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Saturday
June 11, 2011
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Meetings Held at
Charlie's in Ridgecrest

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Harley Owners Group

San Diego Trip April 28—May 1, 2011



We had a combined trip with 5
bikes and 1 cage (9 people)
from Ridgecrest and 4 bikes (6
people) from AV

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Tracy Akeret Ramblings from Silk

Hello once again everyone,

First off I would like to say that we have had quite a few really good rides so far this year. I would like to thank everyone that has stepped up and planned and led a ride. If anyone has an idea for a ride please let one of the board members know about it. You don't have to be a road captain to plan a ride. We have many more rides planned throughout the year but there are always open days that we can add a ride.

Now I would like to switch gears from my normal newsletter input. We have lots of new members and I would like to take the next couple of newsletters to let everyone know what is expected of HOG board members. If anyone, and that means anyone wants to have a position on the board please let me know. We are always looking for new ideas and new people to help out. So with that let me explain how our board works. We have four positions that are classified as Primary Officers. These include the Director, Assistant Director, Treasurer and Secretary. These positions have to be filled to have a chapter. Then we have what are called Secondary Officers. This time I am going to concentrate on the Primary Officers and next time I will go into the Secondary Officers.

The Directors main job is to assume overall responsibility for the administration of the chapter and implementation of HOG policies. What this means is the Director is the driving force to keep the chapter going in a direction that keeps it fun for all members but still safe. He/she works with the sponsoring dealer to make sure that we comply with what mother HOG wants. This position is the only one that is picked by the dealer. The rest of the board is picked by the director in most cases. Some chapters have elections for the rest of the positions but we have never had that many people want to be on the board to warrant elections. It would be nice to get to the point where we have multiple people wanting a position but we have not gotten to that point yet. The director promotes HOG and the chapter to potential and new members, conducts chapter meetings, and ensures that risk management is followed including getting the necessary release forms. So the next time I ask you for a release form for a guest you know why. There are other functions that the Director fills but these are the main ones.

The Assistant Director assists the Director and Sponsoring Dealer as needed, promotes HOG and the chapter to potential and new members. He/she is also the main source of information on HOG programs and benefits. There are many perks that come from being a HOG member and it's the Assistant Directors job to make sure that everyone is aware of these. He/she also helps out new members as needed to make then feels like a part of the chapter from day one. The Assistant Director is also the liaison between the chapter and the State Rally Committee. HOG holds state rally's in each respective state and it's the Assistant Director that works with the committee to make sure that anything runs smooth. For instance last year Paul worked with the committee to get workers for the pancake breakfast at the dealer during the Rally.

The Treasurer manages all chapter funds. This includes member dues, monthly drawing proceeds, charity money and any other monies that the chapter takes in and spends. The Treasurer is responsible for keeping the chapter accounts balanced and issuing checks as needed. The Treasurer reports all financial transactions to members monthly and works with the Sponsoring dealer on the yearly reports that have to be submitted to HOG. The Treasurer also makes sure that all charitable contributions are managed according to HOG guidelines. We give money and such to charities each year and the Treasurer makes sure that we don't do anything that goes against what HOG wants. Basically if it has to do with money the Treasurer will have some function with it.

The last Primary Officer is the Secretary. He/she oversees the administrative needs of the chapter. Like keeping minutes of all meetings, making sure that insurance requirements are met. He/she also keeps a chapter roster so we know who is a member which includes making sure that everyone's national dues are up to date. So next time you are asked when your national expires you know why. He/she enrolls new and returning members, administers the annual chapter member renewal process and maintains the membership forms and release forms for each member. The Secretary has a lot of work to do the first few months of the year so when renewal time come around please be patient with her/him. It's a lot of work keeping all this straight.

So there are what the Primary Officers of the chapter are and a bit about what they do. Next time I will go over the Secondary Officers and what their duties are. So once again if you want to help out on the board please let one of us know and if nothing else we can get you helping out so that next year if you want to have one of the positions you will know what's involved and what you can expect. Like I said we are always looking for new people to help out with new ideas.

Stay safe out there

Silk



Mike Moore
Where's the Meat?

Well the weather is warming up and the riding is getting better, in between the windy days at least. We've had some good rides here in April starting with the 6th annual Biker Blessing. The final count was About 275 bikes, down a little this year probably because the weather wasn't that good that weekend. That was the same day as our April meeting and chapter challenge with AV, they took us this year in numbers and prizes but we'll get them next year.

Sandra and I put together a breakfast ride to Cheryl's Diner in Kernville and 10 of us enjoyed a beautiful morning of riding and good conversation while eating breakfast on the patio. Then Hal had his Rte. 62 diner/Rte. 66 ride, a 400 miler that 10 riders enjoyed, unfortunately I had to miss that one for a reason I would rather not discuss here. We also had a dinner ride back over to Kernville where 15 of us ate at That's Italian. The food was great as was the company, and the ride was good also, even though it did get butt ugly cold coming home!

We have a lot of great rides coming up in the next couple months so let's all get out and ride! And please don't forget to bring those toys to our meetings starting in May for the Toys for Tots. Thanks for supporting this good cause.

See you at the meetings and see you on the road!

Mike



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

Best Time To Ride!

This is the best time of year to ride, so have fun and ride hard.

Here are some little tips.

1. Beware of cars running traffic lights.

The first few seconds after a signal light changes are the most perilous.

Look both ways before barging into an intersection.

2. Check your mirrors.

Do it every time you change lanes, slow down or stop. Be ready to move if another vehicle is about to occupy the space you planned to use

3. Mind the gap.

Remember Drivers Ed? One seconds worth of distance per 10 mph is the old rule of thumb. Better still; scan the next 12 seconds ahead for potential trouble

4. Beware of boy racers.

They're quick and their drivers tend to be aggressive. Don't assume you've

beaten one away from a light or outpaced it in traffic and change lanes

without looking. You could end up as a civic hood ornament

5. Excessive entrance speed hurts.

It's the leading cause of single-bike accidents on twisty roads and race-

tracks. In Slow, Out Fast is the old adage, and it still works. Dialing up

corner speed is safer than scrubbing it off.

6. Don't trust that deer whistle.

Ungulates and other feral beasts prowl at dawn and dusk, so heed those

big yellow signs. If you're riding in a target-rich environment, slow down

and watch the shoulders

7. Learn to use both brakes.

The front does most of your stopping, but a little rear brake on corner

entry can calm a nervous chassis

8. If, during evaluate (Search, Evaluate, Execute), the hairs on the back of

your neck stand up prepare yourself and cover that front brake.

Save a single second of reaction time at 60 mph and you can stop 88 feet

shorter. Think about that

9. Look where you want to go.

Use the miracle of target fixation to your advantage. The motorcycle goes

where you look, so focus on the solution instead of the problem.

10. Keep your eyes moving?

Traffic is always shifting, so keep scanning for potential trouble. Don't

lock your eyes on any one thing for too long unless you're actually dealing

with trouble.

Also remember to think about your bike before rides.

Remember T-CLOCK as a great Pr-ride.

• T - Tires & Wheels

• C - Controls

• L - Lights & Electrics

• O - Oil

• C - Chassis

• K - Kickstand

Hope all of you have a good time on the rides we planned this year.

S~JR.

760-793-0998



**Activities Director
Stan Austin**

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

Welcome to May 2011, May has started with a bang. The most hunted man in the world is dead! The month looks great with the weather warming and lots of things to do. I will try to list some: Cinco De Mayo, the first HOG Car Wash Saturday 7 May 0700 to 1300 at the intersection of Ridgecrest BI and China Lake BI, see you all there. Mothers Day 8 May then the RAG Board meeting on 13 May, This month is at Tracy & Deb's in Cal City. The HOG general meeting is Saturday 14 May and there is an after meeting ride to Bakersfield, I think this is the Hooters lunch ride. The ride to the wall starts 18 May and will end on the 30 May. May 20 is a cruise night to Lancaster and the 21 is the BAD Day at Lancaster HD. Rolling thunder is on 28 May in DC and that day is our lunch ride to Lee Vining. Last of all for May is Memorial Day, busy huh! As always ride safe keep your head up and the rubber down.



**Barb Austin
Secretary/PAO**

**Did you hear or see our
ads?**



**Judy Gerard
Schoolmarm
LOH**

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

RAG HOG
General Meeting Minutes
3/12/2011

Meeting called to order by Tracy at 0900

Director, Tracy Ackeret - The after meeting ride to Furnace Creek, we will be meeting at the R/C Blvd 76. Hal Bennett is arranging the April 23 ride to Hutchins and Route 62 Diner. The Ventura Harley Poker Run is 20 March. The San Diego trip is the end of April. The Lee Vining ride is the end of May. The Yosemite trip is [24-26 June](#), with everyone staying in Oakhurst. That same weekend is a wine tour ride for AV HOG to the San Yanez Valley. Asked to up the door prize money by \$20-\$30, all concur, but no more than a total of \$120-\$125. Will ask for volunteers to put on the Christmas party, which will be 10 Dec 2011, the same day as the meeting and the parade.

Assistant Director, Mike Moore - The National HOG website has lots of benefits, one of which is the 17% discount for AT&T cell phones, but you need to sign-up on the HOG website. Our guests are Tom Wallace, Shirley King, and Paula Lee. Welcome to new member [Ben Lee](#).

Secretary, PAO, Membership, Barb Austin - 95 members to date.

Treasurer, Sandra Moore - \$2,143 in account. Sent flowers to Pam Sanders and Marc Sanders for their surgeries. Made a donation of \$50.00 for in memory of Billee's father. Spa evening at Sandra's home on 18 March.

Activities Director, Stan Austin - Apologized for not putting out activities on e-mail, especially when canceling the cruise night due to weather. Ordnance day is Saturday, March 19. The wine and roses ride to Silverton needs to change venue as the Silverton is booked; other options are, Sunset Station, Boulder City and Laughlin. 3 April 2011 is the AV challenge. At last month's AV meeting, Barry won 6 prizes from AV. 9 April 2011 is the Biker Blessing. [Laughlin River Run](#) starts 27 April. The [San Diego](#) ride is the weekend of 28 April. 23 April is the Hutchins Ride, lead by Hal Bennett. March 18, the night of the ladies Spa, the guys are invited over to Stan's to play poker and/or pool.

Road Captain Coordinator, Randy Geiger - Randy will lead the Furnace Creek ride from the 76 station on R/C Blvd. Josh tentative sweep.

Safety Officer, Stan Austin (Jr) - Check out your bikes closely and prepare for the riding season. Wash them and go over every inch as you wash.

Newsletter Editor, Debbie Ackeret - The newsletter is on the website, it has been e-mailed; Deb has hardcopies and AV newsletter hardcopies available.

Webmaster, Don McCauley - Web site has been renewed for another year.

Photographer, Judy McCauley - Been helping web master with ride photos.

LOH, Judy Gerard - Not present

Historian, Cris Liesman - Not present

Member comments:

Wade - the ordnance day is for everyone, including family and friends. You don't need to own guns; there will be plenty to shoot and targets. The map to the location is on the website.

Rex - Ron, owner of AV Harley is sponsoring a poker run in honor of Rex and Anita for the ADA Bad Ride. There will be a local starting point and Rex will be looking for volunteers to assist.

The next RAG HOG general meeting will be 9 April 2011, in Charlie's, at the Carriage Inn

RAG HOG
General Meeting Minutes
4/9/2011

Meeting called to order by Tracy at 0900

Director, Tracy Ackeret - Tracy thanked the AV members 32 for coming to the meeting and acknowledged they won the challenge. Reiterated the Biker Blessing is a non-HOG event. The wine & roses event has been cancelled this year due to the unavailability of hotels. 7 May is our car wash to raise money for our charity, lots of fun, so come on out. The Yosemite ride is 24-26 June, get your reservations early, the group is staying in Oakhurst. There were 43 surveys submitted. The majority wanted day and overnight rides, breakfast, lunch and dinner rides. The leading charity is the Women's Shelter, but Toys for Tots was only 1 vote behind. Tracy asked for those who would like to participate, individuals/couples bring \$10.00 toy to each meeting from May through November and we will get the Marines to attend the November meeting and present all toys at that time. Chuck Cordell has offered to store the toys in his building. Each person/couple bringing a toy will get 5 extra opportunity drawing tickets. The group is also interested in providing for food baskets, but something to do with our tax exempt structure prohibits us from giving charity to an individual, but we can give to some place like Salvation Army and specify the family we should give baskets. While traveling, if you dial **211, you will get 911 operator. There is a World Youth Day car & bike show at St. Ann's after the 14 May meeting and for the \$20.00 entry fee, you get lunch. Mentioned the Cal-State HOG Rally will be coming up the end of September. Rex is back on a bike (trike) today, enjoying the wind in his face.

Ron – Happy to be at the Ridgecrest meeting. In honor of Rex and Anita, Ron is hosting a poker run for B.A.D on 21 May, with a starting point here in Ridgecrest. There will also be bike games at the shop.

AV HOG Director, Jeff Bayard – 23 April AV Poker Run. 15 May Glamour Shots at AV Harley. Thunder on the Lot will be 11-12 June, and Jeff was selling \$100.00 opportunity tickets. Ron donates part of the proceeds to the Ridgecrest Boys and Girls Club. 16 July AV Poker Run

Assistant Director, Mike Moore – Introduced new members and guests. New members - Bruce Moore (Mike's brother), Robert Strong, Kevin Evans, Gary Goodwin. Welcome back Tom Lara and Karen Mather. Guests - Debbie and Heather Moore.

Secretary, PAO, Membership, Barb Austin - 96 members, not counting today's new members.

Treasurer, Sandra Moore – \$2253 in account.

Activities Director, Stan Austin – Nevada State HOG Rally 14-16 April. Biker Blessing after the April meeting. HOGs of Texas Rally starts 27 April. San Diego ride 28 Apr - 1 May, Wade has details. Laughlin River Run starts 27 April. 23 April ride to Hutchins, Hal will discuss. AV meeting 1 May. Car wash 7 May. RAG HOG Board meeting 13 May, and General meeting 14 May. 18-27 May, Ride to the Wall, with 28-29 being Rolling Thunder. 28 May the Lee Vining ride.

Road Captain Coordinator, Randy Geiger – Nothing to report.

Safety Officer, Stan Austin (Jr) - reminded everyone the Biker Blessing is not a HOG ride, so watch for others not used to riding in group events. Also watch for debris in the roadway, especially at some of the intersections.

Newsletter Editor, Debbie Ackeret – Deb has AV LOH cookbooks for sale for \$10.00 and activity patches for \$5.00. Lorretta Hoyer is selling Avon products on meeting days with all proceeds being donated to the group.

Webmaster, Don McCauley - Ordnance day photos should be on the web-site soon. The Furnace Creek ride, 22 bikes and 31 people, is on the web-site. The web-site is www.ridgecresthog.com

Photographer, Judy McCauley – Nothing to report.

LOH, Judy Gerard - Solvang ride is 5-7 July, possibly some ladies staying over until the 8th. Staying at the Royal Copenhagen. After the May meeting there is a ride to Bakersfield Harley (lead by Judy Gerard), then on to Hooters for a meal (lead by Kim Geiger).

Historian, Cris Liesman - Not present

Member comments:

Wade - San Diego ride, plans to depart Ridgecrest around 1400. Wants to try and put together a group from RAG HOG with maybe some participants from AV HOG for a Habitat for Humanity building project.

Hal - Hutchins Harley Davidson is closed, but ride will be to that general area and will depart JIB at 0830 on 23 April.

The next RAG HOG general meeting will be 14 April 2011, in Charlie's, at the Carriage Inn.



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.*

Ladies Spa Night Thank You

RAG Ladies Spa Event

Just a quick thank you to our wonderful hostess of the evening Sandra Moore for hosting hopefully our 1st but not last RAG Ladies Spa Event. Food was spectacular from all the delicate crust free English flare Tea Time sandwiches; tasty spiked cream fondu with luscious pound cake, Madeline's, dipped chocolate strawberries and more. Refreshments abound from water to wine and everything in between (but we all behaved – next time duty drivers are a must).

The facial and foot supplies available beat anything you'd find in a spa let alone a store, the massive array of goodies provided for facials and feet for all skin types was incredible. It was like stepping into a spa for the day with so many more choices; we even had an endless supply of fresh hot towels to add to the pampering. Next came hot waxing for the hands; Sandra carefully dipped out hands into hot wax, and then cradled them in mittens; 15 minutes later when all removed the hand felts as soft as a babies bum.

The pièce de résistance was from Karen Bebe, Sandra's pedicurist who perform magical foot soaks and massages; and not only is Sandra a fabulous chef, hostess, hand dipper, she also got down and performed her own magic massages on some lucky ladies.

Three wonderful hours later, all us ladies left (15 in all) with full bellies and very contented minds.

So...Sandra thanks from us all for a special pampered filled evening – you're the bomb.

From Your RAG friends!

Rider's Edge

We have a Skilled Rider Course scheduled for Saturday, May 21, 2011. Starts at 8:00 a.m., at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds; ends about 3:00 p.m. Water, sodas and lunch are provided. Cost is \$150. \$25 discount for current AV H.O.G. (and R.A.G) members or graduates of the AvHD Rider's Edge New Rider Course.

The next New Rider Course is scheduled for Thursday-Monday, May 12 through May 16. Class are limited to 12 students. This class had 7 openings as of last Friday. Cost is \$395. Summer Solar Special - Upon completion of the NRC, graduates will receive a free weekday motorcycle rental.

The next scheduled classes are as follows (Thursday - Monday):

June 2 - 6

June 23 - 27

July 7 - 11

Thanks again from the Rider's Edge Program!

Denyce

Furnace Creek Ride Report

RIDGECREST HOG ACTIVITY GROUP

RIDE NOTES

Ride/Event Name: Furnace Creek Inn Ride

Dates: Saturday, March 11, 2011

Total Mileage: 256 as reported by Josh Wilkerson – return trip to Ridgecrest 296 as reported by Hal Bennett – round trip to Ridgecrest via Dante's View following lunch.

Number of Bikes: 24 Number of Riders: 31

Weather: Clear, slightly overcast, low 70s in Ridgecrest, low eighties in Death Valley.

Restaurants: Furnace Creek Ranch Golf Course Club House and the Furnace Creek Inn.

Details: This ride followed the general meeting. The ride brief took place at the 76 station on East Ridgecrest Blvd. The number of bikes required two groups, one led by R/C Stan Austin and the second led by Randy Geiger. This was Randy's evaluation ride and first as a Road Captain.

Evaluators were Tracy Ackeret, Josh Wilkerson, Mike Moore, Hal Bennett, Wade Tallman, Stan Austin and Dwight Furnish.

The weather was perfect, in the low seventies when we left Ridgecrest, warming to the low eighties in Death Valley. There was literally no wind and the skies were slightly overcast. Road conditions were optimal. Both groups stopped briefly at Stove Pipe Wells and then rode on to Furnace Creek as one group. Some of the group opted to eat at the Golf Course Club House while about a dozen at the Furnace Creek Inn. Following lunch 6-7 bikes left the golf course and rode to Dante's Peak, others trickled back to Ridgecrest in small groups while two couples rode to Las Vegas.

Dennis & Kelly after Furnace Creek Ride — the rest of the story

Our Las Vegas to Ridgecrest Adventure

Kelly and I had quite the adventure on our ride home from Las Vegas. We topped off with fuel in Pahrump and headed home through Death Valley. Since we were on our own, our speed was well above the average pace that we ride at as a group, some would say screaming or was that Kelly? Gas prices in Death Valley were too high for my liking and I know I can always make Trona, so I pressed on. After all, I've done this several times with no problems. Anyone see where this is going? My gas light came on a few miles beyond Panamint Springs, no problem, plenty of gas left to make it to Trona. The gas gauge quit counting down the miles and now just displayed the dreaded LOW! We stopped at the first station in Trona and low and behold, all pumps read Diesel only! This was not good, as I know the other station hasn't had gas for some time now and I'm in BIG trouble!

I made a few calls before I finally got a hold of my son in Ridgecrest to let him know of our dilemma and that I was going to try to make it home. Well it wasn't too far past the plant that the bike started coughing and sputtering. That cleared up once we got out of the turns. I found me an RV and drafted him all the way to the burro farm. By this time the bike was bucking and spitting bad. Once we crested the hill I turned off the bike and started coasting into Ridgecrest hoping to make our last push for gas at the bottom.

I was able to coast to almost County Line Road when I decided to give it one more try and it fired up and off we went but the stoplight was RED! I figured we were done when Kelly shouts "it's GREEN" so I gave it the throttle and was able to get up enough speed to make the Minute Shop. We'll be better prepared next time. What an adventure, but then again - it always is. Just thought I'd share.

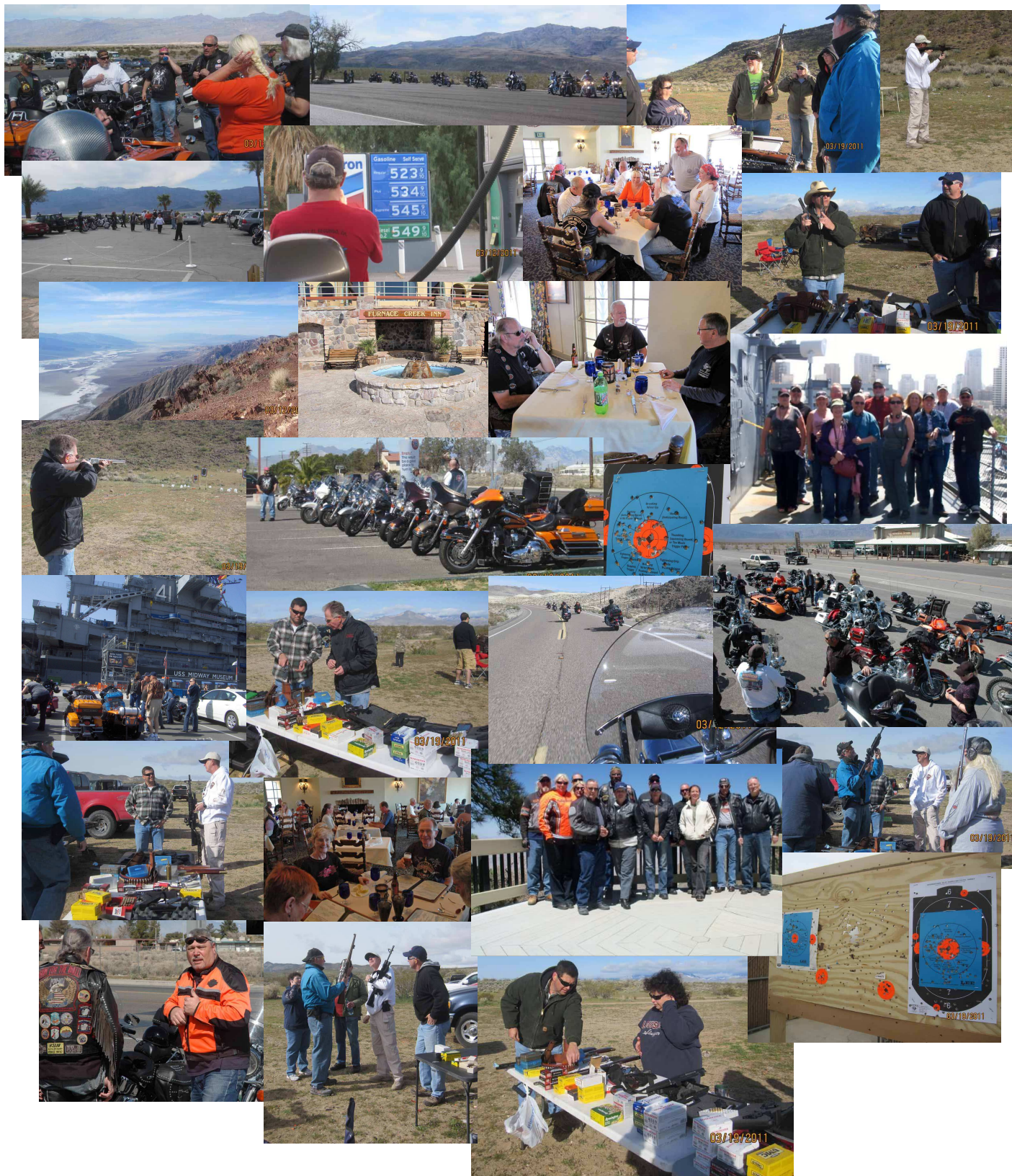
Update from Rex & Anita & AV Harley Poker Run for RIP's BAD Ride to Honor them

Well, by the time this is published I will be back to riding some. At least I sure hope so. My bike is back in my garage and I am looking forward to taking it for a putt around the block. Unfortunately, I will be out of town for the next RAG meeting, so I can't ride it there. Which brings me to my next part. Ron Emard and Woody at the shop have been so great to get my bike back to me. And Ron is really wanting a good crowd to support the Bikers Against Diabetes on May 21st. I am thinking this run on May 21st will be my inaugural ride out of town and I hope some RAG members can join me. I am setting up a poker run from Ridgecrest to AV Harley, maybe going through Boron this time for a change. And I hope the AV HOG Chapter will have some help there to have us join up at the fourth card stop as we have done in the past. I am still looking for some help to run this thing. Let me know if you are interested please. I will also have raffle tickets for sale for a 2011 Dyna to be given away on June 5th at the big BAD Ride event in Orange County.

I thank God for all He has done and keeps doing for Anita and I. Being able to ride again is amazing at all, this soon and with so little damage (comparatively speaking) after our accident is incredible. He does His miracles and I am living proof of that.

I hope those of you that in some way have been touched by diabetes can come out and support this charity event with me.

RAG PICTURE'S



Midway Magic by Dwight !!

So what's it about ? The Ride , the Company , the Food or just maybe this time it's the Destination.

Let me start with The Ride.

1400 Thursday April 28th.. We meet at the Jack in the box. Kick stands up and into the wind. Wade and Cheryl takes the lead and Dwight and Vikki are designated to sweep, all the other insignificant members of the group somewhere in between . Hey you wanted me to write this up didn't you ? Well...

Leaving Ridgecrest we ride to 4 corners and Big Ben and Mike (a.k.a. insignificant others) are joined by Tracy and Deb. Continuing on to Yucca Valley we are joined by Paul and Vikki. The next stop is Palm Springs and joining up with the last of our group of riders, Ken and Lynn and Pam and Ken for the night. Dinner plans were changed as the number of people attending the Palm Springs Street Fair would have caused us to wait over an hour to be seated. Finding an alternate Mexican restaurant we push our way past the Mariachi band and are seated, right away. The food was good the dueling trumpets by the band annoying to say the least.

0900 Friday April 29th..Kick stands (if you need one) up Wade leads, Dwight Sweeps ya ..ya the rest in between there some place. The Ride remember... through Julian for lunch and on to San Diego. Well we did stop for a butt break and I bet Big Ben was hoping I wouldn't mention him dropping that BRAND NEW Bike, but oh no that's not any fun. The parking garage for the El Cordova in San Diego provides secure parking for the bikes and we are ready to party.

0900 Saturday April 30th we meet at the bikes to ride over to the " Destination". The 1,001 feet long 258 feet wide Decommissioned Aircraft Carrier," The Midway". She was built in 1945 for \$ 90 million. The largest ship in the world for a decade, the first too large for the Panama canal. Overhauled in 1966-70 for \$260 million . Midway pilots shot down the first MiG of the Vietnam war in 1965 and the last MiG of the Vietnam war in 1973. The first aircraft carrier home-ported in a foreign country : Yokosuka Japan. Wade does a great job of being a tour guide for the group, A BIG THANK YOU Wade. If you have not had the chance to go on this ride with him I highly recommend you mark it on the calender for next year. After spending the morning on the ship we retreat to Fillipi's for lunch and then a quick stop at the Harley shop. EL Cordova for Beverages and then over to the Hotel Del Coronado to watch the sunset over beverages of choice. We say our good byes to those who will be leaving at later times in the morning.

0700 Sunday May 1st Departing for home the weekend is always too short when spent with good friends. Wade and Cheryl lead , Ben and Paul and Vikki fill out our ranks and Vikki and I sweep. The ride home is uneventful with light traffic, no close calls ,good weather just the way I was hopping it would be. A Great Ride, Great Company, Great food and Destination. It don't get any better than this.



May Birthdays



David
Belasco



Mike
Cash



Marty
Dorrell



Anne
Haber



Patrice
Izamber



Adam
McKay



Stella
Raymond



Phil
Teuscher

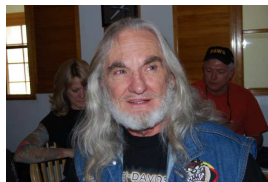


Michelle
Smith

June Birthdays



Michael
Beck



Paul
Begin



Hal
Bennett



Billie
Burchett



Barry
Hoyer



Dale
Polley



Tom
Sanders



Rex
Walraven



Josh
Wilkerson



2011

MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 AV HOG Meeting San Diego Run	2	3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7 HOG Car Wash for Charity Annual Hoffman Hospice Event
8 Mothers Day	9	10	11	12	13 RAG HOG Board Meeting TBD Flex Day NAWS	14 RAG HOG Meeting After meeting ride to Bakersfield HD Neilstock Concert
15	16	17	18	19	20 Cruise night ride to Lancaster	21 Safety Rodeo and HOG Diabetes Run @ dealer
22	23	24	25	26	27 Flex Day NAWS	28 Lunch ride to Whoa Nellie Deli Lee Vining
29	30 Memorial Day (Fed)	31	> Car Wash for Charity Corner of Ridgecrest & China Lake Blvd. Start 07:00 till Noon > Annual Hoffman Hospice Charity Event @ dealer May 7-8 > Bakersfield HD 35089 Merle Haggard Dr Bakersfield CA. Meet Inyokern 76 10:30 > Neilstock Concert @ dealer > Cruise night ride to Lancaster. Meet JTB 16:45 > Whoa Nellie Deli 22 Vista Point Rd Lee Vining CA. Meet Inyokern 76 08:00			



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
> Reno Street Vibrations June 3-5 > Newcombs Ranch Angles Crest Hwy La Canada CA. Meet JTB 08:45 > Thunder on the Lot June 11 & 12 for info www.thunderontheLOT.com > RIPS BAD Ride June 11 Oak Canyon Park CA www.badride.diabetes.org > Seasons 206 South Main Street Lone Pine CA. Meet Inyokern 76 17:00 > Yosemite Run to Yosemite NP June 14-16. Contact Tracy Ackeret at silk@ccis.com			1	2	3 Reno Street Vibrations Spring Rally	4 Lunch Ride to Newcombs Ranch
5 AV HOG Meeting	6	7	8	9	10 RAG HOG Board Meeting TBD Flex Day NAWS	11 RAG HOG Meeting Thunder on the Lot RIPS BAD Ride
12 Thunder on the Lot	13	14 Flag day	15	16	17	18 Dinner Ride to Seasons
19 Fathers Day	20	21	22	23	24 Yosemite Run Flex Day NAWS	25 Yosemite run
26 Yosemite Run	27 Million Mile Monday	28	29	30		

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



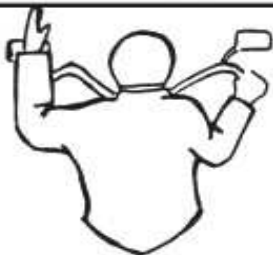
Left turn



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/>



Antelope Valley Harley-Davidson



Store Hours

Sunday/Monday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Tuesday – Saturday 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Service Hours

Sunday/Monday – Drop Off Only

Tuesday – Saturday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

LOOK AHEAD:

7/5—7/7 /11: LOH Solvang Ride

7/9/11 :RAG Meeting

***7/9/11 :After Meeting Ride to Kern River
Brewery***

7/10/11 : AV Meeting

7/16/11 : Pierpoint Springs Lunch Ride

7/30/11 : Whitney Portals Breakfast Ride

8/6/11 : Apple Shed—Breakfast Ride

8/7/11 : AV Meeting

8/13/11 : RAG Meeting

***8/13/11 : After Meeting Ride to AV
Harley Davidson***

8/27/11 : McNally's Dinner Ride

9/3/11 : RAG HOG Car Wash

***9/3/11 : AV Harley Night at Jethawks—
Harley's Ride around infield before
game***



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