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Harley Owners Group of El Cajon, California



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WE RIDE!

Volume 1 No. 4

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## Director's Corner

### Winter Riding and Planning

Yeh right, what winter?! Well ok, I admit this ain't the upper mid-west or northeast, but our weather can certainly change quickly and ruin a good ride this time of year. Our schedule is always flexible so we try to work around the weather and get the rides in at some point, but being prepared for weather can be the difference between having a good ride and having a good story to tell.

This time of year, you should think about having your rain gear with you at all times. Cold days can be made enjoyable with simple things like thermal underwear and good layering. Make sure your bike is up to the challenge as well. Worn tires can get you in trouble faster than anything in the rain. Make sure your bike is in good operating condition with good tires. Ride slower than normal. Basically, go easy on the brakes and throttle.

This is also the time of year that I start planning the big ride of the year. The 2000 miles and over trip. If you haven't tried this yet, get with someone who has and learn from their experiences. My suggestion is pick a turn around spot and don't retrace your route back. Lay out a general route and then research the things you

may want to visit along the way. Keep the plan and route loose. Firm plans seem to take the fun out the ride for me. There is seldom a need to have reservations unless you are planning on hitting a major tourist trap (I mean location). Just head out in your general direction and see where it takes you. Stop when you feel like it and enjoy the ride. You're supposed to relax on vacation so don't complicate it with hard schedules of where you must be each day. Again, ask those who make regular long trips about how they make it fun. I would be happy to share my experiences with any of you. It will make your first trip a breeze.

Let us not forget about our currently scheduled Chapter rides. March weather can be fickle but we will do our best to adjust where needed. The first ride of March will be the M.A.G. Ride, which is scheduled for the 6<sup>th</sup>. This will be a very long day ride to Joshua Tree and back. Make sure you're prepared to ride a lot. Hopefully the rain suit won't be needed, but be sure to pack some water, snacks and show up with your tank full as usual. Remember this is a sack lunch ride and there will not be any restaurants along the route plan. Next will be the Blue Angels overnighter. We will have a chase vehicle on this ride to carry chairs and gear for the day on the flight line. The Blue Angels are

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## Next Meeting: March 5th at 7 PM

Meetings are held the first Friday of each month at El Cajon Harley-Davidson. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm, but come early and get your 50/50 raffle tickets.

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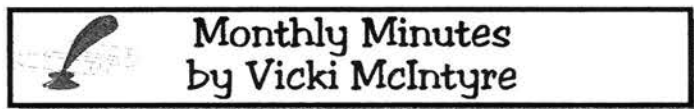
awesome and I hope you are able to make this one. We purposely left the end of the month open so we could all enjoy the Biketober West activities and Arizona Bike Week.

Biketober West has many activities planned and Scott Milligan has put a lot of time into promoting this event for all of us. Hopefully, this event will grow into one of the major events on the west coast. Rumor has it that there are many members heading for Arizona the end of the month for Bike Week. This event has already grown into a major deal. There will members speaking about their plans again at the monthly meeting so if you plan to go, get with them and see if you want to join them for the ride.

April will bring us our first Poker Run of the year on the 4<sup>th</sup> and of course the E.C.E.T.S. four day run to Pahrump and Death Valley. This is always one our best rides of the year and you won't want to miss it. Details about the ride are included in the newsletter.

Well, it looks like there is plenty of stuff to do, so wish for good weather and start planning your schedule. Remember to call the ride line before each event to catch any last minute changes and we'll see you on the road. Stay safe and keep the shiny side up!

Dave Barnes



## Monthly Minutes by Vicki McIntyre

**S**ecretary's notes from February 6th meeting:

Dave Barnes opened the meeting by saying what a success our first ride of the year was. Linda's Annual Ride always brings a great turn out and this year was no different. We had about 120 people show up for the ride. Dave also commented on the great food and service at Leucadia Pizzeria.

Dave said there are a lot of new rides set on the calendar for this year. Charlie is trying to get all the rides on the calendar and as always things are subject to change due to weather and other unforeseen things so be sure to check the ride line if you are in doubt.

We have 5 poker runs on the calendar this year; several will be open to anyone who wants to attend.

Dave said that we changed the Rider's Zone to Saturday to go in conjunction with the New Member's Get Acquainted Ride. This will allow everyone to practice what was learned in the Rider's Zone class that day.

Robert Stoner said if you have paid your chapter dues you can pick your membership card up at the meeting tonight or anytime at the dealership. As of 3/1/04 if you have not paid your membership dues your membership will be considered expired and your name will be removed from the computer database at the dealership and your 10% discount will no longer be available to you. Ensure your National membership is current before applying for your local membership.

Kyle Krall reported that before expenses the Border Patrol Scholarship Poker Run raised over \$12,000. The second

annual event will be either November 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> of 2004. Over 300 people showed up. Kyle thanked all volunteers and the dealership for their participation.

Arlen reported that road captain's will be meeting the second Tuesday of each month.

Arlen also talked about the M.A.G. Box Lunch Ride (Max, Arlen & George ride) on March 6<sup>th</sup>. It will be a LONG day ride to Joshua Tree that will end with a box lunch. There will be a \$5.00 entrance fee into the park. The ride will be leaving the dealership at 8 am and will be about 350 miles so be prepared!

Vicki reported that the first official LOH ride will be February 21<sup>st</sup>. She encouraged everyone (rider, passenger, male, female) to come to the LOH meetings at 6:30pm at the clubhouse 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month.

Dave reported that we have Cliff's Ride Home to Brawley on February 29<sup>th</sup>. They have a warm weather route and a cold weather route planned. Look forward to seeing you there!

Our first official overnigher will be to El Centro on March 13<sup>th</sup> to see the Blue Angels perform. As an added treat we have learned we are staying in the same hotel as the Blue Angels! The event will be on a military installation so leave all knives, etc at home!

Guest Speakers:

Frank Baron talked about Harrah's Rincon Casino 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Menghini Winery Rincon Headstart Run<sup>®</sup>. on May 23, 2004. It starts at Petco Park. They will be giving away a 2004 1200 Sportster and Tony Gwynn autographed baseball bats. This run benefits the children of Rincon.

Doug Farris – Director of the Oceanside Chapter discussed their 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Valentines Run to be held February 15, 2004. Sign-in is from 8:30 am – 10:00 am. Final destination is Bate's Nut Farm. Flyers available!

Wendall Perry talked about the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual So. California Rip's BAD Ride to be held June 13, 2004. You can register by calling 800-828-8293 ext. 7446 or 7439. Their website is [www.ripsbadride.com](http://www.ripsbadride.com). They'll be giving away a 2004 Road King. Flyers available.

Scott Melligan discussed Biketober West to be held March 17–21, 2004. More info at [www.biketoberwest.com](http://www.biketoberwest.com). They will be giving away a \$40,000 custom built chopper!

Larry Patterson – a past director for ECHOG and a big supporter of Rolling Thunder (the ride to the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC) invited anyone who would like to participate in that ride to contact him. He plans on leaving May 17<sup>th</sup>. You can contact Larry at [4sanpat@cox.net](mailto:4sanpat@cox.net).


Neal Albrektsen will be leading a group to AZ Bike Week. Leaving the dealership Thurs. March 25<sup>th</sup> at 8 am. Returning Sunday or Monday. He will be putting a flyer together for the next meeting. You can contact Neal at [nalbrektsen@cox.net](mailto:nalbrektsen@cox.net).

Dave Schmidt – Assistant Director – encouraged everyone to purchase a name tag. They are available for \$5.00 after the meeting; pay when you order!

Lisa Schmidt gave the Treasurer's Report.

Cliff and his "crew" gave us a monthly Harley-mercial. New motor clothes employee Kristy was introduced and everyone welcomed the birth of Sales Manager Eric's new baby!

Vicki made arrangements for dinner after the meeting at the Bar-B-Que Pit.



## Calendar Look Ahead

- Mar. 5 El Cajon H.O.G. Meeting 7:00 PM
- Mar. 6 M.A.G. Box Lunch Ride - All Day - 8:00 AM
- Mar. 9 Road Captain Meeting at Clubhouse 6:00 PM
- Mar. 13-14 Blue Angels Overnighter - Leaves 9:00 AM
- Mar. 16 LOH Meeting at Clubhouse 6:30 PM
- Mar. 17-21 Biketober West San Diego
- Mar. 20 Newsletter Deadline
- Mar. 25 Officers Meeting 6:30 PM
- Mar. 26-Apr 4 Arizona Bike Week Scottsdale
  
- Apr. 2 El Cajon H.O.G. Meeting 7:00 PM
- Apr. 4 Annual "April Fools" Poker Run  
Sign-Up 9-10:30 AM
- Apr. 10 Open House at El Cajon H-D
- Apr. 13 Road Captain Meeting at Clubhouse 6:00 PM
- Apr. 15-18 E.C.E.T.S. Laughlin Alternative  
Leaves from Arco at Deer Springs exit 8:00AM
- Apr. 16-17 Yuma Prison Run
- Apr. 20 LOH Meeting at Clubhouse 6:30 PM
- Apr. 20 Newsletter Deadline
- Apr. 21-25 Laughlin River Run
- Apr. 24 Adopt-a-Hiway Run 10:00 AM
- Apr. 29 Officers Meeting 6:30 PM
  
- May 2 Cinco de Mayo Scavenger Hunt LOH  
Sign-up 9-10:30 AM
- May 7 El Cajon H.O.G. Meeting 7:00 PM
- May 8 Rider Zone - Group Riding Techniques 9:00 AM
- May 11 Road Captain Meeting at Clubhouse 6:00 PM
- May 13-15 Primary Officers Training
- May 18 LOH Meeting at Clubhouse 6:30 PM
- May 20 Newsletter Deadline
- May 22-23 Overnighter (details to come)
- May 27 Officers Meeting 6:30 PM
  
- June 4 El Cajon H.O.G. Meeting 7:00 PM
- June 5 Full Moon Poker Run
- June 8 Road Captain Meeting at Clubhouse 6:00 PM
- June 12 Rider Zone - Group Riding Techniques 9:00 AM
- June 15 LOH Meeting at Clubhouse 6:30 PM
- June 20 Newsletter Deadline
- June 24 Officers Meeting 6:30 PM
- June 27 Leather & Lace Poker Run by LOH  
Sign-up 9-10:30 AM

Dates subject to change

# Ride Line



## 619-464-6758

## Membership FYI

by Robert Stoner

**H**ave you been putting off submitting your 2004 El Cajon HOG membership? Well, now is the time to turn over the leaf. All memberships not renewed by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004 will be removed from our active membership list, and the Dealership will remove all 2003 non-renewed memberships from their retail computer. Enough said there. While you are at it, check to ensure your National membership is also current. If you are unable, I will be happy to check it out for you. I will also have a National HOG listing at each meeting.

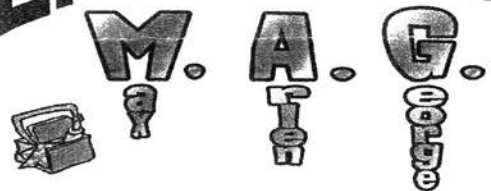
Membership cards are at the Dealership. Stop by and pick them up at your convenience. For planning purposes, it takes about two weeks from the time we get your membership form till the card is at the Dealership. Our primary contact is Tina, but any of the staff should be able to assist you.

A last note: For those who receive your HOG LOG by postal mail or e-mail please make sure we have your current address, or e-mail address. If we receive either back we will try to contact you **one time** to make you aware of the problem. If that is unsuccessful we will post your name on the Members Only page of the website ([www.elcajonhog.com](http://www.elcajonhog.com)) asking you to contact us. Hotmail.com e-mail addresses frequently kick back the HOG LOG as undeliverable due to the large size of the file attached. If you chose to receive your HOG LOG by e-mail at a Hotmail.com address and are not receiving it please contact Carol Burns or myself to choose another method of obtaining your HOG LOG.

See you all at the next meeting. Meanwhile ....Ride....Have Fun.....Be safe....and keep the rubber side down....Robert


# El Cajon HOG

## M. A. G.



### Box Lunch Ride

**Saturday March 6th**  
**Leave El Cajon H-D**  
**at 8:00am**



This Ride will be approx. 350 miles round trip,  
and about 8 hours long.  
We will end up at Joshua Tree National Park.  
There is no planned restaurant stop for lunch  
so pack a lunch or snacks.

**Service  
by: Cliff Stiemle**

**S**o anyway, John Doe brings his motorcycle into our shop to get some performance work done and parts installed. He's a good 'ole boy but to "save" money he purchased some of his parts from another source which he found on the internet. Thing is, that when our mechanic went to install those particular parts he found a piece missing! Well because John is a good guy and a good customer, we didn't just hand the parts back to him and tell him "to deal with it". We called the out of state manufacturer, ordered the needed part, which cost \$4, but with the service charge (minimum order, you know) and express shipping charges this \$4 part cost nearly

\$50! This also prolonged the time that the customer had to wait for his bike and tied up our mechanic's lift and bench.

**Story #2**

Customer XYZ brings in tires (purchased elsewhere) and asks our service dept. to install them, which they did. Being whitewalls, it wasn't until we were cleaning the protective coating off of the sidewalls that we noticed a cosmetic defect in the tire. So now the customer, or somebody, has to pay to have the tire replaced again or be satisfied with a blemished tire.

The point? Buy your parts where you have your cycle serviced. Then they are responsible for any problems or defects. After all, do you take your own steak into a restaurant and ask them to cook it?

Thanks, Cliff

**EL CAJON HOG  
Adopt A Hiway Run**

You never know what  
treasures you'll find on  
the roadside

**DATE: APRIL 24**  
Leaving El Cajon Harley at 10 am

This section of Highway  
maintained by  
EL CAJON H.O.G.

**E.C.E.T.S. Laughlin Alternative**  
**April 15 - 18**

Everyone will meet at the Arco Station at the Deer Springs Exit off of I-15  
We will leave from here at 8:00 am sharp!

**Las Vegas**      **Red Rock**

For reservations for all 3 nights call:  
Saddlewest Hotel and Casino  
Pahrump, Nevada  
800-433-3987 Ask for Wanda Kennedy  
give them group confirmation #M2024  
Approx \$170 total for 3 nights.

**Death Valley  
Scotties Castle**



## Ladies of Harley by Vicki McIntyre

I just want to say thanks to everyone who showed up for the meeting in February. It seems at each meeting we are seeing some new faces and I'm really happy to see that. As always I encourage everyone (rider, passenger, female or male) to come to the LOH meetings.

At January's meeting I passed out a survey asking questions like, "what's the best meeting time for you in the winter months vs the summer months"; "what events would you like to see in LOH"; "would you rather change the meeting days to Saturday". The majority of LOH Members voted for winter months meeting time to be 6:30 pm and for the summer months the meeting time will be 7:00 pm so you will see that change in our calendar listed below. Ideas for events were another scavenger hunt and a progressive dinner; both events were incorporated and should be lots of fun! It seems Saturday's are precious enough without adding another meeting so that idea was quickly ruled out!

I wanted to go ahead and list our upcoming events so we all are on the same sheet of music as to times, dates, etc so please find the official LOH calendar listed below. I am looking forward to working with the other LOH members to make each and everyone of them a success!

- 2/21 LOH Ride @ 10 am (official LOH photo @ 9:45) (rain date 2/28)
- 3/16 LOH Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- 4/20 LOH Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- 5/2 LOH Cinco de Mayo Scavenger Hunt Poker Run
- 5/18 LOH Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- 6/15 LOH Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- 7/17 LOH (details to be announced)
- 7/20 LOH Meeting (since it's Vicki's birthday - details to be announced)
- 8/17 LOH Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- 8/22 LOH Queens R Wild Poker Run
- 9/18 LOH Progressive Dinner Ride
- 9/19 LOH "Sleep in Breakfast Ride" @ 11:00 am
- 9/21 LOH Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- 10/19 LOH Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- 11/16 LOH Meeting @ 6:30 pm

Vicki McIntyre

### New members introduced at the February 6th meeting were:

Mark Olson, Bill Clapp, Larry Erbs,  
Karen Ansak-Taylor, Mark Gundert,  
Steven Painter, Dennis Coffey.  
Dale Ottman, Charles Dodge  
Frank Baptista.

**WELCOME**

# El Cajon HOG Annual "April Fools" Poker Run



Sunday, April 4th

Sign-up 9:00-10:30 AM  
at El Cajon H-D

50/50 Drawing



Cash prizes for high and  
low poker hands



Prizes awarded at 2:30 pm  
You must be present to win!

# EL CAJON HOG



# BLUE ANGELS OVERNIGHTER


March 13 & 14, 2004  
NAF El Centro (Seeley)  
Leave El Cajon H-D at 9 am

For hotel reservations call Arlena at 760-335-3536  
Comfort Inn, 2354 So. 4th St. El Centro  
Mention El Cajon HOG for \$60 room rate  
They have a pool & hot tub so bring your swimsuits.  
We'll be in a courtyard area with a barbeque  
available if you want to us it.  
We will have a chase vehicle for chairs and coolers.

NOTE: Coolers, large sacks of stuff & glass items are not allowed inside the airshow grounds. This is a military base - anything that could be used as a weapon is not allowed. This includes Leatherman tools, knives (of any size), etc. You can be searched upon entry.


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\$100 cash - Dave Rosenberg  
\$50 gift certificate - Tricia Taylor  
Set of Harley coasters - Kyle Krall

\$80 cash - Dean Christensen  
Set of Harley glasses - Mel Taylor  
\$80 cash - Merle McMasters



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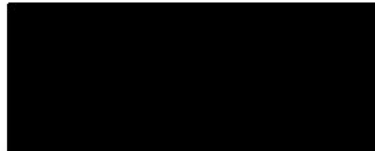


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