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October Meeting
Saturday
October 13, 2007
09:00AM

November Meeting Saturday November 10, 2007 09:00AM

Meetings Held at Charlie's in Ridgecrest

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# RAG Group Picture for 2007



The 2007 group picture was taken at Inyokern airport with a couple of the airplanes that Wade gets the tough job of flying.

Thanks Wade for the work setting this picture up!!!

## HARLEY OWNERS GROUP #1665 ANTELOPE VALLEY CA CHAPTER, RIDGECREST ACTIVITY GROUP

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Wade Tallman
Wind in my Hair
(Wind across the
Bald spot)

Is it the end of the month already? Time flies!! The weather has changed nicely. Great temperatures for the early morning go!

Who has read the latest copy of the Enthusiasts? Anyone interested in being published? Lots of you have done some cool rides. Why not put pen to paper and submit it for publishing. If you need help in getting words to paper, come see our masterful Editor or myself.

The activities guru, Mike, has lots scheduled with the weather change. Have you thought of a new ride location, interested in doing an overnighter? It is that time of year to give inputs to Mike so we can continue to build next years events.

I want to say thanks to the LOHs for finishing up the charity events. I know the animal shelter and Women's Shelter really appreciate the money and items.

So what's really new: Riders Edge (HD motorcycle course) has been approved in the state of CA and the shop is looking to be up and running in Dec 07. This is good news!!!

We had five, yes five new members join last meeting. Believe that brings us to 92...the New Year starts in Jan and I would really like to get to 100. So grab you HD friends and bring them in.

Lastly: Forgot who brought it up, Josh, Paul, or someone, but the HD Museum is looking for folks to purchase a spike to be put on the wall at the museum. We are discussing it at the board level, but we will look for inputs as to what to put on it. Not much room but enough to "make our mark in history".

Until next time: Wind across my bald spot.



Ike Bridgeman
Skate Under Tire

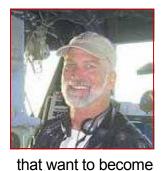




Tony Jamie Safety Dude



Susan Brandt "No Name"





Rex Walraven Semper Fi Oo-Rah

The fall has come in quick and somewhat cold for around here. This means the riding weather has been spectacular and I hope you all have been able to take advantage of it. I am doing my best to get my miles in

I have been trying to get a Road Captain meeting together for all of our existing road captains, and those road captains. I think the 30<sup>th</sup> of October is one of the

few days during the week I can make it due to work and vacation schedules. This is a meeting to review and comment on AV HOG Road Captain policies from their handbook. In addition, prepare for a Road Captain meeting in AV the following weekend. I am going to suggest Nicolletis at 6:30pm on the 30<sup>th</sup> and see what happens.

Please contact myself if you have any questions, concerns or comments on the way our group conducts its rides. My info is here in the newsletter.

Ride Hard, Ride Safe, Ride Often, but never faster than your Angel can fly, Rex Walraven







"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." Winston Churchill

Hello again Friends!

**Judy Gerard** Tommie Lawrence **Double Trouble!!!** 

brag about. We have been busy planning some activities for the RAG, and hope you can all participate in the upcoming events. At our October meeting, we will be presenting another \$500 donation to the Indian Wells Valley Women's Center. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and we hope each of you can donate an item from the Women's Center Wish List to make the day extra special. Following this article is a list of suggested donations. We will be happy to arrange for you to drop off the items early, or we will come by and pick up your donations before the meeting. Just call Tommie or Judy to arrange for

pick-up. You can make the world a better place by this simple act of kindness. After all, as Betty Reese says, "If you think you are too small to be effective, you have never been in bed with a mosquito."

Another exciting event taking place at the October meeting is the First Annual RAG LOH Silent Auction. There will be several special items on which to bid, so get your wallets and checkbooks ready. (And don't forget your running shoes as the bidding will be fast and furious!) Many members have donated leather goods, jewelry, quilts, gift baskets, and many more fabulous items. Hey Guys, if you have any new or slightly used Harley Davidson© parts or accessories that you could part with, please consider offering them for the auction. All proceeds will go to our adopted families for holiday food and gift baskets. If you would like to donate an item for the auction, please give Tommie or Judy a call. We hope all members will attend this very special meeting, and don't forget to invite those guests you think might be interested in our HOG RAG. It will be a memorable event!

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Tracy Ackeret
Ramblings from
Silk

Hello again,

Its already October and there is a chill in the air already. The past few weeks have been a real difference from just bit ago. I have been riding as much as I can in between work and working around the house. This year has been a bit of a strange year for Debbie and I. I got to spend a quarter of the year in Texas for work and Debbie has been traveling herself. She has been to Texas a couple of times already this year and it looks like she might have to go back again. This work thing is really starting to get in the way of having a good time. However I can not complain, I got to see parts of the country that I had never seen before and see some of this wonderful country that we have the pleasure of living in. Plus I have had the opportunity to sample some great food along the

wav.

For those of you that went to the picnic at Lake Diaz I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. I had not planned on going as Debbie was in Texas that weekend; however after getting a phone call Saturday around noon time from Dennis, I was served enough guilt to make me ride up there. I am very glad that I did, the ride up was gorgeous. It was in the low 70's with no wind and plenty of sunshine. I had planned on riding home later that evening; however, Josh and Deb graciously offered me the use of a spare bed in their trailer that I got to share with spunky and missy, they both helped to keep me company through the night. The next morning I got up early to ride back home. I left Diaz at around 6:30 in the morning. Talk about a wonderful ride, it just does not get any better then a crisp desert morning ride. I started out with my jacket all the way zipped up however by the time I was 10 miles down the rode I was unzipping it. I had a really good time and I want to thank Josh and Deb for letting me sleep in their spare bed, and spunky and missy for letting me share what is normally their bed.

On another note I was supposed to be getting my new Ultra at the end of October and had a different article wrote about it. However, Gary at the dealer called me a couple of weeks ago and said that they had one that another person was not able to get and did I want it. Needless to say I said yes, I went down and picked it up last Saturday, for those of you that have not seen it I hope to have it at the next meeting if the weather is not to bad, i.e. raining.

Ride safe Silk





Don McCauley
Web Talker



And His Lovely
Co-Star

Judy McCauley
Show me the bugs in your
teeth

Hello!

Since the last newsletter, we have had dinner rides to the Kern River Brewery Co. and Season's in Lone Pine. Also, there was a brunch/ lunch ride to the Golden Cantina in Rosamond. Pictures are up of the Garage Sale, Chuck Keys memorial ride, and the Lake Diaz picnic. Thanks to Susan, Josh, and Marc with help from Cheryl for extra pictures these past few months. We also

thank Robert for his help with our group pictures at the Inyokern Airport. We should be getting some info from him in the near future for those of you who would like to order a

copy. Thanks also to Wade and all who helped him stage the airplanes for us for the picture.
Thanks!!!



Judy "Smile...Show Me the Bugs on Your Teeth"





Paul Liesman
Mister note-taker
AKA
Volleyball Dad

#### Ridgecrest Activity Group Antelope Valley Chapter Meeting Minutes 11 Aug 2007

The meeting was called to order at 0900 hours by Director Wade Tallman at Charlie's (Carriage Inn) in Ridgecrest.

**Director**: Dec. 1 is Toy's for Tots, Dec. 8 is general meeting, Xmas parade, and RAG Xmas party. Dec. 1 is AVHOG Xmas party, next AV meeting is Sept. 9. RAG events are "no colors"

**Asst. Director** Ike Bridgeman – nothing

**Secretary:** Paul Liesman – membership at 87. October's Ride for the Heart postponed, American Legion Riders Legacy Run is Aug. 21-28. All 3 Cold Stone's in Lancaster/Palmdale will donate proceeds from Aug. 16, 5-9 pm sales to the event, showed appreciation plaque from 2007 Thunder on the Lot, showed proclamation letter from RC city council declaring May 2007 as Motorcycle Awareness Month.

Treasurer Cheryl Tallman - \$4000+ is available in the fund at present, minus a few expenses

Activities Officer Mike Moore – Aug. 25 dinner ride to Season's in Lone Pine (leave from Inyokern 76 @ 4 pm, Sept. 8 is group photo after meeting @ Inyokern airport, Oct. 13 is LOH silent auction, Sept. 15 is group picnic @ Lake Diaz, Sept. 19-23 is Reno Street Vibrations,, Sept. 27 is LV Bike week, Sept. 23 is brunch ride to Rosamond, Sept. 29 is RAG car wash.

Editor Tracy Ackeret - newsletter is out

Safety Officer Tony Jaime- Absent

Road Captain Rex Walraven – Absent

**LOH** Judy Gerard, Tommie Lawrence – Had meeting @ Tommie's, need more items for silent auction, Mike Moore was recipient of LOH "volunteer"

**Photographer** Judy McCauley – nothing

Historian Susan Brandt - Absent

Webmaster Don McCauley - web page is behind, added latest newsletter

Membership/PAO Josh Wilkerson - Absent

New Business: None

Member/Guest Comments: Bill Folden (Roadrunner's car club) talked about this year's Toy's for Tot's.

#### **Old Business:**

Reminder – Next board meeting is Sat. Sept. 8 @ 0730 in Charlies. Next general meeting will be on Sat. Sept. 8 at 0900 hours at Charlie's in the Carriage Inn.

Meeting was adjourned at 0950 hours.

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#### Ridgecrest Activity Group Antelope Valley Chapter Meeting Minutes 8 Sept. 2007

The meeting was called to order at 0900 hours by Director Wade Tallman at Charlie's (Carriage Inn) in Ridgecrest.

**Director** Wade Tallman – Main discussions focused on budget for end of year and money that we should roll over. Discussed Picnic: Free to all members Christmas Party: Tickets should be going on sale in Oct, cost looks to be \$25. Committee chairman(Sandra Moore) provided update and costing.

Ron presented \$1000 Check to Monica Lenze for the Boys' and Girls' Club

AV Picnic on 7 Oct, need RSVP

Group photo to be taken following the meeting at Inyokern Airport

??? asked about getting local members interested in doing a Patriot Guard

**Asst. Director** Isaac Bridgeman – Nothing at the moment

Secretary Paul Liesman - Absent

Treasurer Cheryl Tallman - Balance is \$3991

**Activities Officer** Mike Moore – Discussed upcoming events and add ons: Street Vibes: Reno, Rosemond Brunch ride (Don McCauley has lead), Vegas Bike Week, 2<sup>nd</sup> Car Wash on 29 Sep

Editor Tracy Ackeret – Newsletter inputs due by end of month

Safety Officer Tony Jaime - Absent

Road Captain Rex Walraven - Finalizing the briefing items

**LOH** Judy Gerard, Tommie Lawrence – Silent Auction in Oct as well as Women's Shelter check presentation

Photographer Judy McCauley - thank you to all who take and provide when she is not on ride

Historian Susan Brandt - Year Book, talked about who might want one and the creation of a CD

Webmaster Don McCauley - uptodate except for the Scott Keys ride

Membership /PAO Josh Wilkerson - RAG HOG Tri-fold info needed to get that put together. Inputs from the Board and membership

**New Business:** Riders Edge has been approved in state of CA. shop looking to have courses starting in DEC. Shop pick up is still available for members. Believe Josh is only one to use so far.

Member/Guest Comments - none.

#### **Old Business:**

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

Meeting was adjourned at 0955 hours (09:55 am).





Cheryl Tallman The money lady

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





Hi All.

Well we're finally getting some good riding weather again and I'm sure happy about it. I really don't ride much in the summer; it's just too hot!

Mike Moore **Ghost Rider** 

We had one dinner ride in August to Season's in Lone Pine, and the folks that went all had a good time. September rolled around and the calendar got busy. We've had our group picture, our group

picnic that was a great time and I'm really looking forward to next year's. Ike, Malia and myself had a great ride up to Reno for Street Vibrations. We also had a brunch ride to the Rosamond airport. Our second car wash of the year was a success earning about \$500.00 for the group.

October brings us more fun events with the AV group picnic at the Cal City park and then two long day rides. The first one is 20 October to the Deer Lodge in Ojai. It's about 400 miles round trip but the riding is good and the Deer Lodge is a pretty cool place. The second ride will be to Hutchins Harley-Davidson and Route 62 diner in Yucca Valley.

I'm looking forward to riding more now that the weather is cooling down and more to my liking. I hope to see a lot of you on our upcoming rides and remember...the journey is the reward.

Take care, Mike





Sandra Moore

Hi Everybody,

It's hard to believe but Christmas seems right around the corner and your Christmas committee is getting busy planning for a great party. Thanks to all who helped make our "Dinner and Movie Basket" raffle a success. We made \$105.00! Congratulations to Dwight for having the winning number.

**Christmas Stuff** year our party will be

We'll start selling Christmas tickets at our October meeting. This held on 8 December at the Carriage Inn and the cost is \$25.00

per person. We also have a block of rooms set aside for our out-of-town guests and anyone wishing to enjoy the party and not have to worry about driving home.

We have all of the "traditional events" planned plus a few new ones. Check out our Christmas flyer at the October meeting. Look for more information through e-mails as the date gets closer.

Thanks. Sandra Moore Christmas Committee Chairperson





Josh Wilkerson J Dub

#### Read to Ride!

"Sunrise softly illuminated the old road, which aimed straight east, like an arrow poised to impale the new day. I could trace its course all the way to the horizon where I was headed. There wasn't another vehicle in sight."

Nice quote to get your mind turned toward the road and your bike out of the garage. This particular excerpt is from an old AMA magazine article series "Highway of Dreams" and is one of many motorcycle publications and books that I've read recently. When the temperatures were soaring over 100 degrees and home projects seemed to be the planed route of the day, reading was my way of staying in touch with riding. I know, not exactly hard core dedication, but reality for a lot of us just the same.

I've found it surprising just how many forgotten roads for riding are within striking distance for us. In the "Motorcycle Guide to Historic Route 66", it was a small revelation that a large chunk of the mother road in southern California takes less than a day, round trip, to cover from Ridgecrest, including stops at eateries or taverns that are still in business since the day before "historic" was added to the roads designation. As I read and research this much traveled and all but discarded byway I think about other highways available to us stringing Americana together like beads on a Mardi Gras necklace, shiny and bright against a warm and soft background. These are the roads that link hometown America, real towns that haven't yet found the religion of chain hotels and commercial fast foods, towns begging to have the bike roll through them or stop and visit awhile.

Where does Highway 395 north or south go and what's on it that the rest of the world has passed by? I've seen a sign for "Old 395" down Temecula way but have never traveled it, have you? Highway 49 was suggested for a ride, I bet it's spotted with the towns gold miners called home, what's left to see of them today and how's the pie at the last standing diner?

The road less traveled these days is the one with the best adventures that allow us to rediscover the gems of old on two wheels. Really research a run by reading about the places that the roads take us. Plan the route but leave room for the surprise of what's along the way. Find something historic so we remember where we came from as a country. And finally, bring back a memory to share and write it up for those of us who like to read. I know my next article will be from personal experiences riding, will yours?

Great riding to ya!

J-Dub

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"Unless someone like you Cares a whole awful lot, Nothing is going to get better. It's not." Dr. Seuss

Speaking of memorable events, on Saturday, November 3rd, the RAG Ladies of Harley will be having another LOH Date Day to Peggy Sue's Diner in Barstow. If the weather permits, after lunch we will cruise to Calico Ghost Town to complete our walk down memory lane. Be sure to add this date to your calendar, as it looks to be a fun-filled day! And to all of you singles, you don't need a date other than that big V-twin you rode in on!!!



Double Trouble Tommie and Judy

# RAG Garage Sale 07



# Kern River Brewery 07



# Season's 07



RAG Pícnic 07



#### October Birthdays









James Milam



Paul Liesman

#### New Members Pics



Micah Hall



Glenn Grimmer



Lee Jennings



Chuck Cordell

Alcohol



John Duff

## November Birthdays



Debbie Ackeret



Susan Brandt



Peter Gray



Loretta Hoyer



Dave Hunter



Dennis Linck



Al Pokrzywa



Rollin Sublett



Greg Wilson

#### Women's Center/Shelter Network Wish List March 2007

Always Needs: (New) Personal size Kleenex Packs Hair Spray Hair Brush's Liquid Eyeliner Mascara ~ Black Small Deodorants Shaving Cream ~ Small Tylenol ~ Extra Strength Equate ~ Extra Strength Pain -Reliever's

Alieve Emodium AD Rolaids Over the Counter Flu & Cold -Remedies Airbourne ~ Adult & Children Tums Bactine Visine Antibiotic Ointments / Neopsorin

Always Needs: (New) Mops Brooms **Dust-pans** Trash Cans Toilet Brush's Clocks Q-Tips Pull-Ups ~ Size 3 & 4 **Baby Wipes Baby Powder** 

#### October 2007

#### Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	I	2	3	Cruise Night @ Starbucks 1900	5	6
AV HOG Mtg — Meet @ J-Box 07-00 AV HOG pionic Cal City Park	8 Columbus Day Holiday	9	10	11	12	13 RAG Meeting @ Charles 0900 RAG Board Charles 0730
14	15	16	17	18 Cnase Night @ Starbucks 1900	19	20 Lunch Ride to Ojai Meet @ J-Bax 0700
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Lunch Ride to Yucca Valley Meet @ J-Box 0700
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#### November 2007

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AV HOG Mtg — Meet (g) J-Box 0700 Daylight Savings Time ends (Set Clocks back 1 Poor)	5	6	7	8	9	10 RAG Meeting @ Charles 0900 Board Meeting @ Charles 0730
Veterans Day	12 Veterans Day Holiday	13	14	15 Cruise Night @ Casa Java 1900	16	17 Brunch Ride to Tehachapi Meet 会上Box 0800
18	19	20	21	22 Thanksgwing	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Cruise Night @ Casa Java 1900	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**

#### **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

#### **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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# **Upcoming Events:**

Ojai Day Ride
Oct 20
Yucca Valley Ride
Oct 27
Love Ride #24
Nov 11



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