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March Meeting
Saturday
March 12, 2011
09:00AM

April Meeting
Saturday
April 9, 2011
09:00AM

**Meetings Held at
Charlie's in Ridgecrest**

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Harley Owners Group

Scooter's Annual New Years Ride



**Members from the RAG HOG
and Other Riders from the
Ridgecrest Area starting out the
New Year right on a Bike Ride**

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Tracy Akeret
*Ramblings from
Silk*

Greetings once again,

Well the nice riding weather is almost here. I for one am ready for it. I have been riding my bike most of the winter; however it's not been as much fun as when it's warmer out. In the winter I have had to bundle up in leather and heavy gloves. I am looking forward to when I can just put on my bright orange light jacket and go for a ride. I want everyone to remember to check over your bike very good. Whether you have been riding all winter or park your bike for the cold weather you need to get out and check over your bike really good to make sure that it's all in good working order. And a perfect time to do that is by giving your bike a thorough cleaning. By cleaning the bike from top to bottom you get to look at and touch all the nuts and bolts to make sure that there is nothing that is loose. So get out there and clean your bike, besides it always looks better when all the chrome is polished up nice a pretty.

We have quite a few really good rides coming up in the near and not so near future. But this is a good time to start looking at the upcoming rides and decide which ones you want to go on. This month after the meeting we have a ride to Furnace Creek in Death Valley. Then the following weekend we have Wade's Ordinance Day. This sounds like it will be a good time. You don't have to have any firearms to come out and join the fun. There will be others that have brought out theirs for others to try. So plan to come out and join us. I plan on having a couple of my black powder hand guns out there so if nothing else you can come out and see me make some smoke because they do that if nothing else.

Next month we have the biker blessing after the April meeting. We will make the meeting short so anyone that wants to go to the blessing can get there. I have issued a challenge to the AV group to bring as many of their members up as they can and we will try to take a larger percentage down to their meeting the week prior to ours. So I would like to ask everyone to try to make the April AV meeting which is on the 3rd. Let's try to outdo our fellow AV members again this year. Later on in the month Wade is once again leading his trip to San Diego. This is always a good time. I think he has most of the people who are going identified but if you want to go and have not let Wade know, now is the time to do so.

So as you can see we have a busy couple months coming up. So get out your chrome polish and look over your bike then plan on coming out and joining us for some wonderful riding.

Take Care and Ride Safe
Silk



Mike Moore
Where's the Meat?

Hi everyone,

This month I want to write about our lunch ride to Emma Jean's after last month's meeting. First of all the weather couldn't have been better and we had an outstanding turnout with 17 bikes and 22 riders go on the ride. We would have had 18 and 24 but Don and Judy had a little shifter problem and had to turn around at the highway. We had a great mix of riders from veteran (as opposed to old) members with some new members and a guest who just wanted to check the group out and see what we're all about. I think we showed him that we're a group that loves to ride and have fun, and of course eat! We had such a large group that we split into two groups with me leading and Judy Gerard sweeping the first group and Hal Bennett leading and Tracy sweeping the second group.

After a nice uneventful ride down 395 we arrived at Emma Jean's diner in Victorville. After dismounting we could see that Bland's warning of this place being tiny held true, and it was packed! OK, we're going to have to eat in shifts, so we relaxed outside and had some good conversation and just a little trash talk between buddies, namely Hal and myself. Slowly one small group at a time we all got in to eat, and it sure was worth the wait. The food was outstanding especially the "Slap your Momma" burger. I had heard about this burger and figured you really haven't lived until you've eaten a burger with a name like that, so I ordered it. This thing came out and I almost had second thoughts, almost. Between two pieces of parmesan cheese toast they stuffed a hamburger patty, a bunch of roast beef, tomato, onion, pickles, hot peppers, lettuce, salsa, some sort of sauce and two kitchen sinks! My first thought was UMPH! But after a few wide eyed looks and some "are you going to eat that" from the group I figured the gauntlet had been thrown down. So, I'm goin in, I came, I saw, I conquered, every last bite! I do have to admit I couldn't finish all of the fries that came with it.

I really want to thank the owners, they close at 12:30 and we didn't arrive until 12:15 and they stayed open to accommodate us, what truly nice people they are! And they ended up with one of our group coins courtesy of Tracy. So if you're ever in Victorville and get hungry stop by Emma Jean's, they deserve our repeat business and you won't be disappointed. After lunch a couple folks headed home while the rest of us rode to Victorville HD where we dropped some coin before heading home via Silver Lakes. I also want to thank our man Stan for risking life and limb to stand in the middle of the highway and take some cool video of the groups as they rode by.

Life is too short not to ride,
Mike



**Activities Director
Stan Austin**

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

It is time again to say a few words to the HOG Press. The big news is the weatherman was wrong again with the prediction of rain and snow for Ridgecrest. So he chased everyone but four people off the Cabin Fever Run. I was on my way home via Death Valley and spotted the three bikes and four brave souls having wine and snacks at Stovepipe Wells. It was just 70 degrees there and only a light puff of wind. Overall it was a very nice ride. The reports I heard were they had a blast. More things coming soon so be ready to ride. The weather is getting better and we need to get the bikes ready to roll. The after meeting ride for the 12th of March is Furnace Creek, Death Valley. Then we will have another cruise in at Starbucks on the 25th at 6PM. In April after the meeting is the Biker Blessing. The Wine and Roses Ride is the 15th to the 17th in Las Vegas at the Silverton Hotel. We will try our first cruise night to Lancaster on the 22nd, meeting at the Jack "n" Box at 4:45 and departing at 5PM. On Saturday the 23 of April is the Hutchins' HD Ride. As you can see we have a lot coming up so please keep an eye on the web site and Facebook for the dates and times. As always ride safe and keep the rubber down with your head up.



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

Here are some little tips that you should always keep in the back of your mind.....

1. Assume you're invisible.

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

2. Be considerate.

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

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

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

Also remember to think about your bike before rides.

Remember T-CLOCK as a great Pre-ride.

T - Tires & Wheels

C - Controls

L - Lights & Electrics

O - Oil

C - Chassis

K - Kickstand

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

S~JR.

760-793-0998



Judy Gerard
Schoolmarm
LOH

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

My, my time flies when you're having fun (or when you've forgotten to submit your article for two months!) I hope all of you have had a chance to join in on a ride or two to help your winter blues fly faster into spring greens. It does help to polish up the bike and show off all the new chrome (or red) you've been installing on your baby over the winter. After all, we're only in this game to outdo one another...I mean to help and support one another.

Speaking of which, sometime we make premature judgments about riding on a particular ride only if a friend has convinced us to go along. But, take a chance and go along with the gang, even if you know not a single sole on the ride. I offer you my personal guarantee, you'll have plenty of new friends to ride with by the time you reach the "first" chow stop. If there is one thing the RAG family has plenty of, it's ENTHUSIASM. They always have something positive to say or a joke to share. If you're feeling poorly, we'll cheer you up. If you're feeling just a bit too fluffy with your bad self, well, someone will have a joke or two to put you in your place, right Stan! And just for fun, there's always a sweet little ole' goody bag put together just for you by that dear, do-no-harm Schoolmarm, who would never hurt a fly...just a little something to welcome you to the group. Now don't you go listening to those ole' codgers who say, "Be afraid, be very afraid!!!" They do not know from whence they speak, well except maybe Bobby. But don't forget...YOU GOTTA RIDE, BABY, YOU GOTTA RIDE!!!



Barb Austin
Secretary/PAO

Did you hear or see our ads?

March is the last month to renew your RAG HOG membership for only \$20.00. After the March meeting, the renewal fee will be an additional \$5.00. Please come to the meeting to renew, or call me to make arrangements to pay your dues and complete a new membership form. I will have forms at the meeting.

Date: 1/8/2011

Meeting Called to Order by Tracy Ackeret at 0900

Director, Tracy Ackeret: Tracy thanked the out-going board members for their support (Paul Liesman Assistant Director, Tom Secretary/Membership, and Tommie Lawrence LOH). He also thanked Don and Judy McCauley for hosting the January board meeting. Tracy introduced our guest Stella Raymond, who after the meeting became our new member. He also introduced Yvette Bennett, who also has become a member. Tracy stated we have a new member from Bishop, who sent her membership form to Lancaster Harley, to be forwarded to our group. Her name is Christian Ray and we all look forward to meeting her. Tracy announced we still have patches and coins if anyone wants/needs any. Tracy also stated we wanted to get road captain rockers. Tracy announced the miles contest for this year with the reward being a most miles patch, so please send Tracy your current mileage. Remember to send ride pictures from Recover our Cub Ride, or any ride to Don. AV is planning a ride on 29 Jan to the Rattlers. We are planning a lunch ride to Peggy Sue's on 22 January. Tracy reminded everyone to please download the ride forms from the web-site, complete them, and send completed forms plus a few pictures for the yearbook to Crystal. Tracy encouraged everyone to get out and ride and to join in on as many rides as possible. He stated we averaged 12 bikes per ride last year – it was a good year!

Asst Director, Mike Moore: Mike and Randy are planning to have a road captain meeting soon. They will put together a list of current road captains and will invite anyone wishing to be a road captain to contact one of them and/or attend the meeting. Mike suggested road captains should lead one ride a year. He also stated on long trips, the road captain duties could be divided.

Secretary, Membership, PAO, Barb Austin: Barb is taking over secretary/membership duties from Tom and she will continue to do the PAO duties. This is the start of the new year, so we need new membership forms for everyone and the yearly dues. The membership form is on the website or Barb will have forms at each meeting. As of the end of the meeting, we have our 4 honorary members, 3 new members, and 45 members who have rejoined.

Treasurer, Sandra Moore: We ended the year with \$377 carryover. The final report for 2010 has been faxed to AV HOG. Our RAG HOG provided great financial support to our community in 2010.

Activities Director, Stan Austin (senior): Working to fill in the calendar. Working with Randy to set up a Wine & Roses trip to the Silverton Casino in Las Vegas. Please let Stan know of any rides you would like to take. Let the road captain know if there is a ride on the calendar you want to lead.

Road Captain, Mike Moore: Announced Randy Geiger would be taking over as road captain. Randy stated he would be working with Stan to ensure each ride on the calendar would have a road captain. Also, congratulations to Hal Bennett our newest road captain.

Safety Officer, Stan Austin (junior): New riders can take the Motorcycle Safety Class or the Rider's Edge Course to learn the basic techniques of riding. The base does have bikes, and Riders Edge has a few so you can learn before purchasing. On the New Year's Day ride, when a rider had a flat tire, the group handled the situation safely, by only a minimum number of people stopping and the remainder continuing to the destination. Thanks Judy Gerard for bringing up this subject, as it is safer, especially on highway 395, to have as few bikes on the side of the road as necessary.

Web Master, Don McCauley: Website dues are due in February.

Newsletter Editor, Debbie Ackeret: The Jan /Feb 2011 newsletter has been e-mailed, is on the website and Deb has hard copies. If anyone has any issues, or submittals for the next newsletter, please contact Deb.

Photographer, Judy McCauley: Nothing to report.

Historian, Crystal Liesman: Not Present. Crystal needs pictures from the Christmas Party.

LOH, Judy Gerard: Heads up to LOH, the ladies only ride will be in July 2011. Motorcycles and cages welcome. Kim Geiger stated she would help Judy this year with LOH.

Member comments: Wade is planning an ordnance day for those in the group interested in a ride and shoot.

General Meeting Minutes for 2/12/2011

Meeting Called to Order by Tracy Ackeret at 0900

Director, Tracy Ackeret: Tracy mentioned the Beatty ride coming up the weekend of 18 February 2011. Ventura Harley Davidson is having a poker run on 20 March 2011. If you go to Ventura for this event, please let them know where you are from, as they really want to welcome people from many different groups. Las Vegas Harley Davidson is having a "Smokin Ass Chili Cook-off" Saturday, 12 March 2011. The Annual Biker Blessing is 9 April 2011. Tracy has challenged AV on attendance. In return, Tracy would like to challenge our group to have as many people attend the AV HOG meeting on Sunday, 3 April 2011. Depart Jack-in-Box at 0700. Reminder the San Diego ride is the end of April. 28 May 2011, lunch ride to Lee Vining, to the Who Nelly Deli at the Mobile Station. The Yosemite ride will be 24-26 June 2011. Planning to stay at the Best Western in Oakhurst, be get reservations in early, and you will have to call the hotel, as their website is not showing rooms available. Riding through Yosemite is a different experience than traveling through the area in a cage. The same weekend (24-26 June), the AV group is having their Wine Tour to the San Ynez Valley.

Asst Director, Mike Moore: Mike introduced our new members, Amy and Scott Covert, Diane Ghilardi, John Schatz, Jack Steimer, and Stephen Wainscott. He also introduced our guests Kevin Evan, David Viele, Debbie Ross and Judy Weaver. Mike explained one of the programs available to HOG members, the Best Western Rewards Program. You can sign up for the program free by going to the Harley website. Several Best Western hotels are motorcycle friendly, having biker wash stations and special towels. The program offers special deals and discounts.

Secretary, Membership, & PAO, Barb Austin: Please turn in your new membership forms for everyone and the yearly dues. As of the end of the meeting, we have a total of 88 members this year, which includes 6 members who joined this meeting. I have membership forms if anyone needs one, they are also on the website. I have been e-mailing meeting notices to the News Review and the Daily Independent.

Treasurer, Sandra Moore: Balance before the meeting \$1427.00, see the treasurers report for details. Sandra is hosting the RAG HOG Ladies only Spa Evening on 18 March 2011, so if interested, please RSVP by 16 March.

Activities Director, Stan Austin (senior): Please let Stan know of any rides you would like to take. The Chicken Ranch in Pahrump, NV is having a charity poker run. The RAG HOG Facebook page is a great place to look for information. The page has lots of "friends", so if you have not become a friend, and you Facebook, please "friend" us. Stan introduced the president of the local ABATE group. Stan reminded members that HOG was not "political", but was providing the ABATE president an opportunity to meet people after the RAG HOG meeting was over.

Road Captain, Randy Geiger: Not present, but Mike Moore made a few statements for Randy. At the road captains meeting, it was decided we would ride in one group if we have 15 or fewer bikes, more than 15 we would split into groups. This of course could change dependent on the route. Randy is putting together a handout of hand signals. The sweep on a ride is responsible for keeping the group together, assisting with emergent situations, and keeping the lane clear when the group needs to move into another lane, so the responsibility of the person in front of the sweep is to keep watch on the sweep. If anyone in front of the sweep can't or won't keep up with the group, they should wave others, including the sweep around them, so the group can stay with the lead bikes, and the sweep can continue their duties for the main group.

LOH, Judy Gerard: Judy talked about the Ladies only ride/drive to Solvang scheduled for July 2011. The dates were originally 12-14 July, but some ladies would prefer 5-7 July. Please let Judy know which week works best for you.

Safety Officer, Stan Austin (junior): Pay close attention at the corner of China Lake Blvd and Ward as the new traffic light is now operational, but that does not mean everyone will notice. Also the light is not fully functional, so it cycles, not changing on demand yet. Watch for debris on the roadways, not removed after winter storms. Beware we are coming into the spring windy weather. Check over your bike before riding, especially if you have not been riding for a few months. On the Harley Davidson website you can enter your VIN and find out what to expect for your next scheduled service.

Web Master, Don McCauley: Website dues are due the end of February. The monthly calendar is on the website through April 2011, and the annual calendar is on the website. For new members, the website address is <http://www.ridgecresthog.com/>.

Newsletter Editor, Debbie Ackeret: Debbie has AV newsletters. Our newsletter is available via e-mail or the website, but if you are not a computer person, she will get a hard copy to you. If anyone has any issues, or submittals for the next newsletter, please contact Deb.

Photographer, Judy McCauley: Nothing to report.

Historian, Crystal Liesman: The 2010 Yearbook should be ready within the month, thanks to those who have furnished pictures and ride write-up sheets.

Member comments:

Wade Tallman is planning an ordnance day 19 March 2011 for those in the group interested in a ride and shoot. Wade will provide guns, ammo, and some targets, but you can bring your own, a few hundred rounds for each of your own guns. Wade will have some assistance from members of the group experienced with range safety. Wade is putting together the final touches for the San Diego ride 28 April – 1 May 2011. The group will spend Thursday night (28th) at the SPA Casino in Palm Springs before heading on to San Diego on Friday. Saturday will be a tour of the USS Midway, or a local area ride, which ever you prefer. Send Wade an e-mail or call him if you are interested.

Scooter (Mike Prosnieski) spoke about the Biker Blessing on 9 April 2011, encouraging everyone to attend. Scooter stated the church would be supplying the food, but anyone could donate food, such as deserts. Scooter asked if the group could donate for the sodas as we have in years past. Scooter also mentioned he now has a spin balancer and would be stocking some tires, so could provide a service to the group and offer low prices.

Mike Cash mentioned the Ride for the Wall, leaving here on 18 May 2011. There are over 350,000 bikers registered for this event, which will include a ride around the "Mall" area in Washington, D.C.

Rex Walraven stated there would be a poker run sponsored by Ron and the AV Harley shop on 21 May 2011. The ride will be for Bikers Against Diabetes (BAD) and in honor of Rex. There will be a ride start location here in the valley, Rex will provide location and start times. If Rex's bike is not ready, or if he is not ready to ride, Mike and Sarah Palmer have offered to let Rex ride their trike, so he can participate cageless. What a great offer!

Loretta Hoyer has offered to take Avon orders at the meetings and donate her earnings to the group for a fundraiser. She plans to extend this offer for the entire year. Thanks Loretta!



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



**Road Captain
Coordinator
Randy Geiger**
"Mr. I Got Nothing"

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



Sandra Moore
".5"
Treasurer

*The treasurer's report is
provided at the monthly
Chapter meeting and is
available from the Treas-
urer upon request.*

A little something extra besides the Treasurer's report...

To all of the ladies in our group...

Just a reminder that I am having a 'Spa Evening' on the 18th of March at 6:30 pm. It is a chance to get to know the other women in our group. No children please, as this is your time to relax and enjoy pampering yourself while indulging on tea sandwiches, chocolates, berries and assorted refreshments. You can even have your little cakes and eat them too! All of this while listening to soothing music. You can give yourself a facial, dip your hands in a paraffin bath, or soak your feet in mineral salts. I have a nice selection of products. All of this is no cost to you, just bring a soft pair of socks and leave all of your worries at home. My flyer is on the web site and I will have them at the next meeting. It has a little more information plus my address and phone number. I would appreciate it if you could let me know if you will be attending. Set aside that Friday evening for yourself and enjoy a few hours of leisure with the Rag Hog ladies.

*Looking forward to seeing you,
Sandra Moore
Treasurer and 'Spa Evening' Host*



*The Rag Hog Ladies are Invited to
Relax and Enjoy a Spa Evening on
March 18, 2011 at 6:30 pm*

*Give yourself a facial -
Dip your hands in a paraffin bath -
Get your hands massaged -
Soak your feet in mineral salts*

*Karen Bebee
from Cindy & Co.
will be here to help pamper you!*

*Hosted by Sandra Moore at 820 W. Charles Ct.
Please RSVP by March 16th at 760-375-6989
Products will be provided, however if you have a favorite new and
unused lotion, cream or facial item please bring it to share.*

*Enjoy Tea Sandwiches,
Chocolates, Little Cakes,
Assorted Berries and Refreshments
While Listening to Soothing Music*

*This is a fun evening with no cost to you.
Please bring a soft pair of socks.*

Please - No Children

RAG HOG ORDNANCE DAY

(aka Let's blow some stuff up)

When: Sat 19 Mar

Time: set up approx 7:30 ish, start shooting around 08:30 ish, stop when tired or out of ammo

Where: Go out Brown Road to Wilnich Rd (where gun club is), go .5 miles and turn LEFT on dirt road, go approx .5 miles and you'll see us. (see hand map below)

Who's invited: HOG members, HOG family members, Friends of HOG family members (get the drift...anyone who wants to come)

What do you need to bring? Any guns (and some ammo) that you want to share with the group to shoot. If you don't have any guns, come and you'll get a chance to shoot all kinds of stuff. That's what this is all about. Got any empty milk cartons? Fill them with water and bring a few. Got an extra watermelon or cantaloupe sitting around? Bring them, they are cool to blow up. (if you have a folding table, could use a couple) Suggest a chair to sit in and ear plugs if you have them. (I've got a few)

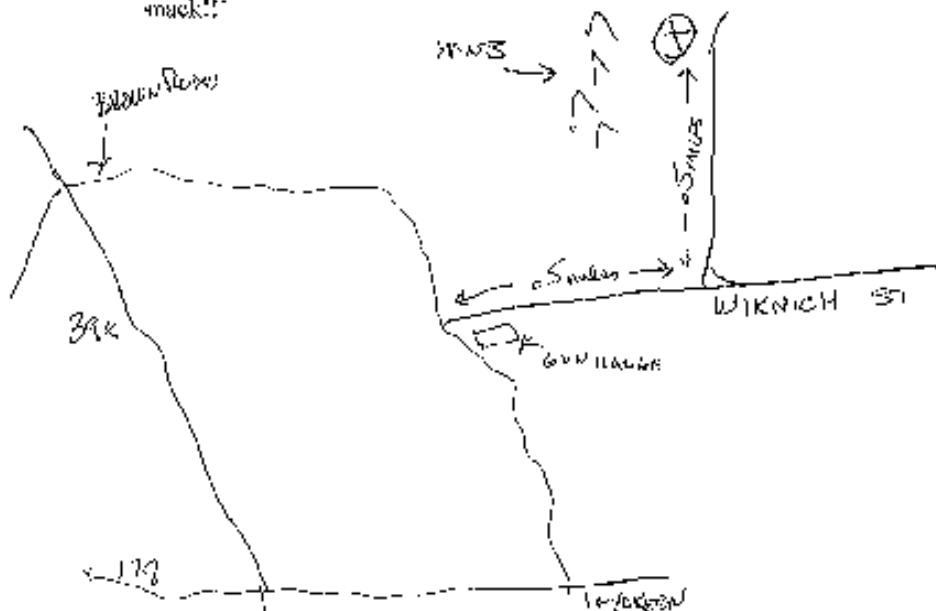
We will have shotgun, pistol and rifle areas. We'll have knowledgeable individuals to show you basics and ensure GOOD GUN SAFETY.

Guns so far: 22 long rifle/pistol, 38 special, 9MM, 40 cal. 12 gauge, 8MM, 7.56, 30-06 and the list grows!!

This will be a "clean shoot" where we will clean up our brass and target residue. Please bring a rake and shovel, if you can. I'll have a bunch of trash bags.

Would like to get a rough count of who is coming w/ and w/o guns...send email to Wade at stank22@aol.com.

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!!!! I'll have lemonade and water, you might want to pack a lunch or snack!!



Event Info - Ventura HOG

The Ventura HOG Chapter is planning a big event and asks/invites you to list it on your activities calendar.

Our 8th annual St. Patrick's Poker Run is scheduled for Sunday, March 20, 2011 to benefit the Ventura Sheriff's K9 Foundation and Food Share. As before, it will include a great ride around the area, a catered lunch, pins, live music, vendors, 50/50 and terrific prizes, **including a new Genuine motor scooter donated by Ventura Harley-Davidson/Buell.**

Hope to see you there. Registration forms are available for download at www.venturahog.com.

Terry Crawford
SPPR Chair
Ventura HOG Chapter
805 485-1717

Rider's Edge

“Already an experienced rider? We also offer the Rider's Edge Skilled Rider Course. No matter how experienced you are, there's always something to learn. If you're an experienced rider who is serious about becoming a better rider, taking the Skilled Rider's Course is a great way to hone your skills, increase your confidence, and learn new mental skills and street strategies. You'll learn advance techniques of managing traction, stopping quickly, cornering, swerving, and more - all while riding your own motorcycle. The Skilled Rider Course is \$150.00. For more information or to sign up please call at (661)948-5959 and ask for Denyse; or email at ridersedge@antelopevalleyhd.com. More information also available at www.ridersedge.com “



Route 62 Diner/Hutchins H-D

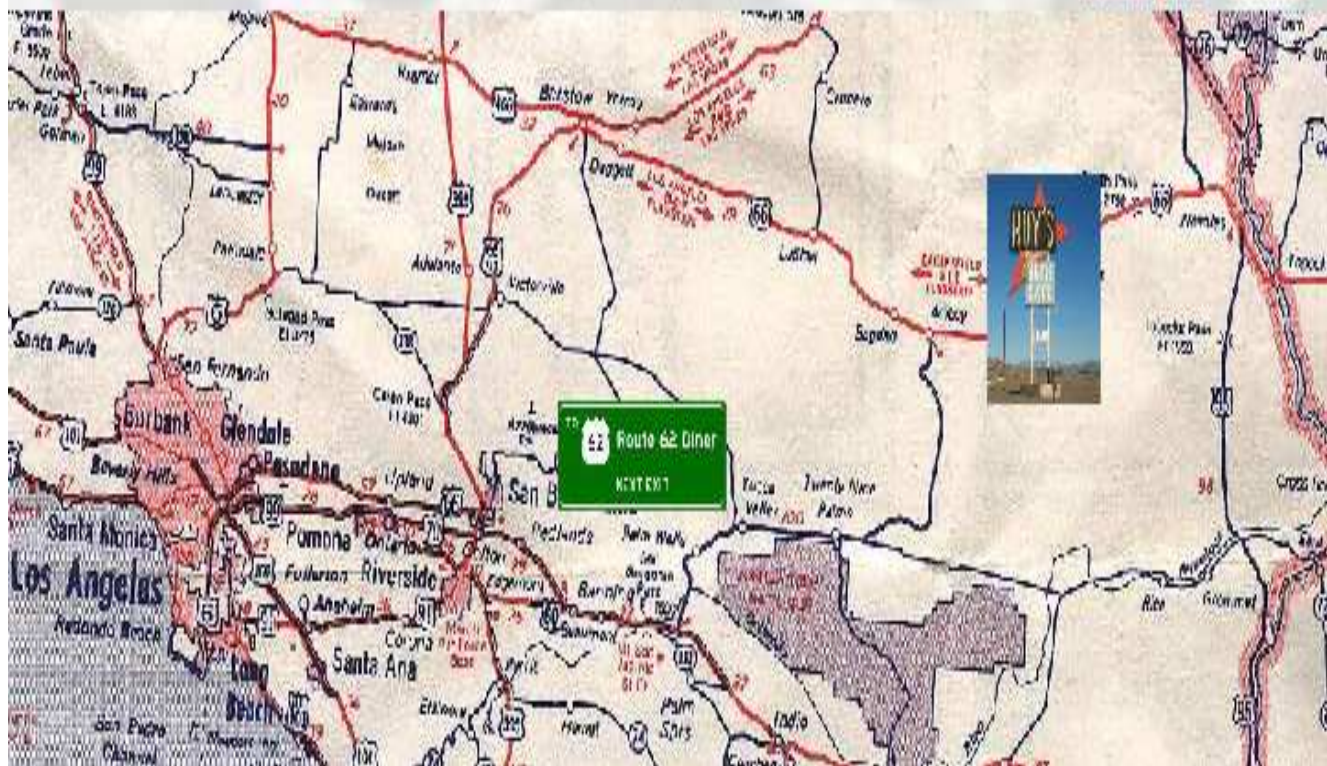
Get your Kicks on Route 66

Date: 23 April 2011

Meet at JITB @ 0830

Depart promptly @ 0900

***Note:
Ride Length is ~400 Miles**



RAG HOG San Diego Trip Hotel and “master plan”

Who I have going at this moment (9):

Wade/Cheryl Tallman; Dwight/Vikki Furnish; Dale/Cheryl Polly; Josh/Deb Wilkerson; Tracy/Deb Ackeret; Mike/Deb Roberts; Lynn/Ken Gentry; Pam/Ken George; Vikki/Paul Patnode;

Here is the latest and greatest info and what you need to do to get rooms. I have blocked rooms in Palm Springs and Coronado. There are 10 rooms at each. In Palm Springs, if more than one bike falls out (rooms below 8) then the price of the room will go back to its normal amount...in order to get block rate I had to do 10 rooms and if less than 80% go, we loose the price...

Please let me know when you have made reservations!!!

Palm Springs. Spa Resort Casino (downtown Palm Springs). Call either 800-854-1279 (toll free reservations) or directly to Angela at 760-778-1522 to make the reservation. Use group name “RAG HOG”

Date of Stay: Thu 28 Apr 11

Cut off date to make reservation: 4/7/11

Cancellation policy: 72 hrs prior.

Price: Group \$115 plus all taxes and crap \$142. Non group is like \$145 plus all the crap

Coronado, CA. El Cordova Hotel (across the street from Hotel Del Coronado). Call 800-229-2032 or 619-435-131 also “RAG HOG”

Date of stay: Fri/Sat 29/30 Apr 11

Cut off date for group: 1 April

Cancellation Policy: (I believe) its also 72 hrs

Price: 3 rooms at \$99 and 7 rooms at \$151 (first come first serve on the \$99 they are basic room).

Tentative Schedule:

Thu

RAG folks Depart approx 1600 on Thu 28th (earlier if all parties can do it)

AV TBD, can go independent to Palm Springs or plan to meet us at 4 corners.

Arrive Palm Springs approx 8PM if depart at 1600. do dinner/roam around town...

Fri:

Depart for SD via back roads going to Julian for Lunch and Pie, follow Sunrise Hwy to I-8 and into Coronado. Arrive approx 4 PM.

Sat:

1 group going to Midway. Approx 10 a.m. to 1 PM, do lunch in “little Italy” approx 1ish. RTB and watch the sunset on Hotel Coronado patio

1 group doing a ride. I will look at a couple of options for them but best is to go ride up to Mt Palomar....or HWY 94 loop (a little bit of rerun from Fri)

Sun:

RTB in a.m. via HWY 15/215 (395 and 138) Lunch somewhere????

Yosemite Ride 24-26 June 2011



A ride to and through Yosemite is scheduled for the weekend of 24-26 June. Please contact the Hotels/Motels below for rooms.



Comfort Inn
(559)683-8282



Oakhurst Lodge
(559)683-4417



America's Best Value
(559)658-5500



Shilo Inn
(559)683-3555



Best Western
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Plan is to ride north on Friday 24 June out of Ridgecrest on 395 to Tioga Pass. Enter the park via Tioga Pass; see what we can from Hwy 120 on Friday. Ride out the south end and stay in Oakhurst. On Saturday, we can tour the Giant Redwoods, visit Glacier Point, and decide where to go from there.

If you have any question, please contact Dennis or Debbie Linck at 760-375-3950 or Tracy or Debbie Ackeret at 760-373-4120

Cabin Fever

Not for the average- run -of- the- mill.

So the Weather Man predicts... Lots of cold driving Rain, 2 feet of Snow over the pass, Ice everywhere. Stay at Home Weather, you know the stuff only a ---- would go out into.

So naturally Friday I wake up early, hardly sleeping at all, the excitement of a Ride that promises to be out of the ordinary, the lure of the Death Defying Challenge, the songs that will be sung around the camp fire by generations to come of the brave, reckless "Riders of the Storm".

08:00 Vikki , my faithful companion, Springs in to action, Lined Levis, long stockings, 5 layers of upper protection, extra Gloves more Gloves ,the afghan, the 12 volt electric blanket... oh yes heated blanket, heavy boots, stocking cap and then just the essentials 2 suitcases 2 carry -on bags and an assortment of survival snacks. Wine, cheese, crackers, pickles, olives, Rum, Wine, cups plates silver ware, Wine. Let's just say The Sidecar is full.

We meet up with all the other bikes at Jack in the Box. We have a Road Captain Meeting and Elect the ever effervescent Billie Burchett our leader I am not fast enough to dodge the bullet so I will Sweep. Kickstands up at 10:00. So far the Rain has not started to fall and spirits are high. Dark clouds threaten the safety of the groupWe put the hammer down to out run the storm and fly through Trona. Devil- may - care, Break- Neck 65 MPH Adrenalin pumping excitement. We push on towards our destination. The Clouds OMG the Clouds are gaining gaining. We clear the downhill into Panamint Valley. So far the road has been clear and no traffic to speak of. We keep the Hammer down and clear into Stove Pipe Wells we out run the Weather on dry roads.

Now when you have a Lead Biker like Billie, Rest Rooms take precedent over the safety of the Group. We take our chances and pull in to the Stove Pipe Wells General store. Vikki covers the table with Snacks; Bland pulls the cork on the first Bottle of Wine. We all rejoice in our good fortune and can only hope the Snow going over the next pass doesn't become the end of our great luck. We brace ourselves with a second bottle of medicinal warmth. Polishing off the Cheese, Crackers and Salami . The group decides to skip the Furnace Creek Inn for lunch and push on to Beatty and the Stage Coach Casino.

Kickstands up,(if you need one) and Billie leads the group towards the unknown conditions that I am sure will be the substance of the campfire songs. The group braces for the final leg of the day and the predicted Snow Storm. I reassure Vikki of my undying love of her and that whatever the outcome of this final stretch of road I hope forgiveness finds its way into her heart for any mishap that causes her to soil herself. Wouldn't you know it, Dry Roads, Clear Blue Sky and we enjoy a very special uneventful ride to the Casino. I am thinking the camp fire songs are going to be short.

The Rain starts falling Friday night at 10:30, around midnight it stops. We are up early Saturday to ride to Gold Point; we dry the bikes off and have a road captain meeting. Today I will lead, Bland will sweep. Without a cloud in the sky we head out for the day. Gold Point is cold and windy, no one is around to open the Bar, so we capture the moment on camera and just as we start the bikes the snow starts to fall. I have to be honest this is like a desert 12 inch rain, you know one drop every 12 inches. Well the storm looks like it is coming fast and so we beat it out of there for Scotty's Castle. We would have a long wait for the tour and decide to return tomorrow for a full day of the Castle. Dry roads, big smiles, we return to the Casino for the night. We meet up with some of the HOG Group who won't be in the camp fire songs, they drive cages over.

Sunday morning the day breaks clear and bright without a cloud in the sky. Billie leads I sweep and you could not ask for nicer weather. The Castle tour guide does an outstanding job both entertaining and informative. We take the tunnel tour which is new this year and once again it is done very well. If you haven't taken these tours you have missed out .They are well worth taking. As we ride back to the Casino for the night the weekend seems to be too short even if we did stretch it into 4 days. Tomorrow we return home.

The camp fire song

"This is our campfire songgggg"

"It doesn't take very longgggg"

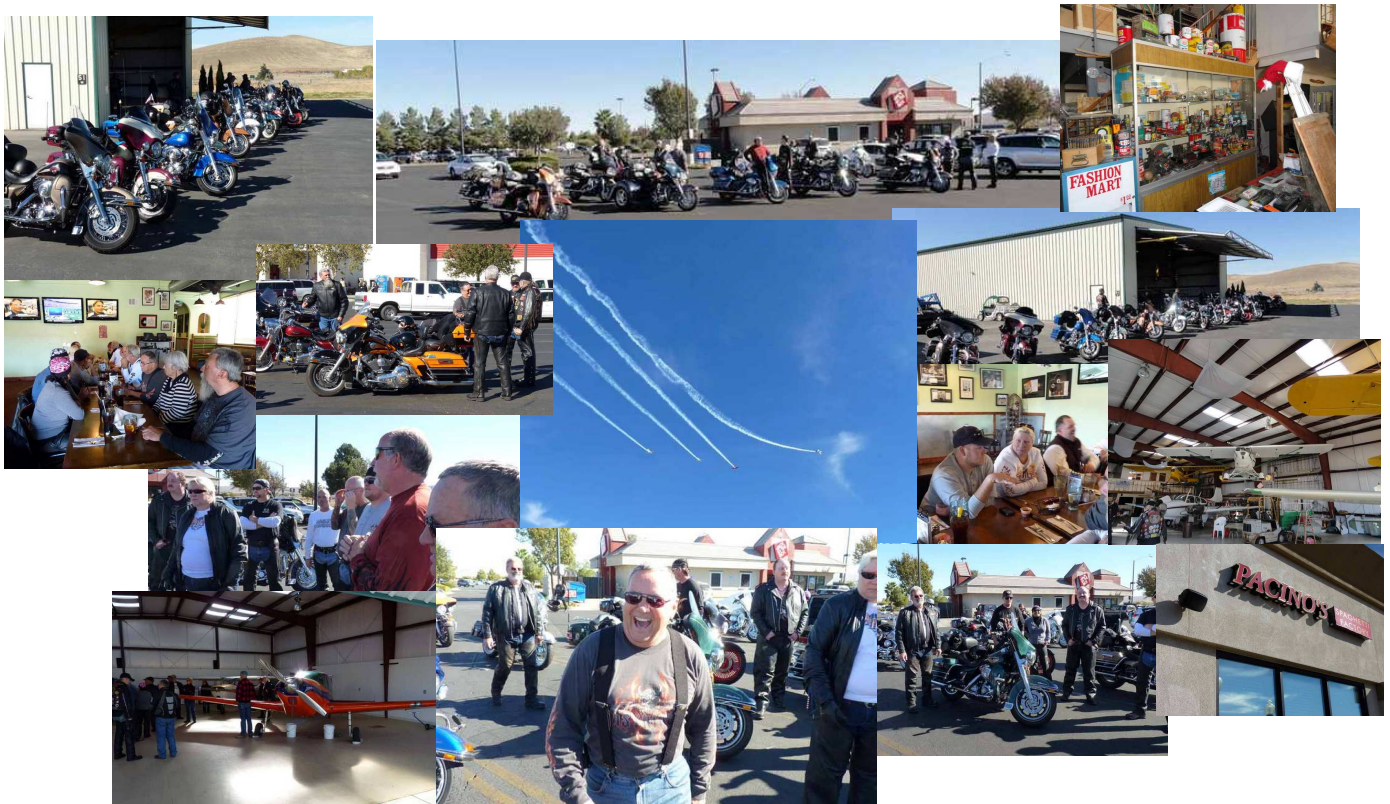
"Happy trails to youuuuuu."

Dwight

Emma Jeans Holland Burger



Recover Your Cub





March Birthdays



Doug Gerard



Judy McCauley



Wynn (Bear) Musser



Doug Smith



Nicole Turbide

April Birthdays



Mel Berry



Bland Burchette



Scott Foisey



Dino Ghilardi



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MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daytona Bike Week, Daytona FL March 4-13 Furnace Creek Inn Hwy 190 Death Valley CA meet Ridgecrest JITB 10:00 Parking Lot Sale & Swap meet March 18-20 @ Dealer Starbucks 927 South China Lake Blvd 18:00 		1	2	3	4 Daytona Bike Week Flex Day NAWS	5
6 AV HOG Meeting	7	8	9	10	11 RAG HOG Board Meeting TBD	12 RAG HOG Meeting After meeting ride to Furnace Creek Inn RV Billiard Night
13 Daylight Savings time starts 2 am	14	15	16 St Patrick's Day	17	18 Parking lot Sale & Swap Meet Flex Day NAWS	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Cruise in Starbucks	26
27	28	29	30	31		



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APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biker Blessing Calvary Chapel 210 East Springer Ave 10:00 Wine & Roses Run to Silverton Hotel Las Vegas NV Apr 15-17. Contact Stan Austin at safety_stan@yahoo.com Cruise night Ride to Lancaster meet JITB 16:45 Hutchens HD & Route 62 Diner 58325 29 Palm Hwy Yucca Valley CA. Meet at Ridgecrest JITB 09:00 Laughlin River Run, Laughlin NV April 27-May 1 San Diego Run to San Diego CA. Apr 28-May 1. Contact Wade Tallman at stank22@aol.com 					1 Flex Day NAWS	2 RV Riders Poker Run @ Dealer
3 AV HOG Meeting Chapter Challenge with RV HOG	4	5	6	7	8 RAG HOG Board Meeting TBD RV woman's Garage Party	9 RAG HOG Meeting Biker Blessing
10	11	12	13	14	15 Wine & Roses Run Flex Day NAWS	16 Wine & Roses Run RV Poppy Festival
17 Wine & Roses Run RV Poppy Festival	18	19	20	21	22 Cruise night ride to Lancaster Earth Day	23 Hutchens HD & Route 62 Cafe RV Poker Run & Bike Night
24 Easter Sunday	25	26	27 Laughlin River Run	28 San Diego Run	29 San Diego Run Flex Day NAWS	30 San Diego Run

UNIVERSAL MOTORCYCLE HAND SIGNALS



Start your engines



Stop



Go ahead and pass me



Bikers ready



Hazards on the road



Don't pass me



Stop your engines



Turn off your turn signals



Single riding



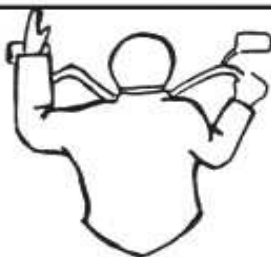
Left turn



Slow down



Staggered riding



Right turn



Speed up



Time for a pit stop

Motorcycle Web Links

Antelope Valley HD

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

AV Hog Website

<http://www.avhog.org>

HD Home Page

http://www.harley-davidson.com/hd_main/hd_home.isp

Motorcycle Safety Foundation

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

Ridgecrest Activity Group

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

HOG Chapters

<http://hogchapters.net>

Maps

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

Harley Owners Group

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

California DOT-Road & Highway Info

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



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Tuesday – Saturday 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Service Hours

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LOOK AHEAD:

***5/7/11 - RAG HOG CAR WASH
FOR CHARITY (0700—1200) RC
BLVD & CL BLVD***

***5/14/11 - RAG HOG MEETING
After Meeting Ride—Bakersfield
HD and Hooters (LOH LED)***

***5/28/11—LUNCH RIDE—WHOA
NELLIE DELI—LEE VINING***

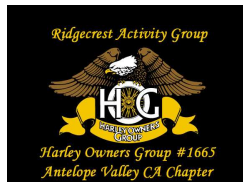
6/4/11—RIPS BAD RIDE

***6/4/11—LUNCH RIDE—NEWCOMBS
RANCH - ANGELES CREST***

***6/11/11 & 6/12/11 THUNDER ON
THE LOT—AV FAIR GROUNDS***

***6/18/11 DINNER RIDE—SEASON'S
LONE PINE***

6/24/11—6/26/11 YOSEMITE RIDE



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