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Charlie's in Ridgecrest

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Half Dome, Yosemite NP



Picture of Half Dome
Taken from Glacier Point
In Yosemite National Park

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

Is it that time of the month again? Looks like it! End of summer and fall has arrived- the events just keep on coming. The annual picnic was a good time. For various reasons the number of campers dropped sharply this year- still a good time (better if I would have remembered the Redneck Horseshoes).

How many of you really read The Enthusiast and Hog Tails? Anyone see where HD bought a European sport bike company MV Agusta? Guess HD isn't ALL AMERICAN anymore!! Hog Tails this month had an article on detailing and putting the bike away for winter (I know-we all ride during the winter around here-right!!!). It had some good ideas if you're interested.

So what's happening with our group? LOTS of stuff. I don't want to take activities thunder but I really want to push for everyone's participation for the next couple of events. Relay for Life should be completed by this printing. THANKS to Bland for stepping up and running the event and to all who supported by walking or donating. MATARANGO/OLD TOWN DAY is Sat 25 Oct. The shop will bring up their tents and some 09 Bikes. We are also expecting a good group of AV Riders to show up. The plan is to be conducting bike games between 9 am and 3 pm on Station Street right behind the shops Tents. Additionally, we have been asked to have 4-6 bikes drive in with flags for the National Anthem (approx 8 am). If you would like to participate, please let me know ASAP. I'm also looking for some flags if you have one we can use.

NOV MEETING- we are scheduling our charities to show up and give them their check and at the moment we are suppose to go to Red Rock for group picture after the meeting...more info to follow.

LAST ITEM- we need more volunteers to be on the board next year. We have openings and need to fill them immediately. It takes a little time, but if we want to exist as a group we need to fill a few mandatory positions.

Keep the shiny side up and the rubber down.



Ike Bridgeman
Skate Under Tire

Here it is the best time of the year for riding, and it's still a little warm! I just returned home from a great ride to Reno for Street Vibrations. The crowd seemed to be heavier than in the past. The ride around Lake Tahoe on Saturday was great, nice and cool. After riding around the lake I stopped by the new H-D Store in Carson City. It was packed; they had a lot of bikes and a large variety of things to buy. The new store is larger than the old one with lots of room to have special events.

The ride home on Sunday got a little warm as I headed south of Bishop, but all in all it was a great weekend for riding.

As most of you know I will be stepping down as Assistant Director at the beginning of the New Year. I can't stay on the board if my heart isn't a hundred percent into it. I will still be involved in the group, but just not on the board. I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve the group, it has been a privilege. So thanks again for everything.

Thanks and keep riding and having fun..... Ike "SKATE UNDER TIRE"



Mike Moore
Ghost Rider

Sat 18 Oct-RAG HOG Club Meeting at 9 AM at Charlie's Restaurant, Carriage Inn, 901 N. China Lake Blvd, CA. (760) 446-7910: Silent Auction / Christmas Tickets

Sat 18 Oct-Harvest Breakfast Ride to Tehachapi -- Meet at Inyokern 76 after the scheduled club meeting

Sat 25 Oct-Ridgecrest Old Town Days (replaces former Maturango Days of the past)

Sat 25 Oct-Dinner Ride to Whiskey Pete's in Bishop -- Meet at Inyokern 76 at 11:30 AM

Thur 30 Oct-Cruise Night, 7 PM at Pony Espresso, 1355 N. Norma, Ridgecrest, CA. (760) 446-7669



Anne Haber

LOH would like to thank all that participated in the 2nd Annual Auction with special thanks to the early birds who showed up to help set up, and work the event.

Tommie & Clint Lawrence
Billie & Bland Burchett
Sandra Moore

Thank you to all who donated items without them it would not have been such a huge success.

Leisman's; Law's; Burchett's; Tallman's; Brandt's, McCauley's; Lystup's; Moore's, Furnish; Linck's; Haber's.

And final big thanks to all the bidders who helped RAG HOG bring in \$805.00.

Thanks Anne



Tracy Akeret
*Ramblings from
Silk*

Hi again everyone,

Its that time of the month again when I get to sit down and put thoughts to paper. As I am sure everyone has figured out by now the weather is starting to change. Its getting colder. For some this means putting the bike up for the winter. There are those who do not like to ride in the winter months. I used to be one of those who really did not like to ride in the cold. Last year we bought the Ultra and it's amazing the difference in the amount of wind that one gets on it compared to the Low Rider, or should I say the lack of wind. Its really dramatic. I think I will be riding more in the cold months now that we have the Ultra. For those of you that are going to be putting your bikes to bed for the winter months take a bit of time to do it right, that way in the spring time your bike will be waiting for you and you will not have to do maintenance on it before you can take it out.

The board will be changing quite a bit in the coming months. Some are leaving the board for other ventures and some of us are wanting to move around to new challenges. I would like to move to a different position, I have been doing the newsletter for three years now and want to try something else. If you would like to take a stab at the newsletter or any of the other positions on the board, let Wade or one of the other board members know.

In the next few months we have some fun things planned, there are a few rides coming up and then in December we have the Christmas party. That's always a fun time so plan on coming and joining in the fun.

Take care
Silk



Don McCauley
Web Talker



And His Lovely
Co-Star

Judy McCauley
*Show me the bugs in your
teeth*

Hi all.....

I really don't have anything new on the photos, but want to say to Tracy, Paul and anyone else moving on...thanks to their contributions during the past year. Each person brings new ideas to a position...and hopefully our next year will be as good as or better than the past one!!!!

Judy & Don



Paul Liesman
Mister note-taker
AKA
Volleyball Dad

RAG meeting Notes
09/13/2008

Meeting called to order by Activities Director Mike Moore at 0905 (9:05 am).

Director, Wade Tallman: Absent

Asst. Director, Ike Bridgeman: Absent

Secretary, Paul Liesman: current membership is 83.

Treasurer, Sandra Moore: current balance is \$4205.59, Xmas party tickets go on sell beginning the October general RAG meeting and are \$25.

Activities Director: October 18 begins the California state HOG rally in Victorville, Josh is planning a group ride down on the 20th.

September 26 & 27 is group picnic at Lake Diaz, ten camp sites have been reserved.

The October RAG general meeting is being moved to the 18th.

October 25th is Old Towne Days on Balsam St. Bike games will be held on Station St.

Anyone interested in any of the RAG board positions, contact Wade.

Road Captain Coordinator, Rex Walraven: always looking for more road captains.

Safety Officer, John Brandt: be safe

Web Master, Don McCauley: nothing

Newsletter Editor, Tracy Ackeret: AV newsletters are on table.

Photographer, Judy McCauley: need members head shots.

Historian, Susan Brandt: November 8 will be the group photo in Red Rock Canyon.

LOH, Anne Haber & Barbara Austin: info flyers are on the table for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life on October 3 & 4. A silent auction is scheduled for the November meeting to raise money for the holiday food baskets.

POA, Josh Wilkerson: pool party at his & Deb's house today @ 1430. A flyer is on the website for a Columbus day weekend ride to Malibu.

Guests:

Jeff Bayard (AV HOG): The October meeting will be on the 5th at the shop. November 1st will be the LOH poker run.

Notes: The next RAG board meeting will be TBD. The next RAG general meeting will be October 18, 0900 at Charlie's in the Carriage Inn.



Josh Wilkerson
J-Dub



Sandra Moore
The money lady

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

Time to Ride!

Here we are at the end of summer and the riding temperatures are just about perfect, summer chores are done, and the bikes need exercise. Throughout the rest of this year we have many dinner and lunch rides on the calendar so keep an eye out for those that interest you and join in. Remember, we're a "Riding" group and as always, the more participation we have the better the run.

A lot of what gets on the calendar are just ideas that get kicked around at the board meetings and sounds like a fun run or good place to chow down. The downside is these ideas come from a handful of folks with no real input from the rest of the group and as such, the board doesn't know if it's hitting the mark and meeting the group's expectations as a whole. To provide all of you with the opportunity to get involved and have a voice at the table, we've set up this email – ridgecrestHOGfeedback@mchsi.com – as a way for the group to provide ride suggestions, comments, complaints, or whatever to make the rides and other activities more successful.

All correspondence is confidential and will be presented at each monthly board meeting for action or input depending on the comment. There is no bad input and everyone has a good idea to enhance our riding experience. The HORAG has only one purpose... "Ride and have Fun" and with your valued input it can only get better!

So with that said, send the board your input, stay involved, fire up the bikes, and roll back on the throttle cuz it's "Time to Ride"!

J-Dub



Susan Brandt
"No Name"

No Report this month



John Brandt
?

No Report this month



Rex Walraven
Semper Fi
Oo-Rah

No Report this month

Helmet Pays Off for Motorcycle Instructor

By Dan Steber, Naval Safety Center Public Affairs

David Kearney, a military motorcycle instructor from West Point, N.Y., and his wife were part of a large motorcycle group participating in a memorial run to the World Trade Center site. What started out well turned into a harrowing experience for the couple and a good lesson for Navy and Marine Corps motorcyclists.

“When I read this story the other day, I knew we had to share it,” said Joe Perfetto, motorcycle instructor and traffic-safety specialist at the Naval Safety Center. “I got it from the Joint Services Motorcycle Safety Program (JSMSP) website and felt it was worth sharing. This husband and wife team found the value of helmets and showed that riders must be aware every time and wherever they ride.”

David Kearny is an experienced rider and instructs the Basic Rider Course, yet he found that a mishap could happen at a moments notice.

“There were around 500 motorcycles in this ride, and we were having a pretty good time until I approached a left hand curve. While in the curve, another rider passed on the inside and drifted across the lane, forcing us off the road. The bike hit the dirt and flipped, throwing my wife and me to the ground. The bike then landed on my head.”

David went on to explain that everything happened in less than two seconds and that all the other riders could see was dust, his wife on the side of the road, and him twitching under the motorcycle.

“I wasn’t able to pull myself out from under the bike—a fully dressed 2003 Electra-Glide Classic—until I undid my chinstrap and stood up. I had a dislocated bone in my right wrist and a few scrapes. My wife was pretty well banged up and is still recovering, but we still are walking and talking.”

David explained that his mishap made the statistics as one of New York’s top-five worst accidents (No. 4 specifically), since his wife had to be evacuated in an air-ambulance.”

“I still have my helmet with the left side crushed in, and I use it for my training classes to show everyone why riders should wear a DOT approved helmet. Helmets save lives...period!”

USS Ohio Sailors Learn Motorcycle Safety

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (AW/NAC) Eric J. Rowley Fleet Public Affairs Center Det. Northwest

Sailors from the USS Ohio (SSGN 726) (Gold) attended an advanced motorcycle safety class offered by the Naval Base (NB) Kitsap Safety Office, June 28.

Ohio Gold motorcyclists sought a way to get their riders up to speed with their motorcycle safety skills and awareness and contacted the safety office to see if they could get an advanced course set up specifically for them.

“The basic rider course was designed to take someone off the street, who has never ridden before,” said Thomas Reynolds, program manager for motorcycle safety. “The advanced course challenges the riders a little bit more. Basically, this course helps riders. When we find bad habits, we try to correct them, let them ride and have fun.”

“We have 10 motorcycle riders on the boat and we thought it would be a good idea to get our riders back to the basics of riding,” said Command Master Chief (SS) Mitch Erhardt, Ohio chief of the boat and motorcyclist. “I’ve been riding motorcycles for more than 20 years and I’m learning something here today. I think this course is well worthwhile and the skills you learn in this class are invaluable on a motorcycle.”

The advanced course is a one-day course designed to refresh or teach experienced motorcycle riders safety skills and what to look for on and off the road to be safe.

“The biggest thing to teach these guys is to turn their heads and look through the corners,” said Reynolds. “If they can get that down, I guarantee they will be a lot safer on the street.”

The course is certified through the Motorcycle Safety Foundation and covers everything from how to inspect a motorcycle before the ride to how to maneuver a motorcycle around or over obstacles.

“I think this course is very informative,” said Culinary Specialist 3rd Class (SS) Sam Russell. “I’ve never taken this course before. So far, I have learned better braking techniques and how to react in different situations.”

“I think it’s wonderful the Ohio is doing this class,” said Reynolds. “This is the first class I have done strictly for one of the boats and I hope it continues.”

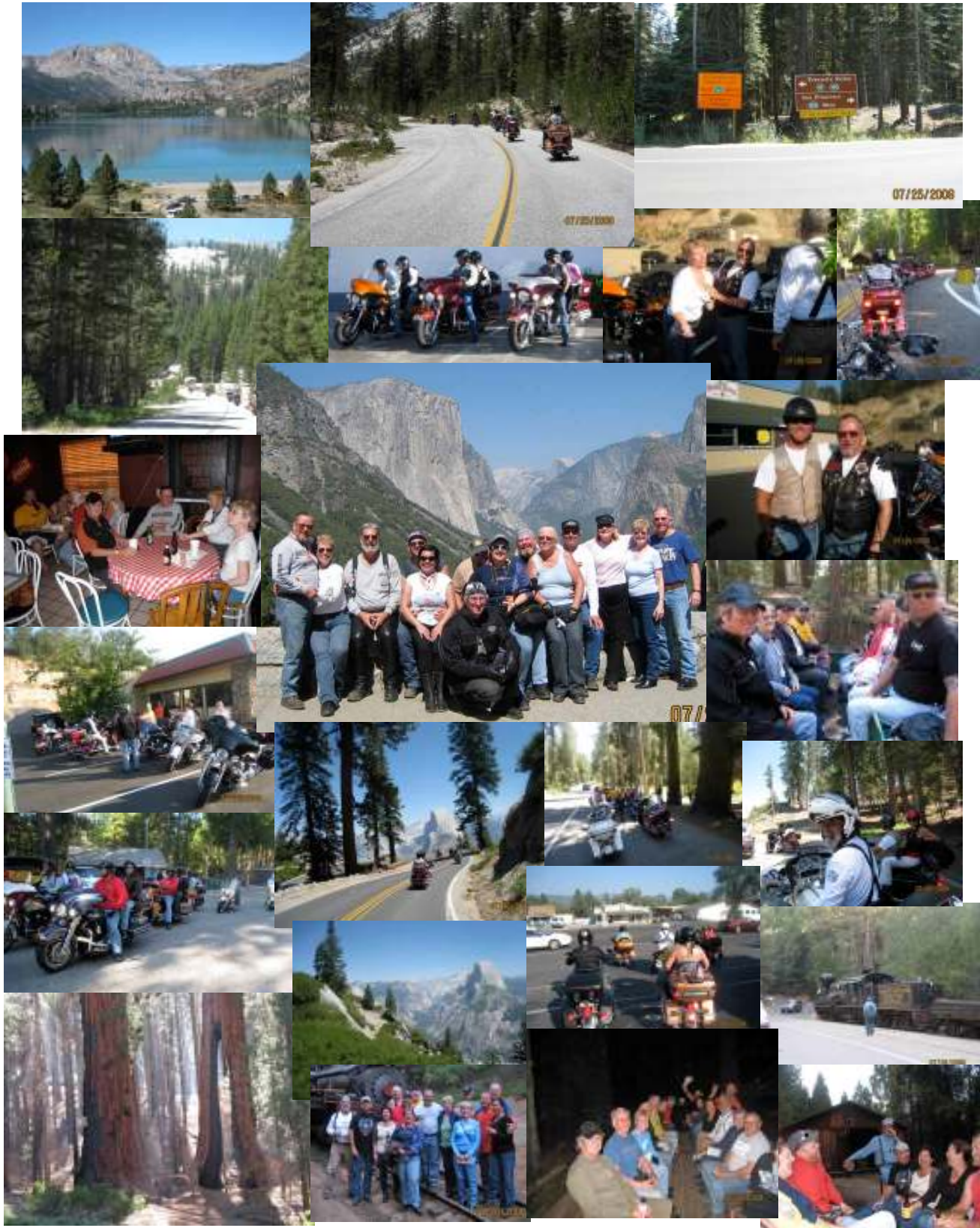
City Slickers 08



Paul & Crystals Wedding



Yosemite National Park 08





October Birthdays



Paul
Liesman



Thomas
Lystrup



James
Milam

November Birthdays



Debbie
Ackeret



Susan
Brandt



Randy
Brown



Loretta
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Davis
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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



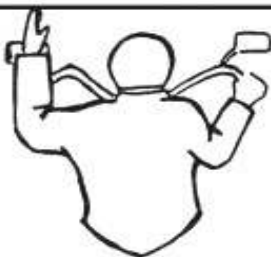
Left turn



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 Website

<http://www.avhog.org>

HD Home Page

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

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Fall Car Wash
Nov 1, 2008
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