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Tracy Ackeret Ramblings from Silk



Greetings once again,

It seems like this year is going by very fast. Seems like just yesterday I was saying Happy New year to everyone and now it's Labor Day. We have had a fantastic year with many great rides. We have already had 5 overnight rides with another single night overnighter after the McNally's dinner ride. We have one more overnight ride planned this year and our picnic which many stay overnight for. Plus we have had at least 2 other rides each month all year. Some months we have had more than that. And every ride has had great participation for it. I and the rest of the board could not be happier. With the number of people that are going on our rides it either means we are doing something right or people just want to get out and ride. Either way I am good with it because it means we are getting out and riding. This is what this is all about.

Even though it's getting to the end of the summer we still have quite a few good rides coming up. By the time you read this we will have already had the McNally's dinner ride. This is always a good ride with great food. Plus some are staying overnight to see the cowboys come in off the range for the night. Always entertaining to watch. In September we have a ride to Cal City airport after our meeting. We may change this if we get visitors but it will probably be a last minute thing. Either way we will have a ride to somewhere. Then later on in the month we have a lunch ride to Panamint Valley. Depending on the weather this could be a very nice ride. The Resort as it's called there in Panamint has pretty good food but that ride is more about the ride then the food. The following week we have our annual picnic. This is always a good time with very good food and great company. Always a fun time.

Now on to other things. Coming up in September, Debbie and I will be going on the Cal State HOG Rally. This is once again a riding rally put on by Bill Davis. Some of you may know Bill from his ride for the heart rides he has put on. Bill always puts on a great ride and both Debbie and I are looking forward to this year's Rally. We start the Rally on the 11th of September in Santa Maria and it goes until the 15th with an ending in Sacramento. In between we have nights in Visalia and Mammoth Lakes. This years Rally is called the California Passes ride. Leading up to the actual Rally Debbie and I have been busy going to many of the passes in California and taking pictures. Another part of the pre Rally is going to dealers in the State. This past weekend we finally went to the last of the dealers participating in the game. We went up to San Francisco then on up to Eureka the next day. The following day we went up over the 299 and into Redding. From there we went down the San Joaquin to dealers in Chico, Yuba City and Vacaville. We got to meet a lot of great people and visit dealers we hadn't been to before. Plus the weather in Eureka was fantastic. When we got there it was 61 degrees and the next morning it was only 47 degrees. Then when we got back to Sacramento it was back up to 104. But at least we got a bit of nice weather. We will be taking lots of pictures on the Rally and I will be putting together something for Don to post on the website so all can see what a great time we had.



Take care and ride safe

Silk





Mike Moore
Where's the Meat?



It's that time again, time for me to ramble on for awhile - I know, you're probably thinking why is now any different than any other time, but this is my by-monthly in print ramblings so here I go.

Is it just me or does this summer seem like it's been a year long? I mean seriously is it ever going to end! Summer should be outlawed, the seasons should just go Autumn-Autumn-Winter-Spring, OK enough of my whining about the worst season of the year. We have our annual group campout/picnic coming up on September 28-30 with the actual picnic being on Saturday the 29th. We are moving it back to Lake Diaz this year and we have 10 sites reserved for \$25 per night. Sandra and I have always camped in the past but we're not going to this year, we've emptied out our tent trailer so it is ready to sell. We're just kind of done with the camping thing after 20 years of doing it so if any of you are interested in a nice well kept Coleman tent trailer come and see me. I'll be doing the cooking at the picnic this year and Sandra and I have put together a great picnic menu of burgers, beer cooked brats, homemade beans, a killer homemade mac salad, and various other things. We have always had a good time and I hope we get a large turnout this year.

Road Captains - Randy has been doing a great job of trying to make sure we have RC's secured for each ride. But when he sends out his emails asking for RC's he gets very few responses, so if you have volunteered to be a RC please help him out by sending him a response whether it be a yes or no when you get his emails. AAI know he would appreciate it.

On a personal note Sandra and I won't be at the September meeting, it's been a while since we've been on a road trip so we're taking one this year. We're riding north to the cooler temperatures of Oregon and Washington where we'll ride the Columbia River Gorge on the Oregon-Washington border. Then we'll ride up and around the Olympic Peninsula in Washington back down to Oregon and ride the entire Oregon coast and through the California Redwoods before cutting back across the state and heading home. We're both really excited about this ride and can't wait to get on the road!

Like I said earlier I hope to see a lot of you at the picnic, enjoy your rides, be safe, and take care of yourselves.

It's not the destination it's the journey.

Mike





Randy Geiger
*Road Captain
Coordinator*

"Mr. I Got Nothing"



I recognize it has been some time since I contributed an article to our newsletter and I promise to do better in the future. Scott told me that if I failed to submit an article this time a very different kind of photo of me would show up on a milk carton instead of the newsletter.

In June of this year I posted a thread on the message board asking our members for input regarding what essential items they carry in their bikes in an effort to stay as prepared as possible for breakdowns or emergencies. I got the idea during a ride in May/June when one of the riders in our group broke down at the onset of the ride. Because of his experience and pre-planning he was carrying the part he needed (a shift linkage) and the group was back on the road in less than 10 minutes.

Thanks to those of you who responded I compiled the following list. Of course, this list is certainly not definitive but it provides all of us a baseline concept of what some of our members consider essential or at the very least a contingency item to minimize down time and possibly avoid being stranded in a remote area.

Essential Items:

You won't be surprised to hear that the number one item our members felt should be present on every ride is Bill Anderson. Fund raisers were even suggested as a method to assure his presence on each ride. I'm sure Terry might have something to say about that so I'll concentrate on what we have control over.

Hose clamps, various sizes. As Mike suggested, the clamps can be used to shore up broken or loose exhaust mounts, among other things

A spare battery for your key fob

First aid kit

Tool Kit

Bungy cords

Tie wraps

Electrical tape

Randy Geiger

Road Captain Coordinator

Duct tape
Fuses
Baling wire
Spark plugs
Fuel line for older bikes
Fuel siphon (if traveling with Dennis Ambrecht!)
Reflective or lighted triangle (for marking a downed bike)
Extra bulbs for headlights turn signals, brake lights, etc.
Gerber multi-tool
Flashlight(s)
Glow sticks (work well at night as emergency markers)
Extra battery cell phone battery if possible (The GPS locator in a cell phone can be a life saver in a critical situation.)
Spare shift linkage(s)
Tire plugging/inflation kit for those with tubeless tires <http://www.stopngo.com/products/Pocket-Tire-Pluggger-plus-CO2-Inflation.html>
Small portable air compressor

Again, thanks to all who contributed. After compiling the list some questions came to mind that I will post in a new thread for additional input. One question; is there a specific pre-assembled tool kit marketed specifically for Harley Davidson motorcycles that any of you prefer? If so please provide a link if available. The second is; there are many compact – standard first aid kits available, but are they really adequate for the types of situations one may encounter while motorcycling? I am sure we have a knowledge base within our membership that might have some suggestions specific to the types of first aid gear that may be useful above and beyond the standard band aids and gauze wrap we typically see in the mass marketed kits. I would like to see some input from those in our group that have a background as military – civilian medics/corpsmen, nurses, EMTs, etc.



Dwight Furnish
Safety Officer



So what do you do when you're in a Motorcycle Accident ?

Let's say you have been riding for a few years and you know people who have been in an accident. How did they handle the situation?

You have been lucky, you have had the usual number of close calls. But today is not your lucky day.

Let's say it is a beautiful day for a ride, you are just putting along and you go down, it doesn't matter who is at fault. Just like that you are injured and your Bike is broken.

I recently found out that your insurance Co. is not necessarily on your side. The other party to the accidents insurance Co. is definitely not on your side. Who do you turn to that can get the help you might need? Good friends and Family will help with some things, but what if it goes further than they have experience with? Good question ?

You now have an ambulance bill, Hospital bill, Tow-truck bill, impound fees, DMV accident reports, Police questions to answer, and these are the least of your problems. Your Bike is broken and maybe a total loss. These along with the fact that you're in pain, and don't know when you can get back to your job and being yourself are things to think about before they are in your face. Your income is going to be effected, your family is going to be effected, and your life can be changed permanently. Who knows you can lose parts.

In my case I took my son's advice and found an attorney who specializes in motorcycle accidents, this turned out to be quite the education for me. The sooner you talk to an attorney the better the insurance Co. will treat you. When you have representation, your attorney answers all the questions for you and deals with all the different agency's that get involved in a claim.

This wakeup call is what I would like to pass along to the members of our HOG group. If you go down in an accident the advice from me and an attorney will be to get representation as soon as possible. Let the experienced, professional people do their job for you. I have been riding for 50 years and this was my first experience with a need for representation. I hope that it will be my last and I hope you will never have the need but if you do this is something to think about.

Dwight



Debbie Ackeret
*Membership
Coordinator*



Hi Everyone,

Please remember to keep your National HOG current!!!

For those expiring this year when you do your renewal please let me know the next expiration date. I will be going through the roster sending out e-mails to those that have expired dates on them.

Thanks

Silks Lady



AV HOG Ridgecrest (formerly RAG HOG)
General Meeting Minutes

Date: 7/14/2012

Meeting Called to Order by Tracy Ackeret at 0900

Director, Tracy Ackeret: Cupcakes for birthdays. The next AV meeting will be Sunday, 5 Aug. Anyone wishing to ride down meet at JIB. The AV after meeting ride is to Santa Clause Lane in Carpentaria. The next RC meeting will be 11 Aug and the after meeting ride will be up 9 mile. Have chapter coins and patches for sale. Tracy spoke about his experience with a hole in his break line on the Yosemite ride. Reminded everyone to look over bikes closely and look for the non-obvious. Deb and Tracy are participating in the CA HOG State Rally 11-15 September.

Asst Director, Mike Moore: Anyone interested in being on the board next year, please talk to any of the current board members. Check into the Road Side America offered through the HOG website, it's a great plan and will tow you to the nearest Harley dealer. This year's picnic will be 28-30 Sep, so looking for a picnic site. Guests today:

Geneva Thayer
Greg Ness (AV)
Gordon, Tiffany and son Gordon Chambers
Heather Moore (Bruce and Debbie's daughter)
Lacey Anderson – who became a new member
Steven Isabel – who became a new member

Treasurer, Sandra Moore: \$4100 in the checkbook. Buying door prizes for the Christmas Party, also looking for handmade donations from our talented HOG members to give as door prizes, if you see something nice in your travels (up to \$45) pick it up for the party.

Secretary & PAO, Barb Austin: Barb had a bottle of the octane booster in her trunk and somewhere between Mojave and Ridgecrest it got hot enough the lid blew off and blew octane booster all over the inside of the trunk – so beware of the octane booster in the glass bottles and the heat.

Activities Director, Hal Bennett:

The after meeting ride today is to Whitney Portal
21 July lunch ride to Pierpoint Springs
28 July lunch ride to Ethel's Old Corral Café
25 August McNally's dinner ride; some are planning to make this an overnight in Kernville
26-28 October is the Morro Bay ride

LOH, Kim Geiger & Stella Raymond: Trip to Solvang was great. 8 ladies went on the trip. The house versus hotel room worked out great – no time limits

Road Captain Coordinator, Randy Geiger: Not present

Newsletter Editor, Scott Covert: The newsletter is out. Still looking for member profiles, has a form for thoughts on what to include in your profile. All newsletter inputs are always welcome. Thinking of doing a retro page – old rides, high school pictures, etc.

Safety Officer, Dwight Furnish: Spoke about dehydration – can lead to heat stroke – warning signs confusion, disorientation, red face, no sweating. Drink lots of fluids, Gatorade is good for electrolytes, find shade and pour water on yourself. Keep a list of your current medications and medical condition in your wallet in case of an emergency.

Photographer, Judy McCauley & Teri Anderson: Teri ordered a new camera.

Membership, Debbie Ackeret: 125 members

Web Master, Don McCauley: Yosemite ride has been posted, but behind on a few others.

Historian, Teri Anderson: The layout of the yearbook has been completed.

Member comments:

Josh – Reno Street Vibrations is 19-23 Sep

Randy Brown – check out the trike he put together for Deb from a Sportster and a Frankenstein trike kit (it really looks great).

Additional comments: The following people have volunteered to host board meetings:

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| 10 Aug 2012 | Randy & Kim Geiger |
| 7 Sep 2012 | Terri & Bill Anderson |
| 12 Oct 2012 | Mike & Sandra Moore |
| 9 Nov 2012 | Barb & Stan Austin |
| 7 Dec 2012 | Hal Bennett (planning meeting) |

Notes: The next RAG general meeting will be 8/11/2012, at 0900 in Charlie's at the Carriage Inn.

Date: 8/11/2012

Meeting Called to Order by Tracy Ackeret at 0858

Director, Tracy Ackeret: Complimented Scott on the quality of the newsletter.

Next AV meeting 9 Sep, any one wanting to attend meet at JIB at 0700 depart at 0715.

The AV after the meeting ride is to the Deer Lodge in Ojai
The AV Christmas Party is at the KoC date TBD
Jet Hawks night is 25 Aug – leave the shop at 1730 – shop ticket price is \$5
8 Sep LOH activities at the shop
The Ethel's ride was great – rode through the canyon, great times, unique location, NE Bakersfield
Coins and patches for sale \$5 each
Toys for Tots donations – thanks to all for contributing. Thanks to Deb and Dennis for taking the toys to Chucks
The AV Harley shop is now closed on Monday
Newcombs Ranch ride on Highway 2 – Tracy related his story about a near miss accident

Asst Director, Mike Moore: YEAH – great to see Diane Ghilardi back after her accident. New member Gina Weaver (from Georgia) introduced. The picnic will be at Lake Diaz. The campsites are \$25 per night; of 20 campers or more – will be \$5 per person. The camp out will be 28-30 Sep. The parade of 1000 flags is 8 Sep – is there any interest from the group – apparently no interest.

Treasurer, Sandra Moore: \$3350 (\$1000 for charities is the checkbook balance. Christmas party tickets will be approximately \$26-\$28. RC HOG will not be offsetting the price. Sales start in Oct.

Secretary & PAO, Barb Austin: Not present. Thanks Deb Linck for stepping up and taking the minutes.

Activities Director, Hal Bennett:
25 Aug McNally's dinner ride – see Wade – some are planning to stay overnight
1 Sep HOG car wash
7 Sep Board meeting
8 Sep General meetings and the after meeting ride to Foxy's
26-28 Oct is the Morro Bay ride



LOH, Kim Geiger & Stella Raymond: Not present

Road Captain Coordinator, Randy Geiger: Not present. Road captains – even if you are not going on a ride, or not wanting to lead a ride, please respond to the e-mails with a yes or no – thanks. Today's ride up 9 mile will not have a road captain so not an official HOG ride. Watch for rocks on the road.

Newsletter Editor, Scott Covert: Newsletter submission deadline is 25 August. Need member profiles for next newsletter. Will send out profile forms. Any submissions for the newsletter are appreciated. Vintage page – still collecting pictures/info.

Safety Officer, Dwight Furnish: Suggests everyone have a 3 X 5 card with medical history, surgeries, current medications, allergies, etc., in case of an accident. Remember to drink lots of water.

Photographer, Judy McCauley & Teri Anderson: Nothing to report
Membership, Debbie Ackeret: New member Roger Warnock introduced. We have a total of 129 members. AV newsletters are out and available from Deb.

Web Master, Don McCauley: Nothing to report

Historian: Teri Anderson: Yearbook is done for Jan – July, looking for pictures from some of the rides. Pictures will only have first names.

Member comments:

Dave – asked for road captain requirements

Joel – 2Sep 9/11 Memorial Ride to Del Rio Mexican restaurant in Kernville – meeting place is Mickey's at 1000 and leave fro Kernville at 1030.

Gary – AV Shop – a letter was sent to members about 6 months ago stating the shop values its HOG member/customers so if you have any issues/complaints please see Gary, Scott or Ron, or let Tracy know.

Bland – Relay for Life is 6-7 Oct. Will send out info to put a team together.

Stan – make sure you look around so you see who/ what is around you – increase your situational awareness – drive defensively

Vikki – looking for donations of old Harley t-shirts

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Announcements

From the shop.

The 2013's will be here soon and we're ready to make you a great deal on your trade to move the last of the 2012's. We have some great incentives and financing options available. Come in and let's see what Gary can do for you today.

Antelope valley Harley-Davidson
Upcoming events for 2012

Events are subject to change

- ◆ September 8th HOG Poker Run & last Bike Night.
- ◆ September 12th Fashion Show Fundraiser?
 - ◆ September 14th Garage Party.
- ◆ October 7th High Desert Fallen Heroes Run.
- ◆ October 20th Parking Lot Swap Meet Crazy Otto's Rode Hogaween.
 - ◆ November 23rd Toy Drive with Radio Station Black Friday.
 - ◆ December 21st Open House and Bike Giveaway.
- ◆ Every Saturday between Memorial Day and Labor Day BBQ.
- ◆ 2nd Saturday of the month between April and September HOG Cruise In.
 - ◆ Other misc events TBD.



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HOG Member Profile



Name: **Barry Hoyer**

Frequent/Occasional Passenger: Loretta (wife)

Experience: As a young lad growing up in North Texas in the mid 60s, we could rent 80cc motorcycles by the hour at a couple of different places in town. All you needed was a car driver's license and the \$4/hour rental fee. My buddies and I would chase cottontails in open fields at night. I don't remember if we even wore helmets back then or not.

After returning from a cruise to the Tonkin Gulf in 1969 I bought a '69 Yamaha 125cc 2 cylinder, 2 stroke street bike for the 3 mile commute from Navy housing to the base at NAS Whidbey Island, WA. I became bored with that bike real quickly and bought a CT-1 175cc Yamaha Enduro. It was a lot more fun and I could pretend to be a weekend dirt bike racer.

A few years later (1975) I bought a real street bike. It was a Honda CB-550K. It was the little brother to the CB-750 which made its debut in 1969. I thought they were gorgeous bikes at the time. I outfitted mine with a Vetter Windjammer fairing and was ready for the open road. I got my first motorcycle endorsement on my driver's license in Washington state and took the mandatory base safety course in 1975. Later that year I was transferred to China Lake from Whidbey Island. The Honda was my sole means of transportation at that time, so I strapped my sea bag to the sissy bar and made the trip. After 20,000 problem free miles in less than a year on that bike, I traded it for a '76 Yamaha XT-500 enduro. I've owned several other street and dirt bikes since then including a poor man's Gold Wing (Honda GL-500I Silverwing). In 2004, after being without a bike for almost 9 years, I bought my first Harley, a 2004 Dyna Wide Glide. To me it epitomized what a Harley should look like. You know, ape hangers, raked front end, etc. After 28,000 miles on that bike, I traded it in on a 2008 Road King. Loretta was expressing a desire to ride with me by now. It was definitely a different handling bike than the Wide Glide, but it was a comfortable kind of different. I missed my Wide Glide and ended up buying another one to fill that void. I consider it the sports car and the Road King is more like the family sedan.

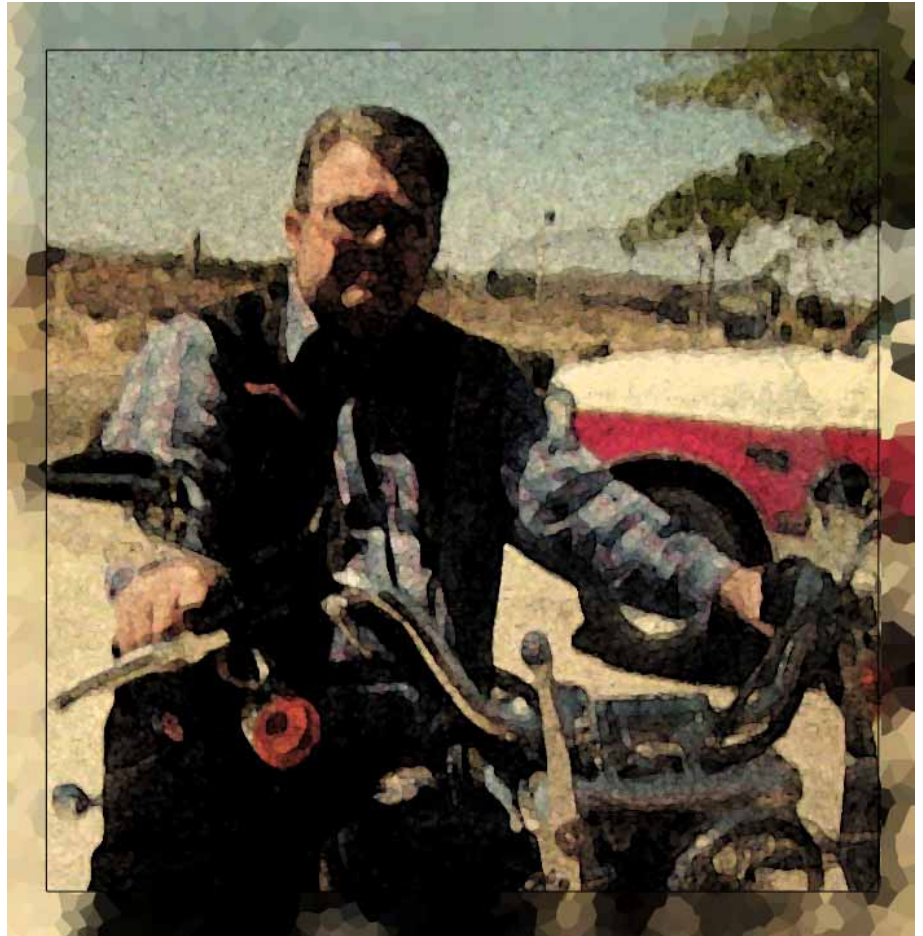
I have been with the local HOG group since 2004 and enjoy the camaraderie within the group. Group rides, especially the food runs, are fun. Occasionally, however, I prefer to strike it out on my own. It may sound selfish, but then I can ride as far as I want, as fast as I want, stop when I want, where I want without having to compromise. Something about being free and independent, I guess.

I would guess that I have accumulated well over 100,000 miles on motorcycles in the 46 years I've been riding so far. 60,000 of those miles were on Harleys.

MEMBER PROFILE

My name is John Capazzi, a new member of the HOG family. I finished the motorcycle safety course in March and have logged in about 1500 miles so far. As a new rider I'm really looking forward to improving my riding skills, making new friends, and becoming involved with the Ridgecrest Harley Owners Group.

Born and raised in New York (November 1947), I joined the Navy in January 1965. A thirty year career as a Navy black shoe, serving on Destroyers, a cruiser, and a battleship, brought me to China Lake where I retired in January 1995. I was done moving and decided to



settle here. I went to truck drivers school and drove a truck for several different companies until early this year when I completely retired.

Back in 1996 I married my lovely wife LuAnn, bought a house and planted my roots.

My other hobbies include: fishing, scroll-sawing, and spending time with my family and friends. I enjoy music, laughter, and an occasional poker game. Life is good.



Bill Anderson
Historian

Get those Ride Reports in !!!



Judy McCauley
Photographer
Teri Anderson
Photographer



Scott Covert
Editor



Don McCauley
Web Talker

Please visit our website



Sandra Moore
“.5”
Treasurer



Barb Austin
Secretary/PAO

Love riding my trike



**Stella Raymond &
Kim Geiger**
Ladies of Harley



Member story by Barry Hoyer



ORF (Old Retired Fart) Oregon Trip

I had been talking for some time about riding somewhere adventurous this summer. One thought was to ride up the coast on PCH toward Washington State. I thought it would be cool to ride across the Golden Gate Bridge since I've been under it three times (Navy cruises to WestPac) but never over it. Well, this ride never materialized. Instead, I rode up 395 with Klamath Falls, OR as my new destination. After gassing up in Bishop, I proceeded North. A short stop was made at Deadman Summit (El. 8,000') to swap the mesh jacket for a leather one. I hadn't planned on taking the leather jacket but the HOG website "what to pack" checklist recommended it. I'm glad now that I did. I also took four pairs of gloves in varying thicknesses including w/ and w/o fingers. I used all of them at some point in my trip.

I stopped for lunch in the little town of Walker at Mtn. View BBQ. I highly recommend this place if you're ever up that way. They have a smoker going right out front with picnic tables outside for alfresco dining. I had the Texas kick-ass brisket sandwich which had a pleasant horsey sauce on it. Then it was back on the road again for points North. The ride through Reno was uneventful with traffic being light. By the time I reached Susanville I decided to call it quits for the day. A stiff wind from the N/NW took its toll on me and I was beat up. Oh well, 430 miles ain't too bad. My longest day in the saddle was in 2006 when Stan Austin and I rode 660 miles to Salt Lake City for the Saints to Sinners HOG Rally. We did this in 12 hours. And that was on a Wide Glide with no windshield. But I was still in my 50s back then.

Day 2- My original intentions were to pick up Hwy 44 out of Susanville and then Hwy 89 which would take me through Shasta-Trinity National Forest. Somewhere along the way my internal GPS failed me. At the junction at Old Station I turned left instead of right, which I should have. Oh well, who says you can't be flexible. I ended up going through Lassen Volcanic National Park which was a sweet ride, lots of sweeping curves through some gorgeous scenery. Besides, I was able to pay my onetime \$10 fee at the Park entrance for my Senior Pass. I stopped at the summit (8,500') for a Kodak moment of Lassen Peak. There is still a fair amount of snow in the shaded areas at that elevation. I was looking forward to a lower elevation and the warmer weather that comes with it. After exiting the park I picked up Hwy 36 toward Red Bluff. At Red Bluff I headed North on I-5 for the next 100 miles. My original route would have had me on I-5 for only 10 miles. The plan was to avoid interstates if at all possible. At Weed I picked up US-97

Member story

North toward Klamath Falls. After a scenic ride through downtown Klamath Falls I decided it was too early to stop for the night. It's a very pretty city with obviously lots of water related activities to pursue. But I was comfortable in the saddle and conditions were favorable, so I made Bend, OR my new destination. After a 500 mile day I checked into the Best Western and unpacked. I was packing a tent, air mattress, and sleeping bag just in case a BW (or any other motel for that matter) wasn't available, which I never had to use. Blackened Ahi tuna at a nearby restaurant was dinner for the evening. At 1:30AM I was awakened to the sound of thunder. Looking out the window toward the parking lot I notice it raining pretty heavily. Thank goodness I'm not in a tent. By 6:30AM the rain had subsided. After checking the local weather, the new plan was to ride toward blue skies. I had entertained thoughts of riding toward the coast but decided against that. Yeah, I had a rain suit but preferred not to use it if I didn't have to.

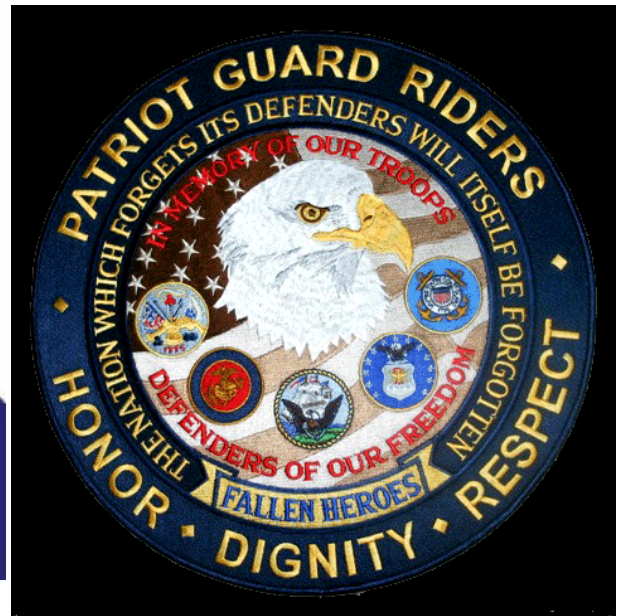
Day 3- Leaving Bend around 7:30AM I headed South on US-97 back towards Klamath Falls where I picked up Hwy 140E which would lead to Lakeview, OR and US-395. It was now South on 395 to Reno where I headed East on I-80 toward Fallon, NV and another Best Western for the night. Another 500 miles down.

Day 4- Now I'm on the road again around 7:30AM headed South on US-95 with Home Base as my destination this time. Like a fool I didn't gas up before leaving Fallon. The trip to Hawthorne some 71 miles away had me being concerned that I might have to use my AAA card to have them bring me some gas. I was doing everything I could to conserve fuel. Traffic was stopped at Walker Lake for road construction. I immediately turned off the ignition to save what precious fuel I had remaining. Good thing, we were stopped for 10 minutes. After starting up again I continued to nurse the fuel consumption. I stopped at the 1st gas station I encountered in Hawthorne thankful for having made it. Lo and behold, it only took 4 ½ gallons to fill up to the brim. Heck, I had worried for nothing. I still had 1 ½ gallons left. Okay, life is good once again and I'm back on 95S. At Hwy 360 I head South toward Hwy 6 and eventually Bishop. This is a nice well maintained two lane road with very little traffic save for an occasional semi or two. After a brief stop at the city park in Bishop to hydrate my hydration vest (you reckon?), I then pointed my nose South once again for the last leg of my trip. After a brief stop at the Chevron in Independence for gas it was on to Coso Junction rest area to hydrate my vest once again. I had forgotten just how warm the desert gets. I was wishing I was back in Oregon. I rolled into my driveway around 2:00PM thankful to be home again. You just ain't gonna believe this, but my trip odometer registered 1776.0 (yes, 1776 exactly) miles. It was a fun 4 day ride without a care in the world except for when I was concerned about if I would make it to the next gas station. At one point in the trip I had to settle for mid-grade fuel since they were out of premium. The bike didn't care as far as I could tell. I managed 50+ mpg on some tanks of gas. Yeah, I know, I couldn't believe it either.

Just as a side note – I wore a 2 liter Camelbak which came in very handy along the way. I never had to stop for water anywhere along the route other than for my hydration vest. I highly recommend one for anyone planning a long trip.



Something from the Patriot Guard Riders



This is a letter we submitted to the USMC RCT-5 Advon today in thanks:

Letter of Thanks to all Marine Divisions at Camp Pendleton:

We, at the Patriot Guard Riders, have had the pleasure for several years now, of Welcoming Home your units when they return from battle. Being able to welcome them home, and say thanks means more to us than you will ever know.

However, this last weekend, something happened that drove it home in an even more personal way how much we love and appreciate all of you, and what Heroes you all are both on the battlefield and off. Early Sunday morning, our Asst State Capt Gunny was leading a Welcome Home of the RCT-5 Advon, and just after getting on the freeway in Moreno Valley after leaving March ARB with 4 bus loads of marines, Gunny was hit by a car. Gunny went flying, along with his bike which was strewn in pieces all over the freeway along with all his personal items. The buses immediately pulled over and all the marines got off the buses, tended to Gunny until the EMTs arrived and held traffic so that they could recover his personal belongings and the bike. Even after Gunny was transported to the hospital, the marines stayed until they were satisfied that all his items were recovered. This was done by a bunch of battle weary marines, who's arrival had been delayed several times, anxious to meet up with their families who were waiting for them at Camp Pendleton, but they saw a need and stepped up to fill it.

We, at the Patriot Guard, Gunny personally, but ALL of us as well, cannot convey to you how much we deeply appreciate what your marines did and do, those acts of heroism that they perform every day, here on the home front as well as on the battlefield. We always knew why we love and support our troops, but to see first hand how much they love and support us right back was just awe inspiring and touched us all to the deepest parts of our hearts.

Thanks is not enough but it's all we have.

On behalf of the So Calif PGR
and Gunny Donor

Beth Allen

So Cal PGR Posting Team



Pictures



September Birthdays



Barbara Austin



Bill Anderson



Robert Johns



Debby Linck



Don McCauley



Patricia Turbide



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Vikki Thomson



Larry Zulkoski



John Weaver

October Birthdays



Amy Covert



John Cain



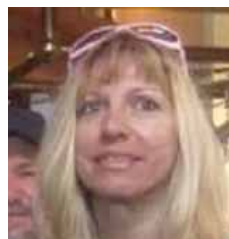
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > HOG Car Wash Corner of Ridgecrest & China Lake Blvd > Foxy's Landing 22636 Airport Way #10 California City CA > Cal State HOG Rally "California Passes" Santa Maria to Sacramento for information www.castatehogrally.com > Panamint Springs Resort Hwy 190 Death Valley CA > Ridgecrest HOG Picnic and Poker Run Sept 28-30 Paradise Cove Campground Lake Isabella | | | | | | 1 HOG Car Wash |
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| 9 AV HOG Meeting After meeting ride to Ojai | 10 | 11 Cal State HOG Rally | 12 Cal State HOG Rally AV Fashion Show Fund Raiser | 13 Cal State HOG Rally | 14 Cal State HOG Rally Flex Day NAWs | 15 Cal State HOG Rally |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 AV Garage Party | 22 Lunch Ride to Panamint Springs Resort |
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| 7 AV HOG Meeting AV High Desert Fallen Hero's Run | 8 Columbus Day (Fed) | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 AV HOG RC Board Meeting Flex Day NAWs | 13 AV HOG RC Meeting After Meeting Ride to Onyx Store |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Morro Bay Run Flex Day NAWs | 27 Morro Bay Run AV Parking Lot Swap Meet & Hogaween |
| 28 Morro Bay Run | 29 | 30 | 31 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Onyx Store Hwy 178 Onyx CA > Morro Bay Run to Morro Bay CA Oct 12-14 Contact Mike Moore moorems@verizon.com for details > HOG Ordnance Day contact Wade Tallman stank22@aol.com for details | | |



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

LOOK AHEAD:

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>

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Harley Owners Group

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