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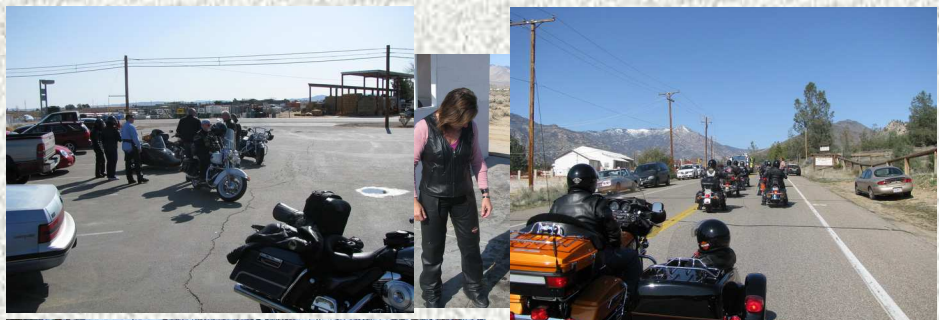
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Saturday  
April 10, 2010  
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Meetings Held at  
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## Whiskey Flats 2010



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**Tracy Akeret**  
*Ramblings from  
Silk*

Greetings again,

I want to welcome everyone. This is my second newsletter article as your Director. I want to say thanks first off to the board for helping me to get going so far this year. With a special thanks to Wade. His help has been much appreciated in getting me going. It has been fun but also a bit more work than I first thought it was going to be, but with the help of all of the board members it has been easier. And I look forward to riding with as many of you as I can this year.

This is going to be a great year for the RAG, we have a wonderful group of people. We have quite a lot of really good rides planned. All in all I am looking forward to a really good year.

We have the Biker Blessing coming up after our meeting in April. I would like to encourage everyone to attend if you can. The Calvary Church puts on a really good spread. In April Wade is leading a ride down to San Diego which sounds like its going to be a great ride. I will not be able to go on that ride but really wish I could. In June Dennis and I are once again going to be leading a ride to Yosemite. For those of you that have not had the pleasure of doing this ride I highly encourage you to try and attend. Yosemite is one of the crown jewels of the National Parks. We always have a great time on these rides and the scenery is spectacular.

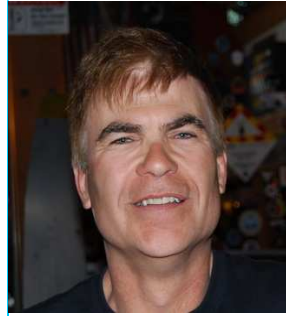
One of the things that's on the long range list of things to do this year is the California State Rally. Paul and I went down to a meeting in Baldwin Park about the rally. This year the State Rally is going to be a touring Rally. The Rally is going to start in Jamestown and wind its way down the state until it ends up in San Diego. More information will be coming soon about it and if at all possible I would like to suggest that anyone who can ride on this later in the year. The Rally is going to start on the 28<sup>th</sup> of September in Jamestown and end on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October in San Diego. From what we were told at the meeting it sounds like it's going to be a good time.

The spring riding season is going to be starting soon and before you take off on that first ride, if you have not been riding this winter, make sure that you give your bike a really good once over. There are lots of things that can go wrong and we don't want anyone getting hurt for lack of a few minutes to make sure that the bike is in good working order.

That's all I have for this time but I want to encourage each and every one to get out there and ride as much as you can and to ride with the group when you can. I look forward to riding with everyone this year.

Ride safe

Silk



**Paul Liesman**  
*Still a Volleyball  
Dad*

Hope everyone has been enjoying the rain here at the end of February.

Not much from me as usual. Tracy & I went to Laidlaw's HD on Feb. 27 for a meeting with Bill Davis of the California state HOG rally. We found out about the rally ride, pre-registration, prizes, challenges, etc. More will be forthcoming.

Hopefully the weather will start to cooperate in March and we can all get some riding in.

Paul



**Sandra Moore**  
*“.5”  
Treasurer*

Hi Everyone,

It's great to be back as your Treasurer. I really enjoy the job and want you to know that I will do my best managing your money. If anybody has any concerns or questions about our account please feel free to contact me anytime. I'm looking forward to another wonderful year in the HOG group and hope you all have a safe and happy year as well.

Thanks,  
Sandra “.5”

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



**Bland Burchett**  
*Bowler Extraordinaire*  
*Spokes*



**Josh Wilkerson**  
*J-Dub*

We started of the New Year with the Cabin Fever Ride 19-21 Feb and it went off with out a hitch. Keys points about group riding & safety were definitely remembered from last year's experience. They were:

- Know your road conditions & directions
- Have a pre-ride safety brief
- Identify new riders
- Discuss trip directions and stops
- Go over Hand Signals
- Anybody remember the "Follow-me" J
- Discuss contingency plans
- Have fun

The Cabin Fever Ride was an excellent beginning to our 2010 riding year and I'm sure the lessons learned from our past mistakes will benefit our future safe group riding.  
Cheers/Spokes

All, 5684 riding miles reported for February and 12597 so far for the year! Thanks to Billie and Bland for putting the 2010 Cabin Fever Run together, I understand a great time was had by all. Please post any pictures or stories from the run or from the Whiskey Flats day trip up on face-book to share with the group until the website is back up and running. Heartfelt warm wishes goes out to our walking wounded Judy G; Judy M; and Ray C. we all hope you feel better soon and get back on the road. Hopefully Bland didn't start a trend for the non-riding injury and temporary disabled list! LOH is putting together another Date Night with a Mystery Destination on the 20<sup>th</sup> of this month so keep your eyes and email open for further details. The March 2010 Calendar is enclosed so print it, put it up on your fridge or shop wall, and pay attention to it so ya don't miss out on all the fun! Wade still has room for more on the San Diego Run next month, if you're interested get hold of Wade directly at [stank22@aol.com](mailto:stank22@aol.com). Here's what's up this week...

- 03/04/2010** **Cruise Night** – 18:00 at Beanster's 1601 Triangle Drive Ridgecrest, CA 93555. Great place to catch up with fellow riders at the end of a work week and plan impromptu pick-up rides for the weekend. The more the merrier!
- 03/07/2010** **AVHOG Chapter Meeting** – 09:00 at the Knights of Columbus 719 W. Avenue M Lancaster, CA. All interested meet at JITB (That's "Jack-in-the-Box" for all of you that just went "Where???" ) Ridgecrest, CA at 07:00. Bikes roll out at 07:15. Keep an eye out for Silk at the Mojave Chevron!
- 03/12/2010** **HORAG Board Meeting** – 18:00 at Deb and Josh's House 141 West Mojave Rose Ave. Ridgecrest, CA. Tri-Tip BBQ is the main event to kick-off the early spring season. Side dishes welcome if you feel the need but not required. Please rsvp to [josh1533@mchsi.com](mailto:josh1533@mchsi.com) so J-Dub can get a head count. Hope to see you there!
- 03/13/2010** **HORAG Chapter Meeting** – 09:00 at Charlie's Pub located in the Carriage Inn 901 North China Lake Blvd. Ridgecrest, CA. Breakfast is available beginning at 08:00 for those with a morning appetite. See ya there!

**House Keeping**

- **Membership Dues – Are due! Nuff said...**
- **Wade's San Diego Run** – This event will occur on 04/15/2010 through 04/18/2010. Please RSVP to Wade at [stank22@aol.com](mailto:stank22@aol.com) .

• **face-book** – Don't forget about the group Face-Book account just for HORAG members to share stories, pictures, feedback, etc. We encourage all members to accept friend requests to the site to keep up to date on events, what's happening with fellow members, un-scheduled pickup rides, and last minute changes in activities. All comments are welcome as long as respectful and considerate of all group members. If you haven't received a "Friend Request" just do a FB Search for People on "Ridgecrest HORAG" and send in a friend request so we can get you confirmed. It's really easy to sign up if you don't have a FB account, fun and easy to use, and a great way to enhance your group experience. Hope to see you soon on the Friend List! Questions on this or any other topic can be sent to [HORAG.Activities@gmail.com](mailto:HORAG.Activities@gmail.com) .

• Please email any suggestion to [HORAG.Activities@gmail.com](mailto:HORAG.Activities@gmail.com) so we know what you want to do in the upcoming year or just have input/ feedback. We're looking for lunch and dinner runs, overnights, day trips, non-riding activities, etc. so be sure to get your ideas in. This is YOUR group and we run based on your input. Have fun, stay involved, and ride safe!  
J-Dub

## Stuck Signal Lights, The Sensible Approach

Everyone that rides a bike has had that being stuck at a red light experience, especially late at night with no other vehicles on the road and the lights actuated signal detector just not registering your presence. I recently came across some good information about actuated stop lights and motorcycles that may come in handy.

First of all, several types of vehicle detectors are in use today in the United States. These include 1) video cameras that detect movement; 2) radar units that detect movement; 3) sonar units that detect distance to an object; 4) magnetic sensors that detect changes in the earth's magnetic field caused by moving metal; and 5) loop detectors which are the most common.

A loop detector is the most popular device used to govern traffic signals, probably accounting for more than 90% of the detectors in use in the United States. These work just like a metal detector. Typically, three or four turns of wire are placed in or below the pavement in a 6'x6' loop. Multiple loops may be installed to extend the detector's coverage area.

Because the sensor is a metal detector, a vehicle's weight doesn't really affect it. It reacts to only the presence of metal. Most of these loop sensors merely serve as an antenna known as a whetstone bridge. When a certain mass of iron interferes with the balance of the circuit, the circuit reacts. If the electrical value of the antenna/bridge changes in any way, the voltage will be changed, triggering a relay to switch the lights. These sensors detect large masses of metal, and a touring bike surely qualifies. A sensor may be out of adjustment, however.

The sensitivity of a loop detector varies due to a number of parameters. It is affected by its front panel sensitivity setting, the number of turns of wire in the loop, the number of loops that are connected to one detector unit and the length of wire connecting the loop(s) to its detector unit. Additionally, a loop can be incorrectly installed right next to concrete rebar, which tends to overwhelm any signal coming from vehicles above. It is also possible to put a loop too far below the surface of the pavement.

While you are sitting there "stuck at the light," one additional thing to remember is that the traffic signal may forget you're there. In the case of motion detectors, the device's memory must be turned on. But with loop detectors, because they detect presence, memory is often turned off. Turning it off prevents the signal from constantly changing for vehicles that have made a right-turn-on-red. However, if your bike goes beyond the detection zone, the device will forget you, and you'll sit and sit.

There are some tips that may help you outwit these witless devices. First, start noticing where they are. Traffic intersections are often grooved so that detector loops can be buried. Grooves may run both perpendicular to and parallel with the direction of travel. If the paving contractor installs the wire loops after paving the road, you may see the saw cracks from loop installation. If you can't see the loop, you can usually presume it is a 6'x6' loop, centered in the lane and probably six to twelve feet behind the stopbar. Thus, if a motorcyclist can't depend on a car to trigger a signal light to change, then the best place to stop for a signal light is probably three feet to the side of the center of the lane, with the front tire about six feet behind the stopbar.

Before you decide to run a red light that's 'stuck,' here are a couple of other ideas you might want to consider (besides checking in your mirror):

**Pass your motorcycle directly over the lines marking the perimeter of the sensor. You may even roll back a couple of feet to help the sensor "see" the bike. Depending on where other traffic is stopped or moving nearby, this may or may not be possible.**

**After sitting through one cycle of the lights, some people put their side stand (or center stand) down -- the idea being that having actual metal touch the road helps.**

**You might position your bike right on top of the "line" cut into the pavement, then hit the kill switch and restart your engine. On a marginally maladjusted sensor, this may create enough of a magnetic field to trip the light. (Another suggestion is to hit your starter button without turning your engine off, as it will have a similar effect.)**

**If you know you must cross a dangerous intersection where this problem often exists and you have not been able to get it fixed by your local officials, consider changing your route or going around an extra block to avoid the intersection.**

**If there is a "pedestrian button", consider getting off the bike and pressing that button.**

If nothing else works, especially for a group of riders committed to a particular course of travel, wait until traffic clears, then run the red light carefully. You may want to wait through more than one full cycle before taking this course of action, to be sure

## Tech-Tips

Hey,

It's starting to become that time of year again, so let's do those pre-ride checks. The bike may have been sitting for awhile, or maybe you have been riding in the winter months. It's time to check the tires, light, brakes, controls, all fluids and make sure the ole girls not leaking. I know you don't want to, but it could cost you more in the long run. If you need any help with proper checks for anything, just look it up in your owner's manual, or just give me a call (760-793-0998). It may also be a good time to change the oil, or even the spark plugs. Also remember with all the fun rides we have planned for this year, you may have a passenger, so make sure you have the proper air in the tires, and shocks for the ride.

## Weather

Remember

Even though winter is coming to a close for us, there are still lots of places that have rain or snow fall so be careful. With the rain and snow fall, there is lots of debris on the roads still so watch out for things in your path. Always plan your ride for all possible weather conditions, take the right gear and remember to check forecasts and road conditions.



**Tom Lystrup**  
*Asleep at the Wheel*

## *Let's Talk MOD'S*

When you get a new Harley it's usually stock, unless you're one of the few lucky enough to afford a Custom Vehicle Operations (CVO) model. There's nothing wrong with a stock bike. Many riders prefer them that way. Others can't wait to start modifying. Harley dealerships love modifiers. They have every conceivable part. If they don't have exactly what you want, there's numerous after market companies with a multitude of parts to scratch your itch. Most modifiers change their stock black parts for the chrome themed ones. So how far do you go? How much is enough? Is there too much? Can you over do your mod craze? Some think so. You can mod your bike until there's barely a hint of Harley remaining. It's all a matter of personal taste.

I'm one that thinks there is somewhere in the middle where enough is enough. I modified the stock seat. Harley seats are usually the first thing to mod. They are plain uncomfortable. I also modified the lights and changed the typical black parts to chrome, added a hydraulic clutch, and changed the engine from 96ci to 103 with a race cam and lower gearing. It's fast. It's also less efficient. So was that a good idea? If you have the bucks and like more torque and horsepower, it's great. Few stock bikes can peg the speedo. I can do it now with my 103. There are not too many places where you can do that legally however. Having a six gallon tank was great, but getting 40 mpg is not so great.

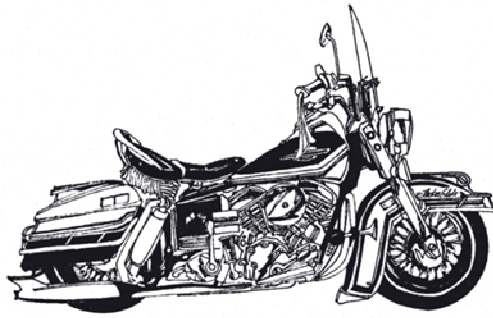
When you think about making mods to your stock bike, something few think about is added weight, balance off-set and shifting the center of gravity. All are things you should keep in mind though. If your mod changes the CG, you could have braking or cornering problems. There are mods to counter those issues as well. So if you're a modifier that doesn't think you can go too far, don't worry too much about changing the balance or CG. It's usually fixable.

One mod I would like to promote is tail light change. Install a Run, Stop, Turn signal light mod. Harley has them for all models. This mod turns your rear signal lights into run and stop lights, by adding a jumper under the seat and red lenses to replace the amber ones. It's an easy mod and makes a big difference in the amount of light from these lights while driving especially at night. Another mod I'd recommend is changing your tail lights and turn signals from incandescent bulbs to Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs). The brightness from these lights is a big improvement. Drivers behind you will definitely see you better. LEDs take less current than incandescent ones, if that's any consolation. The mod is not cheap, but if it might help you avoid a rear end collision, would it be worth it. You bet it would.

So if you're not one of those that love the purely stock look, check out the many catalogues and websites available for modifying your bike and have fun customizing your bike to your hearts content.

Keep your eyes open

Tom Lystrup  
Ridgecrest Activity Group Secretary



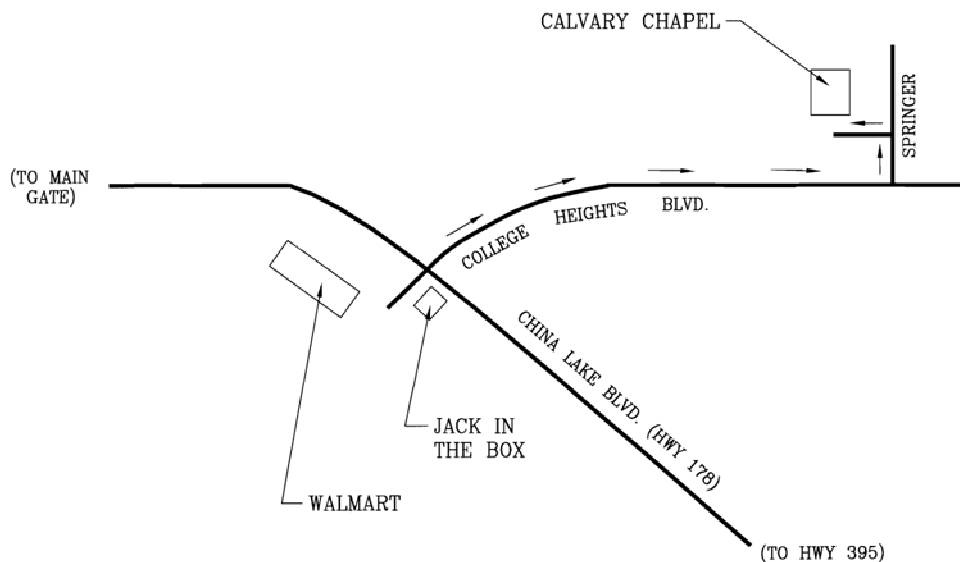
5th Annual  
Ridgecrest Biker Blessing  
Where: Calvary Chapel  
210 E. Springer St.  
Ridgecrest, CA

When: Saturday April 10th, 2010

Times: 10:00 AM - Biker Blessing  
10:45 AM - Biker Blessing Ride  
11:30 AM - Biker Blessing BBQ at Calvary Chapel

Music by: The Steve Riddle Band - Event T-shirts for sale

For info call Scooter (760) 371-2336 - Or Calvary Chapel (760) 375-3133





**Judy Gerard  
&  
Tommie  
Lawrence**  
*Double Trouble*

*No Report this month*



**Dennis Linck**  
PAO

*No Report this month*



**Crystal Liesman**  
*Historian*

*No Report this month*



**Judy McCauley**  
*Show me the bugs in your  
teeth*

*No Report this month*



**Debbie Ackeret**  
*Silks Lady*

*No Report this month*



**Don McCauley**  
*Web Talker*

*No Report this month*



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## *Cabin Fever Feb 2010—Member write up*

The Cabin Fever Run this year made into an adventure by what we ride.

It was 0430 on Friday when I opened my eyes, the wind hadn't started to find its strength yet and Lancaster wanted the Bike there before 0800. Vikki was as excited as a Kid in a candy store, we had the full three days off- in a row- and would be joined by her brother Britt for the ride. The bike had been packed for the weekend trip now for three day. This includes the New 3.5 gallon reserve fuel tank, air compressor and tire repair kit. You never know what is in store for you on the road and getting an early jump on the ride to the Dealership sounded like a good idea. After putting on all 4 layers of clothing Britt, Vikki, and I were ready to get started with the wrestling match. You see riding the Pumpkin with the sidecar requires 20 pounds of pressure on the right handlebar pushing and 20 pounds of pressure on the left handlebar pulling to keep the bike in a straight line. Yea found this out last weekend going over to Whisky Flats. The crown on the road makes the sidecar want to run down hill that being the right side of the road. Turning right is now my favorite direction. We were the first bike at the Dealership and received a warm welcome and invitation to have coffee while they got things started and staff arrived.

We walked down to Crazy Otto's for a great breakfast. Got the first phone call from the dealership "Do you want a set of tires only 2 / 32nd of tread left" OH crap does it need them "no ".Thanks. The second call "We told you 3 hr to do the work but bla bla now its 4 hr". Still OK we can make it to Rhyolite by 1600.

Wine and Cheese with the RAG riders. 1300 well at least the Bike is back together and the 5 degree triple tree mod ( EZ-STEER ) rake kit is on the Pumpkin, looks cool but does it really work like they say?

HOT DAMN... it works... we left Lancaster and I have the BIGGEST SMILE I only have to put one finger on the left handlebar now and turning is sooo much better. Rhyolite here we come. Britt leaves us in Ridgecrest and Vikki and I are finally on the road to Beatty so much for the Wine and Cheese it's close to 1500 and even though I can steer the Pumpkin now it is still under powered and we can't make it in time.

One quick stop in Stovepipe wells and we see three Ural's at the gas station they are factory riders and the Russian sidecars are well used, they tell us that they started out with 4 bikes but one got into a right hand turn too fast lifted the sidecar into the air and then over corrected to bring it back down lost control and went off the road doing end over end flips. The rider was skinned up nothing life threatening but had to be taken to the Hospital, the bike was a total loss. Sobered up and back on the road we have a great ride until some one put Towns Pass in the way. Man was it cold as the sun went down going over the pass at 5000 ft we were glad we had 4 layers of clothing on. Beatty finally, Great Breakfast no lunch Rita's here we come. With no luck at the table and we call it a night. Saturday morning we are up early to dry off the bikes, yea it rained during the night, but it looks promising for the ride to Scotty's Castle.

I get to lead the group and only hope that the Pumpkin can pull the hack at 70mph we are in Nevada now and I find out it is up hill all the way. Billie will ride sweep with Randy and Deb # 9 following the Russian dude and his lady (sorry can't remember their names) then Bland in the truck and trailer. We safely arrive at the Castle after the 60mph ride and see yet another Ural with sidecar in the parking lot ( by the way they really like my Pumpkin and sidecar ) soon it starts to sprinkle. So what, were tough bikers right, wrong we take refuge in Bland's trailer and quickly become the new tourists attraction. Vikki is finally getting the wine and cheese out. Seems like we were getting loud as every car leaving the parking lot stopped to make a comment about the party. (Got to love the attention) With no break in the weather it's time to get back to the Casino and we make great time, downhill all the way WEEEEEE 70mph.

If you missed the party in Blands room back at the Casino you missed my Nursing jokes." you won't hear these at a meeting." Clint, Tommie, Wade and Mike and another rider (who I can't remember his name either) all made it to the casino Saturday and most of the group had dinner together. Sunday morning Randy and Deb # 9 joined Vikki and I for the ride back home. Pretty much uneventful except for the OLD RIDER with a tender bottom who stopped alongside the road stopping traffic I think his initials were WADE.

Dwight



## *Whiskey Flats Feb 2010—Member write up*

Hi All

I took some photos of the ride to Whiskey Flats but my memory card went bad and I lost them. I don't have much to say about the ride other than it was beautiful weather, great company and Whiskey Flats was shoulder to shoulder. It was a fun day.

Take care,  
Randy

## Rider's Edge

Greetings AV H.O.G. and R.A.G Members and Rider's Edge Graduates:

Are you ready to share your PASSION? Are you ready to harness the power of MENTORING? Are you ready to show how contagious your ENTHUSIASM can be? March is Harley-Davidson's National Garage Party Month and there are some great plans in the works (including dinner) just for you at Antelope Valley Harley-Davidson/Buell. We're inviting you to join us for this 'Women Only Garage Party on Saturday, March 20, 2010, from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Whether you're still new to motorcycling and wondering how to find a bike that fits you or a seasoned rider looking for new ways to "Share Your Spark" we'll hit the road together to share milestones and setbacks on our journey! By all means bring a friend with you to join in the fun too (*a passion for riding is the only requirement*). Space is limited so don't wait - please RSVP to reserve your place.

Denyce Evert, Site Manager  
Antelope Valley Harley-Davidson/Buell

Skilled Rider Course offerings

The next scheduled class on Sat., 3/13, is confirmed. However, it may be canceled if we don't have the minimum of 8 registrations.

Thanks for your help in getting the word out about Rider's Edge,

**RAG General Meeting Notes**  
2010

**Date:** January 9,

**Meeting called to Order by:** Tracy

**Time:** 0900

**Director, Tracy Ackeret:** Ron from AV Harley visiting. Visitor Jeff Furnish. Visitor Greg Richards. Carriage Inn booked Dec 18<sup>th</sup> for next Christmas Party. RAG patches available for \$5.00. Thunder on Lot June 13, 14. Cal State HOG Rally Sep 28-Oct 2. Jamestown to Corona.

**Asst Director: Paul Liesman:** Get enrollment forms in.

**Secretary, Tom Lystrup:** currently 47 members. Three new members added: Darrel Kuntz, Paul Bruer, and David Belasco

**Treasurer, Sandra Moore:** nothing to report

**Activities Director, Josh Wilkerson:** Look for new emailed calendar each month. Crazy Otto's ride today. Meet at Jack In Box after group meeting. Cabin Fever ride Feb 19.

**Road Caption Coordinator: Bland Burchett:** Pre-ride checklist coming out soon

**Safety Officer, Stan Austin:** Ride safe. Mentioned Hospital Entry and exit as an area to watch for traffic.

**Web Master, Don McCauley:** Need to change Board members on website. Mentioned Cycle Shades – a group order would save money.

**Newsletter Editor, Debbie Ackeret:** Newsletter for Nov/Dec has been published.

**Photographer, Judy McCauley:** nothing to report

**Historian, Crystal Liesman:** absent

**LOH: Tommy Lawrence, Judy Gerard:** Date night Jan 23. A date will be provided for Rollin if he shows up. Mystery rides being organized. Provide an old picture of yourself and x-rays/MRIs for guessing games. Many gifts were presented to worthy recipients.

**PAO, Dennis Linck:** DI, News Review, advertisements will continue. KSSI – Lizard Listings. Listen for announcements of RAG group meetings

**Member comments:** Wade mentioned that AV Harley will pick up and deliver bikes for service for a nominal charge. Also mentioned San Diego ride planned for March. Email to follow.

The next RAG General meeting will be Feb 14 at Charlies in the Carriage Inn at 0900

**RAG General Meeting Notes**  
13, 2010

**Date:** February

**Meeting called to Order by:** Tracy **Time:** 0900

**Director, Tracy Ackeret:** History on HOG membership. New applications for membership. Website needs to change a little. RAG patches still available for \$5.00. San Diego Ride 14-16 April. Blocks of rooms have been set up but will be closing soon. Contact Wade if you intend to ride. RAG members need to support AV HOG meetings. Next meeting March 7.

**Asst Director, Paul Liesman:** State HOG Rally mentioned.

**Secretary, Tom Lystrup:** currently 57 members. Need to use new forms.

**Treasurer, Sandra Moore:** \$1400 minus expenditures in bank.

**Activities Director, Josh Wilkerson:** absent

**Road Caption Coordinator, Bland Burchett:** Whiskey Flats ride after group meeting. Next week Cabin Fever ride. Bob Haber will act to Whiskey Flats. Mike Moore mentioned to watch for gravel on the road at Walker Pass summit.

**Safety Officer, Stan Austin:** Stan Jr will be the new Safety Officer from now on.

**Web Master, Don McCauley:** Website getting updated. Patch not permitted to be posted.

**Newsletter Editor, Debbie Ackeret:** Newsletter inputs for Feb/Mar newsletter requested.

**Photographer, Judy McCauley:** nothing to report

**Historian, Crystal Liesman:** History book compiled by Crystal. Copies available on DVD.

**LOH: Tommy Lawrence, Judy Gerard:** Date night. Marc Sanders most romantic bike award. Who am I game – Marc Sanders

**PAO, Dennis Linck:**

**Member comments:** Ron discussed membership, Thunder on Lot, Rex announced Bikers Against Diabetes

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March Birthdays



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April Birthdays



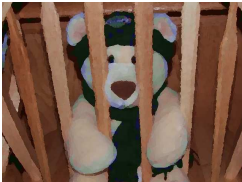
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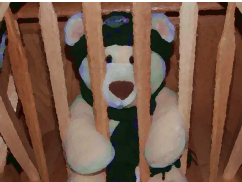
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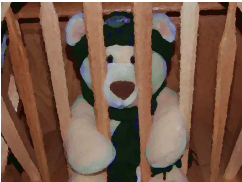
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# UNIVERSAL MOTORCYCLE HAND SIGNALS



**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**



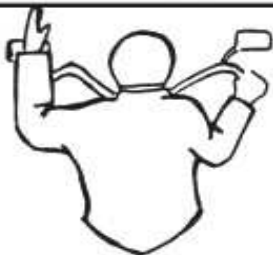
**Left turn**



**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 Website**

<http://www.avhog.org>

**HD Home Page**

[http://www.harley-davidson.com/hd\\_main/hd\\_home.isp](http://www.harley-davidson.com/hd_main/hd_home.isp)

**Motorcycle Safety Foundation**

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

**Ridgecrest Activity Group**

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

**HOG Chapters**

<http://hogchapters.net>

**Maps**

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

**Harley Owners Group**

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

**California DOT-Road & Highway Info**

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



## Antelope Valley Harley-Davidson



### **Store Winter Hours**

**Sunday/Monday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

**Tuesday – Saturday 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM**

### **Service Winter Hours**

**Sunday/Monday – Drop Off Only**

**Tuesday – Saturday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

## *Upcoming Events:*

***Lone Pine Ride***

***March 13,2010***

***LOH Date Ride***

***March 20,2010***

***Biker Blessing***

***April 10, 2010***

***RIP'S AV BAD RIDE***

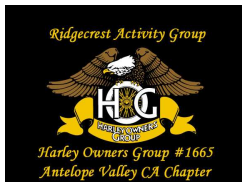
***May 8, 2010***

***Thunder on the Lot***

***June 12-13, 2010***

***CA State HOG Rally***

***September 28—October  
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