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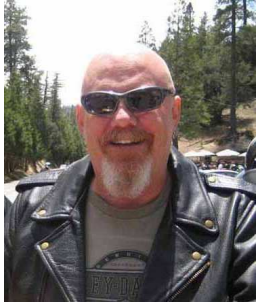
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Tracy Ackeret **Ramblings from** **Silk**

Greetings once again,

Welcome to another of my ramblings, I truly hope I don't bore everyone with my musings. Most times I just sit down at the computer and let my fingers start typing what my brain is thinking. Yeah I know that can be a scary proposition but so far it's worked for me so I just keep going with it.

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer, it's almost gone already. Seems like I just get used to the warm weather and it's going to start turning cold once again. I much prefer to have it warm then cold. I still ride in the cold weather; however I don't enjoy it as much as I do in the warmer months. I got one of the hydration vests last year and it makes riding in the warm months a lot better. You have to stop every hour or so and re-hydrate it but it works great when it's wet. If you don't already have one you need to check them out next year when it starts getting warmer. Mine is almost at the end of its life as I use it all the time riding back from work in the afternoons. I have been using Debbie's lately since mine just won't take water anymore.

We have some good riding weather still as it won't turn real cold until probably November. In those months Debbie and I have lots of fun things planned and I hope everyone does also. We are going to be attending the Cal State HOG rally once again this year. Last year was a blast so we figured why not do it again. This year the Salinas chapter is hosting it out in Monterey. From what I have heard they are going to close Cannery Row to cars and just let bikes down it. That should make it a whole lot more enjoyable if they do. The other times we have been down on it on the bike with cars has been a zoo. Then in October we are going to be on the Morro Bay ride. This is always a fun ride. This year Deb and I plan on going into Paso Robles on Saturday with anyone that wants to go with us to taste some of Paso's wonderful wine.

We also have our annual picnic coming up later this month. Usually we have the picnic at Lake Diaz up in Lone Pine but this year we thought we would mix it up a bit and have it at Lake Isabella. We are going to be at the Paradise Cove campground so plan on coming out and enjoying the good food and good company of our fellow HOG members. I hear that Wade is planning on having his boat up there so those adventurous souls can try their luck at water skiing. I for one will be passing on the skiing but I do plan on going out on the lake with him.

On a final note before I close this for another newsletter. The shop has gotten in the challenge coins for both the Lancaster chapter and ours. They turned out really cool. So go get some, they make really good tokens of our appreciation for places that we visit that treat us good. I bought quite a few and plan on giving them to those deserving places. I may even give one to our good buddy JT when I am at the HOG rally.

Take care and ride safe

Silk



Mike Moore
Where's the Meat?

A lot of you already know me but with all of the new members I thought it would be a good idea to tell you a little bit about myself and my HOG experience.

I have lived in Ridgecrest my entire life and bought my first and only Harley in November 2003, a 2004 Road King Custom aka *"The Silver Ghost"*. I joined the group in January 2004. My passion for riding Harleys and for HOG developed fast. While all riding is great my favorites are the long distance rides with my wife, Sandra. We have ridden through eleven different states and look forward to riding through many more in the future.

From the beginning I was and continue to be impressed with the camaraderie of our group. We have made numerous friends over the years that we may not have made without being in this group.

After being in the group for a year I wanted to become more involved so I took a position on the board as Activities Officer. I held this position for two years and then I took the opportunity to step into the Assistant Director's position. As Assistant Director I help Tracy with local community events that RAG HOG is involved with. I am also a Road Captain and have led many rides, one of my favorites being the annual Morro Bay ride.

I look forward to many more years of riding and supporting our group in any way that I can.

Mike Moore
"The journey to a friend's house is never long"
Chinese Proverb



Stan Austin Jr.
"Mikey"
"Safety Stan Jr."

Remember T-CLOCK as a great Pr-ride.

- T - Tires & Wheels
- C - Controls
- L - Lights & Electrics
- O - Oil
- C - Chassis
- K - Kickstand

Hope all of you have a good time on the rides we planned this year.

RIDERS EDGE

The next schedule Skilled Rider Course is Saturday, September 10th, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Cost for current R.A.G. HOG members is \$125.00 (regular price is \$150.00).

The New Rider Course . Upcoming classes are: September 15th – 19th and September 20th – 26th.

Thanks for your support,

Denyce



Activities Director
Stan Austin

Where do you want to ride too !!!

This year is flying by fast for me. The wife and I have had a fun and busy summer. September is here and we have lots planned. Meetings as is the norm and many fun rides still remain. Please check the calendar on our web site and if you are not getting the e-mails please let me know. The Groups annual Birthday Picnic and camp out is on the weekend of 16 Sept. The main BBQ and events are on Saturday the 17th. I hope you all plan to be there as it will be at Lake Isabella, Paradise Cove. Please ride safe so we can see you at the meetings and on the rides.

Stan



Randy Geiger
Road Captain Coordinator

"Mr. I Got Nothing"

Keep the rubber side down and the shiny side up !!!



Barb Austin
Secretary/PAO

Did you hear or see our ads?

"Hope everyone is getting a chance to get out and enjoy our "warm" weather and abundant sun!"



Judy Gerard
Schoolmarm
LOH

Check your wallet or purse !!!
You just never know with Schoolmarm !!!

RAG HOG
General Meeting Minutes
9 July 2011

Meeting called to order at 0900 by Tracy

Director, Tracy Ackeret – 22 people participated on the ride to Yosemite. Tioga Pass had just opened the week before and there was still plenty of snow along the roadsides, about 10 feet at the top. We ate at the Whoa Nelli Deli before heading over the pass. Stayed at the Best Western in Oakhurst, which is a nice hotel. There was lots of water and the falls were great. Cupcakes for the July birthdays. Bruce Bartels will be 65 and has invited everyone to his home on 22 July to help him celebrate. There is an after meeting ride to Kernville, some planning to go to the brewery and some to the BBQ place, so meet at the Inyokern 76 at 1100. Tomorrow is the AV meeting, so meet at JITB at 0700. 27 August ride to McNally's, will be sending an e-mail out so we can get a head count. 7 August is a meeting at AV; 13 August is our next meeting, followed by a bike night at AV Harley shop. 3 September will be the car wash and that same night is the Jet Hawks night. There are 4-5 patches left. Thanks to everyone for the toys and money being donated each week for the Toys for Tots.

Assistant Director, Mike Moore – Great turn out for the ride to Seasons in Lone Pine, biggest event so far. Outstanding service and food. We had 36 people, 18 bikes, 2 cages and 2 walkers. Mike will send a thank you note to Seasons, along with a certificate and a coin. The Morro Bay ride flyers are out on the tables. Most staying at the Blue Sail Inn, but the Ascot Inn is also very nice. Introduced guests of J.D. and Betty Biros, J.D.'s brother J.D., wife Deanna and children Brian and Cam visiting from Ohio; AV couple Dennis and Diane; Paul's guest Derrick; Marty's wife Natalie, and Stan Jr's girlfriend Candice. Also introduced our new member Casey Proffitt.

Treasurer, Sandra Moore - \$3829 in account.

Secretary, Barb Austin – 104 members, plus a new member today.

Activities, Stan Austin – Paul is the road captain for the after meeting ride. Hal will lead the Whitney Portal ride. There is a non-flex Friday breakfast ride for anyone who does not work the non-flex Fridays. Stan to lead the 6 August ride to the winery in Tehachapi, and arrange a place for breakfast. Keep an eye out for upcoming events. Some e-mails have been returned as undeliverable, please ensure we have your current e-mail address.

LOH, Judy Gerard – Presented a U.S. Flag to Randy and Kim in honor of their son Wayne. The flag was flown on top of Mt. Whitney. Judy sent two ribbon streamers around the room for people to write messages to Wayne's unit. The LOH ladies only ride to Solvang was great, lots of fun, shopping and relaxation. Five ladies on bikes stayed 3 nights, and 5 ladies in the cage stayed 2 nights. Planning another LOH ride soon.

Road Captain, Randy Geiger – Have road captains identified for the July rides, working now on August. Hal will be leading the Whitney Portal ride on 30 July. Read the hand signals page in the newsletter to refresh or learn the hand signals.

Editor, Debbie Ackeret – July/Aug newsletter is out via e-mail, website, and hardcopy for the non-computer types. Will have extra copies of the coupons, which were e-mailed at the meeting.

Safety, Stan Austin (Jr) – Remember your T-clocks, keep cool and stay hydrated, look around you at intersections, watch cars coming up behind you when you are stopped at intersections.

Photographer, Judy McCauley – Not present

Webmaster, Don McCauley – Looking for pictures from the LOH to Solvang trip

Historian, Cris Liesman – Keep ride reports and pictures coming

Member comments:

Wade Tallman – Dino went down on a ride to Lake Isabella, luckily no fractures or serious injury.

Dwight Furnish – Checking into campsites at Paradise Cove for our annual picnic

Bruce Bartels – Hells Kitchen, about 5 miles from Lake Elsinore on highway 74 is a real biker bar and great place to stop.

The next RAG HOG general meeting will be 13 August 2011, in Charlie's, at the Carriage Inn.

RAG HOG
General Meeting Minutes
13 August 2011

Meeting called to order at 0900 by Tracy

Director, Tracy Ackeret – Birthday cupcakes for the August birthdays, which included Tracy, and in honor of Tracy turning the BIG 50, Paul Bruer presented him with a walking stick to help him get around. 3 September will be the car wash and that same night is the Jet Hawks night, tickets available for \$7.00. Dennis will set up his RV for us at the car wash. The September AV meeting will be held on the 11th because the first Sunday is during the Labor Day Holiday weekend. 1 October is the AV Chapter picnic at the Lancaster/Palmdale Knights of Columbus. Thanks for all the donations for the Toys for Tots. Harley is going to start recognizing multiple HOGs within 1 dealer. We are going to be the poster child (if you will) and will have our own HOG, AV HOG of Ridgecrest; our brother group will be AV HOG of Lancaster. The shop will be making new coins with our new title. There is an after meeting ride to AV. Dwight has checked out the campsites at Paradise Cove. We can have RVs up to 40 ft total length. We can't reserve specific sites, but Paul Bruer has offered to get the sites the day prior if we tell him how many. It is \$25 a night to camp.

Assistance Director, Mike Moore – Introduced guests Leslie Deger, friend of Stella's, who joined our group at the end of the meeting; Chris Raymond, Stella's husband; Faye Strong, Robert's wife; Makay, Tracy and Debbie Ackeret's son; Amy and Joshua Linck, Dennis and Debbie's daughter and grandson; Ike Bridgeman, former member; Debbie Ross, guest of Mike Roberts, Dennis and Diane from AV; and George Harmon, who also joined our group at the end of the meeting. The Morro Bay ride will be the weekend of 15 Oct, flyers will be put out on the tables at tomorrow's meeting.

Treasurer, Sandra Moore – \$4K in account. \$1K for charities, \$60 for Toys for Tots, in addition to the donated toys. Next car wash is to support HOG events and community support. Will be selling Christmas Party tickets at the October and November meetings. The Christmas Party is 10 December, the same day of the meeting.

Secretary, Barb Austin – 104 members, plus our new member from Indiana/Lone Pine.

Activities, Stan Austin – The trip to the winery was great, we would like to plan another ride up there when the weather cools. They have indoor and outdoor seating and a nice cheese, meat and crackers platter to enjoy while wine tasting. There is a cruise night to AV on 26 August. The next non-flex Friday breakfast ride will be 26 August. The McNally dinner ride is 27 August, meet at the IYK 76 at 1645.

LOH, Judy Gerard – Witnessed an accident and the lesson learned is to watch out for mud build-up on your tires, it takes away your traction. Planning another LOH ride to Pioneer Town in Yucca Valley, but ladies bring your significant others on this trip. Hoping to make it an overnight trip.

Road Captain, Randy Geiger – Explained what happened to cancel Whitney Portal ride; Heavy down pour, Lone Pine creek almost overflowed, Portal road closed, and lots of mud everywhere. Safety tips – wear protective clothing and leave yourself an out. Need a road captain for today's ride to AV Harley shop event. Have a new member, Jeff Davidson, lives in both Indiana and Lone Pine, will introduce him the first chance he gets to make a meeting. Announced Betty Biros is a new road captain.

Editor, Debbie Ackeret – Will request inputs to the Sep/Oct newsletter at the end of August. Would like a paragraph about old and new members. Everyone can provide inputs to the newsletter. Still have some AV cookbooks for sale.

Member comments:

Dino Ghilardi – my accident was a low speed around a curve, with an unanticipated rock in the road I could not avoid.

AV Diane – After the September meeting, AV LOH will be having a poker run and HOG event at the AV Harley shop.

Scooter (Mike) Prosneski – thanks to everyone for supporting his tire changing service, he has a tire machine and computer balancer, which has now paid for itself.

Wade Tallman – Selling Community Dinner tickets to help the Hospitals Pink Ladies and Blue Boys, which will be on 10 September after the Parade of 1000 Flags. They want our HOG participation in the Parade of 100 Flags (Mike will take the lead on arranging this).

The next RAG HOG general meeting will be 10 September 2011, in Charlie's, at the Carriage Inn.



Crystal Liesman
Historian

Get those Ride Reports in !!!



Judy McCauley
Show me the bugs in your teeth

Keep Smiling for the camera !!!



Debbie Ackeret
Silks Lady

Your reading it!!!!



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.

Hi, Sandra here aka .5, your friendly bean counter.

When I was nineteen my brother took me for a ride on his Honda. I was hooked and have loved riding on the back of bikes ever since. When I met Michael and he had an opportunity to buy a motorcycle I insisted he buy it so I could continue my passion for riding.

After Michael bought his Harley and joined the group we went on a dinner ride to Tehachapi. On the return trip home with eleven bikes and a cage our bike had a blowout on Hwy 58. The wind was howling and not a single person left us while we waited for Bland and Billee to rescue us with their trailer. Barb invited me to wait it out in her car and reassured me everything would be alright. I will never forget the loyalty and compassion that the group showed to two people they just met. I joined the group at the very next meeting!

After a couple of years of getting to know the group I decided to try out being the Treasurer. It gave me an opportunity to overcome my shyness especially speaking in front of a group. I am now in my third year as Treasurer and I love it.

Also as the Christmas Party Coordinator I really enjoy planning the annual Christmas Party. Over the last few years I have had a lot of fun working with the Christmas committee members and look forward to another great time this year.

The RAG HOG family means a lot to me and I am proud to be a member.

Sandra Moore
Treasurer

RELAY FOR LIFE !!

The Ridgecrest "Relay For Life" (RFL) is schedule for Saturday, 1 Oct 2011. Location will be at Cerro Coso Community College Track & Field. Start time is 0900

I am way behind in getting the notification out to all of you and know everyone plans their weekend commitments far in advance. So please forgive me for my "Slacking Off" and if you'd like to support the RAGHOG team in any way.....we'd sure appreciate your help. Our goal is having someone on the track the entire 24hrs and to raise \$2500. Last year we raised ~\$1700 and had total team miles = 115.75

There are several ways you can support the team below:

1. Walking/Running: Survivors walk 0900, first lap, 0900/1 Oct - 0900/2 Oct
 - a) 1 hr time slots
 - b) Husbands/wife's/friends/relatives...can walk/run together.
2. Setting up our Site 0600-0900
3. Donating

For those of you who walked/ran last year, you have first choice at your last year's time slot. Again the goal is to have someone on the track the entire 24hrs.

You can register online at My personal home page:

<http://main.acsevents.org/goto/spokes>

Or at the RAGHOG link below:

http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLFY11CA?team_id=993336&pg=team&fr_id=31882

Regardless if you register online or not, if you would like to help set up the site and/or walk....please let me know ASAP.

Thanks

Bland

"Life is Short, Ride Hard"



14 October to 16 October 2011

The Morro Bay trip is coming up and we are looking forward to another great ride. We are meeting at "Jack in the Box" on Friday, 14 October at 0630 and leaving at 0700 sharp.

We will be traveling via Highway 58 to Bakersfield, continuing onto Old Highway 58 to Highway 101, then Highway 41 into Morro Bay, with two planned stops, the first at Buttonwillow and the second at Atascadero.

Saturday is open for day rides or shopping or just relaxing around Morro Bay.

We will be returning home Sunday, 16 October.

If you would like to stay at the Blue Sail Inn, their phone number is 888-337-0707 or 805-772-2766.

Another option would be La Serena Inn, their phone number is 800-248-1511 or 805-772-5665. Mention Ridgecrest when making reservations for a POSSIBLE discount.

If you have any questions, please call Mike and Sandra Moore at 375-6989, or e-mail us at moorems@verizon.net.

Hope to see many of you on the ride!

Ridgecrest Area Group

HOG Christmas Party

10 December 2011 at the Carriage Inn

Tickets Go On Sale at the October Meeting

Gift Exchange - One Gift per Couple
and One Gift per Single Person*

No Host Bar - 6:00 pm

*Western Buffet Dinner -
6:45 pm*



Appetizers & Dessert!

*Door Prizes, Grand Prize
& Centerpiece Drawings
Throughout the Evening***

**** Must Be Present To Win**

ATTENTION!

*We are changing the gift exchange
to keep a better pace at the party.
We are asking that you bring only
one gift per couple and one gift per
single person.*

*This means that only one person per
couple (your choice) will get up to
exchange one gift.*

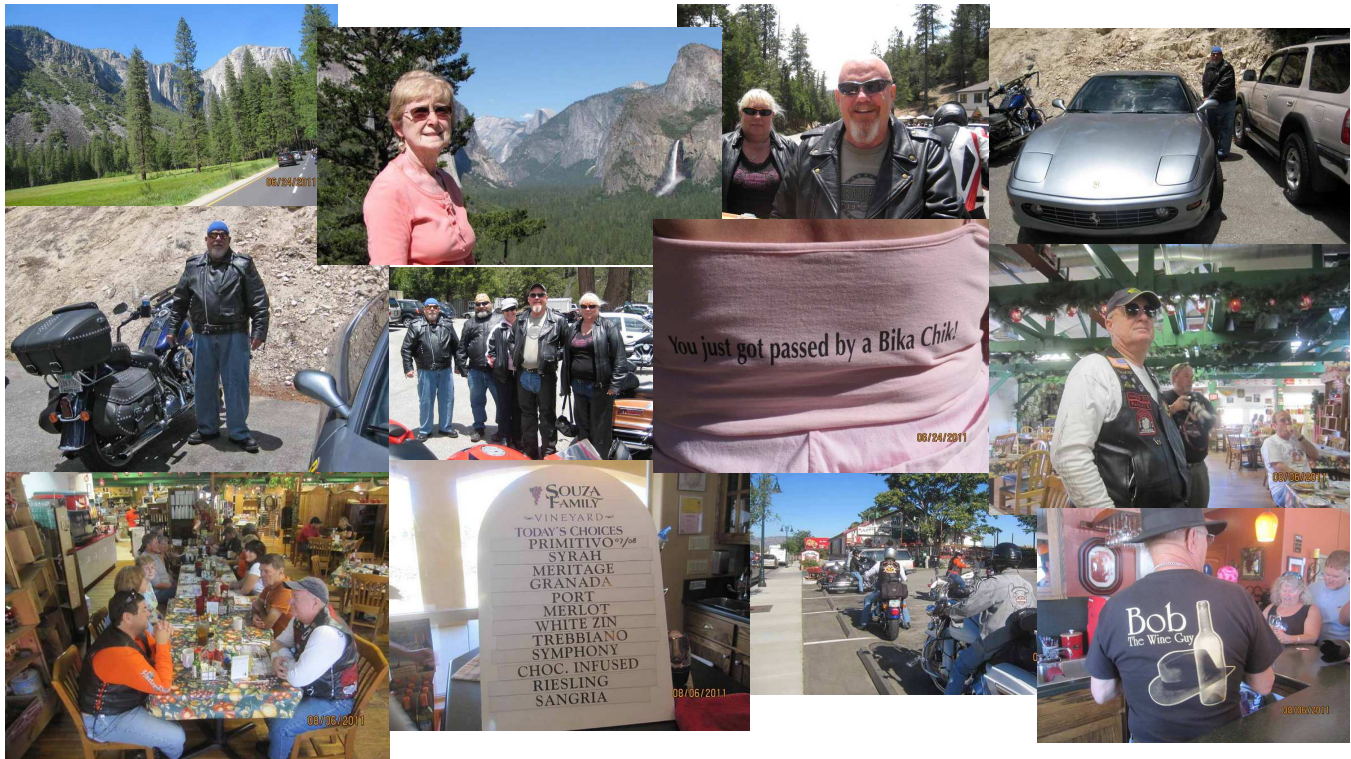
*Of course, the single person will still
get up to exchange their one gift.*

Guidelines regarding gift exchange gifts are:

- 1. Gifts must be new.*
- 2. Gifts are generally \$10-\$15 with no maximum.*
- 3. Gifts can be humorous, but tasteful and new.*

*There is no obligation to participate in the gift
exchange, however, if you do participate, please
bring a gift to receive a gift.*

RAG Pictures



Mt Whitney Portal Ride Ahhh correction Kernville Ride.....

What a bummer -- the Mt Whitney Portals breakfast ride is one of the group's favorite rides of the year and always has good participation. With everyone keyed up for a ride to cooler climes our plans were literally rained on as Randy and Kim Geiger broke the news late the evening before that our plans had to change. The summer snow melt, coupled with monsoonal thunderstorms dumped torrents of rain in the mountains, caused Lone Pine creek to overflow its banks. Heavy flooding not only closed the Portals store and campgrounds, but potentially compromised the road itself. Given that information, plans were made for an alternate ride to Cheryl's in Kernville and emails were sent out to the membership notifying people of the changes at hand.

I was extremely pleased to see the large turnout as I rolled into Inyokern. All gassed up, a few minutes of chit-chat and a quick ride brief and 14 bikes with 19 riders rolled out for Cheryl's and breakfast.

We arrived at Cheryl's without mishap to find it packed. We collected in small groups both inside and out and went about enjoying breakfast with good friends both old and new. After our meal we splintered into groups and singles and made our way back home. I personally clocked 126 miles, but I know that several others didn't make the Inyokern turnoff on Hwy 14 and rode on North. If you take my miles and multiply by the number of bikes, we scored a minimum of 1764 miles.

RAG Pictures



Paul & Crystal's Sturgis Adventure !!

First we want to thank Bland & Billee for trailering Crystal's bike to their cabin in Wyoming, allowing us to stay at their cabin and just being great friends.

For the trip, we bought cooling vests and mesh vests for the hot portions of the trip. Plus I bought a tire inflator that plugs into the cigarette lighter, which came in handy. I had a new front tire put on before leaving, and figured the back had a couple thousand miles left on it. I was wrong, but only by 1/2.

We left Ridgecrest around 8 am and headed out thru Trona to Beatty. Just North of Trona, a Detour sign! Sending us onto the dirt service road around some road work! Nice start to a 1400 mile journey! That lasted for about 1.5 miles, then back onto the paved road and on to Beatty for gas. Then it was on to Las Vegas and another gas stop and lunch. Hot? In Vegas? In August? Nah, only felt like 120 degrees, was probably 113. Gassed up and on to St. George, Utah to spend the night. But first, THE POOL! AAHH!!!!

The next day we headed for Grand Junction, Colorado. About 5 miles North of St. George we rode upon a truck towing a trailer loaded with crap. The trailer started swaying and the crap started moving around on the trailer. I backed off waiting for the crap to hit the fan. Sure enough, a piece of plywood wiggled free from the rest of the crap and slide off onto the I15. Thankfully, it slid off to the side of the road. I got around the crap hauling truck and never looked back. We stopped at the view areas in Utah for pictures and breaks, then coasted on into Grand Junction and again, THE POOL.

Saturday we headed for Boulder to spend the weekend with my daughter. Except for the temperature going from around 80 in Grand Junction to the low 60's at the Eisenhower tunnel, no issues to report.

I checked my rear tire on Sunday and noticed my 2K estimate was off by about 1k. I called the HD shop in Cheyenne, Wyoming and was told they opened at 9 am, and it was 1st come 1st serve. We left Boulder on Monday, hoping to be at the Burchett cabin before dark. Made it to Cheyenne, found the shop and was 3rd in line. 3 HOURS later, we were finally on the road with a new rear tire. But we made it to the cabin around 630 pm. We only encountered 3 little rain showers along the way.

Tuesday looked to be a lost day for a trip to Devil's Tower. Dark clouds overhead, but no rain as of yet. So the 4 of us, (Bland, Billee, Crystal & myself) decided to go for it. A couple of miles onto the I90, the flood gates opened, hard, driving rain. We pulled over to one the Interstate parking areas, Bland & Billee put on their rain gear, Cris & I had none, so we had to tough it out. Back on the road, another 8 miles to Moorcroft for gas, the rain stopped, the sky started to clear. On to Devil's Tower!!

What can I say about Devil's Tower? It is AWESOME! I want to go again when it's NOT bike week and get the true experience. That week, too many bikes, cars, trucks, RV's. But it was still great to experience.

Next we were off to the Buffalo Chip campground as Cris & I had tickets for that night's Poison/Toby Keith concert. Bland led us around to the North side of Sturgis and the Chip's entrance. That's where we parted ways for the evening as Cris & were camping(?) (really?) at the Chip as the concert didn't end until midnight.

The concert was great, but camping? With thousands of other bikers? Outside? In a tent? Let's just say it's a good thing I can get by for awhile with a small amount of sleep. I'm not sure what time the parties (yes, parties) ended, but with music from all sides, drunks staggering by the tent, bikers revving their engines, I may have finally dozed off around 3 am.

We got up about 6 am, loaded the bike, and headed for the cabin. After showering, we dusted off Cris's "cute" bike so she could ride that day. Bland lead us to Hewlet for "No Panties Wednesday". Now, Hewlet is about the size of Inyokern, and we got there around 1030 am or so and there was already close to a thousand bikes in town. We stayed a couple of hours walking around and the bikes just kept coming into town. By the time we left, the number of bikes had more than doubled. As we headed toward Bell Fourshe, we saw probably close to 2 thousand more bikes heading towards Hewlet. But the ride to Bell Fourshe was great, until, yup, you guessed it. Bland got a flat. You may have seen the pics on FB. To save the day, a ranch hand working nearby came over and lent a hand. He had plugs, I had my new tire inflator, and we were back on the road.

We stopped for gas, Bland for more air, then onto the Full Throttle Saloon. We spent a couple of hours wandering around, observing the FTS girls wearing bikini's, oh, I mean the sight's of the FTS, hehe, then on to Sturgis. What can I say about Sturgis during bike week? Traffic, traffic, and more traffic. Stop & go, stop & go, the bikes getting hot, daydreaming about the FTS bikini's, oops. Finally, the edge of town, need something cool to drink. AAHH, FTS bikini's, no no I mean AAHH, cool drinks. Then, back to the cabin.

Thursday, a no motorcycle day. Sore rear ends, AAHH FTS bikini's, oops, I'm doing it again.

Friday, headed back to Boulder to spend the weekend with my daughter.

Saturday, the Stanley Hotel in Estes Park, where Stephen King got his inspiration for "The Shining". This is a cool place, lots of interesting history, beautiful architecture, and the ghosts!! We took the guided tour, got see inside room 217 thanks to the people who were staying there that night, which is where SK spent the night. On the 4th floor, our guide told us how guests would complain about children playing into the late evening/early morning hours, even though no children were staying at the hotel! As he finished talking, a couple came out of one of the rooms and said they heard the children last night! Booo.

Sunday was a day for just visiting with my daughter.

Monday, the trek home. First to Grand Junction for the night, then on to St. George for the night, then a night in Beatty where Cris won some money while I dreamed of the FTS bikini's, no no, I mean lost a few dollars. Then home to the desert heat, work, & kids. Kids? Nooo, Cris let's go back NOW!

Sturgis Pictures





September Birthdays



Barb
Austin



Megan
Howard



Robert
Johns



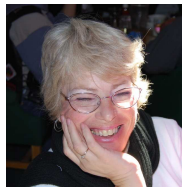
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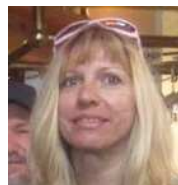
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SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
>HOG Milwaukee Rally May 1-4 Milwaukee WI >HOG Car Wash Corner of Ridgecrest & China Lake Blvd 07:00 till Noon >RAG HOG Picnic and Poker Run Lake Diaz Recreation Area Lone Pine CA >Reno Street Vibrations Reno NV Sept 21-25 >Cruise Night Ride to Lancaster meet Inyokern 76 16:45 >Panamint Springs Resort Hwy 190 Death Valley CA. Meet Ridgecrest 76 08:45 >Las Vegas Bike fest Las Vegas NV Sept 29- Oct 2				1 <i>Hog Milwaukee Rally</i>	2 <i>Flex Day NAWs</i>	3 <i>HOG Car Wash</i>
4 AV HOG Meeting	5 <i>Labor Day (Fed)</i>	6	7	8	9 RAG HOG Board Meeting Randy & Kim Geiger	10 RAG HOG Meeting NV LOH Poker Run & Bike Night
11	12	13	14	15	16 <i>RRG HOG Picnic</i> Fashion show @ Dealer <i>Flex Day NAWs</i>	17 <i>RRG HOG Picnic & Poker Run</i>
18 <i>RRG HOG Picnic</i>	19	20	21 <i>Reno Street Vibrations</i>	22	23 <i>Cruise Night Ride to Lancaster</i> Garage Party @ Dealer	24 <i>Lunch Ride to Panamint Springs</i> Open House @ Dealer
25	26	27	28	29 <i>Las Vegas Bikefest</i>	30 <i>Flex Day NAWs</i>	



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OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
>Biketoberfest Daytona FL Oct 13-16 >Morro Bay Run to Morro Bay CA Oct 14-16. Contact Mike Moore at moorems@verizon.net >Parking Lot Sale & Swap Meet @ Dealer October 21-23 >Day ride to Pioneertown CA meet JITB 07:30 >High Desert Fallen Hero's ride @ dealer						1 <i>NV Chapter Picnic</i>
2 AV HOG Meeting <i>High Desert Fallen Heros Ride</i>	3	4	5	6	7 RAG HOG Board Meeting Tracy & Debbie Packeret	8 RAG HOG Meeting
9	10 <i>Columbus Day (Fed)</i>	11	12	13 <i>Biketoberfest</i>	14 <i>Morro Bay Run</i> <i>Flex Day NAWs</i>	15 <i>Morro Bay Run</i>
16 <i>Morro Bay Run</i>	17	18	19	20	21 <i>Parking Lot sale & Swap meet</i>	22 <i>Day Ride to Pioneertown</i>
23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28 <i>Flex Day NAWs</i>	29 <i>Hogaveen @ Dealer</i>

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

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>

Maps

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

Harley Owners Group

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

California DOT-Road & Highway Info

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



Antelope Valley Harley-Davidson



Store Hours

Sunday/Monday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Tuesday – Saturday 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Service Hours

Sunday/Monday – Drop Off Only

Tuesday – Saturday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

LOOK AHEAD:

11/6—Daylight Savings Ends—Fall back one hour

11/6—SideCar Rally—Griffith Park

11/6— 9:00 AM—AV Meeting—Lancaster

11/11—6:00 PM RAG Board Meeting—Tracy & Debbie's in Cal City

11/12— 9:00 AM—RAG Meeting—Charlie's Pub

11/12—After Meeting Ride to Red House BBQ—Tehachapi

12/3—AV Christmas Party

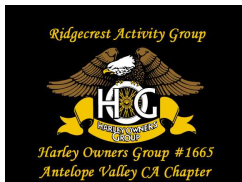
12/4— 9:00 AM—AV Meeting—Lancaster

12/9—6:00 PM RAG HOG 2012 Ride Planning Meeting—TBD

12/10 9:00 AM—RAG Meeting—Charlie's Pub

12/10 Ridgecrest Christmas Parade

12/10 RAG HOG Christmas Party—Carriage Inn



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