



# The El Cajon HOG Log



(We Ride.)

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Next Meeting - Friday, April 3 at Chuck Holenda's Shop. Doors open at 7 pm.

April 1998

## Your El Cajon Chapter Officers

Ladies of Harley - Donna Swinski  
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Editors - Linda & Kent Kyle  
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Treasurer - Richard Duncan

### About this Newsletter:

Information within is offered for the edification of the Chapter membership without any claims by Harley-Davidson Motor Co., the sponsoring dealer, HOG, Chapter Officers or this editor as to accuracy and correctness. Use ride line to verify time and date! (Contact Kent or Linda [redacted] fax [redacted] to provide chapter news.) Thanks.

### From the Director....

Boy! Just try to save a few bucks and be penny-wise. That was me last month when so and so told me I should replace my new non-Harley battery with the genuine thing before they further diagnosed my non-functioning cruise control. Well, what could I say? I had to try it, at least to show them they would need to dig deeper in their bag of fixes, even though I figured it was a long shot. Well, eat crow, Larry, and cruise on to Yuma in the rain. Kudos to the shop for the tip, and for a good service experience as well.

One of our ECHOG officers is one of those rarities, an East County native. Raised in Santee, his career has been in truck mechanics for the past 19 years. He has been with Drew Ford in La Mesa for the last six years. He is proud, first, of his wife Suzanne and of his new daughter Cheyanne. He has customized several bikes, including his current 1997 Heritage and, previously, a 1969 shovel hardtail. Richard Duncan, our Treasurer, also likes to shoot pool, but has been too busy for that lately. Anybody wonder why?

Sandi and I hated to miss the March chapter meeting, but Yuma called. No, that's not a joke! We had a great time. We rode over with Donna and Bob Swinski, Hank and Willie Williams and Herb and Dorothea Exarhos. Other ECHOGers we ran into include Cal Paige, Steve Fagan, and Richard of Rock Store fame.

Don't forget our upcoming April Fool's Poker Run and Kim's Laughlin Alternative this month.

We'll see you all at the April meeting.

Ride Safely, *Larry*

### From the Secretary....

#### March Regular Chapter Meeting Notes:

The meeting was at Chuck's, thanks to NO RAIN! In Larry's absence, Kim Wallace presided (in his very able fashion). Thanks, Kim. He called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM by asking any new members to stand and be recognized. Gordon Clark, Jordon Couch and Skip Melton all joined. Welcome to you all. Our youngest member, 10-day old Harley Sutton (proud parents Hobie and Maria) made his first meeting and he's pretty special.

The Yuma Prison Run was that weekend. People leaving from different locations and at different times invited others to ride with them.

We all lost a good friend, Mike Anderson, on March 6th. He will be missed. Mike Scott spoke of Mike and Stacey's hard work, through the years, for our chapter.

Our April Fools' Run will be April 5th. Call Mike Keyes if you want to help with manning stops or other duties. It's always fun to get into the set-up and follow-through. Debbie Devine mentioned upcoming Basic and Experienced Rider

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**Always use the Ride Line: 484-6758.**

or

**Our website:**

**[www.caldatasolutions.com/echog](http://www.caldatasolutions.com/echog)**

\*\*\*\*\*A Special "Thank You" to Susie Moore and Mike Scott, this month for generously contributing to the Chapter by arranging for the printing of last months HOG Log Chapter Newsletter. \*\*\*\*\*

## El Cajon Chapter Run Rules:

### General

1. Have your motorcycle in good running condition, having performed all routine safety checks and full tank of gas before run.
2. Know the identity of the designated road captain(s) for the run. There will usually be at least one designated to lead the group and one designated to tail the group.
3. If a safety problem or unsafe condition is detected notify a road captain.

### Formation

Ride in a staggered group formation per the figure except as described below or unless otherwise directed by a road captain.

### When Not to Ride in a Staggered Formation

1. Curves in road.
2. Narrow road or narrow lanes.
3. When road captain(s) signal for single file with one finger (forefinger).
4. If you don't feel comfortable in stagger formation or with your stagger position in the lane, pull out of the formation and pick up in the back.

### When to Ride Double (Side by Side)

1. When group formation "closes" at a stop light or stop sign.
2. When the group is preparing to merge to another road.
3. Low speeds where parade conditions are appropriate. (The road captain will signal for this with closed fist.)

### Takeoff Procedures (Objective is to establish and maintain group formation.)

1. ALWAYS watch the rider in front of you, especially when taking off or stopping.
2. Follow the pace of the LEAD road captain to take off so riders won't get separated.
3. The lead road captain will pace his take off for smooth, gradual acceleration, possibly slowing after initial takeoff for establishing formation.
4. Be aware of departure time and be ready to leave. (Helmet, gloves, jacket, etc.)

### Primary Hand Signals (Pass them on to the riders behind.)

1. Left and right turns.
2. Slowdown or caution.
3. Pointing out road hazard. (Often a brake light flash is quickest and safest.)
4. Single file - one finger up.

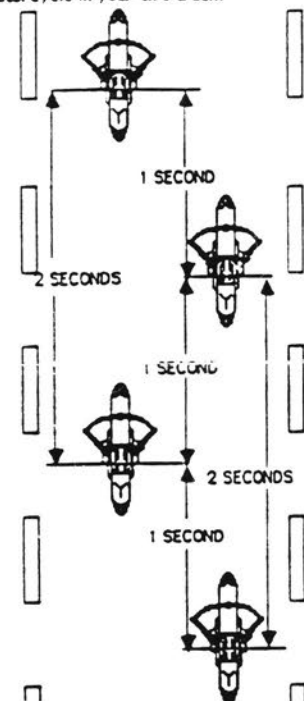
(Automatic, i.e. no signal required, in curves and narrows.)

5. Stagger formation (usual formation) - two fingers.
6. Close up to side by side formation - fist.

### Never Do's

1. Never ride beyond your skill level or feel compelled by the group situation to ride beyond your comfortable skill level. If the group is doing something you're not comfortable with, get out of formation and pick up in the rear of the group. You can always join up later and everyone will understand if you do so safely.
2. Never touch another rider or bike while riding.
3. Never improvise on the group formation, including weaving. (For example, moving into another lane to block traffic, etc. The road captains will do this type of thing if needed.)
4. Never ride without hands or other horse play.

**FREEWAY AND STREET RIDING FORMATION**  
Keep 1 second behind the motorcycle in the opposite tire track and 2 seconds behind the motorcycle in your tire track.



This formation allows a higher visibility to the cars on the streets and freeways. It is not necessary to keep in one large group. In fact it is much safer to keep in smaller groups of about 6 motorcycles.

*Secretary Notes (Continued from page 1)*

Courses being offered through Chula Vista HOG. Contact Debra Luhnnow or Phil Rushing at South Coast for more information.

Richard Duncan gave the Treasurer's report: we have \$560 in the Chapter Treasury.

Tom Aylott handed out fliers for anyone interested in having their bike hauled to an event. He charges \$60 to haul a bike to Laughlin. He also hauls to Daytona and Sturgis. He is fully insured and bonded.

April 19th is the KIDS BAJA 100. It benefits Hospital Infantil in Tijuana. The ride begins at San Diego Harley. Fliers are available at Chucks.

Gilbert Ochoa is still collecting blankets, clothing, food, and etc. for the poor in Tijuana, and he distributes himself. If you have any donations, please call him at 220-2828, or take them to your closest dealer. He spoke of sponsoring a Poker Run to help victims of leukemia on Sun. Mar 22, with start at SD Harley and a party at Cheswicks, Ocean Beach. "El Jefe" also works for the benefit of the Ensenada Schools, and collects canned goods for the elderly in Ensenada.

Cliff's Harleymercial was full of laughs and great Harley products, as usual. The date for Chuck's 50th celebration is May 31st, from 10am to 3pm. Let's all show up to applaud his many years in business.

Kim said the rooms for the Laughlin Alternative Run would not be available after the 2nd week in March, so members were reminded to hurry if they wanted reserved accommodations.

The raffle winners were \$35 to Joel Frayer, \$21 to Rick Miller, an HD shot glass to Tom Aylott, and an official Chuck Holanda 50th cup to Jay Oshiro.

Those members who were hungry went to Por Favor in La Mesa after the meeting for yummy Mexican food.

*by Marilyn Wojdak*

*"Remember - don't ride any faster than your guardian angel can fly."*

**More News:** There's a new Harley-Davidson presence in the county: check out the new Temecula HOG ride line at [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. Also, here's a switch: motorcyclists actually have preference for a change at a public facility! The new Getty Museum in LA (Santa Monica) is free to visit, but, as was the case with the old museum, auto parking is by reservation only. The waiting list is currently two months. Motorcycles are welcome and parking reservations are not required.

## *Laughlin River Run Plans...*

For details on Chapter members who are going to the River Run, come to the regular April Chapter meeting and ask; or, check with Cliff at the shop; or call the ride line. There will be several groups of riders leaving at various times and places, and all the San Diego County HOG chapters' ride lines will have some information. Also, check the website. Good luck, and have a good time in Laughlin.

## *Alternative Plans...LA3*

April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, & 26<sup>th</sup>. "Laughlin Alternative III" (or LA3) for those who love to ride. (In the previous rides over the three days that were taken, we've averaged 400 miles a day. This time we're taking all four days associated with Laughlin (the 23<sup>rd</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup>). One more day of riding!

Last year we rode in the Sierras, the year before we went to the Grand Canyon. Our ride this year will be to San Simeon, home of Hearst Castle and gateway to Big Sur's unspoiled (?) coastline and what is considered by many to be the most beautiful highway in the world.

We will be staying at the Quality Inn in San Simeon. There are excellent restaurants in the area adjacent to the hotel. There is a large indoor Jacuzzi. There were rooms set aside for us, but they were released last month after several weeks of reserved status. So don't be surprised if there's now no vacancy.

If you still want to try, the motel number is 1-805-927-8659. Winter rates apply plus an extra 10% off for Triple A members. Let the reservation clerk know that you are with the "El Cajon Epicurean and Touring Society" (fancy for HOG).

But make other arrangements if you can, and join us anyway. There should still be time to work something out. Departure times will be on the ride line.

[Original article, by Kim Wallace, edited here for follow-up information. Editor]

*\*\*Always use the Ride Line!  
phone 464-6758.*

EL CAJON H.O.G.  
7th ANNUAL  
APRIL FOOL'S POKER RUN



Sunday  
APRIL 5th, 1998

**SIGN-IN:** 9-10:30 AM

**PLACE:** El Cajon Harley-Davidson  
621 El Cajon Blvd.  
444-1123

We reserve the right to change the date, time, and place in the event of unfavorable weather or circumstances beyond our control... Call the Ride Line @ HOG-6758 for latest info.

**50th**  
**Anniversary Party**  
**Sunday, May 31, 1998**  
10 am - 3 pm

Raffles

Prizes

Games

**COME CELEBRATE**

Band

1948 CHUCK HOLENDA 1998  
**CELEBRATE A HARLEY LEGEND!**

20% off  
anniversary  
T-shirts

BAR-B-QUE  
11am - 2pm

Special  
Anniversary  
Collectibles

20% off  
all parts &  
accessories  
in stock



20% off  
all  
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	April Fool's Poker Run	Sunday, 5 April
	Laughlin River Run	23 - 26 April
	Laughlin Alternative Run	23 - 26 April

### Excerpt from 26 March Union Tribune:

*San Diego Antique Motorcycle Club's 6th Annual*

## "Motorcycles in the Park" Show

Saturday March 28th through Sunday April 5th  
inside the San Diego Automotive Museum in Balboa Park

Take this unique opportunity to see this year's exceptional display of immaculately restored motorcycles, pristine originals and a variety of specialty bikes. Traditional favorites will be represented including: American, British, German, Italian, Japanese, along with Scooters, Whizzers and Bicycles. The competition class has been expanded to include Bonneville Bikes and both On & Off Road Racers. Also see some of the most radical custom bikes California has to offer. Don't miss this exciting display of over 100 motorcycles surrounding the current display of unique automobiles and memorabilia.

If it's on two wheels **IT WILL BE THERE!** On March 28th through April 5th **YOU BE THERE!**

**Show Admission \$6.00**

Children under 6 Free; 6-15 Years of Age \$2.00 \* Seniors 65 or Older & Active Military with I.D.: \$5.00  
Museum Hours 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Last Admission 4 p.m.)

It's official: fifty years of Harley-Davidson dealership for Chuck Holenda. Congratulations, Chuck!



The staff at the World Famous Harley-Davidson of El Cajon is hosting a big celebration on Sunday, May 31st. Mark your calendars and plan on raffles, prizes, games, sales, special anniversary collectibles and plenty of food.