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Charlie's Pub in Ridgecrest

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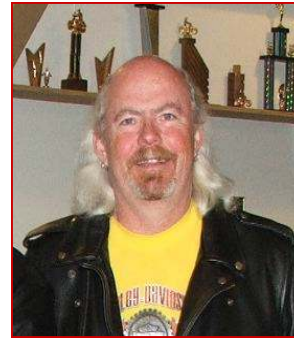
*Wind in my Hair
(Wind across the
Bald spot)*

Its time again.... Seems the closer we get to the end of the year the busier it gets... Had a great turnout to the Oct meeting with AV bringing up 31 members. Pulled in some AV dollars from the silent auction. Thanks again to Tommie for taking charge and running that event. Following the November meeting we're looking at a ride to Tehachapi to look at an old aircraft restoration business, followed by lunch and a Caliente loop return...hope the weather holds. Matarango Days got some tremendous feedback on our National Anthem and Flag Parade...Thanks to all who participated (17 bikes)... biker game participation was a little low but... Shop set up a tent and got some visibility with a couple of new bikes. We are starting to put the touches on our final event of the year....Christmas Party. Still looking for some help in decorating and set up. Look for emails announcing the meetings.

This is my last newsletter as the Director. I want to say thanks to all the board members for their help and assistance in keeping this organization on the go. There is a lot of work behind the scenes in keeping it going. I want to emphasize that this organization is ours and ours to do what we want (for the most part)...we just need input on changes and participation on events to make it enjoyable.

I'm passing the reins of Director over to Tracy and hope you all give him the great support you gave me. Paul Liesman will be jumping into the Assistant Director spot and Debbie Ackeret will take over as Editor...the rest of the board has graciously volunteered to stay on for at least another year to support Tracy. Look forward to sitting in the crowd and just enjoying the rides....

Keep the shiny side up and the rubber down.



Tracy Ackeret
Assistant Director

Hello everyone,

Once again it's time for the newsletter inputs. As most of you know we are going to have a few different board members next year. I have put my name in for Director since Wade wants to step down. Anyone is able to put their name in for Director and Ron picks the next Director, so if anyone wants to have themselves considered they need to let Wade know ASAP. If not then I guess you will have to put up with me. John does not want to continue as newsletter editor, he has other things on his mind these days so I can't blame him at all. So if anyone wants to be on the board let Wade or myself know.

It's starting to get colder but still wonderful riding weather. I have been riding to work every day since April when Deb started to work at the Lake. The other day when I got the bike out it was quite a bit colder so I decided to put my leather on. I am glad that I did. When I got to work I checked our weather station and it was 42 degrees. Going from the 60's in the morning to the 40's was a shock but it was still nice to be able to ride to work. As the weather gets colder there are a few things that you need to make sure of with your bike. First off you need to check the air pressure in your tires. As it gets colder the pressure in your tires will go down a bit and if they are already low in pressure it can be dangerous. So check your tire pressure. Also you need to check all of your fluid levels. Hot weather can cause your oil to be burned and you don't want to be low on fluids and get stranded in the cold weather.

Matarango days is coming up in a couple weeks and Wade needs everyone who can to come out and have fun with the bike games. Deb and I are not going to be there, we are going to be over on the coast with Josh and Deb. We have been trying to get over there with them all year and as they are going to be up in Monterey the week before that, they are going to meet us on the coast. This is a really good opportunity to get the RAG noticed in the community and the people who are running it are looking forward to having the RAG there. Last year was a blast and those of you who missed it missed a good time. I encourage all to go and have fun.

Take care and be safe
Silk



Josh Wilkerson
J-Dub
Activities

Someday...

It's great to see all of the "Adventurous" rides this year that members have taken! Alaska, Oregon, North and South Dakota, Chicago to Santa Monica, Texas, and many more. I've found that the adventure never lasts quite long enough, although I'm sure there are one or two back-seaters that might argue with me. But no matter how long the trip, I always come back with great experiences and ideas for more rides based on the parts of the country that I've traveled through.

On my "Mid-West" excursion I found that the HD-Museum was great but Milwaukee had so much more to offer. Missouri was beautiful and there were many Route 66 attractions; but I didn't take the time to stop because I was scheduled to meet a fellow rider on the far end of the state. I had "Chicken Fried Bacon" in Shamrock, TX and it was actually good! I also discovered that I don't really have a desire to go back to Needles anytime soon although there was a beacon of hope at a local Diner that had great food.

What's the point of this rambling? Good or bad, it's all about the experience of the adventure! You get out there on your bike outside of your local security net and you're on an adventure. I've found that it's when you're too far to turn around that you're headed in the right direction.

The best riding I had this summer is when I didn't have a particular destination in mind, just a general idea of where I was heading. I slowed down and became curious again about places I've never been or even heard of. I went exploring and found exactly what I was looking for, the freedom of the ride. Somewhere along the journey "myself" fell out of the saddlebag and I wasn't that guy who thinks about work the next day or what impending projects needed completion around the house; I was that guy standin' on a corner in Winslow Arizona! It was a GREAT experience and one that I knew would occur when I bought a bike and that ride I was going to take someday finally became a reality. Weather you go on long runs or short excursions there is always adventure to be found. Make the time to slow down and check out the scenery, meet new friends, and just explore the country to see what it has to offer. Let's face it, we didn't buy our bikes for a daily commuter to work, we bought them to ride and to take us places we've always wanted to see.

This year several of us took our first of many "Someday" rides to go see those places, when will you carve out some time to have an adventure... Someday?

Enjoy the ride,

J-Dub



Rex Walraven
Semper Fi
Treasurer

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

We are still quite a bit under our financial balance from this time last year. So we need to think about where we are going to cut on our Christmas party and how much we will be willing to spend on tickets for the party. We have already decided to only support one family for our holiday basket, food, and gifts for Thanksgiving and Christmas. You are all welcome to join us at board meetings and get your input to our budget process and all the other things we do at our board meetings.

So on to better things. The riding weather has been great and I hope you are all getting some great rides in.

Ride Hard! Rex



Tom Lystrup
Secretary

No Report this month



John Brandt
Editor

No Report this month



Stan Austin
Safety Stan

No Report this month



Don McCauley
Web Talker

And His Lovely
Co-Star



Judy McCauley
Show me the bugs in your teeth

No Report this month



Bland Burchett
*Spokes
Road Captain Coord.*

No Report this month



Crystal Liesman
Historian

No Report this month



Dennis Linck
PAO

No Report this month

2009 RAG HOG Pokerrun



Panamint Springs Cheeters :)



winner
of this
year's
HOG
picnic
high &
low
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Panamint Springs card stop

3



Olancho card stop



4



October Birthdays



John Cain



Mark Keller



Paul Liesman



Tom Lystrup



Mike Roberts



Debbie Ackeret



November Birthdays



Randy Brown



Loretta Hoyer



Dennis Linck



Randy Geiger



Marc Sanders



Rollin Sublet



Crystal Liesman



Eric Shoaf



Greg Wilson



December Birthdays



Stan Austin



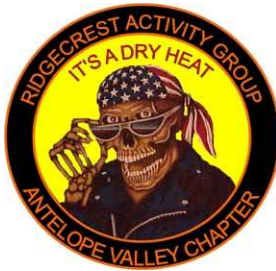
Judy Gerard



Robert Haber



Karl Howard



Katherine McGarty



Mike Moore

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



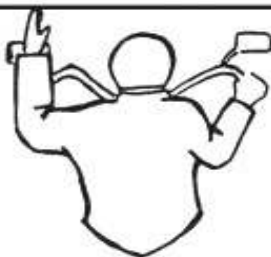
Left turn



Slow down



Staggered riding



Right turn



Speed up



Time for a pit stop

Motorcycle Web Links

Antelope Valley HD website

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.harley-davidson.com/wcm/Content/Pages/Ride_Planner/Ride_Planner.jsp?locale=en_US

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December 19**



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