



**We Ride!**  
December 2005



**THE HOG LOG**  
HARLEY OWNERS GROUP OF EL CAJON, CALIFORNIA





Next Meeting:  
**December 2**  
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**7:00 P.M.**  
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Meetings held the 1st Friday  
of each month at the  
**El Cajon Elks Lodge**  
1400 E. Washington



**December Rides**

- 18 Rider Zone
- ALWAYS check the ride line for the latest details  
**619-464-6758**

**From the Director**

Kyle Krall



**FINALLY**

Here it is the end of the year, the last HOG LOG for 2005. Before I begin I would like to thank all of this year's officers. Dave, without your assistance and support I don't know how I would have made it. Man were we tried in a few areas.

Jody thanks for keeping all the notes and minutes from our meetings. You kept us in the know as for as what was happening and reminded us when we had forgotten what we had said. Norma thanks for keeping the money straight. We had a banner year for funds and we owe our gratitude to you for keeping us straight. Kathleen thank you for preparing and distributing a fantastic HOG LOG for this year. Keeping everyone informed was all you. Mongo and Ron you guys did a great job as Road Captain and with the Rider Zone program. Robert thank you for stepping in as Activities officers you did a fine job. Mercedes thank you for helping with the volunteers. Genetta thank you for stepping in and taking over LOH. With out you stepping in I would have had to put on the dress and lead the LOH for the rest of the year, and you didn't want to see me in a dress. Loretta thanks for keeping the membership rosters straight. Tim AKA Pipefish way to go on the website. I appreciate the job you did. Kim, hope you got all of this years history straight. Lisa great job on the photos of this year's events. Howard thanks for keeping us safe.

MIKE and TAMMY you were great friends you will always be remembered, rest in peace.

And to all of you who volunteered this past year, you are invaluable, and without all of you none of this would ever work. THANKS!!!!!!

Wow what a year. Lots of things happened and we all took them in stride. We had some good times and some bad times, but we persevered and continued on. I really enjoyed being your Director this past year and maybe some time in the future I will throw my hat in the ring and once again take the top spot. However for now I am going to relax and have fun for the next year. To the new officers coming in for 2006, congrats. If you need anything don't call me. LOL. No, really if you need something my door is always open.

Well it has been a "LONG STRANGE TRIP" and I have enjoyed every mile of it. Again I thank you for having the faith in me to lead you through this past year, without your support it would never have been the way it was. Remember this is your chapter and the only way it will continue on is with your support. Remember we are here to RIDE AND HAVE FUN. Until the next time I am leading you through another year of great events, goodbye and have a safe trip.

Remember it is not the destination, but the journey getting there.

Kyle Krall  
Director, El Cajon Calif Chapter 2005

# A Girl, her Harley, and 4284 miles

Part 2  
By Mercedes Raya

**O**k, so where were we? Oh right. STURGIS. A rally filled with hot people, hot bikes and cold beer, everywhere! We approached our bed and breakfast tentatively, I with slightly more hesitation than my guys who all have been riding for decades. It was mid-day, so the conditions weren't going to get any better. But what did I do anyway? I went slowly. HUGE MISTAKE. The three miles of road were a combination of gravel, ranging from thick sand to a rocky solid. I was the leader and grew extremely frustrated with myself. I was holding everyone up behind me. Wasn't I better than this? Never think this way. It is self-defeating, and remember that cliché to ride your own ride? That is perfectly OK. That first time would be the last time I told myself I couldn't do it. My speed picked up each day and despite a rain fiasco that will later be told, each day made me better and better. I was soon passing the guys, and while this is NOT the goal, I couldn't help feeling slightly proud of myself and my bike.

Rather than trying to remember specific days that we did monuments, parties, and vendors, here it is in one lump sum. First off, here are the specs: We had Monday to Saturday and all day. We were about 30 miles outside of Sturgis and miles from anything remotely civilized. A vacation from reality, I told myself. First off, we hit Vendor Village. This particular Vendor Village is unlike anyone has ever seen at ANY rally; miles of vendors, all selling very similar stuff and all trying to make money. But I loved it, and we began walking. The temperature in Sturgis that particular day was almost unbearable. Combine that with thousands of people, fumes from bikes and traffic anywhere you went and that gives you a slight idea of what a normal day in downtown Sturgis is like. We began walking; all of us in pursuit of the perfect chrome addition, and the most graphic t-shirt for our friends back home. We spent around four hours there and, with no luck for half of us, we all began the long ride back to our showers and the deck that awaited us. Exciting huh? Well, it gets better.

The next week, all we did was monuments and parties. Each day it seemed half of Sturgis had the same

idea, but the more the merrier. First off was Mount Rushmore. It was amazing. There are no words to describe the sense of utter pride in seeing miles and miles of bikes, with no cars in sight. The view was indescribable. I took a picture on a huge boulder with my El Cajon colors flying proudly for all to see. We rode the entire Custer State Park loop and met many amazing people in that one simple trip. If you have never stopped to talk to other bikers about where they're from and how they got there, you are missing out on a HUGE part of what we are about. Continuing the journey, the next day contained the Crazy Horse Monument which will not be finished in our lifetimes, but is still quite a sight. We also visited Devil's Tower, and even though I was pooped due largely to the heat, we still managed to steal a few photographs.

Wednesday, we hit Hulett, which is famed for its "No Panty Wednesdays" event. Believe me, I was in no hurry to see a bunch of naked women running around, but it was still part of the experience so I said, "Let's go!" I was not disappointed. We rode with a new group down there and some old group members and once we pulled into a five mile-long line of traffic, we knew we had hit the right town. Parking was an atrocity, so we took the rugged approach. We pulled off the road, into a grass-filled ditch and parked the bikes, setting a quick trend with many to follow in our tire treads. The moment we walked under the banner acknowledging this little town, we were overwhelmed by more vendors, half-naked women and beads being tossed in every direction. I, of course, grabbed my fair share. Overall, this event was a must see. But the real point of this day that must be told was our night trip. To make a hellish night short, we rode back from Sturgis in a torrential downpour with lightning ripping across the sky. We were forced to pull off the main road in a town called Deadwood and wait two hours until we could safely ride through the flood, rain, and elements (including deer) towards home.

Thursday was our final day at Vendor Village. We found parking (amazingly) somewhat close to town and once again, all split up to find our final Sturgis treasures. My dad and I took off with Huggy, his friend Paul, and Alan while Victor and George went in search of parts. Naturally, we headed towards one of the more famed bars in Sturgis, the Broken Spoke Saloon. We entered the gates and it was a sea of sweaty humanity from every corner. We ran into Skip, a member of El

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# November Meeting Minutes

Jody Spear

Kyle Krall, Director, called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm and asked that we start with the Pledge of Allegiance. He then invited Eric Diaz to come up for the introduction of the 2006 Primary Officers: Mike Scott, Director; Robert Stoner, Assistant Director, Karyl Kading, Treasurer and Jody Spear, Secretary.

Mike Scott spoke briefly expressing surprise after having received a majority vote as a write-in and asked that if anyone was interested in any of the positions, to please see, call or e-mail him.

Kyle congratulated the Officer elects and then went over upcoming events.

Upcoming events: November 13 – Rider Zone – Open Forum; November 20 – Adopt a Highway Ride; November 26 – Cherry Valley Ride; December 3 – Christmas Party.

Kyle asked who had their tickets for the Christmas Party and talked about the framed and numbered print donated by the Dealership that will be given away. The print is by artist Scott Jacobs and is 54 of 100. Kyle explained that the tickets for the party have a stub end for the bearer's name and these will be collected at registration and one drawn sometime during the evening. Tickets are \$60 per person; however, the Chapter will pick up all but \$25 of the ticket price per person.

Dave Rosenberg spoke briefly congratulating Mike Scott on being elected as the 2006 Chapter Director.

Norma Hogue, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$12,068.28.

In Loretta's absence, Kyle reported for membership, and indicated that we are collecting dues for the upcoming year. If you paid later in the year (up to September), you will need to pay dues again for 2006. Those who have not renewed by the end of February will be dropped from the membership list and will also lose all membership privileges and discount at the Dealership. He pointed out that if you ride and attend meetings and Chapter events with an existing member, on a regular basis, you should also pay membership dues and help support the Chapter. He also reported that names tags are available for those who ordered



them, or if you don't have one you can order one to go in with the next batch.

Mongo talked about the few upcoming rides left this year. He will be driving up early on the morning of November 20 for the Adopt a Highway ride to take up the needed equipment and hide a prize or two. He encouraged riders to come out, it's always a fun ride, although he did admit, he wouldn't be buying the pie this time.

He reported that the upcoming Rider Zone on the 13<sup>th</sup> will be an open forum and invited members to come with any questions they have about riding. A ride will follow. He thanked Kyle for the opportunity to be lead Road Captain saying he had enjoyed and hoped he had made a difference in someone's life.

In Howard's absence, Kyle reported that the next Rider Zone topic will be how to TCLOCK your bike.

New members: Tom Vacala, Glenn Winder, Chuck Miller, Brenda Miller, Rodney Decker, Denise Poppert, Gregg Poppert, Anthony Izzo.

Leilani Hoskings from the Temecula and San Marcos Chapters came and showed some of the custom-made t-shirt quilts she had made. If anyone is interested in having a quilt made, she will take your t-shirts and create a custom design based on your specific instructions, which takes from 4-6 weeks, depending on the number of orders she receives.

Jo Ricker, our former LOH Director, attended the meeting and was introduced by Kyle. Jo was visiting from Phoenix.

Kyle talked briefly about Love Ride 22 and that there are some flyers available for anyone interested. He then talked about the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Border Patrol Fallen Officer Ride that will take place this weekend. Registration is here at the Elks and the route will bring riders back to the Elks for lunch and to announce the Poker hands. There will be lots of prizes raffled as well as 50/50 with all proceeds benefiting children of fallen officers.

PJ and the girls from the Dealership came up and PJ talked about the recent Blood Drive held at the Dealership and that she was pleased with the number of people who turned out. Delia coordinated the event and Tina handled advertising. P.J. introduced Lisa Walker (Don and Debbie's daughter) who is now

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working at the Dealership and has just finished the rider's course and gotten her motorcycle license. She's all of 17! P.J. then talked about the ladies clothing line for the holidays and that there are lots of new things for the guys, too. The Dealership will be doing the gift tanks promotion again this year from November 12 through December 24, while supplies last, when spending \$200 or more. They will also have ECHD ornaments to give to anyone spending \$75 or more.

Cliff showed one of the new men's shirts and the new parts catalog reminding everyone that gift certificates are available for those who are not sure what to give. He also did a Harley Black demo showing its many uses!

Kim Wallace asked that the newest ECETS riders come up so he could give them their ECETS patch. He thanked those who rendered aid to Andy and Jeanie Gillam following their accident when a tire blew out on the ECETS ride. He also thanked Dan Syson, Dave Rosenberg and Kathleen McManus for keeping him informed and for keeping things under control.

He also talked about the great weather on the ECETS ride and that the next ECETS ride, scheduled for April will take us to Prescott, AZ for three days of riding in the Prescott area.

The newest ECETS riders received their ECETS patch and also received a 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary pin. Kim indicated that more information will be coming in the H.O.G. Log and reminded members that they need to act fast as the 75 rooms planned for the April ECETS ride will go fast.

Brad Chapman and his wife brought and presented the video they did from the ECETS ride to be given to Andy and Jeanie. Kyle then passed the hat for donations to assist Andy and Jeanie with expenses as they are recovering from their accident.

The 50/50 drawing was held: \$60 – Dana Miller; Guard Dog Eye Wear – Glenn Winder; H-D Snow Globe – Debbie Wiese; \$50 – Chuck Miller; H-D Ornament – Ron Bonnin; CD Case – Pete Keoupuhiwa; \$50 – Pete Keoupuhiwa; H-D Puzzle – Carlos Tannaer; \$50 Gift Certificate for ECHD – Chad Deitrick; \$75 – Michele Anderson

Kyle adjourned the meeting at 7:58 pm.



**Help  
Wanted**

**WANTED: Volunteers to fill officer positions for 2006,  
including, but not limited to Road Captains,  
Editor, Activities, & other support positions.**

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Cajon and continued to a vacated bench. The floors are dirt; there are misters from every rafter, and tons of people. The band was amazing and, just outside, I spy the one thing I had yet to try on a rally; the ever-elusive bull. So, what did I do? Well, that will have to remain a secret...After all, what happens in Sturgis, stays in Sturgis right?

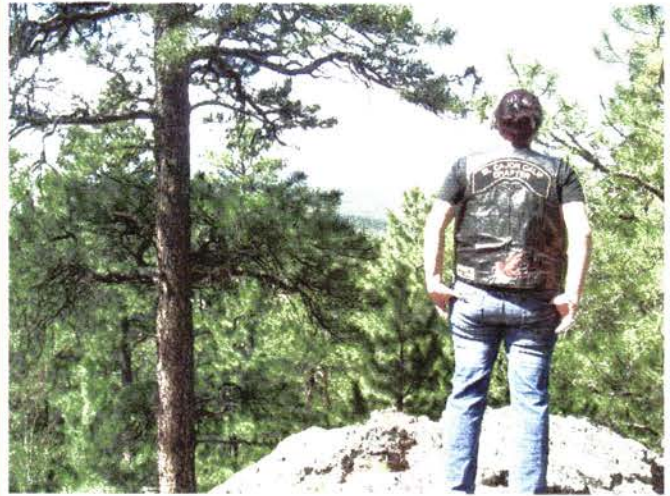
With t-shirts, stickers, chrome, and keys in hand, we all met back at the bikes with every intention to go back and rest for a while, and then head back out. That is just what we did. For our last hurrah, we rested and regrouped and then headed out for an incredible night. The best part of Sturgis, by far, is Full Throttle. This place beats any bar, tavern, saloon, or mud pit you have been to. Imagine a rodeo; now replace the bleachers with wood decks. Add bikes INSIDE the arena, a huge stage in front, us with drinks in hand, and hundreds of other people, all having fun watching the burn-outs, bull-riding and cavorting that take place every minute at Full Throttle. We stayed for as much as we could handle after a long day. In the span of four hours I saw Kyle Krall, a Zippo-lighter contest (if you really want to know, you'll have to ask me), a bunch of flashing girls, tall flaming drinks, and much more. Do not miss this.

On Friday, we all said farewell to Sturgis and spent our last night in a town right outside it, called Deadwood. This town, made popular by the HBO show, has every appeal of an old western town. I loved it, and I know you will too. We people-watched and felt every bit of sadness and contentedness at our ending trip. Finally, we all headed back for packing and an early start home in the morning.

What have I learned on this trip? Do you really want to hear that? Instead, how about I say that this was a chance of a lifetime. It will never be any better or any worse than what it was. What did I prove? I proved many things, but for my own betterment, and that has to be what it was meant for. I do take a slight pride in making myself the best rider I could possibly be each and every day. But this was only possible because of the people that have helped me along the way. All these men that I went on this journey with contributed to my making it this far. They protected me and taught me, encouraged and teased me. That is true friendship. That is the Harley-Davidson. I found it and will hold onto it

with an iron grip...

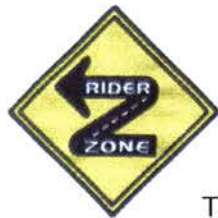
**"The bond that links your true family is not one of blood, but of respect and joy in each other's lives."**



# New Members



Tom Vacala  
Glenn Winder  
Chuck Miller  
Brenda Miller  
Rodney Decker  
Denise Poppert  
Gregg Poppert  
Anthony Izzo



Sun. Dec. 18, 9am

T-CLOCK

T-CLOCK is a mnemonic developed by the [Motorcycle Safety Foundation](#) for assisting you in doing a comprehensive pre-ride inspection. Come out and get a review of this important information. Of course, the informative lecture will be followed by a lunch ride.

Last Rider Zone for 2005

Don't Miss it!



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THE 1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH  
GIFTS, T-shirts, Riding Gear, Clothes

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# Upcoming Events



## Ride Lines

EC HOG: 619-464-6758

San Diego: 858-616-6494

Oceanside (Biggs): 760-736-2920

Sweetwater: 619-425-4464

Temecula: 909-695-7287

### EL CAJON HOG MONTHLY MEETINGS:

General Meeting: 1st Friday , El Cajon Elks Club

Road Captain Meeting: 2nd Tuesday, 6:30, Clubhouse

LOH Meeting: 3rd Tuesday, 6:30, Clubhouse

Officer's Meeting: 4th Tuesday, 6:30, Clubhouse

### OTHER CLUB'S GENERAL MEETINGS

San Diego HOG : 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month

Oceanside (Biggs) HOG : 2nd Friday of every month

Sweetwater : 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month

Temecula HOG General Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month.



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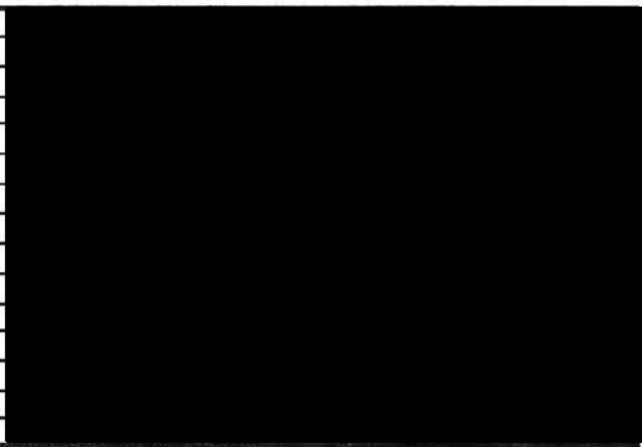
2	EC HOG Monthly Meeting
3	EC HOG Christmas Party
13	Road Captain Meeting
18	Rider Zone: T-CLOCK
20	LOH Meeting
27	Officer Meeting



### PLAN FOR EARLY 2006

Jan 7	Mongo's Polar Bear Run
Feb 21	Bigg's Valentines Day Run
March 25-26	LOH Borrego Springs Overnighter

Director	Kyle Krall
Asst. Director	Dave Rosenberg
Treasurer	Norma Hogue
Secretary	Jody Spear
Head Road Captain	Mike Heyd
Asst. Head Road Captain	Ron Straight
LOH Officer	Genette McGowan
Safety Officer	Howard Kendall
Activities Officer	Robert Stoner
Membership	Loretta Whitten
Editor	Kathleen McManus
Webmaster	Timothy Graham
Photographer	Lisa Schmidt
Historian	Kim Wallace
Volunteer Coordinator	Mercedes Raya



A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE EL CAJON ELKS

# Safety

Talk the Talk  
Ride the Ride

## HOG Log Deadline

This is my last HOG Log as your Editor. Your next Editor will set their own deadline.



# January 2006

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