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Director  
*Stan Austin*

My friends, what a summer this has started out to be. I have been riding so much, it is great! We now have 73 members and still growing. This group has so much to offer. I never had so many friends and family as I do now. Even if you think group riding is not for you this HOG group still has things going on you can join in on. June is going to go by so fast it will make me spin. The first weekend will be the Big Bear Run, the Board meeting on 9 June, then our group meeting on Sat. 10 June. Thunder on the Lot in Lancaster is Sunday 11 June. On the 17<sup>th</sup> of June we will host the AV Board at a BBQ at my mother-in-laws home, with swimming pool. Then on Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> some of us will leave for Vegas and the HOG Saints to Sinners ride. (That ride ends 23 June.) My wife and I will work two days then leave Tuesday night 27 June for the HOG West Ride. We will be home on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. What a month June will be!

On a sad note Crash Begin is very ill. Please try to get over to see him. He has been a very supportive member of this group from the very start. He has always been kind and good hearted. We miss him. God bless you Crash!

To our new members, I want to say welcome aboard and ride as much as you can. If you plan a ride, you can invite others to ride along if you wish. The board meetings are open and if you want to plan a group ride just let the board know and we will get the ball rolling.

The summer will go fast, Sturgis is near! Get your ride plans going so you don't miss out. The BAD event at the high school went great. The dinner and breakfast rides are going good, except for the high winds caused our dinner ride to Big Pine to be a bust. It is all about the ride. Ride safe and I will see you all around.



Asst. Director  
**Dave Hunter**

Greetings. So far we have had a great riding season. The cooler temperatures during the latter part of May made for some excellent riding.

One of our members Lionel Crash Begin is currently battling cancer. Keep him in your prayers and make time to stop by and chat with him. Crash has been riding motorcycles for a long long time and has some great stories to tell. He is currently in room 107 of the Ridgecrest Health Care center (Beverly Manor) located behind the Hospital.

By the time you read this, the Big Bear run will be over and *Thunder on the Lot* will be right around the corner with the Car Show on the 10th and the Bike Show and Poker Run on the 11th. Ron has told me that anyone in Ridgecrest wanting to do the Poker Run will be able to get his or her first card here in Ridgecrest. The Ridgecrest starting point will be at the Southern Sierra Boys and Girls Club, 131 S. Warner St. The riders leaving Ridgecrest will join the rest of the poker run at the second stop. I encourage everyone to support *Thunder on the Lot*, as part of this year's money will come back to the IWV and well as the Antelope Valley.

Also on the 11th of June is Rips B.A.D. Ride. From the RAG, Rex Walraven, Judy Gerard and Tom Laura and possibly others are raising money to help fight diabetes. If you are not planning to attend the B.A.D. Ride yourself then I encourage you to donate to someone that is.

Judy Gerard arranged for any and all motorcycle riders to park their rides in the quad at Burroughs during lunch hour on the 22nd of May. There was a lot of support not only from our chapter but by other riders in the IWV as well. We had a great cross section of motorcycles including a classic European Café bike, a nice bright yellow scooter, crotch rockets, metric cruisers, and Harleys! We all had a great time and provided the students and faculty with a sight many will not soon forget while raising money for a very worth cause. Great job Judy!

The 58th annual Hollister Rally has been cancelled due to problems with covering the costs of law enforcement and insurance. Additionally, the Four Corners Iron Horse Motorcycle Rally is currently limbo as well as many other large motorcycle rallies across the country. Do your part to keep these events alive by demonstrating to non-motorcyclists that the biker stereotype from the 1950s and 60s is not applicable to the vast majority of motorcyclists today. H.O.G was founded to promote family oriented motorcycling and we need to do our part by presenting a positive image through our day-to-day actions on and off our bikes.

In parting I would like to pass on something I heard recently. We have all heard the saying that "you can't fix stupid" well that is not exactly true. Stupid has a fix however it almost every instance it is fatal. So remember to ride smart and watch out for the other motorist because he or she is most likely not watching out for you.

Dave Hunter



Safety Officer  
*Tony Jamie*

The month of May is generally considered the beginning of "Riding Season" across the country. It's also been deemed Motorcycle Awareness Month throughout the U.S., just for that reason. Please, take the extra second to look for motorcycles. We have a hard enough time trying to stay alive avoiding drunk drivers, and old people who can't see a Mack truck, let alone a bike; people talking on phones and amusing themselves with other distractions. Take the extra second. Hang up the phone and drive. Remember what we did before cell phones? Please, it won't kill you, but it could save someone else...especially me.

I have asked Tracy to post a Poem in the newsletter this month, it was wrote by Scott McCool. Scott is the managing editor of Easyriders magazine and President of ABATE Local 13 in Ventura CA..

(Editor's note: The poem is on page 20 & 21)



Secretary/  
Treasurer  
*Paul Liesman*

**4/22/06:** Today was a lunch ride to the Rock Inn, with a side stop at the AV poppy fields. It was cold and blustery as we left Ridgecrest with 12 bikes. We stopped in Mojave and met up with new member Jimmy Melero, who lives in Tehachapi. Then it was on to the poppy fields.

After taking pictures, David Burnworth, George Fields, Wade Tallman, and myself decided to branch off from the group and head to Schooners. After lunch, we made a stop at the shop, then made our way home.

**5/05/06:** Dave Hunter, Steve Wainscott, Dennis Linck, myself, and a couple of Dennis's friends on Honda's rode to the Whitewater Cafe in Kernville for breakfast. Dave got stung by a bee on his neck as we were riding the backside of the lake, but it didn't swell up, so all was well.

**5/07/06:** Dave Hunter and I rode to the AV chapter meeting in Lancaster. After a stop at the shop, we had lunch at Famous Dave's BBQ.

**5/20/06: Breakfast ride to Shatterfield's in Tehachapi.** We had a decent turnout with 7 bikes, 11 people, with 1 new member who gave me his paperwork before we left, **Jeff Thompson**. We left RC around 8 AM, rode into Mojave, and took the back roads behind the wind generators into Tehachapi. After putting fuel into ourselves and our bikes, we rode the back road into Keene, jumped onto the 58, got off at the Caliente exit, then rode the back way into Bodfish & Lake Isabella, where we stopped for refreshments and restroom break. What a beautiful day for a ride, not too hot, not too cold.

**Ridgecrest Activity Group  
Antelope Valley Chapter Meeting Minutes  
08 April 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 0904 hours by Director Stan Austin at Charlie's (Carriage Inn) in Ridgecrest.

**Director** Stan Austin –

Announced blessing of the bikes today @ 1000, Calvary Chapel.  
Reminded members to get their H.O.G. membership cards punched  
Announced that flyers were available for several upcoming events.

**Secretary/Treasurer** Paul Liesman –

New membership forms are available.  
New roster available soon.  
Informed members of chapter bank account balance.

**Asst. Director** Dave Hunter –

Nothing this month.

**Activities Officer** George Fields – Breakfast ride on April 15 to Stovepipe Wells, leave Eastridge Market @ 0800

Lunch ride to the Rock Inn on April 22, leave Jack N Box @ 0900  
May 13 is the LOH poker run

**Editor** Tracy Ackeret –

Newsletter is available.  
Would like new pictures of members.

**Safety Officer** Tony Jaime-

Absent.

**Road Captain** Rex Walraven –

Absent.

**LOH** Chris Hunter –

Last day to vote for charities.

**Photographer** Dwight Furnish – Let him know if you would like a new picture for newsletter.

**Historian** Ann Haber – Absent.

**Webmaster** Don McCauley -

Web site up to date.

**New Business:**

None.

**Member/Guest Comments:**

Billee Burchett discussed plans for Bland's birthday on April 30.  
Josh Wilkerson announced rooms a were still available for June 2-4.

**Old Business:**

Reminder – Next board meeting is Fri. 12 May at location TBD. Next general meeting will be on Sat. 13 May at 0900 hours at Charlie's in the Carriage Inn.

Meeting was adjourned at 0940 hours (09:40 am).

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Road Capt. Coor.  
*Rex Walraven*

It's June and the riding has been GREAT so far this year. I hope you all feel the same.

I want to thank Judy Gerard for all the tremendous work she did to support Rip's B.A.D. Ride that we will be going to tomorrow, June 11<sup>th</sup>. (The VIP party is actually tonight.) She put together a great gig at the High School and I think the kids got a good impression of bikers and motorcycles and were able to contribute to the fight against diabetes too.

Dinners, breakfasts, meetings, rallies. We are always riding here with our group. Which means we all need to keep up with the maintenance on the bikes and stay fresh on the rules of riding, in a group or by yourselves. In the group you need to remember to stay with the least common denominator. The group travels at the comfort of the whole group. I know I power through the twisties, and then wait to get everyone caught up. But then when all can stay together, I will slow it down until another 'fun' section comes up. Come on, I ride a bagger, I am not going that fast through there. And a reminder, I still feel the hardest spot to ride in a group is second from last, because they are the one riding their mirrors the whole time.

Anyone interested in becoming a road captain? Just let me know and we can discuss the details and qualifications.

For those going to Thunder on the Lot, I hope you enjoy the adventure, remember there are lots of people that are not watching for you there. It sure looks like Ron has put together a GREAT rally. Enjoy! Ride Hard, Ride Safe, Ride Often. RIDE!!!



Editor  
*Tracy Ackeret*

Hello again, I hope that everyone is enjoying the nice weather. It has been a cold wet winter that lasted way to long in my opinion. However, the nice weather has finally gotten here. Debbie and I have not gotten to take many long trips on our bikes, but now that it is nice, I am sure that we will be taking a long one very soon.

Debbie and I did get to go over to Santa Maria the weekend of May 19; they were having the All American Motorcycle Madness. We have been over to it a couple of times but did not go last year, I do not remember why, probably something else going on but we missed it last year. As usual for these smaller rallies, there were the usual displays of nice bikes and vendors as well as the obligatory food booths for one to get fat on. There was also an interesting booth set up, it was the Hells Angles selling t-shirts and such and it reminded me of a book I read recently. The book is "Under and Alone" by William Queen. It is the true story of an ATF agent that goes deep undercover to infiltrate the Mongols motorcycle gang. Before I read this book, I was blissfully ignorant of the ways of the outlaw motorcycle gang or 1%er as they are called. Seeing the Hells Angles in Santa Maria brought this book to mind again and as Debbie said sometimes its nice to be ignorant. This book tells just what it takes to "patch in" and what the colors of the various gangs really mean to them. If anyone gets the chance to read this book I recommend it very much, it will give you a new insight to the motorcycle gangs and what they are about.

Well with that I will bring this column to an end and hope that everyone has a wonderful summer full of riding and enjoying.

Tracy (Silk)



Membership/PAO  
*Wade Tallman*

If you attended the last meeting, you heard me mention we are pushing membership in our club. There are only a few ways to do it, but the most effective way is for each of the members to push the club and its activities. I know there are lots of HD owners and riders in town that are not part of the group. We need to target them first.

I created a little flyer and Stan is having some printed up. At the next meeting, we are going to pass them out. Please take a couple each. When you see a Harley parked somewhere, and you don't recognize it, put a flyer on it.

I'm also working on a couple of radio pitches to play a couple days prior to our meeting. There is a strong push to create our own club once we get a shop here...That should be our ultimate goal: to be our own club and not an activity group.

We all need to part of the recruiting, so let's get out and recruit some new members...maybe I can talk Stan into a prize for most memberships brought in over a 6 or 12 month period.

On Sunday 28 May, me, Cheryl, Dave and Chris Hunter did a big circle going from R-crest to Beatty, to Gold Point, to Bishop and home. Around 444 miles. For those who have not done that, the road past Gold Point, 266, then 168 down to Big Pine offers a wide variety of riding. After you leave the open plains out of Beatty and Gold Point you hit some smooth winding roads as you start to climb the ridges. Passing the little (pop 5) town of Lida, the road continues and drops down into a valley where you pick up 168. 168 offers two separate passes and a combination of open straights and sections of hair pin windy roads. There was even a small section of single lane road cut out of boulder.

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Ladies of Harley  
*Chris Hunter*

I hope everyone had a good ride for our first open Poker run despite the lack of entertainment at the end. The clubs share of the money from the Poker Run and 50/50 was \$388.00. This will be set aside to fund our Holiday Food Basket program.

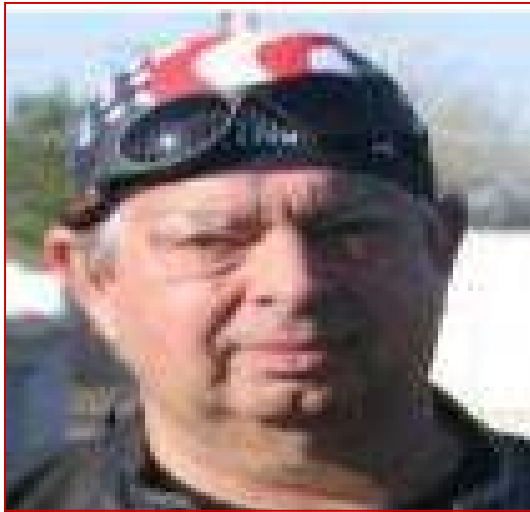
Due to problems beyond our control we discovered that Spring Fest was canceled only two weeks before the run. It was decided to keep the route as is and make the best of what we had. Mr. Lovett apologized for the situation and has invited us back on the 7th of October when October Fest is scheduled. He will have made the necessary changes and there should be no problems with the entertainment or refreshments.

I would like feedback from the club members on the possibility of having another open Poker Run this fall and the possibility of different routes. One suggestion is to have the route go through Trona, Panamint Springs, and Olancho. Any other suggestions? Also, do we want to have another "Club Only" Poker Run as part of our Chapter Picnic?

Our two charities for this year are "Operation High Desert Cares" and "Make A Wish Foundation". We will have our car wash on July 8th after our Chapter meeting to raise funds for both charities. Hope to see you all there as last year we had a great time in addition to raising over \$800.00 in about 4 hours.

Well that's all for now. Remember to have fun and ride safe.

Chris Hunter  
LOH



## Ride Input From *Barry Hoyer*

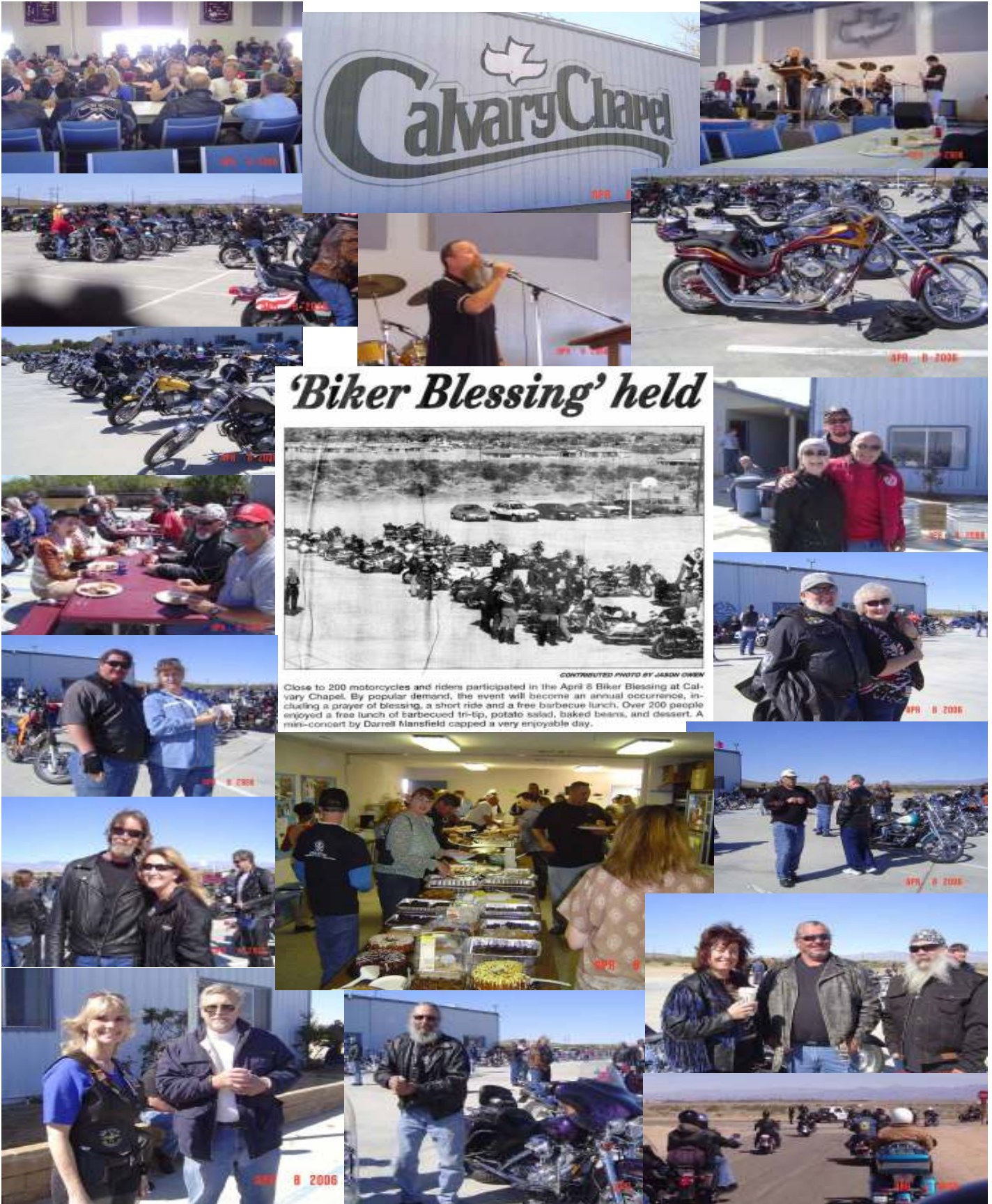
The morning started out pretty uneventful. Yeah, it was a little breezy, but this is the desert you know. Ya gotta love it. We stopped in Mojave to rendezvous with Jimmy Melero who lives in Tehachapi and he was ready to ride in some decent (above 40 degree) weather. We turned off in Mojave to head West on one of the less traveled roads. This road took us past giant wind generators in the Tehachapi Mountains and eventually to the Antelope Valley Poppy Preserve. The poppies put on a dazzling display for us as the pictures will tell.

Some decided that they would rather not chance inclement weather riding to the Rock Inn and instead returned to Lancaster to enjoy some grub at Schooners. The rest of us daring souls ventured on to Lake Hughes and enjoyed some scrumpdilly-itious (my spelling) food. The smoked tri-tip sandwich was enough for two people to enjoy, but since my other half was not there to share it with me I ate the whole thing. Cannot let good food go to waste.

After leaving the Rock Inn we encountered some very slight precipitation. Once we got to the valley floor the conditions changed in our favor and we proceeded on to AV Harley for some after lunch walking around and shopping. From there Jimmy led us to a little place off 90th Street West where they sold homemade salsas. Don and Judy McCauley had just seen this place on Huell Howser's California's Gold program on KCET and thought, "what the heck", we're this close we better go visit it. I'm glad we did. The lady in charge (I think it was the owner's mom) gave us samples of all the different salsas they make there. We all left with quite an assortment of salsas. Hopefully we didn't deplete their inventory too much. It is definitely a place worth visiting again.

From there we headed back to Rosamond and Hwy 14. After topping off the gas tanks in Mojave we made the return trip to Ridgecrest. At least the wind was at our backs now and not quite so miserable. Any ride where you return home in one piece and not too frazzled is a good ride.

# Biker Blessing 06



Judy's BAD pics 06



Ladies of Harley Poker Run 06



Satterfield's 06



*Laughlin River Run 06*





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*Don McCauley*



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*Judy McCauley*



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*Anne Haber*



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*George Fields*



## June Birthdays



Crash Begin



Billee Burchett



Barry Hoyer



Dale Polly



Rex Walraven



Dale Olmsted



John Brandt



Darrell Scholzen



Josh Wilkerson

## July Birthdays



Tony Jaime



Joel Monteton



Tommie Lawrence



Rich Villarreal



Joe Law



Cheryl Tallman



Jimmy Melero



Sandra Moore



Cheryl Polley

I saw you,  
hug your purse closer to you in the grocery store line.

But, you didn't see me,  
put an extra \$10.00 in the collection plate last Sunday.

I saw you,  
pull your child closer when we passed each other on the sidewalk.

But, you didn't see me,  
playing Santa at the local mall.

I saw you,  
change your mind about going into the restaurant.

But, you didn't see me,  
attending a meeting there to raise more money for the hurricane relief.

I saw you,  
roll up your window and shake your head when I drove by.

But, you didn't see me,  
driving behind you when you flicked your cigarette butt out the car  
window.

I saw you,  
frown at me when I smiled at your children.

But, you didn't see me,  
when I took time off from work to run toys and food to the homeless.

I saw you,  
stare at my long hair.

But, you didn't see me,  
and my friends cut 10 inches off for Locks of Love.

I saw you,  
roll your eyes at our leather coats and gloves.

But, you didn't see me,  
and my brothers donate our old coats and gloves to those that had  
none.

I saw you,  
look in fright at my tattoos.

But, you didn't see me,  
cry as my children were born and have their name written over  
my heart.

I saw you,  
change lanes while rushing off to go somewhere.

But, you didn't see me,  
going home to be with my family.

I saw you,  
complain about how loud and noisy our bikes can be.

But, you didn't see me,  
when you were changing the CD and drifted into my lane.

I saw you,  
yelling at your kids in the car.

But, you didn't see me,  
pat my child's hands, knowing she was safe behind me.

I saw you,  
reading the newspaper or map as you drove down the road.

But, you didn't see me,  
squeeze my wife's leg when she told me to take the next turn.

I saw you,  
race down the road in the rain.

But, you didn't see me,  
get soaked to the skin so my kid could have the car to go on a  
date.

I saw you,  
run the yellow light just to save a few minutes of time.

But, you didn't see me,  
trying to turn right.

I saw you,  
cut me off because you needed to be in the lane I was in.

But, you didn't see me,  
leave the road.

I saw you,  
waiting impatiently for my friends to pass.

But, you didn't see me.  
I wasn't there.

I saw you,  
go home to your family.

But, you didn't see me.  
Because, I died that day you cut me off.

I was just a biker,.....

A person with friends and a family.

**BUT, YOU DIDN'T SEE ME!**

By Scott McCool  
(Posted by request of Tony, your Safety Officer)

**Ridgecrest Activity Group  
Antelope Valley Chapter Meeting Minutes  
13 May 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 0910 hours by Director Stan Austin at Charlie's (Carriage Inn) in Ridgecrest.

**Director** Stan Austin –

Dwight Furnish wants to step down as Photographer. Asked for a volunteer.

Judy McCauley stepped up to the plate and will succeed Dwight.

**Secretary/Treasurer** Paul Liesman –

Absent

**Asst. Director** Dave Hunter –

R.A.G. member Crash Begin is at Beverly Manor, room 107.

**Activities Officer** George Fields – Absent

**Editor** Tracy Ackeret –

Nothing new this month.

**Safety Officer** Tony Jaime-

Absent.

**Road Captain** Rex Walraven –

Absent.

**LOH** Chris Hunter –

A basket was sent to Crash from the club. The LOH poker run is after the meeting.

**Photographer** Dwight Furnish – Would like to step down.

**Historian** Ann Haber – Needs photos for this years album.

**Webmaster** Don McCauley -

The company that owns the web hosting site was hacked.

**PAO** Wade Tallman - Will place ads in the Swapsheet and on local radio stations announcing meetings, events, etc.

Will have a flyer created describing the R.A.G., what we do as a club, meetings, etc.

**New Business:**

None.

**Member/Guest Comments:**

Judy Gerard talked about BHS sponsoring her in this years B.A.D. ride. Would like to have as many bikes as possible on May 22 show up at the high school at 11:40 so the kids can see that bikers do more than just ride cool wheels.

**Old Business:**

Reminder – Next board meeting is Fri. 09 June at location TBD. Next general meeting will be on Sat. 10 June at 0900 hours at Charlie's in the Carriage Inn.

Meeting was adjourned at 0945 hours (09:45 am).

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The scenery changed often going from the desert plains to forest area. In the 444 miles, we went from 5 feet elevation out side Death Valley over 3 or 4 passes going all the way up to 7200 feet. It really was a great ride with the weather beautiful, especially following Saturdays wind and cold.

Our brief stop in Gold Point for their Memorial Day celebration was timely. We got there just before the flag ceremony. All the people there pulled out 4 or 5 different sized flags and held them. Then they lowered the flag over the courthouse, and raised a flag from the funeral of a long time vet that lived at Gold Point. The owner of the town swore to his relatives he would raise the flag over Gold Point ever Memorial Day. Lots Vets in attendance. For those that went to Gold Point in Feb as part of the Cabin Fever Run, there was a major change in the town. ie. there were people there other than US. I've attached a couple of pictures from the ceremony. I'm not Don and Judy, so just go with them....



# June 2006

## Monthly Planner

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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.hdoflancaster.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](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/>

## **Lancaster HD Store Hours**

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