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Saturday
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Meetings Held at
Charlie's in Ridgecrest

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RIDGECREST, CA**

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AV HOG Ridgecrest...

Tracy and Ron announce at our
Christmas Party, 15 December 2012, that the
Antelope Valley Ridgecrest HOG Chapter
stands up as a stand-alone entity
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Merry Christmas...and Happy New Year...!

webtalker
"Wanting to want a thing
Is not the same as wanting it"





Tracy Ackeret **Ramblings from** **Silk**



Greetings everyone and welcome to a new year!!!!

I hope everyone has had a merry Christmas and a very happy New Year with little hangover. Deb and I enjoyed our Christmas; we went down to Camp Pendleton on the 22nd and picked up our Marine. We had him here for a week so we got to spend Christmas with him. We had to take him back on the 29th but we did enjoy the time we got to spend with him. He looked at the break with mixed blessings. He got to have a bit of time off to spend with us and his girlfriend but he had gotten into the rhythm of the training and the break took him out of that rhythm. He started back up on the 31st with more training so he will be spending New Year's Day out in the field. But he is young and will have many more New Year's to get stupid so this is probably good for him.

Now on to chapter news, as I am sure most of you have heard by now Ron came to our Christmas party and brought some good news with him. He had the letter from Mother HOG that we are officially our own chapter. Your board members will be working with Mother HOG in the next few months to get all the needed paperwork done. Most of this is just getting all the officers into the system as official officers of the chapter and getting our Bylaws that we voted on at the December meeting incorporated into Mother HOG. One thing that I will be doing is working with Don to get our website onto the national HOG website as an official website of the Antelope Valley Ridgecrest Chapter. That way whenever anyone visits Mother HOG's website and searches for stores in the area our website will come up in the search. It has taken a bit of time to get all this done with Mother HOG but now that we do we are an official HOG chapter with national recognition. In many ways this is a good thing but we also will be being watched to make sure we do it the right way. Not that we haven't been doing it but now they will be watching us instead of turning a blind eye to us and pretending we don't exist.

At the December board meeting we once again did our annual calendar of events. We have, as in past years, many great rides scheduled this coming year. We have put on some breakfast rides on flex Fridays to see how those are received; we also have a couple more overnight rides on the calendar this year. We have our annual Morro Bay ride in the spring once again this year. It used to be in the spring but a few years ago due to conflicts it got moved to the fall. If you have never been across the 58 to the coast in the spring you really need to try to go on this ride. The wild flowers are amazing in the spring and well worth the ride over to the coast. As if the beauty of Morro Bay wasn't enough in the spring you have the flowers also. We also have a ride to the Reagan Library planned this year. It will be a one night stay somewhere down in that area. The reason we made it an overnight ride is so that we have more time to enjoy the library and don't have to rush home. Bill and Teri Anderson are going to plan a ride to Zion National Park this year, it will be a ride to Utah on a Friday then spend Saturday in Zion and that afternoon ride to Las Vegas then on Sunday ride home. I am really looking forward to this ride as Zion is a place I have always wanted to visit but just haven't gotten to yet. Well this year we will. So anyway take a look at our annual calendar, print out a copy of it and post it on your refrigerator or in some other prominent place so that you can decide which great ride you want to take this year.

And remember that it's all of you that make this by far the very best HOG chapter, whether unofficial or official in the whole country. Let's show Mother HOG what we are made of and get out there and ride and have fun.

Silk



Mike Moore
Assistant Director



Mike

I want to start by saying that I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year! As usual December has been crazy busy with the planning meeting for next year's ride calendar at Hal and Yvette's new house with the bad ass outdoor kitchen and finalizing the preparations for the group Christmas Party. Now that I've mentioned the party let me just say it was a HUGE success! We sold 81 tickets and had 79 people attend this year; both of those numbers are all time highs for our group so thanks to you all for making it such a successful and fun party. And a special thanks to all of you that helped with the set up the night of the party, and also to all the people who donated their time and efforts either baking the homemade desserts, making the HOG draw grand prizes, or making and donating door prizes and in some cases both, again Thank You very much!

We have a lot of cool rides on next year's calendar including a couple that I'll be taking the lead on in the first quarter of the year. The first one I'll be doing is the ride down to the Reagan Library in Simi Valley with an overnight stay probably in Ventura. I'll get the info out after the first of the year on tickets for the library as well as where we'll stay for the night. Then on April 26-28 I'll be doing the Morro Bay ride again, the ride over there in the spring can be spectacular with wildflowers especially if we get a wet winter, and of course it will be a boat load of fun! I am looking forward to another great year of riding and fun in the new Antelope Valley HOG Ridgecrest Chapter! That has a nice ring to it.

Lets continue to make this the best HOG Chapter of them all!

Like I always say, ride safe, have fun, and drink good Bourbon. Actually I don't think I've ever said that but I like it!

See ya
Mike



Dwight Furnish
Safety Officer



Safety Officer input.

You have all heard the saying” Keep the shiny side up and the rubber side down”. Well this time of year we need to pay special attention to the tire pressure, the air temperature going down tends to pull some of the tire pressure with it. Just a few pounds of tire pressure can make a big difference in the handling of your bike.

T.C.L.O.C.K.

Tires. It only takes a few minutes to check the pressure. Spokes/wheels.

Controls. Make sure they are in good working order.

Lights .You will want to be seen so make sure your running lights are on and your brake light works.

Oil & Gas. Always check your oil before you ride, and running out of gas is not fun.

Chain/belt & Chassis. A quick look can detect a problem with alignment.

Kickstand. The spring needs to hold it up and out of the way. (Sidecars and Trikes can do without them.)

Dwight.





Debbie Ackeret
Membership
Coordinator



Hi Everyone,

Please file out your forms and bring to the next meeting..... Note - I will have blank forms at the meetings.....

Membership form (HOG required form) and Membership profile (extra data information not required by HOG but a nice to have) form

Annual dues are now \$25.00 After the March meeting they will have a \$5.00 late fee

Now that we are Our Own Chapter in order for you to be included in the National Roster at HOG
You have to keep your National HOG current. If it is not current I will not be able to include you on the roster.

Thanks
Silks Lady



Date: 11/10/2012

Meeting Called to Order by Tracy Ackeret at 0900

Director, Tracy Ackeret: Presented a \$1000 check to Victoria Moore representing the Boys & Girls Club, the donation coming from the AV Harley Shop. Victoria invited the group to come by Gateway, Las Flores, or the Clubhouse to see how the money is used. Tracy then introduced of the nations newest Marines, Makay Client, Deb and Tracy's son. Congratulations Makay!

By Laws – Deb passed around the By Laws for our new Chapter. Tracy briefly discussed the By Laws and then there was open forum discussion before the group voted to pass the By Laws. Our new Chapter dues will be \$25.00 per year.

Asst Director, Mike Moore: Nothing to report.

Treasurer, Sandra Moore: \$3500 checkbook balance. Christmas party tickets are \$28.00. Call Sandra for tickets.

Secretary & PAO, Barb Austin: Arranged for the Boys & Girls Club rep to be at the meeting and both newspapers for the presentation of the check for \$1000.00.

Activities Director, Hal Bennett:

After meeting ride to the Red House BBQ is cancelled due to weather

17 Nov Toys for Tots presentation, stage at 0830, 0900 present toys

Morro Bay ride was great, excellent weekend for riding. Some rode into the wine country, while others rode up the coast.

LOH, Kim Geiger & Stella Raymond: Nothing to report.

Road Captain Coordinator, Randy Geiger: Recommend reading the Motorcycle Consumer News. Always think escape routes, at intersections and even when riding in a group. Road captains should make passing a real serious decision because you are leading the entire group into the situation, not just yourself. Watch the 2 lane area just north of Cartago, several people pass over the double yellow line.

Newsletter Editor, Scott Covert: Newsletter went out about a week ago. Please let Scott know if you did not get the newsletter. Everyone can provide ride stories and pictures. Also remember to send in your member profiles.

Safety Officer, Dwight Furnish: Dwight has been reading the pros and cons of being in neutral at a stop light. Whether you put the motorcycle in neutral and release the clutch or if you prefer to down shift to first and be ready to go, always remember to keep an eye on vehicles coming up behind you and have an escape route in mind. Drive with high beams on during the day for greater visibility. Review the Riders Edge video for a refresher and info on group riding

Photographer, Judy McCauley & Teri Anderson: Working scrapbooks and CDs, CDs will be ready in January.

Membership, Debbie Ackeret: 130 members to date. Have patches and coins for sale and copies of the newsletter if anyone wants/needs a copy. Birthday cupcakes for all the November birthdays and for all the past/present Marines for the Marine Corps Birthday!

Web Master, Don McCauley: Ordnance Day posted, check out Bobby's explosive target.

Historian: Bill & Teri Anderson: Nothing to report.

Member comments:

Scott – Black Friday Swap meet at the USO Building – Scott will have his hand made items there.

Wade – Barry made a motorcycle for Wade – see the great creativity!

Loretta – Order Avon – her profit will be given as a donation to the group – she will even gift wrap presents for your significant other.

Tiffany – Will do designs on T-Shirts, do-rags, and jean material and sew on patches.

Guests – Brett and Sarah Tanner – the High Desert Road Runners car club will be hosting the first annual Mike Hunsinger Memorial Car Show to support Toys For Tots. The entry fee for cars or motorcycles will be \$10.00 or a toy. This will be held 0900-1400 1 Dec 2012 at the fairgrounds.

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

7 Dec 2012	Hal Bennett (planning meeting)
11 Jan 2013	Bill & Teri Anderson
8 Feb 2013	Randy & Kim Geiger

Notes: The next RAG general meeting will be 12/8/2012, at 0900 in Charlie's at the Carriage Inn.

Date: 12/8/2012

Meeting Called to Order by Tracy Ackeret at 0859

Director, Tracy Ackeret: Presented our awesome server Susan with the club's half of the opportunity drawing money \$200.00 for another excellent year of taking care of the group. Also thanked the group for another great year. Thanked Chuck for allowing the group to store toys. The group wants to start collecting toys in January. For our charity for this next year we are planning a garage sale, so save all your stuff. Teri Anderson has agreed to lead the garage sale effort and Chuck as agreed to store the items until the day of the sale.

Asst Director, Mike Moore: Introduced Greg from the AV Shop. Thanks to all in the group for making this a great year and group. Thanks to the board for all the hard work.

Greg comments – Reiterate HOG's welcome letter to the New Chapter is in the mail. The shop will be open 7 days a week until Christmas.

Treasurer, Sandra Moore: Christmas party next weekend. 1 gift per couple or single. This is the last day to buy tickets.

Secretary & PAO, Barb Austin: Received an apologetic phone call from the News Review for missing our Toys For Tots event, but had a picture and wanted to still do a short story. Yeah to Deb Linck for taking over as Secretary & PAO next year.

Activities Director, Hal Bennett:

Last night was the planning meeting. Lots of great rides on the calendar. More over night rides, added some Sunday rides and added some flex-Friday breakfast rides March through November.

LOH, Kim Geiger & Stella Raymond: Nothing to report.

Road Captain Coordinator, Randy Geiger: Recommend watching the Riders Edge video for a refresher.

Newsletter Editor, Scott Covert: Inputs by Christmas. Everyone can provide ride stories and pictures. Also remember to send in your member profiles.

Safety Officer, Dwight Furnish: Ride safe & always remember to keep an eye on vehicles coming up behind you and have an escape route in mind.

Photographer, Judy McCauley & Teri Anderson: Working scrapbooks and CDs, CDs will be ready in January.

Membership, Debbie Ackeret: 130 members to date. Have patches and coins for sale and AV LOH cookbooks. Birthday cupcakes for all the December. Next year the dues will be \$25.00.

Web Master, Don McCauley: Check out the website.

Historian: Bill & Teri Anderson: Get all pictures to him up to and including the Christmas party by the week after the party for entry into the scrapbook and CD.

Member comments:

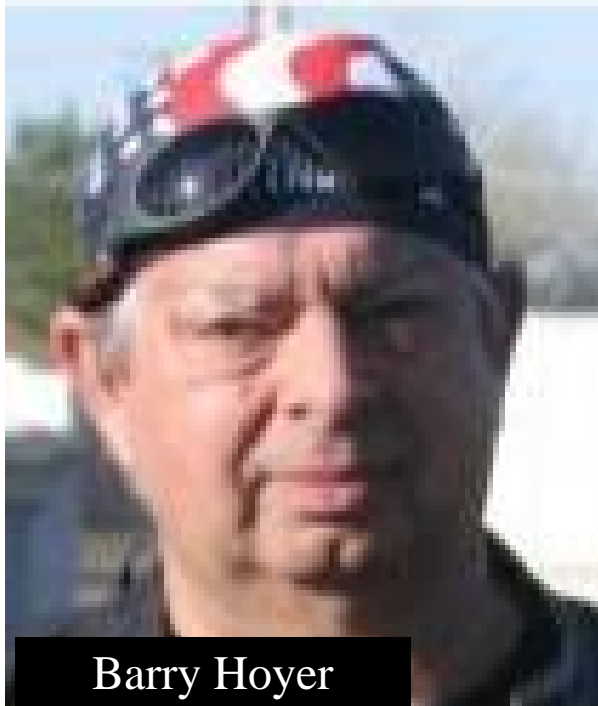
Scooter – New Years Day ride to Domingo's in Boron. Meet at Scooters at 0900 leave at 0930.

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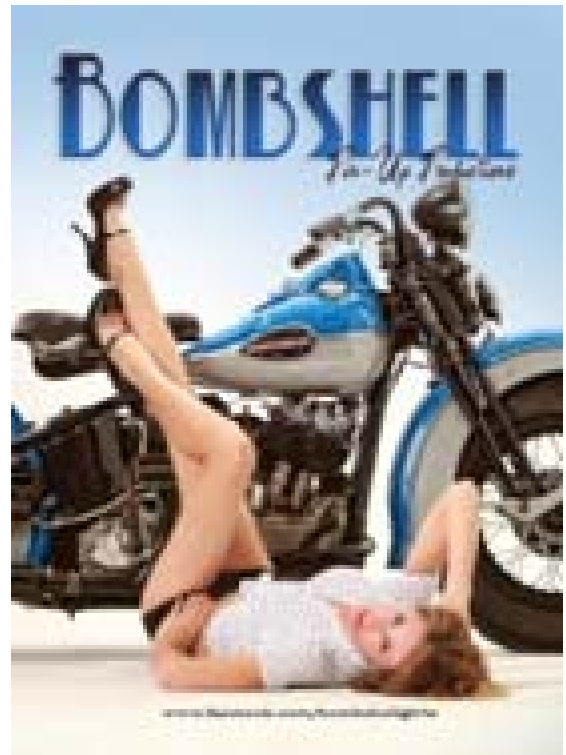
11 Jan 2013	Bill & Teri Anderson
8 Feb 2013	Randy & Kim Geiger
8 March 2013	Wade Tallman
12 April 2013	Hal Bennett
10 May 2013	Don & Judy McCauley
7 June 2013	Mike & Sandra Moore
12 July 2013	Amy & Scott at the Austin house
9 August 2013	Randy & Kim Geiger
13 Sep 2013	Mike & Sandra Moore
11 Oct 2013	Bill & Teri Anderson
8 Nov 2013	Tracy & Deb Ackeret
13 Dec 2013	Hal Bennett (planning meeting)

Notes: The next RAG general meeting will be 1/12/2013, at 0900 in Charlie's at the Carriage Inn.





Barry Hoyer



More ORF Stuff

So here it is Sunday morning and I'm trying to decide what I should do since I don't really want to go see Frankenweenies with Loretta and the grandkids. I know, I'll go for a ride somewhere. I wasn't sure which direction I should head, so I just mounted up and let the Road King decide for me. It was a gorgeous autumn day and there were no clouds to the North. The RK decided we should check out the weather further north, so off we went. We had no particular destination in mind. A quick trip through the campground at Lake Diaz to see if our nephew and his family were camping there proved fruitless. Their post on Facebook showed them camping somewhere so I figured I had a 50/50 chance they were at Diaz. No such luck, they must have been at Lake Isabella instead. I still haven't confirmed it with them as yet.

So then it was off to Lone Pine in search of a suitable eatery for lunch. I made a tour of the main drag (Hwy 395) to see what might be appealing (and open). I checked out the Merry-Go-Round (next door to Seasons) but it appeared to be closed. Totem Café (a popular eating spot for the Group) appeared to be thriving, so we stopped there for nourishment. I sat outside since it was such a beautiful day. I swear the sky is so blue up there; it seems like such a different world.

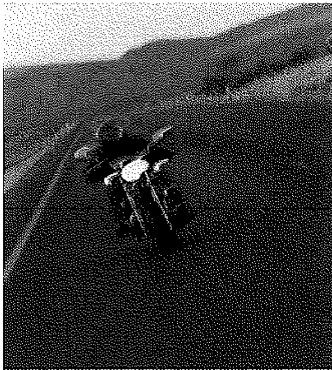
I had the obligatory cheeseburger and fries while dining outside on the lanai (?) and watched the world go by. Dang, there's a bunch of high dollar rigs going through there on their way home from June Lake and points north (or south). It seems that life is so much more laid back than what we're used to, even in good ol' hometown Ridgecrest.

The trip home was as uneventful as one might expect. The usual "wannabe the first one home to LA traffic" was prevalent, being a Sunday afternoon. It's nice to be retired and not be in any particular hurry to get somewhere. It definitely changes your attitude about life in general.

In summary, this was a spontaneous ride which reaffirmed my affections for feeling free and enjoying what we are all about. Riding, no matter how short the ride, is what it's all about. We're so lucky and blessed to be able to pursue our dreams.

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- Satisfactory T-CLOCS inspection of motorcycle.
- Signed SRC Student Waiver & Release Forms, Ground Rules Acknowledgement Forms.
- Have a valid driver's license w/motorcycle endorsement or learner's permit.
- Have a minimum of 2,000 miles experience on own motorcycle.
- Have proper protective riding gear: jeans, sturdy **over-the-ankle** and rubber-soled boots or shoes, full-fingered leather-type gloves, protective eyewear, and D.O.T. approved helmet.

COURSE SCHEDULE

This course is class held a scheduled Saturday or Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
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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
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Treasurer

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

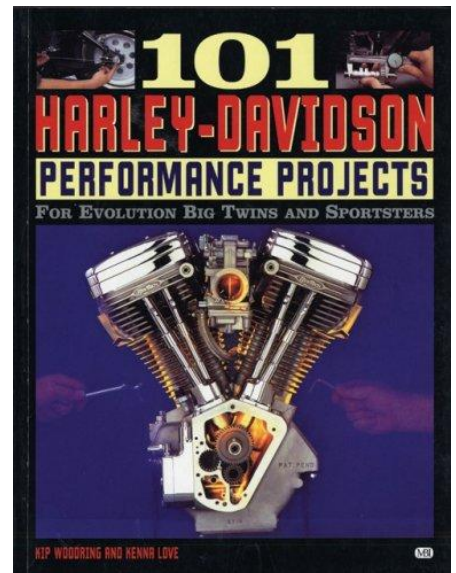


Debbie Linck
Secretary/PAO



Stella Raymond & Kim Geiger
Ladies of Harley

A WORD FROM OUR SPONSER!!



Well we have arrived into the Fall Season, and have received a lot of new and exciting 110th Anniversary clothing and Collectables. We encourage you all to come and check out the great styles of Men's and Women's Sportswear. We also have a great line of Collectables that make the perfect gift for any occasion.



Produced in limited quantities, the 110th Anniversary Edition Harley-Davidson Motorcycles are your chance to ride a piece of this history. Exclusive upgrades like ABS, H-D smart security System and Contrast Chrome Wheels combined with outstanding finishing touches allow you to commemorate our first 110 years in premium style. Please call and make an appointment for your test ride today!

Reminder from the Shop.

Your reward points expire .

Points earned with [Rewards Cards](#) expire on the anniversary date of the card issue every calendar year (example, a card issued 8/17/11 will expire every 8/17 thereafter). Unused points will not rollover to the following year.

[Web link to rewards page](#)

If your points have already expired, get in touch with Ron Emard at the AV Shop, he should be able to take care of it.

Use your points!

Pictures





January Birthdays



Betty Brios



Dwight Furnish



Scott Covert



Scooter



Tom Lara



J.D. Brios



Kathleen Hartzell



George Fields

February Birthdays



Yvette Bennet



Debbie Wilkerson



Steve Wainscott



Wade Tallman



Ike Bridgeman



Pam Sanders



Clint Lawrance



Britt Hartzell



Martin Mannzak



2013

- **Ridgecrest Events in Green**
- **Lancaster Events in Red**
- **NAWS Flex Days in Purple**
- **Federal Holidays in Blue**
- **Other Events in Dark Red**

JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Scooters Ride meet at his house 533 S. Norma For Info call [REDACTED] ➤ Bill & Teri Anderson 912 N Inyo St Ridgecrest, CA ➤ Crazy Ottos Diner Rosamond 2635 Diamond St Rosamond, CA 		1 Scooters New Years Day Ride to Domingos in Boron New Years (Fed)	2	3	4 Flex Day NAWS	5
6 Lancaster Meeting After meeting ride to Fillmore	7	8	9	10	11 Ridgecrest Board Meeting @ Bill & Teri's	12 Ridgecrest Meeting After meeting ride to Crazy Otto's Rosamond
13	14	15	16	17	18 Flex Day NAWS	19
20	21 Martin L. King Jr Day (Fed)	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



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FEBRUARY

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Randy & Kim Geiger Lone Pine, CA ➤ Domingo's Boron 27075 Twenty Mule Team Road Boron, CA ➤ Cabin Fever Run to Beatty, NV Feb 15-18 Contact Bland Burchett at [REDACTED] for Details 					1 Flex Day NAWS	2 Groundhog Day
3 Lancaster Meeting After meeting ride to Rock Inn	4	5	6	7	8 Ridgecrest Board Meeting @ Randy & Kim's	9 Ridgecrest Meeting After meeting ride to Domingo's Boron
10	11	12	13	14 Valentines Day	15 Cabin Fever Run Whiskey Flats Days Flex Day NAWS	16 Cabin Fever Run Whiskey Flats Days
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24	25	26	27	28		



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HD Home Page

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Motorcycle Safety Foundation

[http://www.msf-usa.org/](http://www.msf-usa.org)

Ridgecrest Activity Group

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HOG Chapters

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