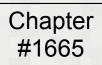


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Giving Back to the Community





Just two examples of giving back to the local community. Ron Emard presenting a check to the Boys and Girls Club and the LOH presenting a check to the IWV Women's Shelter.

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It's that time of the year. Toys for Tots is over. Ugly weather day...good thing it wasn't raining. Appreciate all the help from those who not only went out soliciting door prizes but also those who took on the weather and brought out cycles for folks to see. The last two events of the year are the Christmas Parade immediately following the meeting on Saturday (remember its 8 am) and the Christmas Party that night. The Christmas committee has outdone themselves and we are looking at lots of door prizes. I'm sure the White Elephant Exchange will prove interesting as always!!!

The New Year brings opportunity to make changes. What new changes? What ever we want to do. It's our group to do what we want. So provide your input to either Mike, myself, or any other board member so we can work with it. We are looking at a joint planning calendar meeting with AV to try to avoid some of the overlaps that we seem to be having. By doing so, hopefully we can participate more often in their events, and they in ours. Rides= we are always looking for new locations and ideas. Pass them forward and let's go for some new runs.

Lastly, we ended the year with a membership of 94. Probably the highest it has been, at least that I know of. However, I ask myself, why are there normally only 30 or so at the meetings? I understand not everyone is available all the time but...What can we do to make the meetings better? Would you like to see a different format or different presentations? Is something missing? Are they too long, too short? Just because we have done it this way for years, doesn't mean we can't look at trying to spice it up some. Again, your ideas are what make things better. Send an email, drop a note on the table at the meeting, but if you have any ideas, we are willing to listen.

Look forward to kicking off the New Year with a bang!!



Happy Holidays, Hope everyone has survived. This has been a good year for the Ridgecrest Activity Group, we received a lot of donations and put them to good use. Knowing that we helped some families enjoy their holidays a bit more, makes me feel proud to be a part of this great group.

This past year I enjoyed some great riding. Mike More and I took a snowy a ride to Reno in May. My wife Malia, Mike and I had another chilly ride to Reno for Street Vibrations in late September. And then in October I rode solo to Alamogordo New Mexico, that was a bit warm riding through Arizona. I look forward to the new year and the new adventures it brings. I also look forward to some great rides that are already filling up next years calendar. If there is someplace that anyone of you feel would be a good ride for the group please bring it up so we can fit it in the calendar.

I would like to thank everyone for a great year and I hope that 2008 will be even better.

Ike "Skate Under Tire"



No report this month





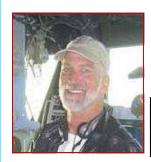
As the year 2007 winds down and the holidays

are upon us, the RAG Ladies of Harley officers want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of you who have made this year such a wonderful adventure. Tommie and I have learned and gained so much from each and every one of you, and we will keep these memories with us forever. It has been a privilege to serve you as well as helping our group have a little bit of fun along the way.

As our lives change and grow, we will miss our Aussie friends while welcoming new members into our little cluster of Harley enthusiasts. And friends, enthusiasm IS the key to the success of our group. Your passion for riding, giving, and having fun keeps RAG growing every year. Every time an LOH event has come around, YOU, our invaluable members, have come through and made history! YOU created one of the wildest "dates" any of us have ever had! YOU helped raise a record amount of money for our local families in need! YOU helped Barry Hoyer and Jim Milam become richer by donating your money in the poker run! YOU washed countless cars and trucks to make our homeless pets more comfortable! YOU stood and saluted Paul with laughter as he graciously received his Ultra Geezer Male Urinal (and coveted it later when you bought your new Ultra!)! YOU made memories we will keep forever. For this, WE offer you our sincere gratitude for making this year memorable for us. We hope you have had fun along the way, and if ever you need anything, please feel free to call on us. We are in debt to you for one terrific year!

Double Trouble (but twice the fun),

Judy and Tommie



· HECK

Rex Walraven Semper Fi Oo-Rah

Tis the season to be riding? If you have the right gear to ride all winter, this is sure the place to ride all year round. However, make sure you are ready. On group rides all of us need to make sure we are prepared for the cold and wet (I know this is Ridgecrest, what wet weather?) conditions out there. Cold + wet = ice. Our Road Captains need to make sure they know the road conditions. So let us all communicate with each other and keep everyone safe.

We have a new AV HOG Road Captain Handbook that I am soliciting input to adopt as our unofficial Official Handbook. Although our policy slightly differs from AV on making Road Captains, they are not far off. I will send out the handbook and a final draft on our policy for qualifying members as road captains this month.

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

Remember the reason for the season!

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





Tracy Ackeret Ramblings from Silk



Greetings again.

Its getting colder outside and most of you already know that I don't like riding in the cold, however I have a new reason to want to. Above is a picture of my new toy for those of you that have not had the pleasure of seeing it. It's a 2008 Anniversary Ultra Classic. I have almost gotten to the 1000 mile checkup on it, have to get it in sometime in the next week or so and I have loved every mile of it. I never thought I would hear myself say this but I really like my "Geezer Glide". The difference between riding the Ultra and riding on my 03 Low Rider is like night and day. Its like going from a 65 VW bug to an 08 Cadillac. There is so much to like about it that's its hard to find a place to start. Lets just say that it will be hard to get Debbie to take a long ride on the Low Rider now that she has been on the Ultra. I will still be riding my 03 just not on the long trips that we take. It will be for short trips and maybe an occasional overnighter but for all the long trips we will be taking the Ultra.

Hopefully some of you have noticed that I made a couple of changes to the newsletter, I am still trying to tweak it to what my own personal vision of it is. However that does not mean that my vision is the best one, if you like the new look or dislike please let me know so I can hopefully keep making "OUR" newsletter better.

> Ride Safe Silk



Great Thanksgiving basket delivery turn out! Great lunch! All in all a great day...considering we were "in a cage".



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



Ridgecrest Activity Group Antelope Valley Chapter Meeting Minutes 13 Oct 2007

The meeting was called to order at 0904 hours by Asst. Director Ike Bridgeman at Charlie's (Carriage Inn) in Ridgecrest.

Director: Absent

Asst. Director Ike Bridgeman – Car wash raised \$512, AV

camping trip cancelled, new member Mike Cash joined at car wash, Dec. 8 is Xmas parade after meeting, need volunteer's for Toy's for Tots which is Dec. 1

Secretary: Paul Liesman – membership at 93.

Treasurer Cheryl Tallman - Absent, \$4700+ is available in the fund at present, minus a few expenses

Activities Officer Mike Moore – Ojai ride is Saturday Oct. 20 (Mike will lead), ride to the Route 62 Diner in Yucca Valley is Oct. 27 (Ike will lead), Next AV meeting is Nov. 4 and their ride after the meeting is to Bakersfield HD, Nov. 17 is a brunch ride to Tehachapi (need a lead), Xmas party tickets are on sale and last day to purchase is Nov. 27, next board meeting will be at Mike & Sandra's

Safety Officer Tony Jaime- Absent

Road Captain Rex Walraven – Next Road Captain meeting will be Oct. 30, 1830 at Nicoletti's, next AV Road Captain meeting is Nov. 3

Editor Tracy Ackeret - newsletter is out

LOH Judy Gerard, Tommie Lawrence – Cancelled Nov. 3 date night to Peggy Sue's, over 40 items have been donated for silent auction, Nov. 17 will be Thanksgiving basket delivery and will be part of brunch ride, bidding will continue for 10-15 minutes after meeting.

Historian Susan Brandt - Absent

Photographer Judy McCauley - thanks to others for taking pictures on rides she missed

Webmaster Don McCauley - please send pics of last car wash

Membership/PAO Josh Wilkerson - media notified about donation

New Business: None

Member/Guest Comments: Jean from High Desert Women's Center discussed what they do, how it works, packets, buttons, ribbons, needed items and a Xmas list will be provided to Tommie.

Old Business:

Reminder – Next board meeting is Fri. Nov. 9 @ Mike & Sandra Moore, time TBD. Next general meeting will be on Sat. Nov. 10 at 0900 hours at Charlie's in the Carriage Inn.

Meeting was adjourned at 0937 hours.

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Ridgecrest Activity Group Antelope Valley Chapter Meeting Minutes 10 Nov. 2007

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

Director Wade Tallman -shared a little bike humor, announced John Brandt as our new Safety Officer, filled in for Rex, Robert still has group photos for sell, AV Xmas party is Dec. 1, AV attempting to get state rally in Palmdale/Lancaster area

Asst. Director Isaac Bridgeman - after meeting ride to Bakersfield HD

Secretary Paul Liesman - introduced Mark Keller, Dave Campbell is selling his 2003 Ultra

Treasurer Cheryl Tallman - Balance is \$4630, yet to pay for Xmas party gifts, other bills, plan to carry around \$500 over to next year

Activities Officer Mike Moore – the Patriot Guard ride was fun, Nov. 17 is Thanksgiving food basket delivery and brunch ride to Tehachapi, Nov. 27 is cut off date for Xmas party tickets, Dec. 1 is Toys for Tots, Dec. 8 meeting start time is changed to 0800 because of Xmas parade

Safety Officer John Brandt - learning position and responsibilities

Road Captain Rex Walraven - Absent

Editor Tracy Ackeret - nothing

LOH Judy Gerard, Tommie Lawrence – received thank you letter from Women's Shelter, Salvation Army has call out for winter clothing cold weather program, have 3 families this year (2 on base), presented tee shirts to Al & Jeanine Vincent

Historian Susan Brandt - working on year book cd

Photographer Judy McCauley - nothing

Webmaster Don McCauley - need pics from Stan for car wash

Membership /PAO Josh Wilkerson - need beggars for Toys for Tots, has letters from Wade for businesses

New Business: Need new LOH for next year

Member/Guest Comments - Al Vincent : Thanked everyone and enjoyed time here Paul Begin : asked members to sign his copy of group photo

Old Business:

Reminder – Next board meeting is TBD. Next general meeting will be on Sat. 8 Dec. at 0800 hours at Charlie's in the Carriage Inn.

Meeting was adjourned at 0927 hours (09:27 am).





Mike Moore Ghost Rider

Hi Friends,

The holidays are upon us and I am wondering where the year went. I am finding that the saying "the older you get the faster the years go by" is true.

This being my last newsletter of the year I want to thank all of the road captains who led our rides this year. Speaking of rides, we had a good mix of some of our "go to" rides and some new places. Most of the rides turned out great but a few did not pan out for various reasons, from nasty winds to a chance to honor a fallen soldier.

December brings us some fun and worthy events, starting with the Toys for Tots car and bike show on the 1st. Then on the 8th we have our Christmas party, the ladies on the Christmas committee are working hard to make this our best party yet. They have come up with some new things that should be a lot of fun.

I have started working on next year's ride calendar but it is only partially completed and I will be asking for ideas from all of you at our December meeting. One thing I am working on for next year is to have more overnight rides. I already have the Cabin Fever ride to Beatty in February and we are going back to Morro Bay in March. I am also working with Dwight on a trip to the gold country and an overnighter to Solvang.

The calendar is not written in stone, so please feel free to give me your ideas. I will try to get them on the calendar along with our breakfast, lunch, and dinner rides. We will start our "food" rides in January with a lunch ride to BJ's Brewhouse in Palmdale on the 26th.

It should be another good year of riding and I am looking forward to riding with you all.

Take care, Mike





Susan Brandt *"No Name"*

Hi Riders!

I wanted to let everyone know that I will be sending out an email at the end of the year to see who would like a copy of our 2007 *Memories* yearbook on CD (in case you didn't get a chance to sign-up at the last meeting). The great thing about it is that there is **no charge**!! The CD will include collages of each event/ride we've had this year, newspaper clippings of all the charity donations we've given, along with a list of all 2007 members. It's a great reflection of all the activities we've done this year and a great way to show your friends and family what our group is all about! If you could just reply, to me when you receive my email and let me know if you'd like a CD or not that would be great. I just need to get a count of how many to make. If you and your spouse would just like one copy for the both of you please let me know as well. Also, if you have any pictures from this year that you know you haven't given to Don or myself, please try to get those to us as soon as possible.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! See you in '08!

Your Historian, Susan





Hello Bikers,

First off, thank you for giving me the opportunity to be the new safety officer. I will be working with Rex to coordinate any motorcycle training opportunities, such as Rider's Edge and MSF courses. In addition, I will be providing safety topics as they relate to safe group riding. I would like to get all members involved with group riding safety topics. If you have a specific experience or lesson learned with regard to group riding safety, please let me know and we could arrange for a discussion at the general meeting. Bringing local, relevant experiences to everyone's attention in the group will be more beneficial and interesting than listening to regurgitated safety rules. I look forward to riding with everyone in '08. Be safe and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

John Brandt



D'oh! Looks like someone didn't follow the safety rules.

August 27, 2007

Original Baltimore Sun article Two people died in a motorcycle crash in Harford County this weekend, police said, but their bodies weren't discovered until the next day. According to the Harford County Sheriff's Office, the bodies of Darius Christian Hook, 36, and Amber Lynn Kashner, 28, were found about noon yesterday in a field in the 3000 block of Charles St. in Fallston, A 1986 Yamaha Fazer motorcycle also was found nearby. Police believe that the accident occurred sometime Saturday, and the motorcycle was being driven at a high rate of speed when the driver -- who police say was Hook -- lost control on a curve in the roadway. Neither Hook, of Fallston, nor Kashner, of Baltimore, was wearing a helmet, police said. Both bodies were taken to the medical examiner's office in Baltimore for autopsies, police said.

Cpl. Wayne Geiger's Ríde Home



Thanksgiving Basket 07

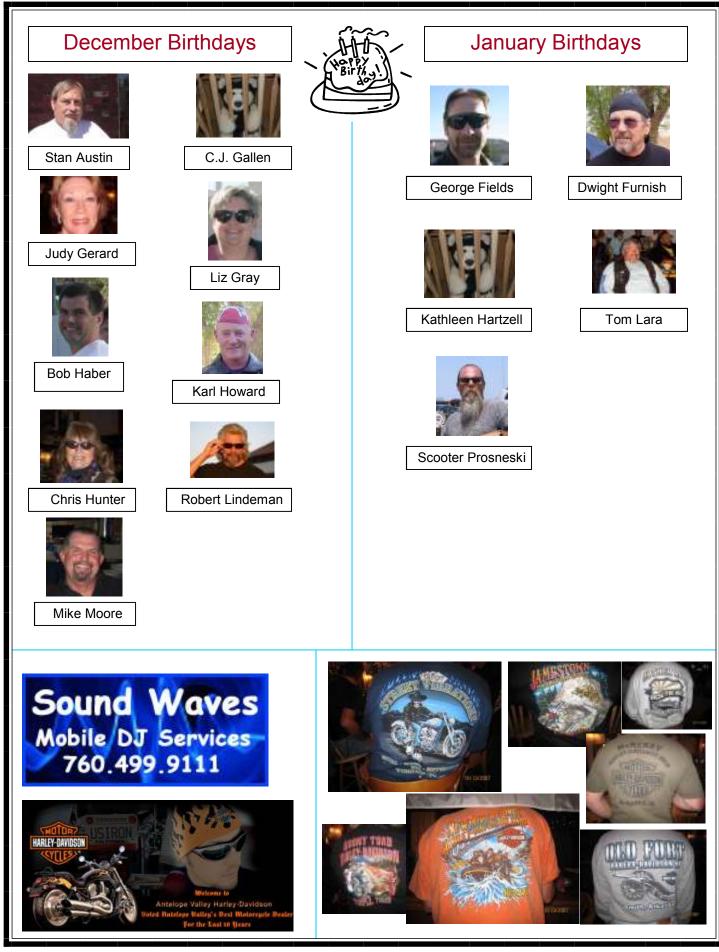


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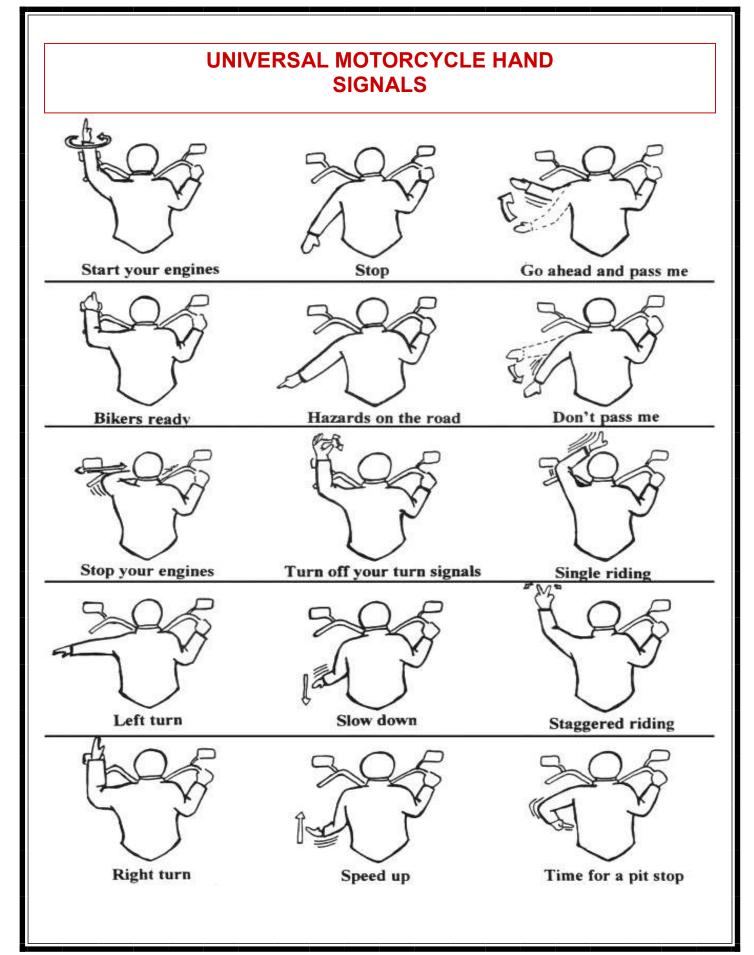
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> AV Hog Public Site http://www.avhog.com

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/

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Upcoming Events:

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