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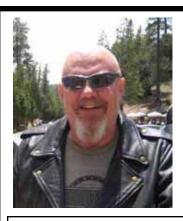
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Tracy Ackeret Ramblings from Silk



Greetings once again,

Well the prime riding weather is once again upon us and I for one could not be happier. I ride all year round but even though I enjoy riding I don't like riding to work when it's 15 degrees, which I did several times this winter. I much prefer to ride when its hotter. If you haven't rode much this winter make sure that you look over your bike real good before you venture out. Things like brakes tires and such can get forgot over the long winter, so check out your bike real good before you ride. One good way to do that is to give it a good cleaning. As you clean check out all the nuts and bolts to make sure they are tight and haven't come loose. Plus it makes your bike look so much better.

We have had some good rides this year so far and have many more on the calendar for the rest of the year. We were supposed to have a ride to Yucca Valley in April but Hal had been to that area and the restaurant a couple times and he said it had gone downhill. He made the decision to instead go up to the Tiger Bar in June Lake. This is a really cool place and a nice ride. I am sorry that I wasn't able to make this ride but I hear it was a good ride and enjoyed by all who went.

By the time you read this we will have had our annual charity car wash and I want to thank all who came out to help us raise money for our selected charity. Our car washes are always a fun time and those who have not been out to help us really should. If for no other reason than it's for charity and giving back is what we do as HOG members. Well that and ride and have fun.

Speaking of riding and having fun check out the calendar so see what we have coming up in the near and far future. In May we have Wade's ride to San Diego, this is always a good ride and one Deb and I look forward to each and every year. This year's San Diego ride is the same weekend as our monthly meeting so Deb and I will not be there but Mike is taking the lead at the meeting. I have no doubt he will do well but go easy on him. Well ok don't, after all I never got it easy. There is an after meeting ride to the Greenhorn Grill in Wofford Heights. The address is Wofford Heights; however it's actually in Alta Sierra which is in the mountains above Lake Isabella. This is a nice place to eat, they have always treated us well whether we were going with the chapter or just Deb and I going up there for lunch. The ride up is pretty nice also.

Then we have a lunch/dinner ride to the Yard House in Palmdale. If you haven't been to this place it's well worth the ride down there. They have good food and I hear they have some pretty good selections of adult beverages. I wouldn't know about that one but I have heard.

One last note is that we have several overnighters coming up in the rest of the year. We have Yosemite in June again, the LOH trip to Solvang in July and Morro Bay in October. This will be kind of a farewell to our fall Morro Bay ride. We will be putting it on the calendar next year in the spring once again. we had usually had this ride in the spring to take advantage of the spring color but for the last couple years it's been in the fall, well next year it will be back in the spring so look for that one next year.

Not sure if anyone is planning on going on the Cal State HOG rally this year but it's going to be another good one. Check out the website at calstatehogrally.com for more details. Deb and I will be one that one. That's all for this time, take care and ride safe

Silk



Mike Moore
Where's the Meat?



Hello to all my HOG friends! We are getting to prime riding weather and we have a lot of exciting day rides and overnighters coming so I hope to keep seeing the big turnouts we've been getting so far this year. I finally made it to HOG Officer Training aka HOT which was down in San Diego this year where the weather wasn't quite San Diego'ish but I had a good time anyway.

I met a lot of people from all over the country with chapters from as far away as Alaska, Hawaii and Florida and all the Southwestern states and the Pacific Northwest. It was interesting talking to all of these people about their respective chapters and comparing how they do things to how we do things. I heard everything from the Sacramento chapter having three rides this year already with 100 members showing up to the Southwest Oklahoma chapter having only two board members, the Secretary and Treasurer, because of a bad relationship with the dealer. After hearing all of these different stories from these other chapters I came to the conclusion that our group gets it and we do it right because our main focus is always to ride and have fun! On another note I dropped my bike off at a dyno shop in Riverside on my way to San Diego (thanks Dennis for the use of the trailer) and I couldn't be happier with the results. I did mine because I changed my exhaust from the stock headers and V&H slip-ons to a 2 into 1 D&D Fat Cat and my bike has never run better! After learning about the damage that can be done to our engines by having a jackedup fuel-to-air ratio I can't stress enough the importance of having your bike dyno'd after you do anything to alter the stock set-up, bumping up the cubic inches, head work, changing your exhaust, anything that changes the fuel-to-air ratio on an EFI bike. I highly recommend using the dyno tech that I went to, as does Earl who recommended him to me. I have his contact info if any of you are interested. There is another issue that apparently is common on our bikes that Wade and I have both experienced recently and I bet most of you don't even think to check it, I know I didn't and neither did Wade. The rear shifting linkage arm that marries to your gearbox will start to wear and strip the splines and become loose. If it completely strips out you loose your ability to shift gears and that could be really bad if you're a long way from home and in second gear! So make it a point to check your shift linkage from time to time, I know I will.

Remember the road to a friend's house is never long.

Mike



Dwight Furnish Safety Officer



CHECKING THE BIKE BEFORE THE RIDE

Who knows when Murphy's Law may strike or what nail your tire might have picked up just before you pulled in the other evening.

It's not fun to have things go wrong on a motorcycle, but if you spend a minute before you go off on a ride you can increase the chances that nothing will.

- #1 Check the Tires.
- #2 Check the controls.
- #3 Check your lights.
- #4 Check the oil and fuel
- #5 If you have a chain-drive, Check the tension.
- #6 Make sure the sidestand folds up properly, and stays up.
- #7 As you roll off, check your brakes. Just to make sure they haven't gone away.

Dwight



Activities Director Hal Bennett



What I ride we had today....congrats to those that "Tamed the Tiger", and condolences to those that didn't. First stop was Lee's Market in Lone Pine for gas and comfort breaks before heading up to Bishop. Traffic was pretty light and while the CHP were out in force along the route today. Fortunately they didn't seem to mind our 9 bikes rolling up miles around what we'll just call 70ish. Fuel, water and a light snack at the Bishop Shell and up the grade we went.

The weather was beautiful for our trek north, low mid-60s to low-70s with just a slight breeze in the morning. Being springtime, we knew we wouldn't be so fortunate on the return trip. Still and significant amount of snow in the higher elevations, providing for some amazing scenery as we rumbled into the Sierra.

While 395 is a pretty boring ride (I'll take north over south any day!), the sights with the scents made for some pretty painless miles. Past Tom's, Lake Crowley, Mammoth and finally the 158 turn-off to the June Lake Loop.

I have always had a special place in my heart for the June Lake loop, as the family has vacationed there for many of my birthday's and Father days. As we glide down the grade past June Lake memories come flooding back our vacations, time spent fishing and hiking around the area with the wife and kids...good times! Finally, the village of June Lake and the world famous Tiger Bar! Thankfully the side and back parking areas are open, otherwise it can get challenging finding a level spot on that pavement for a kickstand.

Into the rustic cafe we go, timing it just right so that we had the run of the place. Sweet! We missed breakfast by about 10 minutes so my usual chicken fried steak and eggs will have to wait until next time. Yeah, maybe we should think about a Loop weekend sometime... Anyway, the lunch menu is extensive, the service is good, the prices are fair and everyone seemed to enjoy their food. *Sorry Judy...I'm not aware of any food snaps this trip.

After a filling lunch we took a little walk to one of the local shops (Cathy's Candies) for a bag of Sierra Wild woman blend coffee, but they were closed for remodeling...another reason to go back soon. Back to the bikes, and back on task..."tour the loop." Through the village, past Gull Lake and June Mountain, the Double Eagle resort, Carson Peak and Horsetail Falls and a photo stop at the Silver Lake boat Launch area. The ride along Reverse Creek and Rush Creek was a bit disappointing, as those things are usually roaring right now. Past Grant Lake and up to the intersection with 395. Here we head south for 10 miles or so to the gas station and a some fuel for a couple of bikes. Heading south we have WIND!

Instead of backtracking the entire route, we diverted to the lower Rock Creek road for some windy 2 lane roads and temporary relief from the wind. Eventually we rejoined 395 and have a quick run to the Bishop Chevron for gas and water...it's getting HOT! With fuel and water, some equipment and clothing changes, off we go for our final stop at Lee's Market for more gas and water...and the opportunity to off-load some water too. Both the wind and the temperatures continued to increase as we approached the Indian Wells Valley and home.

Hal.



Debbie AckeretMembership
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.

Thanks

Silks Lady

AV HOG, Ridgecrest 14 April 2012

Meeting called to order by Tracy Ackeret at 09:00

Director, **Tracy Ackeret**: Started with what appeared to be a bad "Hangover" joke, however punch line was cute and made all the wife's happy©

Club Survey - Received 55 responses on the club's survey that covered a wide membership experience base; generally speaking the responses were positive in that the club is meeting the needs of the members.

Club charity- Woman's shelter was voted again this year as the Club's charity of choice. Next following was Toys for Tots with 1 vote less.

Toys for Tots-With such great success and reception from club members last year, the club will continue with the monthly toy donation option this year. For every wrapped new toy (~\$10-\$15) donated, the member will receive 5 opportunity tickets for that meeting's drawing.

Club Charity Suggestion-It was suggested that the club work out a plan to allow other charities not selected to have a chance for the club's annual support. Therefore, the BOD will implement a new program that will allow for all charities to have an opportunity for the club's annual selection. The annual charity selection will be placed in a "non-qualified" status for the following year which will allow the other charities a better opportunity for selection.

AV HOG Ridgecrest Patches: Tracy will purchase patches separate from club funding and will sell to members for \$5.00. Profit will be provided to the club treasury. This is easier than having the club purchase the patches for accounting reasons.

AV HOG Lancaster-Next meeting on 6 May with ride to group picture location. For those from Ridgecrest planning on attending, meet @ JB w/ kick stands up at 07:15

Next Meeting: 12 May which will be the weekend of the San Diego run. BOD meeting will be held at Stan and Barb's house. Mike will run the next meeting and the after ride is to the Greenhorn Grill above Wofford Heights.

Misc – AV Harley Davidson will be closed on Mondays. Tracy and Debbie will be attending the CA State HOG Rally 11-15 September.

Asst Director, Mike Moore: Not present, attending HD POT training in San Diego

Treasure, Sandra Moore: Club account as \$2,739...and it's accurate⊙

Christmas Party – Still planning on holding the club party at Carriage Inn and doesn't appear to be any issues at this time.....given the change in hotel ownership.

Secretary & PAO, Barb Austin: Not present

Bland & Billee providing excellent support in her absence ©

Bland & Billee will provide support at the May meeting.

Activities Director, Hal Bennett:

14 April - Biker Blessing today

26-29 April - Laughlin River Ride

28 April - Route 62/66 ride to Hutch's HD is cancelled. Hutch closed the HD dealership and café. Will plan an alternate ride; Tame The Tiger June Lake Loop Run, ~ 400 miles and flyer will be posted on web site and message board.

5 May – HOG car wash

10-13 May – San Diego ride, you can still get rooms in Palm Springs and at El Cordova.

22-24 June – Yosemite, better get your rooms now....Best Western full.

LOH, Kim Gieger & Stella Raymond: Let's have a little fun and play high poker hand using your National HD Club membership number. Winners were:

1. 4 Aces - Bret

2. 4 Queens - Amy

Road Captain coordinator, Randy Geiger: Not present

Newsletter Editor, Scott Covert: Not present, he'll be very busy at work for the next month or two. Amy will help Scott during this time to assure the newsletter is published on time.

They need inputs for the next newsletter by 22 April.

Comment made from Tracy-newsletter isn't just for the BOD to disseminate info, it's also for the members as well to submit articles on whatever they like within the guidelines of the club's by-laws.

Safety Officer, Dwight Furnish: The usual, Stand UP.....I am....rib© There are a lot of hazards we need to be constantly thinking about.....from gravel on the road to idiot drivers. Be careful riding in the Biker Blessing today. He'll provide a web link that has a very good article on road hazards and is thinking about a "Hazard" quiz for the next meeting. He or she who knows the most correct answers will get a special prize from DD.©

Photographer, Judy McCauley & Terri Anderson: Provide your personal pictures and ride statistics and they'll make sure they are included on the club's web page and the annual Crystal is working on.

Membership, Debbie Ackeret: We have 121 members with AV Lancaster at 124. We have 2 past members re-joining; Dave & Sara Campbell and one new member Paula (big Ben's wife).

Web Master, Don McCauley: As like all of us....he commented that he's always behind, but the webpage is running smoothly.

Historian: Not present **Member's comments:**

Robert John- stated that he's making a "Chain Mill" Harley Logo/patch (~ 8"W x 14"L). Very nice and it would make a nice jacket patch. He's selling them for \$150 each and will donate \$100 to the club's treasury. The other \$50 is for materials....he's donating this time....figured it's cheaper and healthier spending his spare time fabricating the "Chain Mill" patch as opposed to spending it at a Bar.....Josh will probably challenge this logic@ John's contact info: 760-793-4807 Bland- Relay for Life will be held on 6-7 Oct at CCCC.

Bland – Laughlin river run....Ridgecrest riders interested in riding with Scott Kellerman (AV HD), we'll depart Thursday, 26 April @0900 from JB. We will be meeting AV group at Four Corners at 10:00. We have 5 bikes from Ridgecrest planning on riding with Scott.

Big Ben- Laughlin river run....He has plenty of rooms available at his Las Vegas time share. Paula and he will be there from Wed -Sun (25-29 April). Contact him if you're interest in staying in one of his private rooms. And it's no cost...he wouldn't charge you to stay in his home...isn't going to charge anybody to stay with them in their timeshare...it's their home away from home. Opportunity Drawing:

- a) \$40 Vicki
- b) \$40 Stella
- c) \$60 Paul

Whiner pacifier awarded to:

- a) Bland
- b) Hal

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

11 May 2012 Barb & Stan Austin

8 Jun 2012 Scott & Amy Covert

13 Jul 2012 Wade Tallman

10 Aug 2012 Randy & Kim Gieger

7 Sept 2012 Terri & Bill Anderson

12 Oct 2012 Mike & Sandra Moore

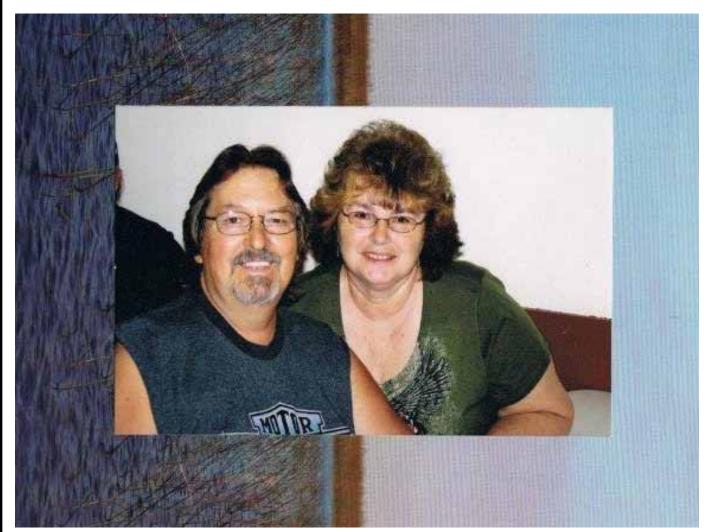
9 Nov 2012 Barb & Stan Austin

7 Dec 2012 Hal Bennett (planning meeting)

Notes: Then next RAG general meeting will be 5/12/2012, at 0900 in Charlie's at the Carriage Inn.

NEW TO THE NEWSLETTER

MEMBER PROFILES: Short bio's on Our Members in this months Newsletter we have write-ups from Activities Director, Secretary and Members.... Hoping to have more with each Newsletter. If you want to be featured in the newsletter please send me a short bio and I will try to work them in over the next year.



Dennis and Diane joined the Ridgecrest Chapter this year. They both have been Life members of National for years. Dennis has a 1984 Softail and a 2004 Ultra Classic. He has been riding for 53 years. Diane has a 2003 FLHT with a Lehman Renegade Trike package on it. Diane has been riding for 8 1/2 years. Between the two of them they have 6 children, 11 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren. They also have 3 dogs Muffy, Cookie, and Brownie. Dennis worked at Lockheed for 37 years and is retired now. Diane is retired from Banking and in Home Care.

They like traveling and riding our Harley's since they have been retired. While they have been retired they have been to Florida, Bahamas, Key West, Oahu, Hawaii, and The Big Island of Hawaii. They are looking to going to Alaska in a year or two.





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

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





Barb Austin
Secretary/PAO

Did you hear or see our ads?







Stella Raymond & Kim Geiger

Ladies of Harley

Member story

More rambling from the ORF (Old Retired Fart)

This story has several chapters, so please bear with me.

Chapter 1.

Loretta and I attended a Frankie Avalon concert in Lancaster this past weekend. Since I don't like driving at night we stayed at the Oxford Inn Saturday night. After breakfast at the hotel the next morning, we did the usual shopping/haircut routine. We decided to stop at AV H-D on the way home on Sunday. After perusing the typical chrome accessories, we checked out and were on our way. Or so we thought. As we were leaving we encountered the infamous duo from Cal City, Debbie & Tracy Ackeret. Tracy was carrying in a box of battery carcasses from various encounters with lack of ability to maintain a charge. I remarked to him that my 2008 Road King (purchased in November 2007) was still able to maintain a charge.

Chapter 2.

So now it's Monday and I decide to go for a ride. After all, I can now go where I want when I want. I moved the Wide Glide out of the way so I could take the Road King. I hadn't ridden it in quite a while and felt that it might be feeling neglected. I broke out the California Car Duster and gave it a quick once-over and moved it out into the driveway. After getting all suited up and straddling the beast I hit the start button. All I heard was d-d-d-d. You know what I mean.

Chapter 3.

After backing the Road King back into the garage, I nudged the Wide Glide into the Road King's previous spot in the driveway. I was going for a ride one way or another, by God. As luck would have it, the Wide Glide roared to life like I knew it would. I rotate the Battery Tender between the two bikes, not showing any preference for one over the other (sibling rivalry?).

Chapter 4.

Life is good now, at least for the time being. I proceeded to pursue my ride through Garlock Road and back up HWY 14 to Ridgecrest (about a 75 mile loop). On the way home I stopped to see Earl Burley to see if he had a battery for the Road King. As luck would have it, he did. \$183 later, the Road King is once again roadworthy. Damn, what an expensive ride. But, after all, the original battery lasted for 4 ½ years. Now I need to plan a long trip to appreciate the cost of the battery. Perhaps Seattle?

Chapter 5.

I'm happy! I have 365 sick days available to me now. If I want to go fishing, I go fishing. If I want to go for a ride.... Well, you guessed it. Life is good!!!

CHECK AT THE SHOP FOR UPCOMING DATES:

Skilled Rider Course. Cost for current R.A.G. HOG members is \$125.00 (regular price is \$150.00). New Rider Course.

Thanks for your support,

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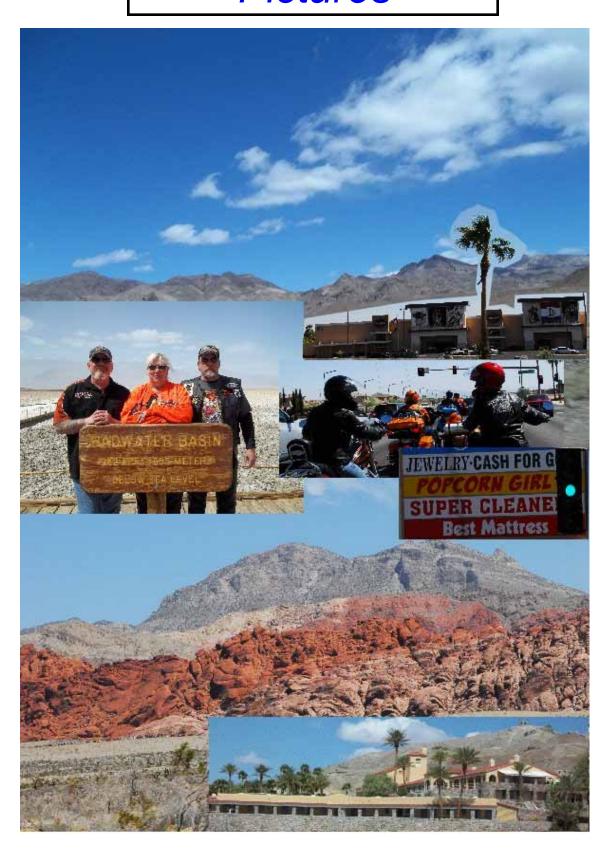
A WORD FROM OUR SPONSER!!

From Scott Kellerman

The staff and I would like to thank you for all of your support and loyalty this past year. Between AV HOG and RAG you have got to be one of the most generous Chapters in all of HOG as evident by the success of our recent Toy Drives and USO fundraiser. Not to mention all the other causes, events and fundraisers efforts we support throughout the year. Also just for our HOG members we would like to offer a 20% discount on Labor for any parts and accessories installed in our service department through the end of February. And as always you will earn points for your parts purchases through our rewards program. As an example of possible savings, a chrome front end on a touring bike would be \$65.00 off labor and add the parts purchased to your rewards program. (payout details can be found on our web site). And don't forget we will meet or beat any dealers advertised price on the same job. We have also increased our service capacity and added two new Technicians. Harley-Davidson PHD trained and MMI graduate Kirt Hulsey and Dyno Jet performance certified Mike Strozzi formerly of MGS. Stop by and ask for a tour of the shop I'll introduce you to them. As always if you have any questions, comments or concerns please don't hesitate to bring them to Ron's or my attention. If we don't know it's broke we can't fix it. We are looking forward to spending another great year with all of you.

Scott Kellerman 661-948-5959 Antelope Valley Harley-Davidson 1759 West Ave. J-12 Lancaster, CA 93534 skellerman@AntelopeValleyHD.com

Pictures





May Birthdays





David Belasco



Mike Cash



Marty Dorrell



Anne Haber



James Hill



Adam McKay



Stella Raymond



Michelle Smith



Phil Teuscher



Anthony Thomas

June Birthdays



Paul Begin



Hal Bennett



Billee Burchett



Barry Hoyer



Dale Polley



Thomas Sanders



Rex Walraven



Josh Wilkerson





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
➤ Car Wash for Charity Corner of Ridgecrest & China Lake Blvd ➤ Greenhorn Grill 10720 Pine Drive Wofford Heights CA		TELO	PE VAL	3 Ey	4	5 HOC Gar Wash for Gharity
6 AV HOG Meeting After meeting ride to Santa Paula	7	8	9	10 San Diego Run	1 1 AV HOG RC Board Meeting San Diego Bun Flex Day NAWS	12 AV HOG RC Meeting After Meeting Ride to Greenhorn Crill San Diego Run
San Diego Run Mothers Day	14	15	16	17	18	19 Vard house Dinner Bide AW Neilstock concert
20	21 All Safety Bodeo and HOC Diabetes run	22	23	24	25 Flex Day NAWS	26
27	28 Memorial Day (Fed)	29	30 (RE	31	➤ San Diego Run to San Diego CA May 10-13 Contact Wade Tallman at stank22@aol.com ➤ Yard house 1247 W Ave P Suite 1230 Palmdale CA	

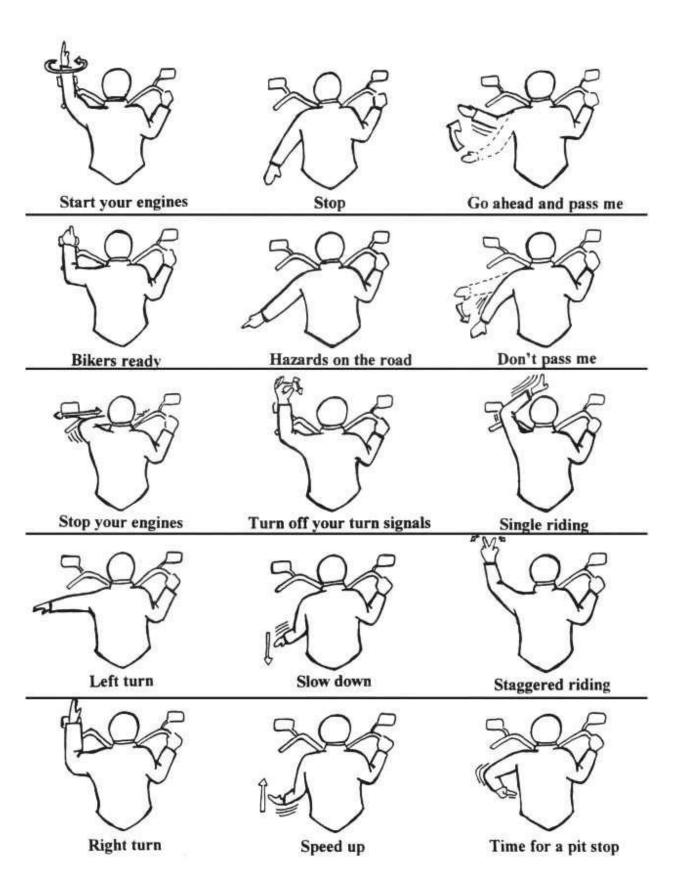
Note: Refer to AV HOG Ridgecrest Message Board for latest information



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24 Vosemile Run	25 Million Mile Monday	26	27	28	29	30



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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

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