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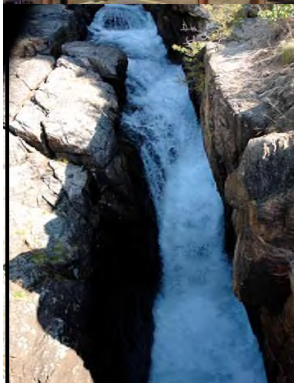
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Director
Stan Austin

It is Sunday, September 24, 2006. I just got home from my last summer trip, Branson, Mo. We had a really good time and saw some top name performers. We did not get to ride our bike as I picked it up from the shop Tuesday night, just the night before we left. Now it must be broke in again. I got the first 100 on the ride home via 178 but there is more miles on break-in as you all know.

I want to ask everyone to take part in all of our up coming events and ride as much as you can. Oct. is going to be very busy and in fact so busy our birthday camp out is set for the first weekend in Nov. It will be at the lake in Lone Pine as before and we will have spaces held for us. Check the web site; we hope to see everyone there.

We are now over eighty members as the year comes to an end. I want to thank all of you for being part of this group. I want to give a special thanks to the members who help the board make so many rides and events possible. To the board I want to say, **JOB WELL DONE!** I am a member of another HOG Group and they are in a city that is five times our size and we do more than them. We are open and friendly to everyone. Their last 50/50 was eighty-six dollars, ours was one hundred and three dollars. They have a shop that supports them and we, the members, supply our own prizes. We had two poker runs this year thanks to Chris and the LOH. **GREAT JOB LADIES!** We have raised some serious cash this year as our car wash was bigger than ever. **THANK YOU MEMBERS FOR WASHING CARS!** Well from the statements above I think everyone knows that our group is a success due to the efforts of our members. **THANK YOU MEMBERS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!** There are so many to thank it would be hard to name them all. All I can say is thank you to every member that has made this group the best HOG around.

The end of year items to keep in mind are the poker run, camp out, Christmas party, and parade. I am sure there will be more things coming up so keep a close eye on our wonderful web site or on our great news letter. Ride as often as you can, always stay safe, and watch out for the other guy.



Asst. Director
Dave Hunter

With the extreme heat behind us at last, it is time to gear up for some of the best riding in the High Desert has to offer. With cool mornings and moderate daytime temperatures, it is finally time to break out the leathers. I myself love to ride when the weather is a little bit cooler and I can leather up so to speak.

A little safety note. Hwy 14 between California City and Jawbone has several nasty pavement ridges in the right hand lane. They are hard to see at mid-day but stick out very well later in the evening. There is also a bad ridge on Hwy 395 just inside of the centerline of the last curve before descending down into Garlock. I am sure that there are other areas of similar pavement damage so remain alert and keep both eyes scanning for hazards.

October and November are going to be very busy month for the group. With the Poker run last week, the Morro Bay trip the weekend of the 20th, and Beatty Days the weekend of the 27th. There wasn't a weekend left for our anniversary picnic so, it was decided to move the RAG HOG Picnic to the first weekend in November.

Lastly, I want to say a little about our group's reputation. It seems that we are rapidly becoming know as the group that always seems to be out riding and having too much fun. Thanks everyone for planning such great rides and inviting others to share. I expect everyone to continue to maintain our group's reputation by having fun and promoting family oriented motorcycling.

Dave Hunter



Membership/PAO
Wade Tallman

"Just want to remind folks that our club membership has been slowing growing. As the only remaining (I think) Activity HOG group in the country we want to keep our club membership growing and the club strong. We do that by talking to our other non club Harley Brothers and letting them know what fun we have. In the past few months of doing this, I've heard the whole gambit of excuses. The one that always kills me is, the club is to political. The only politics I see is we believe in riding and having a good time. Please take the time to talk the club up with all your friends. Also, we have flyers that we made up for posting around town, in stores etc. If you have an additional spot to hang one, get hold of me or Stan and pick one up and post it for all to read.

Also, the Toys for Tots Car and Bike show are coming up soon. We will be advertising for donations and putting collection boxes out in town. Again, we have the standard places we have done before but we are also looking for some new spots that might be productive. If you work in one of these "spots" or know of someone who does, contact me or Stan and pass on the information."



Secretary/
Treasurer
Paul Liesman

**.Ridgecrest Activity Group
Antelope Valley Chapter Meeting Minutes
12 August 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 0820 hours by Asst. Director Dave Hunter at Charlie's (Carriage Inn) in Ridgecrest.

Director Absent (Sturgis)

Secretary/Treasurer Paul Liesman –

Account balance is over \$2.8 K. Membership is 80. Newsletters are on table

Asst. Director Dave Hunter –

Open poker run Oct. 7.

Chris is doing better

Activities Officer George Fields –

Picnic & poker run Oct. 28. Aug breakfast ride to Whitney Portals, Dinner ride to Domingo's in Boron. Yosemite ride Aug 25.

Editor Tracy Ackeret –

Absent.

Safety Officer Tony Jaime-

Absent.

Road Captain Rex Walraven –

Absent (Sturgis)

LOH Chris Hunter –

Absent

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The break in ride
Dave Hunter

Having finally regained possession of my 99 Ultra Classic with a completely rebuilt motor and the requirement for a return to the dealership for a 1000 mile checkup. I decided that the best plan to ensure that the 1000 mile mark did not interfere with this falls riding I decided to combine a break-in ride with the desire to see some more of the roads north of Ridgecrest I planned out a nice loop through the mountains east of Big Pine. There was no real agenda only the desire to get in a good days riding. Clint Lawrence took me on my offer for riding companions and early Sunday morning we started north to see where the road would lead.

We headed north on 395 to Big Pine where we stopped for Petrol and a little breakfast. Then we turned east on 168 and started up Westgard Pass. This stretch of highway was the ideal place to lose the world and get caught up in riding. The twenty or so miles up and over the pass consisted of a great combination of whoop-t-dooos and twisting turns. With all of the interesting turns, humps, and dips to keep us on our toes, there was precious little time to enjoy the great views.

We then dropped into Deep Springs Valley, home of Deep Springs College. This is a small (27 students) self sustaining, all male liberal arts college founded in 1927 by Lucien Lucius Nunn. More information about this unique educational institute can be found at <http://www.deepsprings.edu/about/nunn.html>

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Road Capt. Coor.
Rex Walraven

Don't have much to write about my summertime adventures this year, other than it was a great up and back trip for me to Sturgis: Someday I will stay and just sit in Sturgis for a few days, but for now I'll ride instead of sit. One thing I thought I would point out to all of our members though. I went 4000 miles in a little over a week. After going through Portland, OR through Washington and over to Sturgis, I came down through Nebraska and got to Cheyenne, Wyoming and met some riders (of course I'd met many riders all along the way too) at a gas station, one man was heading to Denver and I said "me too". We agreed to ride the short ride to Denver together. He said well let's go, and we did with me taking the lead, although I didn't know he meant riding together as in side by side, but we made it work. I don't prefer to ride that way, because it means you really have to stay on the top of your game, and to do it at night with someone you just met, well, not what I would prefer, but we did and we both made it. I guess I learned that if you are going to agree to ride with someone, you need to discuss the pattern of riding (what any Road Captain should do, right?), or let them take the lead and you can join up in the fashion you prefer. I stayed the night in Colorado Springs and then the next day rode over Wolf Creek Pass into Durango then Four Corners. It was a gorgeous ride and Northeast Arizona was awesome too.

Ride Hard, Ride Safe, Ride Often,
Rex Walraven



Editor

Tracy Ackeret

Hello again everyone. I hope everyone has had a good summer of riding. I know that Debbie and I have had a good one. Not as good as last year however its still been a good summer of riding. Last year we got to go on more long rides. This year the Shuttle has gotten in the way of that. I have had to work two Shuttles this summer. I had to work most of the month of July and a couple of weeks in September with it. The good news is I have been training two others to work it so I should not have to work the Shuttle as much in the future. However as usually happens I have taken on other projects that will take up a lot of my time. More then likely I will be in Waco Texas when the next newsletter is due out so I will have to rely on Debbie to help me with it. I am going to be putting it together at night in my hotel room and she will print it out and get it copied.

As for rides this summer, we went with several others to Yosemite again this year. We went a couple of years ago with Debby, Dennis and a member of the Lancaster chapter and had a good time. This year there was 7 bikes that made the trip and another that met us in Oakhurst on Saturday morning for the ride into the park. We rode up the Owens valley to Lee Vining where we stopped for lunch. If you have never ate at the Mobil station in Lee Vining, it is a place that I would highly recommend that you try. There is not much in the way of atmosphere; however, the food is out of this world. Driving by you would never know that there is a gourmet restaurant inside. We rode over Tioga Pass, into the park, and on that day just rode through to Oakhurst where we spent the night.

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Photographer
Judy McCauley

Hi there!

This month, thanks to Anne for additional pictures for our Whitney Portal ride, Paul and Dwight for the Yosemite weekend and Barb & Stan for Sturgis 2006. So many places...not enough time!!!!

Welcome to all our new members!. Paul was kind enough to give me a list, but I am so afraid of missing someone. Anytime you want to volunteer to get in front of the camera...I would love it! Better than me charging to get in your face...I think...?

We were glad to see Crash and family back with us, and sad to hear John and Charlotte will be leaving our area. (Rather than thinking of them leaving, I have decided to look at this as "one more place to ride!!!!) All 3 of them were part of the group who started all this for us 12 (?) years ago.. I, for one, am sure glad they did!!!!

Judy



Ladies of Harley
Chris Hunter

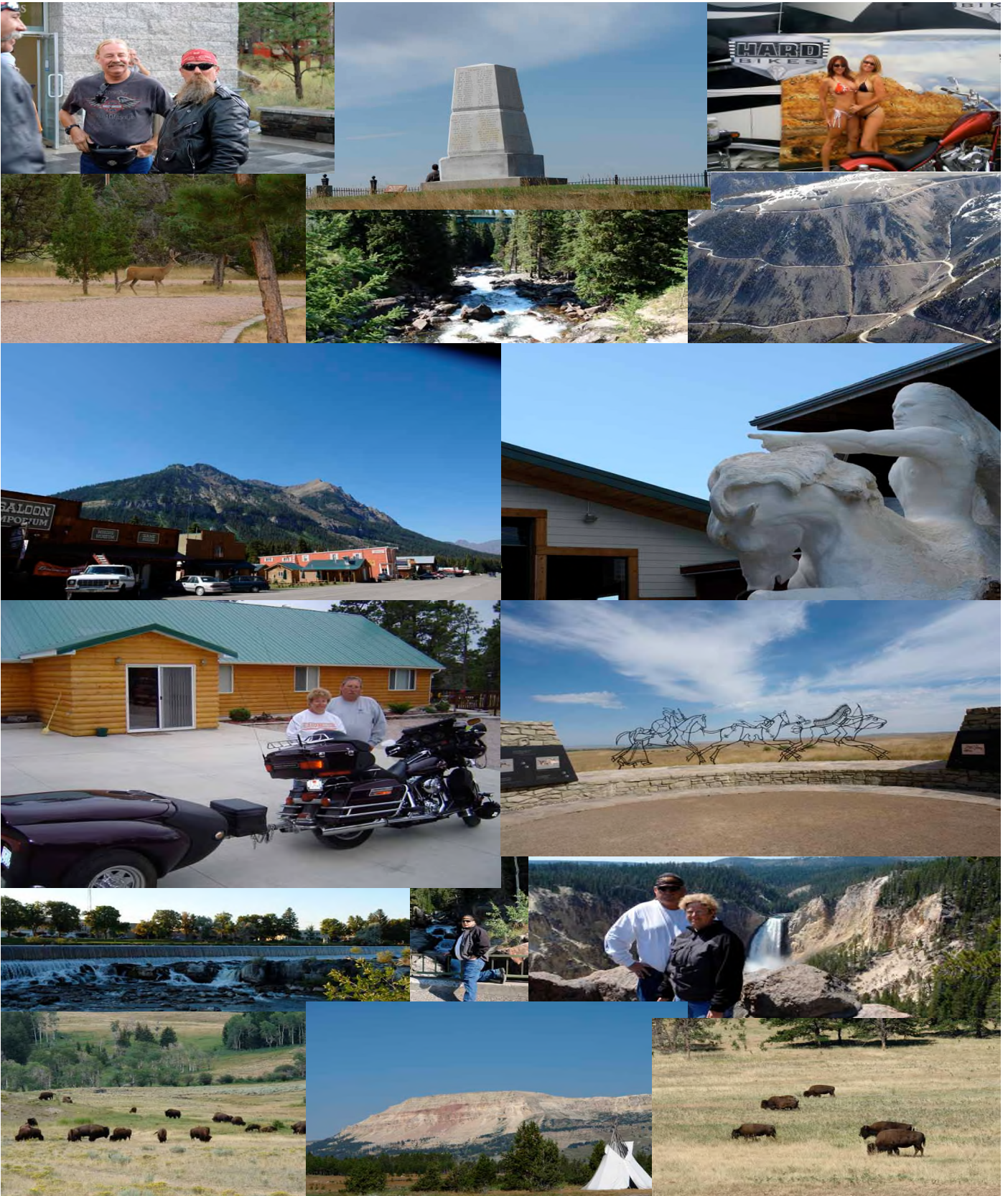
Hope everyone enjoyed the Poker Run. We should have raised enough money so that our Thanksgiving and Christmas basket programs are fully funded this year without having to pass the proverbial hat. Also we will be presenting checks to our two chosen charities. Due to the great generosity of our members in volunteering to wash cars and the generosity of the residents of the Indian Wells Valley in supporting our effort we raised almost \$1000.00 to be split between the Make-A-Wish Foundation and Operation High Desert Cares. Many thanks to all who made this possible.

Due to all the events happening in October, our picnic will be the 4th of November this year. By popular request we will be having a members and invited guest only poker run again this year as part of the ride from Ridgecrest to Lone Pine. We have reserved a spot at Lake Diaz and overnight camping will be available for those wishing to spend the night and ride back in the morning.

Lastly Thanksgiving will soon be upon us and we will be scheduling a ride to deliver a little holiday cheer to those in need. Keep an eye on your email for dates and locations.

Chris
LOH

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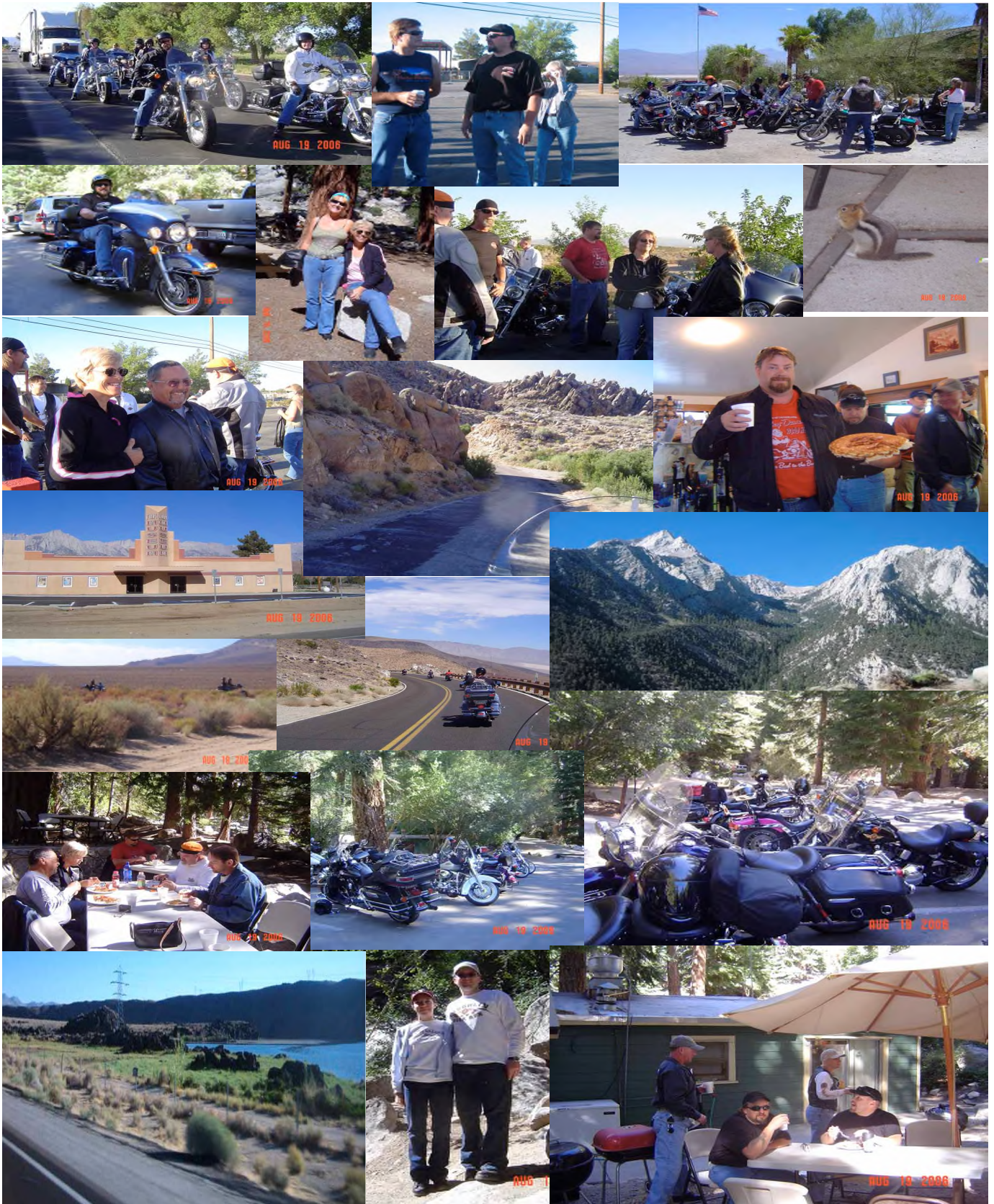
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October Birthdays



Dave Campbell



Jason Feary



Paul Liesman



Jim Milam

November Birthdays



Debbie Ackeret



Susan Brandt



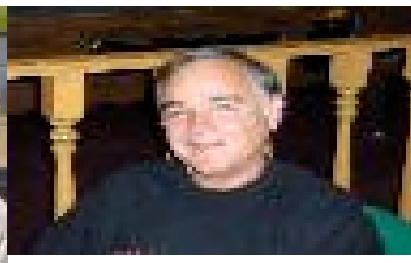
Loretta Hoyer



Dave Hunter



Dennis Linck



Albert Pokrzywa



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Sublett

Harley T-Shirt Backs (and maybe even a front or two)



We then headed further into the White Mountains and over an unnamed pass that dropped down into what is known as Fish Lake Valley. At a wide spot in the road known as Oasis we turned north onto 266. This became 264 at the Nevada state line and took us through a multitude of farms growing everything from corn to alfalfa. Nestled in the middle we discovered the community of Dyer NV.

Here we found an RV park, a couple of casinos/bars, and the Esmeralda Market. Inside we found a general store with gas, groceries, and a small antique shop. After topping off our bikes and downing a cold beverage we continued north until we had to turn back southwest on Hwy 6 towards the community of Benton.

At Benton we turned northwest on hwy 120 and Tioga Toomey's. For those that have driven or ridden by the jewel of the Eastern Sierras without stopping you are missing out on the best gourmet food you will ever find. What makes this place so unique is that a gourmet restaurant is craftily hidden inside of a Mobil Gas Station nestled at the Junction of 395 and 120. For more infoe check out;

<http://www.thesierraweb.com/tiogagasmart/>

Here we refueled the bikes and quenched our thirst, before heading back to Ridgecrest via 395. We arrived home 10 and half hours after we left and managed to clock about 480 miles while taking our time and enjoying the sights.

I recommend this loop ride to anyone wanting to get away for a great days ride. Thanks Clint for accompanying me and sharing the wind.

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Photographer Judy McCauley –
Smile for the camera

Historian Ann Haber –
Absent

Webmaster Don McCauley -
Web site up to date and in good shape. Get well card for Joe Law being passed around for signatures.

New Business:
None

Member/Guest Comments:
Al Pokrzywa wished his wife a happy birthday.

Old Business:
Reminder – Next board meeting is Fri. 08 Sept. at TBD. Next general meeting will be on Sat. 09 Sept. at 0800 hours at Charlie's in the Carriage Inn.

Meeting was adjourned at 0900 hours.

Ridgecrest Activity Group
Antelope Valley Chapter Meeting Minutes
09 Sept 2006

I didn't get any notes from the last meeting and I was out of town for volleyball, so this one is short.

The next day we rode into the park and had our own tour guide in Dwight. He has spent quite some time living in that area and was the barber in Wawona. He took us around Wawona and by the house that he lived in while he was there. After spending the day in the park we rode back to Oakhurst and a wonderful dinner at a little BBQ place where the food was very good, and the company even better. I might add that the couple that met us in Oakhurst the first night was Dwight's Son and his wife. He rides a new 07 Street Glide. The next day most of the group went south and over the mountains back to home, while Debbie and I went back into the park and to the Hotel on the valley floor, I had never been there and was most impressed with the place even if I will probably never stay there. Then back home, all in all we had a very good time.

In a couple of weeks, we will be going with Mike and Sandra and whoever else is going to Morro Bay. We have never been on this ride with the chapter before, however we go over to the coast a few times a year. We are looking forward to this ride, as the central coast this time of year is usually very nice. In addition, they have quite a few good places to eat in Morro Bay.

This month I am adding a new feature to the newsletter that I hope to continue. I have noticed that there are many imaginative backs on Harley shirts from dealers. I am going to start putting pictures of these in here with Judy's help, she is taking most of the pictures for me. So if Judy or myself asks you to let us take a picture of your back you know why.

With that I will close for this time. Take care and keep riding.

Tracy (Silk)

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Start your engines



Stop



Go ahead and pass me



Bikers ready



Hazards on the road



Don't pass me



Stop your engines



Turn off your turn signals



Single riding



Left turn



Slow down



Staggered riding



Right turn



Speed up



Time for a pit stop

Motorcycle Web Links

HD of Lancaster

<http://www.hdoflancaster.com/lancasterhome.html>

AV Hog Public Site

<http://www.avhog.com>

AV Hog Members Site

<http://www.avhog.us>

HD Home Page

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

Motorcyclists Rights

<http://abate.org/>

Motorcycle Safety Foundation

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

Ridgecrest Activity Group

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

HOG Chapters

<http://hogchapters.net>

Maps

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

Harley Owners Group

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

California DOT-Road & Highway Info

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

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