest board meeting

14 July – Ridgecrest general meeting, with after meeting ride to Whitney Portals, so come to the meeting gassed up and ready to ride

21 July – Lunch ride to Pierpoint Springs Resort

28 July – Lunch ride to Ethel's Old Corral Café

25 August – Dinner ride to McNallys, Kernville overnight

LOH, Kim Geiger & Stella Raymond: Planning a girls' night soon. Also will be scheduling a Solvang pre-ride meeting soon. Will be having opportunity drawing tickets for a metal sculpture to sell starting in July, the drawing will be held December. Monies raised will go to the Wounded Warrior Program.

Road Captain Coordinator, Randy Geiger: Not present

Newsletter Editor, Scott Covert: Newsletter inputs are due by 23 Jun. Looking for members to provide a member profile, a paragraph or so telling a little about yourself how you got into riding, how long, and list some of your rides. Also would like member stories/inputs and pictures.

Safety Officer, Dwight Furnish: Be careful – helmets work! Dwight was in an accident; driver claims he did not see Dwight before turning in front of him. Luckily Dwight's injuries are minor, pinky is a little broken though. Thoughts from Dwight:

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8. Pretend you're invisible, and ride extra defensively.
9. Don't ride when you are tired or under the influence.
10. Know and follow the rules of the road, stick to the speed limit.
11. Shit Happens!

Photographer, Judy McCauley & Terri Anderson: Nothing to report.

Membership, Debbie Ackeret: 123 members to date. Deb has sign up sheets for Thunder on the Lot's poker run for Sunday.

Web Master, Don McCauley: A little behind, but 2 grandchildren graduating high school.

Historian, Terri Anderson: Not present.

Member comments:

Wade – San Diego is cool. The weather was great. Since all attendees had been to the USS Midway, the group decided to take a driving tour of San Diego and to visit some of the area Harley Davidson shops. Wade was standing on his highway pegs to stretch the legs a bit and to his surprise, 1 peg sheared off, an exciting moment, but all is well. It was decided next year instead of San Diego, Wade would plan a Monterey trip – this was met with interest by several members.

Bruce – Departed Ridgecrest on 12 May headed for New Orleans and other points south. While in New Orleans had a little problem with the bike, so took it to the nearest shop, after discovering a costly repair was in order, Bruce & Char departed New Orleans on a 2012 Ultra.

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| 13 Jul 2012 | Scott & Amy Covert (at Stella's house) |
| 10 Aug 2012 | Randy & Kim Geiger |
| 7 Sep 2012 | Terri & Bill Anderson |
| 12 Oct 2012 | Mike & Sandra Moore |
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AV HOGs Ridgecrest...

Please CONGRATULATE Schoomarm for her First Place in the Women Riders Division at Thunder on the Lot at

The Shop in Lancaster...10 June 2012...! Her winning pic is on our AV HOG Ridgecrest homepage...!

Her Streetglide personalized...extremely well done...with lots of attention to subtle and not-so-subtle details...!

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



NEW TO THE NEWSLETTER

MEMBER PROFILES: Short bio's on Our Members in this months Newsletter we have write-ups from Activities Director, Secretary and Members.... Hoping to have more with each Newsletter. If you want to be featured in the newsletter please send me a short bio and I will try to work them in over the next year.



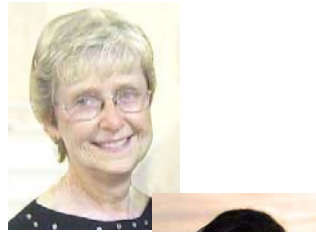
Will Ewer

I got my first ride in the spring of 1958 and have been riding off and on since then. Up till September of 2011, I had never been astride a Harley. When I sat on a 2008 Heritage Softail at the AV shop, it was love at first sit so I bought it. Since then I have put nearly 12,000 miles on it and haven't really gone anywhere. It should be noted that I have been working full time all this while as well. I am retiring from the work-a-day routine as of 29 June 2012. Really looking forward to it too. I lost the love of my life last July after nearly 35 years of marriage and am fully entrenched in "geezerhood" as I am fast approaching number 75, come September 2012. I am reminded of the saying: "There are old riders (me probably), and there are bold riders (them idiots on crotch rockets!), but there are very few old bold riders!" I certainly do NOT consider myself in the last category! I have paid my dues for bold riding some time ago. I am really pleased with the fine camaraderie of our Ridgecrest Group. My apologies to all for not being able to hear you most times. I have been legally deaf for many years and augment most of my hearing via lip reading. In any case, thanks to all for the good people you are. Let's ride!!



Bill Anderson
Historian

Get those Ride Reports in !!!



Judy McCauley
Photographer
Teri Anderson
Photographer



Scott Covert
Editor



Don McCauley
Web Talker

Please visit our website



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

Love riding my trike



**Stella Raymond &
Kim Geiger**
Ladies of Harley



Member story

Ramblings & Musings from an ORF (Old Retired Fart)

Consider this a continuation of my previous trip report of a few days ago where I was suddenly brought back to reality when I discovered that I too can succumb to less than optimal voltage in that electricity storage device more commonly known as a battery. I think Tracy sent the battery gremlins after me so that he wouldn't be the only one enduring such catastrophic events in life.

I needed to get out of the house and clear out some cobwebs that had been building inside my head. Once again, I rolled the Road King out onto the driveway hoping not to experience another letdown like the one only a few days prior. She started up just like I knew she would.

I left a message on Loretta's cell phone informing her that I was going for a ride, destination unknown. I told her that a free spirit, such as myself, could be happy riding in any direction. Somehow I ended up on 395 headed north. I hadn't been to the Indian casino in Bishop in quite a while. So now my destination is set.

Traffic was surprisingly light for a Friday (I didn't leave home until around noon). I set the cruise control at 70 and settled back for a leisurely ride. White puffy clouds lingered behind the snow covered Sierra Nevadas making for a perfect Kodak moment. Trouble is I forgot to bring a camera. I guess I'll have to make a checklist for future events to cover my waning memory capacity. Anyways, I'm rambling. There were more CHPs on the road than I had seen in a long time. Some even had snowboarders pulled over. Yeehaw!

As I'm about to enter the casino my phone rings. Like an idiot I answer it. It's Mama Loretta wanting to know where I am, where I've been, when I'll be home, etc. Damn! Suddenly I feel 10 years old again. Eventually I make it inside the casino and walk around looking for just the right machine that will make me rich for life. Come to find out, they don't exist. I did manage to hit a \$120 jackpot on a \$1 machine but then lost it all back later to a 1¢ machine. When I finally leave an hour later I'm down only \$70 overall. How am I going to explain to Loretta that it was her money I lost and not mine? Maybe I just won't tell her. Yeah, that's it.

I roll back into the driveway around 7:00 PM after logging 287 miles for the day. Not bad for an afternoon impromptu ride, eh? You couldn't ask for better weather, only a slight breeze from the SW. Just think, another 900 miles and I could be in Seattle. I'll wait for that trip until maybe June or so. I came to China Lake from Whidbey Island in 1975 aboard a Honda CB-550. Of course I was 35 years younger then.

Keep the shiny side up!

Barry Hoyer

Barb's New Ride

In March 2012, Stan bought me a 2012 Harley Tri Glide (I love it when he spoils me). Mine is black with added "bling", the diamond ice around the speakers and gages. Hope to add a little custom pink soon. It was easy to learn to ride on our local back roads and in "city" traffic. I have ridden to Panamint Springs, Lancaster (twice), Independence, Olancho, Kernville, and Newcombs Ranch. Next few trips will be riding to Yosemite and then for the LOH trip to Solvang. I even got my sister on the back while she was visiting for her very first motorcycle ride ever! If any of you ladies are hesitant like I was to try two wheels (my legs just don't stretch all the way to the ground), then consider a "trike", its a lot of fun and some freedom too. Now I really can't wait to retire so I can ride everywhere.

Thanks

Barb



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July Birthdays



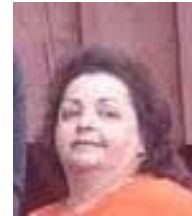
Dennis Ambrecht



Deborah Brown



Chuck Cordell



Sandra Moore



Cheryl Polley



Benjamin Lee



Tommie Lawrence



Diane Ghilardi

August Birthdays



Darla Begin



Tracy Ackeret



Shirie Zulkoski



Robert Gerber



Ted Hicks



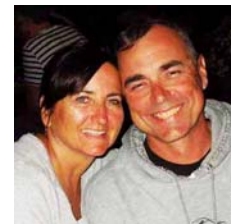
Stan Austin Jr.



Lorinda McKay



Kim Geiger



Gina Weaver



2012

JULY

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--------|---------|---|----------------------|--|--|
| 1 AV HOG Meeting After meeting ride to Ontario | 2 | 3 | 4 Independence Day (Fed) | 5 LOH Solvang Run | 6 LOH Solvang Run <i>Flex Day NAWS</i> | 7 LOH Solvang Run |
| 8 LOH Solvang Run | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 AV HOG RC Board Meeting | 14 AV HOG RC Meeting After Meeting Ride to Whitney Portals |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 <i>Flex Day NAWS</i> | 21 Lunch Ride to Pierpoint Springs Resort AV HOG Road Capt Poker Run |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 Lunch Ride to Ethels Old Corral Cafe |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ LOH Solvang ride to Solvang CA July 5-8 Contact Kim Gieger @ rgieger@lonephnetv.com ➤ Whitney Portals Lone Pine CA ➤ Pierpoint Springs Resort 801 Hwy 190 Camp Nelson CA ➤ Ethels Old Corral Café 4310 Alfred Harrell Hwy Bakersfield CA | | | |



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AUGUST

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Grumpy Bears 98887 Kennedy Meadows Rd Inyokern CA ➤ McNally's Fairview Lodge Kernville ➤ Kernville overnight after McNally's | | | 1 | 2 | 3 <i>Flex Day NAWS</i> | 4 |
| 5 AV HOG Meeting After meeting ride to Jalama Beach | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 AV HOG RC Board Meeting | 11 AV HOG RC Meeting After Meeting Ride to Grumpy Bears AV Crazy Otto's Ride |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 <i>Flex Day NAWS</i> | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 Dinner Ride to McNallys Kernville Overnight |
| 26 Kernville Overnight | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 <i>Flex Day NAWS</i> | |



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

LOOK AHEAD:

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/>

Desert Wind News
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Ridgecrest, CA 93555

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