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San Diego Ride April 2010



*USS Midway Tour with
Former Navy Officer
Wade Tallman*

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Tracy Akeret
*Ramblings from
Silk*

Greetings everyone,

I hope everyone has been out enjoying the nicer weather. I say nicer because we have been having some wind. I really don't like riding in the wind but living in the desert if you don't ride in the wind you don't ride much. Make sure that when you are riding in the wind that you pay close attention to anyone that may be passing you. If they get hit by a strong gust of wind they may be pushed into you, so take extra precaution when riding in the wind.

There were a few of us that rode to Reno at the end of April for what used to be called POT or Primary Officer Training. They have renamed it HOT for HOG Officer Training. The weather going up was interesting to say the least. We had to take the 95 from Bishop as the 395 had chain restrictions on it and I don't have chains for my bike. I don't even know if they make chains for bikes but if they do I don't have any. The weather on the 95 was supposed to be better. I say supposed to be but in reality it wasn't. We hit rain, snow, sleet, wind and even hail. I don't know how many of you have rode in hail but it's an experience. One that if I never get to do again will be just fine with me. Those little balls of ice hurt when they hit you. Anyway what I am getting at is there are a few changes that I would like to try and make with the group. Nothing major just a few tweaks. So in the coming months hopefully you will see a few changes that I think will be for the better. If you don't like them let me know and for that matter if you do like them let me know. Remember this is everyone group not just the boards. So if you like the changes or not please let me know.

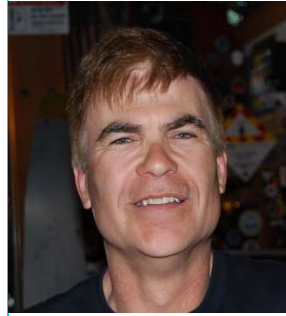
We were going to have the annual car wash in May, however it now looks like we will be having it in early June. We should have good weather for it, hopefully not too hot. We usually start around 8 and end whenever we don't have anymore cars or at least by 1:00 or 2:00 depending on the heat. I encourage everyone to come out and help as this is one way that we make money for our charities. We have most everything we need so we just need you to come and help.

We also have the Yosemite ride coming up at the end of June. I know we have several members already going but if anyone else wants to go just see myself or Dennis Linck. We always have a good time on that ride.

That's all for this month, so just remember to get out and ride, that's what this group is all about.

Ride safe

Silk



Paul Liesman
*Still a Volleyball
Dad*

I haven't done much riding since I'm coaching girl's volleyball. But I did manage to take a weekend and ride over to Lake Havasu with my step-father, Scott Key. We had a good time except for Scott's battery deciding to go dead as the sun was setting the first night. But, even though the Lake area does not have a Harley dealership, there was a shop in town called Twisted Metal that advertised they had the most Harley parts and accessories in the area. They happened to have the battery Scott needed. Once the new battery was in, we were off to explore the area. Had some nice scenic roads and even found some campgrounds for those of you who like to do that sort of thing.

Walked on the London Bridge and took pictures of course. It happened to be the first weekend of spring break, so there were lots of bikini's to ogle at !!

The ride over and back was nice, neither too hot nor too cold. I look forward to doing it again.

Hopefully I'll have more time to spend with the group when volleyball season ends.

Take care and ride safe.

Paul



Sandra Moore
*“.5 “
Treasurer*

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

Activities

All,

Thanks for sending in your miles. I'll get them tallied up and posted in my next distribution. We have some changes coming up for Chapter Miles so look to the News Letter for more info.

It's been a great month and I know you have plenty of stories to share so write them up and get them to Debbie A. our editor for inclusion into the News Letter.

Special thanks goes out to Star and Heidi from AV as well as our own Tracy, Debbie A. and Stan Jr. for braving the cold and windy ride up to Reno and back. It was true dedication to the ride! I know I'll get my chops busted but somebody had to drive the support vehicle on this trip. I feel really bad for being in the warm confines of my truck while my brothers and sisters suffered for the cause...

Here's what's up this week...

05/07/2010 **HORAG Board Meeting** – 18:00 at Tracy and Deb's House 9236 Lime Avenue California City, CA. Please rsvp so Tracy or Deb so they can get a head count to silk@ccis.com . Hope to see you there!

05/08/2010 **HORAG Chapter Meeting** – 09:00 at Charlie's Pub located in the Carriage Inn 901 North China Lake Blvd. Ridgecrest, CA. Breakfast is available beginning at 08:00 for those with a morning appetite. See ya there!

05/09/2010 **Mothers Day** – Celebrate by taking the mother in your life for a ride!

House Keeping

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· **Face-book** – Don't forget about the group Face-Book account just for HORAG members to share stories, pictures, feedback, etc. We encourage all members to accept friend requests to the site to keep up to date on events, what's happening with fellow members, un-scheduled pickup rides, and last minute changes in activities. All comments are welcome as long as respectful and considerate of all group members. If you haven't received a "Friend Request" just do a FB Search for People on "Ridgecrest HORAG" and send in a friend request so we can get you confirmed. It's really easy to sign up if you don't have a FB account, fun and easy to use, and a great way to enhance your group experience. Hope to see you soon on the Friend List! Questions on this or any other topic can be sent to HORAG.Activities@gmail.com .

Please email any suggestion to HORAG.Activites@gmail.com so we know what you want to do in the upcoming year or just have input/feedback. We're looking for lunch and dinner runs, overnights, day trips, non-riding activities, etc. so be sure to get your ideas in. This is YOUR group and we run based on your input.

Have fun, stay involved, and ride safe!

J-Dub

Ridgecrest, CA Changes....

Well many of you may have noticed that speed limits have changed in many places in town. Around the hospital heading north on China Lake to the base, the speed jumps to 40MPH. Inyokern road has moved up to 45MPH from 35MPH, at Downs the speed changes from 45MPH to 55MPH. Norma has all changed to 40MPH, but from Las Flores to Upjohn it's still 25MPH. Bowman has also moved up from 35MPH to 45MPH on the west side of China Lake, and from 34MPH to 50Mph on the east side of China Lake. At China Lake and Church, they are installing a traffic light, should be up soon. Just remember with these changes to pay close attention to the other people out there on the road.

I have a few friends in the local PD, and they tell me that we have a great number of people who have moved here that don't have insurance, and/ or registration on their cars. There has also been an increase in crime, DUIs (all hours of the day and night) and other things going on as well, with this increase in population. Just to give you a little in-site to the kind of stuff that has moved up here from other counties down south, here is part of an email from RCPD I have received.

"Just another day in Ridgecrest (04-23-10) 0930 hours all officer dispatched to a residential burglary in progress. Two African American males run from the scene of 124 Gwen and chased by officers on foot across E. Ridgecrest Blvd before losing the foot race to the donut eaters.

1000 hours battery call in the La Mirage apartments

1030 hours petty theft from a front yard

1045 hours Hit and run traffic collision where suspect was observed fleeing scene. Stopped last week in same vehicle for driving on a suspended license

1335 hours DUI driver arrested driving through a school zone with children present. Driver has a .10 blood alcohol level, suspended license, no insurance and runs with the Hispanic Southside gang and Mexican mafia.

1730 hours two known suspects , one of whom was released from Jail for a 4 month incarceration for theft, steal an electric drill from the porch of a resident who was working on his home. Suspects caught stolen property recovered.

And lots of traffic stops in between trying to get people to slow down."

So watch out, on the 22nd of April on my way to work I was almost run over two times.

Tech-Tips

Hey,
The bike may have been sitting for awhile, or maybe you have been riding in the winter months. It's time to check the tires, light, brakes, controls, all fluids and make sure the old girls not leaking. I know you don't want to, but it could cost you more in the long run. If you need any help with proper checks for anything, just look it up in your owner's manual, or just give me a call (760-793-0998). It may also be a good time to change the oil, or even the spark plugs. Also remember with all the fun rides we have planned for this year, you may have a passenger, so make sure you have the proper air in the tires, and shocks for the ride.

Weather

Hey

Wow, this weather has been nuts here lately. I hope that we have seen the last weather. I want everyone to get out and ride, be safe. Keep in mind that this weather is still ever changing and that as it gets warmer to drink plenty of water.



Josh Wilkerson
J-Dub

RIDE AND HAVE FUN!

That's what we H.O.G. members and our chapters are about. In our local group we do a lot of riding as indicated by the number of miles that our members have sent in to me from many trips including personal as well as group rides. And when it comes right down to it, that's what we should be doing most, riding and having fun!

To refine our tracking process a little bit better, our group will begin tracking your odometer miles at the meetings beginning at the monthly June meeting. To participate, just grab one of the officers and go out to your bike and log your current odometer reading for a starting point, the officers will have a form. Then, each month update your form with the new mileage numbers for riding credit. At the end of the year, the member with the most miles recorded will be awarded a little something at the Christmas party and have bragging rights as the member who has ridden the most for the year, or at least half a year for 2010 since we're just starting the program up. This is not part of the National H.O.G. Mileage program; it's just something for our group here at the local level. It will however replace our current method of emailing me the miles, this way we can give credit to everyone and all the miles that have been ridden, even if it is just to work and back.

Now, if you're interested in the whole "Ride and have fun" thing, and maybe playing hooky from work for a day, National H.O.G. is throwing a little event that they call MILLION MILE MONDAY on June 28th, 2010. This event is world wide and the global goal is to log FIVE MILLION MILES! It's easy to be a part of it and the H.O.G. website says it best – "Ride to work. Ride at lunch. Ride alone. Ride with a friend. Ride with your chapter. Ride around the block or ride all day. The important thing is, whether you ride one mile or 1000, you become part of MILLION MILE MONDAY." To participate all you have to do is Ride on the day of the event, log into www.members.hog.com, register your miles (this is also on the day of the event or by noon Tuesday), and watch the online odometer click toward 5000000 or more. More information on this event will be posted at the H.O.G. members website so check there for updates prior to June 28th.

No matter what, our primary purpose as a H.O.G. member is to RIDE AND HAVE FUN! Get the bike out on the road, log some miles, and let others know how much fun you're having!

J-Dub



**Judy Gerard
&
Tommie
Lawrence**
Double Trouble



Greetings HOG Family! It's hard to know where to begin this article, however, I do know how it will end, but promise you won't read ahead. This could be one of those tricky tests we teachers have been known to give when we think our students aren't paying attention!

I offer up my apologies for being out of the loop since February, but sometimes things happen that are beyond our control. It's been a wild ride... one that makes you think about your priorities. One such priority that surfaced on my journey is to ride more and with as many of my friends as I can. You never know when that privilege will be suspended from your life for a period of time or snatched out from under you forever. Fortunately for me I will ride again soon.

With this in mind I would like to ask each and every one of you to join in as many of our group rides as you can get in. Like they say, life is short, so just ride. Tommie and I have been discussing our upcoming plans for rides and entertainment that everyone can enjoy. We will enjoy them even more if you all join us. We value your company and hope that you will take some time out of your busy schedule and have some fun while racking up some miles. So, here comes the test! Will you join in, or remain on the sidelines? By the way, we give bonus points for participation!!! Life is short, let's ride.

Judy and Tommie (Double the Trouble, but Twice the Fun!)



Bland Burchett
Bowler Extraordinaire
Spokes

No Report this month



Barbara Austin
PAO

No Report this month



Crystal Liesman
Historian

No Report this month



Judy McCauley
Show me the bugs in your
teeth

No Report this month



Debbie Ackeret
Silks Lady

No Report this month



Don McCauley
Web Talker

No Report this month



Tom Lystrup
Asleep at the Wheel

Date: 3/13/2010

Meeting Called to Order by Tracy Ackert

Director, Tracy Ackert: Planning a trip to Yosemite 25-27 June 2010. Great Trip for anyone who has not been. For Paul – Cal-State Rally, Riding tour, starts in Jamestown, CA and finishes in San Diego, CA. The event starts 28 September 2010 and the participation Fee is \$50.00, which includes some meals and extras. Paul has volunteered to head up the Pancake Breakfast on 1 October at the Lancaster Harley Shop as part of this event and will be looking for volunteers to assist him. For Tim – This meeting (3/13/2010) is the last day for returning members to sign up without paying a penalty. If anyone has not completed a survey form please complete one.

Asst Director, Paul Liesman: Not Present

Secretary, Tom Lystrup: Not Present

Treasurer, Sandra Moore: \$1875.75 on hand, \$150.00 being paid today for the sodas for the Biker Blessing.

Activities Director, Josh Wilkerson: 3/20/2010 Women's Only garage sale at the Lancaster shop. Today's ride to Lone Pine is not an official ride due to the high winds. Report on LOH activities, Josh will check to see if the 3/20/2010 date night is still on or will be canceled. Wade's 15 April San Diego trip is still available for sign up, but do so ASAP, departure time is scheduled for 1600 (4:00 p.m.). April 10 is the Biker Blessing. Laughlin is 24-26 April. May 15 is a tentative date for the Car Wash.

Road Captain, Bland Burchett: Bland is putting together a list of people who are Road Captains. See Bland for the List of Rule to be a Road Captain if you are interested.

Safety Officer, Stan Austin (junior): Watch for sand and debris on the roadway and check before you head out for roads still closed because of winter weather or roads closed due to construction. Get your bike serviced and perform a thorough check of your bike before you head out, especially if your bike has been parked most of the winter. The Arizona Bike Week is 14-18 April 2010, and he is trying to set up a tour at the Motorcycle Mechanics Institute for 16 April.

Web Master, Don McCauley: Renewed the hosting site for the web site and the price was reduced by \$50.00 for the year. Still making required changes and hope to have the web site up by the April meeting.

Newsletter Editor, Debbie Ackert: The Newsletter was sent; please let Debbie know if you did not receive it.

Photographer, Judy McCauley: No report – but thanked the group for the goodies she received.

Historian, Crystal Liesman: Not Present.

LOH, Tommie Lawrence/Judy Gerard: Not Present, but Judy is back home.

POA, Dennis Link: Looking for someone to take over as POA. The visit by friends from Ireland will be sometime in the Fall 2010. They ride Route 66, so Dennis is planning to lead a group to join them somewhere along the way, possibly Kingman, AZ.

Member comments: Rex Walraven – the B.A.D. ride is the same day as Thunder on the Lot, 12-13 June 2010. The B.A.D. ride poker run is scheduled for 8 May 2010 after the meeting. Let Rex know if you want to help with the poker run. The B.A.D. event at Burroughs High School is still TBD.

Additional comments: Scooter – the 5th Annual Biker Blessing will be 10 April 2010. Last year there were over 400 attendees. This year they have ordered 15 dozen T-shirts to sell for \$15.00 each.

Notes: The next RAG general meeting will be 4/10/2010, 0900 at Charlie's in the Carriage Inn.

RAG Board Meeting Notes

Date: Apr/09/2010

Location: Mike & Sandy's

Time: 1900

Meeting called to Order by: Tracy

Director, Tracy Ackeret: Need to start using National HOG forms. Survey- 45 replies. Most favored two charities: Boy's and Girl's clubs and Women's Shelter. Since Ron from AV HD provides \$1000 each year from Thunder on the Lot proceeds, the board agreed to leave that to Ron and to only have the Women's Shelter as the group's charity to sponsor. May 8th there will be a Biker's Against Diabetes sponsored by AV HD. 15 May is the Car Wash fund raiser. Wade agreed to check with Bartels about using their lot.

Asst Director: Paul Liesman: Cal State HOG Rally Jamestown to San Diego begins 28 Sept. \$50.00 to join. There will be a pancake breakfast at AV HD Sept 29th. Volunteers from RAG are requested to help out.

Secretary, Tom Lystrup: Roster has been updated. Several new applications were received. Reported that John Perrige did not have any ideas for additional fund raisers, but there was an activity planned for May in which participants would travel to different vendors in the area to learn more about their businesses, using GPS coordinates to find them.

Treasurer, Sandra Moore: \$1875. Supported Scooter with funds for soft drinks at Biker Blessing April 10.

Activities Director, Josh Wilkerson: Cruise nights – reported that no comments were received. Barb indicated she had sent Josh some comments. Wade indicated that he would support a rollers & sliders barbeque for the next Cruise Night.

Road Caption Coordinator: Bland Burchett: Discussed requirements to become RC. The board decided there was no reason to change the current requirements.

Safety Officer, Stan Austin Jr.: Indicated that the Barstow Saints would be willing to provide a concert at their expense to help as a fund raiser for the RAG. Wade indicated that insurance and food permit would be required.

Web Master, Don McCauley: Website is back up, with minor adjustments made.

Newsletter Editor, Debbie Ackeret: Needs inputs by end of the month for the newsletter

Photographer, Judy McCauley: Plans to get pictures for Bikers Blessing.

Historian, Crystal Liesman: absent, but Paul indicated she was working on getting donated articles from Brett Michaels as a fund raising opportunity for the Burroughs BAD Ride. Crystal is working with Judy Gerard on this.

LOH: Tommy Lawrence & Judy Gerard: Judy still recovering but now up and around.

PAO, Dennis Linck: absent. RAG general meeting announcement made the front page in the Daily Independent. Barb Austin agreed to be the new PAO representative for the board.

Member comments: Wade indicated that Chuck Cordell agreed to volunteer use of his shed for the garage sale this year, if the group has one.

The next RAG Board meeting will be May 14 at Tracy & Debbies

5TH ANNUAL BIKER BLESSING APRIL 2010



SAN DIEGO RIDE APRIL 2010



Rider's Edge

Greetings AV H.O.G. and R.A.G Members
and Rider's Edge Graduates:

Are you ready to share your PAS-
SION? Are you ready to harness the power
of MENTORING? Are you ready to show
how contagious your ENTHUSIASM can
be? Whether you're still new to motorcy-
cling and wondering how to find a bike that
fits you or a seasoned rider looking for new
ways to "Share Your Spark" we'll hit the
road together to share milestones and set-
backs on our journey!

Denyce Evert, Site Manager
Antelope Valley Harley-Davidson/Buell

Skilled Rider Course offerings

Thanks for your help in getting the word out
about Rider's Edge,



May Birthdays



David Belasco



Malia Bridgeman



Mike Cash



Anne Haber



Darrell Kuntz

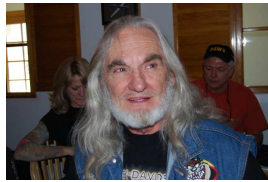


Michelle Smith

June Birthdays



Michael Beck



Paul Begin



Hal Bennett



Billie Burchett



Dale Polley



Rex Walraven



Josh Wilkerson

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UNIVERSAL MOTORCYCLE HAND SIGNALS



Start your engines



Stop



Go ahead and pass me



Bikers ready



Hazards on the road



Don't pass me



Stop your engines



Turn off your turn signals



Single riding



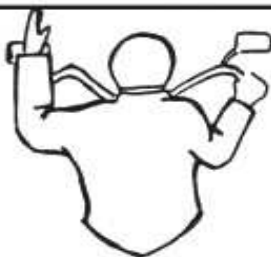
Left turn



Slow down



Staggered riding



Right turn



Speed up



Time for a pit stop

Motorcycle Web Links

HD of Lancaster

<http://www.hdoflanaster.com/lancasterhome.html>

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>

Maps

<http://www.mapquest.com/>

Harley Owners Group

<http://www.hog.com/>

California DOT-Road & Highway Info

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/>



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Tuesday – Saturday 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Service Hours

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Upcoming Events:

RIP'S AV BAD RIDE

May 8, 2010

Thunder on the Lot

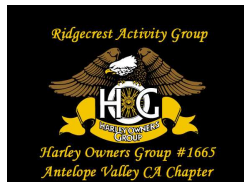
June 12-13, 2010

Yosemite Ride

June 25-27 2010

CA State HOG Rally

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