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Meetings Held at
Charlie's in Ridgecrest

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People Helping People
*(Yes they are little people
but they are still people)*



Ms. Maki's Kindergarten class from Inyokern raised \$159.66, in pennies, for Bikers Against Diabetes, better known to us and the BAD. For those of you slow in math that's **15,966 pennies.**

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

It's been a busy summer already and it really hasn't even begun. We had a great showing for the car wash bringing in \$1000 for CHARITIES. As I've sure some of the other folks will mention Yard Sale and second car wash are coming to support our club activities.

The dinner and breakfast rides seem to be going well along with the Lady of Harley's Poker Run. Great job to all!!! Unfortunately I've been out of town for almost every one of them. I will make Big Bear following the club meeting in June. Believe we are heading to the Firehouse Restaurant (we can fan out from there in "downtown" Big Bear).

I mentioned at the meeting we will start the Thunder on the Lot Poker Run from here in town. I'll set up the Inyokern 76 as the 1st stop. We will need an approx number of folks going so I can pass on to Ron. Also, will want T-shirt sizes so they will hold them until we get there, as the shop will be stop 3 or 4 for us. Please mark your schedules for Sun 10 JUN for this SHOP sponsored event. I'll be posting signs around town, so tell all your cycle buddies....

I launched an email the other day with the info I got from individuals at the meeting. Hopefully you find it useful. The board members will. I think the biggest item to pull off is over night rides. For various reasons we didn't get that many on the schedule this year, so how about YOU taking the initiative and planning one for the group? There were some great ideas. A couple of the ideas we already have on the calendar for a little later in the summer. One suggestion was to do Frazier Pass. I did that ride for the first time as part of the Ride for the Heart. It is a GREAT BIKERS road!!! I'm going to plan a run through there, sometime in the not to distant future. Go via 178, 119, through Frazier, and out via 5, 138. As little freeway time as possible. We're talking another big day ride at over 250 miles. Look for information.

Membership: currently at 85...still like to hit the 100 spot...grab your friends and bring them to a meeting!!

Road Captain Meeting. Look for information on this. This is something we really need to have....

That's it for this month...Keep the shiny parts up and the rubber down.

"Wind across my bald spot"



Ike Bridgeman
Skate Under Tire

Hope all of you are getting enough time in the saddle as ridding season is in full bloom. Just be prepared for anything and everything while ridding the highways and byways.

Things can happen in a hurry so be prepared.

If there is anything that I can do for you as a board member please let me know. I would like to here from you if there is something that I can do to make the group more enjoyable for all.

Ride safe !!
SKATE UNDER TIRE



Mike Moore
Ghost Rider

My Fellow Hogsters,

It's been a great year of riding so far. Since the last newsletter we've had some great rides and events. We had our spring car wash, thank you Bruce and Char for the use of the lot and utilities. We earned \$1000.00 for our charities and had a lot of fun doing it. The LOH poker run was a lot of fun, Tommie and Judy did a great job and made some good money for our holiday food baskets. The ending point of the run was City Slickers in Tehachapi and they really treated us good as they did on our dinner ride in April. It's definitely worth riding over there and giving them some of your business. We also had a breakfast ride to the Rock Inn and a dinner ride to Foxy's in Cal City.

The month of May has given us some strange weather. In a two week period I went from riding in rain, sleet, and snow (all in the same day) when Ike and I rode to Reno, to riding in 100° heat when Sandra and I went to the Grand Canyon. We also got robbed at the gas pump in the armpit of the world, Needles, CA to the tune of \$4.30 per gallon!! I didn't realize that there was gas 20 miles up the road in Arizona at exit 9 (Lake Havasu cutoff) for almost \$1.00 per gallon cheaper! So if you're going east on I-40 you can fill-up in Ludlow, where gas is \$.40 per gallon cheaper and make it to Arizona exit 9. It is 110 miles and you can skip Needles altogether.

Summer is fast approaching and we have some great rides coming up. In June we have a ride to Big Bear after our June 9th RAG meeting. On June 10th it's Thunder of the Lot and Rip's BAD Ride. We also have a day/lunch ride to Lee Vining on June 16th and a dinner ride to McNally's on June 23rd.

We are riding to Whitney Portals on July 21st for breakfast and to the Kern River Brewing Co. on July 28th for dinner. We've been getting some good groups on our rides and hopefully that will continue with these rides coming up.

We have a lot of new members and to you, welcome to the family. Come join us on our rides, we'd love to have you.

"The journey is the reward" – Chinese proverb

Mike "Ghost Rider" Moore
Activities Officer



Josh Wilkerson
Debbie's Toy

One of the hardest things to do as PAO is to come up with an article for the News Letter! I'm sure you don't want a regurgitation of the ads that were placed in local papers for our events or how upcoming group functions will receive their proper media attention or how hard it is to get a decent radio spot for nothing. So I had to think real hard, and yes it did hurt, for something to connect the not so exciting world of PAO to the group. So here it is... You are all now PAO(s)!

Every day that we ride with the group or on our own we present ourselves to the public as motorcyclists and how we ride sticks in the cage drivers head. Cut in and out of lanes with nary a foot or less and we're all real jerks. White Line in Ridgecrest on China Lake Blvd. and we're all the backside of a long eared donkey. Fly by on the right hand side of the road in the bike path and we're all lunatics! So in short, we're ALL PAO(s). We have the opportunity for good public relations every time we ride safely and courteously as a group or an individual. You don't have to crack the pipes to be respected; just don't ride like your on crack and the respect will come.

Ridding with the group has taught me exactly how much I didn't know about safe and courteous ridding and how much I have to learn. Practice in town, on the curves of nine mile, and formal instruction such as the BRC and ERC has helped me in changing my ridding style and to be aware of how motorcyclists as a whole are viewed by the public. Safe and considerate ridding is more than "keep the shiny side up" or "Be safe out there, they're all trying to kill us," it's about increasing your skill set to match ridding conditions through training and practice, observing better riders in the group and ask them to give you some pointers, and being aware of the cages and how you, or we, interact with them on the roadways. If we all keep in mind that public awareness of motorcycles is paramount to our safety and that a positive image presented by each and every one of us increases the public awareness, then we all can agree that we are all PAO(s)...

DT (Deb's Toy)



Tracy Akeret
*Ramblings from
Waco by Silk*

Greetings fellow riders,

Well I am here in Waco again typing this, the only good thing about it is this is my last time in Waco in support of the SOFIA project. The plane left today on its way back to California. This plane is really a cool project to work on, all except for being in Waco for so long. It's a 747 SP, which is a short version of a 747, that has been modified to carry a big telescope in the back of it. This telescope sees things in the inferred spectrum. Meaning it sees things that the naked eye can't. NASA is in partnership with a German company

called DLR. The idea is to fly the aircraft at around 45,000 feet and look out in the universe. It should be a really cool program when they start getting images from deep space.

Other then that my life has been pretty boring the last few months. I have spent more then half of the year here in Waco in support of this project so needless to say I have not gotten much riding in. Not that the weather has been great in either place. I have only had a few weekends here in Waco that have been good for riding and those I had to work so I couldn't rent a bike like I wanted to. The times I have been home I have been busy trying to play catch up around the house or the weather was bad there. So I have only put about a thousand miles on the bike this year. However now that I am going home for good I will make up for as much of that as I can. I still have a list of things that I have to get done that will probably take me most of the rest of the year to catch up on. However I will find the time to get out when I can. I am planning on taking at least one nice long trip this year, I am hoping to go to the coast of California to Eureka and visit the coastal redwoods again. There were lots of things up there that I still have not seen in the several times that Debbie and I have been up there. Anyway I will close this for this time. Keep riding.

Silk



Don McCauley
Web Talker

Hello all!!

I hope you have all been smiling this past month. As you can see, I am I have been very busy trying to recruit another "Harley chick"....

The smile still has not left my face!!!

By the way, "bugs on my teeth" were not my problem this month.

***It was Texas snakes.
Judy & Don***



**And His Lovely
Co-Star**

Judy McCauley
*Show me the bugs in your
teeth*





Paul Liesman
Mister note-taker
AKA
Volleyball Dad

**Ridgecrest Activity Group
Antelope Valley Chapter Meeting Minutes
14 Apr 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 0855 hours by Director Wade Tallman at Charlie's (Carriage Inn) in Ridgecrest.

Director: Biker blessing after meeting, Iron Socks 500 will have a start/stop in Inyokern, Xmas party committee is planning a yard sale, Thunder on the Lot is coming, group will make some changes to cruise night, transportation of bikes to AVHD has begun, would like a list of members who have current CPR or any medical training. Have 42 members from AV ride up for meeting and blessing.

Secretary: Paul Liesman – membership at 82. New member Joe Rose

Asst. Director Ike Bridgeman – Planning on riding with AV to Painted Turtle after next AV meeting.

Activities Officer Mike Moore – next Saturday is car wash, need towels, soap, shade, etc. Xmas party committee will bake cookies for sale. Lunch ride next Sunday to Stovepipe Wells.

Editor Tracy Ackeret –
Newsletter has been emailed. For hard copy, ask.
Please send articles.

Safety Officer Tony Jaime- Absent

Road Captain Rex Walraven – May have 12 slots available for ERC that the CL MAD is putting together. Wants to have a meeting to discuss group riding.

LOH Judy Gerard, Tommie Lawrence – cards passed around for Doug and Darryn. This year's charities are the Humane Society & the Women's Shelter. The LOH poker run is May 12.

Photographer Judy McCauley – nothing

Historian Anne Haber – need new historian

Webmaster Don McCauley - web page is current.

Membership/PAO Josh Wilkerson - car wash next week, flyer is out.

New Business: none

Member/Guest Comments: none.

Old Business:

Reminder – Next board meeting is Fri. 11 May, at location TBD. Next general meeting will be on Sat. 12 May at 0900 hours at Charlie's in the Carriage Inn.

Meeting was adjourned at 0920 hours.

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**Ridgecrest Activity Group
Antelope Valley Chapter Meeting Minutes
12 May 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 0905 hours by Director Wade Tallman at Charlie's (Carriage Inn) in Ridgecrest.

Director Wade Tallman – threw out some Harley truisms/anecdotes

Secretary Paul Liesman – absent, Barry Hoyer filling in.

Treasurer \$3746 is available in the fund at present

Asst. Director Isaac Bridgeman – Ike reminded all to be prepared for any and all weather conditions when venturing any distance from home. A recent experience of his brought this to light.

Activities Officer Mike Moore – reiterated the great turnout and success of the carwash. He expressed gratitude to Debbie for her towel drying expertise. The City Slickers dinner ride was mentioned concerning attendance and good food & good friends. A breakfast ride to Rock Inn will take place on Saturday, May 19. Meet at J-Box @ 0700. A dinner ride to Cal City is slated for Saturday, May 26. Meet at J-Box @ 1600. The possibility of an after meeting ride to Big Bear next month was discussed. Yard sale at Tommie & Clint's June 29.

Editor Tracy Ackeret – Tracy asked that any inputs for the newsletter be e-mailed to him. His travel schedule makes it difficult to get info to him in a timely fashion.

Safety Officer Tony Jaime- reminded us that May is motorcycle awareness month

Road Captain Rex Walraven stated he might meet with potential Road Captain candidates at the next cruise night to discuss duties/responsibilities.

LOH Judy Gerard, Tommie Lawrence – reminded all that sign-ups for the Poker Run would be immediately following the meeting. We will end up at City Slickers for lunch and awarding of high and low poker hands. Some folks are planning to ride to AV H-D after the festivities have ended at City Slickers.

Photographer Judy McCauley – asked that we all keep smiling

Historian Susan Brandt – absent

Webmaster Don McCauley - stated that the City Slickers dinner ride photos will be posted soon.

New Business: A donation check in the amount of \$500 was presented to IWW Humane Society. Two representatives were present to receive the check from Judy & Tommie (our Ladies of Harley officers). Photographers from the Daily Independent and the News-Review snapped photos for publication in their respective periodicals.

New members Rebecca Thurman, John Weaver, and Judy Weaver were welcomed

Member/Guest Comments Ron from AV H-D stated that California Bike Week will occur in November to coincide with the Love Ride which is scheduled to start at the Fairplex in Pomona. CARB is writing tickets for after market pipes. The ticket is for tampering with exhaust systems - not for noise issues. Thunder on the Lot takes place June 9-10. See the flyer on the RAG website for particulars. Verify your e-mail address. Some are not receiving e-mails. Hiccups with the shuttle service have been taken care of regarding parts purchase prior to pick-up of your bike at Ridgecrest. Have the VIN of your bike available when you schedule a pick-up and service. You MUST be an active member of AV HOG or RAG to utilize the pick-up service and your name must be on the membership list.

Stan Austin briefly mentioned the drastic weather changes during the Iron Socks 500 charity ride for the Heart Association. Some areas experienced mudslides right after their group had passed through.

Old Business:

Reminder – Next board meeting is Fri. 08 Jun. at location TBD. Next general meeting will be on Sat. 09 Jun. at 0900 hours at Charlie's in the Carriage Inn.

Meeting was adjourned at 1000 hours (10:00 am).



Cheryl Tallman
The money lady

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



Rex Walraven
*Semper Fi
Oo-Rah*



Tony Jamie
Safety Dude



Susan Brandt
???



Judy Gerard
&
Tommie Lawrence
Double Trouble!!!

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Doug Gerard's Accident

By Robert Gerber with input from Doug Gerard

Doug and Judy were returning from Trona on separate bikes. They finished dinner and started home about sundown. They were cruising about 35 – 40 mph with Judy in the lead. They spotted two dogs walking along toward them on the same side of the road. One of the dogs took off after Judy. She maneuvered around the dog. Doug slowed to 20 – 25 while watching the dogs now walking along side the road towards him. He was prepared to turn and accelerate around the dogs if they came after him. Neither dog appeared to be interested in chasing him. There were three people who possibly owned the dogs standing in front of a house close by. One dog (a big black lab suddenly turned and started across the street right in front of

Doug. Doug didn't think the dog was trying to get him, just decided to cross the street. He thought he might have gotten on the binders before hitting the dog but wasn't sure. He hit the dog a glancing blow with the dog going off to the left when hit and Doug plowed straight ahead. Doug thought he was still in the saddle after the hit. The bike went over to one side dragging the footboards and frame, then the other (possibly several times) before going down. That's the last Doug remembers until waking up in the ambulance headed for Ridgecrest. Judy caught most of the action in her rear view mirror. Doug wound up lying in the street about 10' ahead of the bike. The dog and pedestrians took off for parts unknown. Doug has since heard that the dog died several days later. Judy has had EMT training and put it to good use getting Doug stabilized. Doug was transported to Ridgecrest Emergency and diagnosed with a broken color bone, broken ribs and a collapsed lung all on the left side. The Ridgecrest hospital immediately airlifted him to Kern Medical Center in Bakersfield. Dave's towing recovered the bike from the scene and transported it to their shop for storage. Scooter picked up the bike from Dave's Towing and let Judy use his trailer to tow it to AV Harley Davidson for evaluation. The forks were bent, tank dented, banged up saddlebags, bent handlebars, engine guard, headlight and cracked frame. It was considered a total.

What happened? All of this from a spill while going not twice as fast as a person can run. The impact was not hard enough to throw Doug forward on the bike. The dog was still able to leave scene under it's own steam. The bike was probably not damaged by the impact but thrown out of control. This left Doug wrestling an 850 pound gorilla; a fight probably impossible to win. Doug's injuries were probably the result of being thrown from the bike and landing on his shoulder.

All this at 20 – 25 mph.



Ridgecrest Biker Blessing



BAD on Burroughs Campus



June Birthdays

Crash Begin
John Brandt
Billee Burchett
Barry Hoyer
Dale Olmsted
Dale Polley
Darrell Scholzen
Rex Walraven
Josh Walkerson

July birthdays

Bruce Bartels
Tony Jaime
Joe Law
Tommie Lawrence
Jimmie Melero
Joel Monteton
Sandra Moore
Cheryl Polley
Cheryl Tallman
Rich Villarreal

More Shirts



City Slickers Dinner ride



HOG car wash



Christmas Committee



Yard Sale



29 June 2007 @ 0700 - ?
Clint & Tommie Lawrence's House
619 W. Coral Ave.



Items can be dropped off starting
Saturday, 23 June

Please call Tommie Lawrence @ 384-2939
BEFORE bringing your stuff by the house

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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



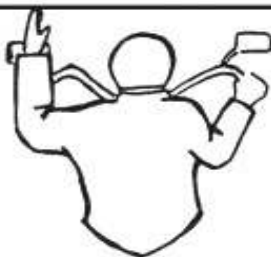
Left turn



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

Motorcyclists Rights

<http://abate.org/>

Motorcycle Safety Foundation

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

Ridgecrest Activity Group

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

HOG Chapters

<http://hogchapters.net>

Maps

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

Harley Owners Group

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

California DOT-Road & Highway Info

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/>



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Upcoming Events:



June 9th & 10
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