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From the Director

"Hot 'nuff for ya?"

Seems I hear that a lot lately! I guess being in the "cool" business that I'm in, it seems to bring the weather to the top of my list of "priorities"!

This is a special time of year for most of us that we really need to take some extra time to pre-plan our routes, destinations, and keep the weather in mind when we hit the road.

I know some of us get the "lectures" at work all the time how to handle the heat on our jobsites, but, do we think of this when we jump on the bike??? Some people (not us, of course) will hit the road with shorts, and flip-flops, "just to go to the store" and back. Just think of your flip-flops and how well they will protect your toes when you have to plant your foot in a hurry, or maybe have to drag it around a turn or something similar. Be safe, be smart, wear proper gear when you ride. Statistics show most accidents happen 5 miles or closer to home! Did you know that there are some tricks (actually, common sense) that seasoned riders use to beat the heat?

Long sleeved, light colored cotton shirts work well in the sun on hot days.

Keep water with you and drink lots.

Common sense, right?? How many of us actually carry water on the rides? It's easy for me, I have a "cooler" on the back of my bike, but, you can always strap on a water carrier or two to even the most custom chopper. Think of what bicycle riders carry on their bikes!

Enough preaching, you all know what to do, we talk about it at the meetings, and the RiderZone, and on the rides. Just think ahead and be prepared for hot weather this time of year. Be smart, ride safe, and have a great ride!

Are ya ready for some "cool" rides? How about the "Queens 'R Wild" Poker run August 27th? We'll try to keep a cool route for this one!

Other events and rides are listed elsewhere in the newsletter, check them out.

See you on the road.....

Ride Safe

Mike



Next Meeting August 4th.

Meetings are held the first Friday of each month
El Cajon Elks Lodge - 1400 E. Washington
The Elks Lodge will have "BBQ Steak Dinner" 6-7:15pm

El Cajon H.O.G. Meeting July 7th, 2006

Minutes
By
Jody

Call to order – 7:33 pm

Director, Mike, welcomed members and indicated that the meeting would be short tonight. Mike introduced himself and fellow officers and then asked that we start with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mike asked if there were any newlyweds present and announced that our webmaster Tim "Pikefish" G. and Kim snuck off to Vegas and got married.

Mike thanked Joel for cooking steaks for Burn Your Own Steak.

Robert S. spoke about upcoming National H.O.G. events:

- Beartooth Pass ride coming up in September. Also, the California State rally in Redding, CA. Robert will be going if anyone else is interested. He talked about a Fashion Show with very specific requirements of what would be worn.
- He also talked about the Route 66 ride.

Peggy Sue talked about the Poker Run for Breast Cancer being sponsored by CMF of America. The ride takes place August 12 starting at the Spring Valley Inn. Cost is \$20 per person.

DC talked about the Ride for Life on July 22nd. She indicated that all their expenses have been covered so any additional funds collected will go directly to the East County Pregnancy Care Center. You can now get 5% off on registration. A Harley will be raffled off along with lots of other good things. Only 2000 tickets were printed for the Harley.

Dan S. awarded Rider Zone patches to:

Irving G.	Mike P.
Rick P.	Tom V.
Frank A.	Sterling S.
Kenny F.	

Mike talked about Wednesday night's El Cajon Cruise night and all the bikes that showed up for the ride. It was well received and we will most likely be invited back to do Cruise Night again next year.

Tim has gotten more pictures up on the website. Mike thanked all the volunteers that worked the recent events we've just completed: Picnic, Leather and Lace, Full Moon Poker Run, etc. The H.O.G. Log is available on the website. If you can't get in to get it, contact Tim for help. You must be a member to access the members only section of the El Cajon H.O.G. website.

Upcoming Events:

- Road Captain's ride tomorrow is for Road Captain's only. It got on the website, but was not intended to be

- there. If you are interested in knowing what the Road Captains do, show up at 10:00 am, to see what we're doing.
- Adopt a Highway Ride is Sunday. Irv G. will bring the chase truck. Ride leaves at 10:00 am going up to Cuyamaca. There will be some surprises and prizes.
- Road Captains Meeting – July 11. Sterling will lead a discussion on group riding.
- EZ Ride on July 15th. – Al and Sterling will lead this ride. This will be an E Z ride. Good if you are a brand new rider, or have a new bike. Will just cruise around the back country.
- Mountain and Meadow Tour – Leaving July 23rd, and cruising through the mountains and meadows with the final destination being Sugar Loaf. Ride should be about 6 hours in all.
- Queens 'R Wild Poker Ride – later in August. Volunteers are needed for this event. This event will be a little different from our usual poker runs.

Susie spoke and again thanked all who helped with the Leather and Lace Poker Run.

LOH is July 21st – and will be the day after Vicki's birthday. We'll plan to do something fun that night. Susie reminded all that it is not just for the ladies. Everyone is welcome to come.

Susie indicated that she forgot to bring the volunteer sign-up clipboard and asked if anyone is interested in volunteering to please come up to her and let her know.

Tina, and the girls from the Dealership came up. PJ and Cliff are on vacation. Tina spoke about membership. She asked that anyone applying for membership to El Cajon H.O.G. should bring their National H.O.G. Membership card to expedite getting your membership taken care of. It will make it easier for everyone involved.

Tina also talked about some of the new things at the Dealership. Jewelry and men shirts.

The next open house will be September 23rd and will be catered again. Volunteers will be needed but like the last Open House, it will be easier since it is being catered. Delia has decided to leave the Dealership permanently so that she will be able to spend more time with her new son. No news about the remodel but they will have some more information at the next meeting.

Kelly, a former El Cajon H.O.G. member came up to say hi and let us know she's back in town and rejoining. She had moved away for a couple of years. Welcome back Kelly!

50/50

Shield logo alarm clock – Scott W.

\$60.00 – Gregg P.

HD Blanket and Playing Cards – Connie M.

\$60.00 – Rachelle H.

\$50.00 Gift Certificate – Tricia T.

\$85.00 - Doc

Adjourn – 8:10 pm

New Members



Max P., 2001 Soft Tail
Brooks B., 2006 Road King Classic
Bruce M., 2004 Soft Tail Standard

Welcome

Queens 'R' Wild Poker Run

Sponsored by LOH



August 27th.
**Sign-ups at
Dealership
9am-10**



**High & Low
Hand winners!**

Cash!



**Raffle
Prizes!**



Activities at a Glance

August 4th.

Monthly meeting at the Elks. 7:30pm. dinner 6:00-7:15

August 6th.

HOG Sunday. meet at the dealership at 10am.
Get together and just go for a ride!

August 8th.

Demolition of donut shop. 12 to 1. Speakers. Food.
See flyer in this Log.

Road Captain's Meeting 6:30pm at club house. Rider
zone 7:00pm at clubhouse

August 12th.

E-Z Ride Leave the dealership at 10am

August 18th.

LOH Meeting at the clubhouse. 6:30pm

August 19th.

"Run to the Hills" Car/Bike show. 10am .from dealership

August 20th.

HOG Skills class at the Elks parking lot 5pm. stay for
free hot dogs/chips/sodas. Sign up at the meetings.

August 27th.

Queens R Wild Poker Run. Closed event.
Signup 9am-10. At the dealership.

September 1st.

Monthly HOG meeting at the Elks.
7:30pm. dinner available at 6:00-7:15

September 2nd.

Road Captain meeting at 9am RiderZone at 9:30am at
the clubhouse. (Note day and time change)

September ?

"Remember September Memorial Ride". day/details TBA

September 15th.

LOH Meeting at the clubhouse. 6:30pm

September 16th.

E-Z Ride Leave the dealership at 10am

September 23rd.

El Cajon Harley Davidson Open House. Details TBA

September 24th.

LOH Brunch Run. Leave the dealership at 10am.

September 30th. to October 1st.

Idyllwild Overnighter. See flyer in this Log



IN THE ZONE by Dan S., Head Road Captain

Who Needs Road Captains? Part 2

In July I talked about why Road Captains are necessary for our group rides and their duties and responsibilities to the group. When a person decides to become a Road Captain, they must agree to a large commitment of time to the chapter. Road Captains are involved in EVERY ride and event that happens with El Cajon HOG. Every ride leaves with a minimum of two Road Captains, we assist with parking, supervise and help with poker runs, and assist other ride leaders. Road Captains also are responsible for training riders through the Riders Zone meetings, EZ Rides, and the Skills Courses. Road Captains also put together ride routes, they pre-ride these routes to familiarize themselves with any road conditions that may be present, and most importantly... they find a great place to eat at the finish of the ride.

So...how about that ride you just finished? 98 miles, plenty of exciting roads, and a full stomach. All you had to do was show up with a full gas tank, some cash in your pocket, and find your buddies to ride with. Your Road Captains showed up 45 minutes early to discuss the ride, they wandered around looking for new faces, new bikes, and asking questions of riders. They agreed on how many riding groups were necessary, did a group pre-ride safety talk, and got everyone lined up and counted before a single tire rolled.

Now let's go further back into that Road Captain's morning...out in the garage early enough to make sure the bike was ready, double-checked the road map to review the ride route, and made sure they had every thing they needed in their saddlebags. Saddlebags? What stuff? How about a First Aid kit, extra bottled water, rubber gloves in a baggie, a clean cloth, an extra bandana, tire gauge, sunscreen lotion, flashlight, tool kit, Road Captain vest, map book, bungee cords, a clean rag...items to take care of pretty much anything that may go wrong on a ride.

All of this just doesn't happen. The Road Captains train and practice and discuss situations that may happen on the road... What If's? You know... What if a rider goes down in the middle of a traffic intersection? What if a tire goes flat on a casual ride? What if a rider goes down and gets scraped up and cut? What if a rider's bike is not safe for a group ride? Your Road Captains train for leading/sweeping group rides. They learn to look for things such as safe lane changes on a busy freeway, anticipate upcoming exits, and know how to lead a group if it gets split. How many times do you look in your mirrors while on a group ride? Did you know your Lead Road Captain is probably looking in his/her mirrors just as much as they are looking ahead? They are counting bikes as you come around a corner, watching for the sweep in their bright vest. They are looking to see if the speed of the group is appropriate for all the riders, they are watching their mirrors to make sure the sweep Road Captain

has protected the lane for a group lane change and this has all happened in the first two miles of the 98 mile ride.

And now for the paid advertising...does any of this interest you? Do you like the idea of planning rides, leading/sweeping group rides, being an active participant in making sure the group ride is safe and fun? Why don't you check out the Road Captain program, ride along with a lead or sweep Road Captain and listen, watch and learn. If nothing else, you'll gain valuable insight into how a group ride operates and understand better the little things that make your "great ride" happen.

Dan

E.C.T.E.S. Fall Classic V11

Languid in Laughlin

Presented by Dan S., Head Road Captain
Completed in Laughlin

Well here it is, summer is in full swing and Sturgis is just around the corner. Another heat wave is making the mercury climb to new heights, the Ads for back to school are arriving daily and some company I'll never buy from stuck Santa in its' Flyer. So what's a biker to do? Take a deep breath and remember your motorcycle is the most affordable transportation in the garage. What the hell is that suppose to mean? I'm not sure, but I threw that out there so you wouldn't start obsessing about the Holidays that start rolling at you like a slow moving freight train in August only to catch you off guard and crush you at the crossing. Wow, the only way to prevent that from happening is to strategize on a hedonistic Moto A'la (E.C.E.T.S.).

Our four day- three -night seminar on: (how to relax before going into the Holidays) will take place in Laughlin Nevada on the second weekend in **October. Specifically the dates are: October 12th, 13th, 14th, and returning on the 15th.** We will conference at the Ramada Express. Discussions will be of an open topic around the spa and more critical dialogue in the revamped bar/lounge. Holiday survival depends on preparedness, be prepared book today. 1 (800) 243-6846 "tell them your with E.C.E.T.S." 11082

Contact me [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
if more counseling is needed
K.W.



Cindy Gibson

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BACK ON THE ROAD

It was a balmy summer day on a back road in New Jersey, the year was 1979 and I was 26 years old. Donna, my girlfriend at the time was on the back of my just rebuilt Honda 750 and we were on our way home from a great day in Atlantic City. Cruising down that two-lane stretch at about 60mph the last thing on my mind was the impending crash. Suddenly the bike was out of control, and we were heading toward the pavement. The bike hit the road and slid as we tumbled along. After checking on Donna, I went to get the bike, that is when I noticed the flat rear tire. We had had a blowout, it happened so fast I didn't have time to react. Naturally, I wanted to know what caused it, and when I was told that the new tire and tube was installed incorrectly at the shop, causing the accident I was severely annoyed. However, something changed; I lost my desire to ride, and shortly after relocated to California. A couple of weeks with the drivers here, and I knew I made the right choice.

Fast forward to 2004, just before my 50th birthday, after getting the itch to ride again I rented a bike and regained my motorcycle license. I had always wanted a Harley and had told myself if I ever bought another bike that's what it would be. My wife encouraged me to rent one on my birthday, and so there I sat on a rented Softail scared to death riding down the 52 towards my house, when suddenly the euphoria of being back on the road took over, the years rolled away, and I knew that soon I would have a bike of my own.

So just about one year later, I was riding home on my brand new Dyna Superglide, feeling like a kid with a new toy. At the dealership, I was told about the local HOG Chapter and that it met on the first Friday of every month. At first, I was reluctant to go, but Larry in the parts Department, also from New Jersey, told me that it was a great group and I should at least check it out. Out of coincidence that was on Thursday and Friday was the meeting. As I wandered into the Elk's for my first encounter with the EC HOG's, the first thing I noticed was there was a lot of people who obviously have known each other for a long time. I did what all newcomers do, find a table in the back and try to blend into the scenery. When they called for first timers, about 10 others and I went up to be introduced. They took our picture and Al shook my hand and welcomed me to the group. I don't remember much else about the night except that Mike announced a meeting called "Rider Zone" that would focus on safety topics. This really sparked my interest, as I had no desire to see the pavement again. I also knew it would probably be a smaller group and I would have a better chance of getting to know some of the people. Up to this point I had never ridden in a group, or even thought about it. I just wanted to get some tips on staying alive out there.

RIDER ZONE

I was given a group riding manual at the meeting, all right; I read it cover to cover (just a geek). It talked about hand signals, staggered riding, road captains, and other topics concerning group rides. Now, I have seen these groups on the freeway, and never pictured myself to be part of one, until then. OK I thought, this HOG thing might not be too bad after all.

Rider Zone meetings are scheduled every month and it just so happened that the meeting was this next week! The general meeting begins at 7:00, but the Road Captains meet at 6:30. I hadn't intended to go to the Road Captain's meeting but happened to get there early. It was a small group, and I had the opportunity to meet Mike, Al, Bud, Jodie, Kim and others on a one to one basis. Since they didn't throw me out, I sat in the back and listened. Near the end, Mike stood up and explained the purpose of the EZ ride. It was for new members to get acquainted with group riding. He went on to describe that it had to take into account that some might have brand new bikes, with speed limitations. That there would be members there who have never ridden in a group, like myself, and how they would be treated. What ever a Road Captain was, after that meeting I wanted to be one.

Immediately following the Road Captain's meeting is the Rider Zone meeting for the general membership. A few more members showed up but it remained a small group, they talked about specifics of group riding. As always in informal groups like this, there are always a few "war" stories and some good-natured ribbing. It was apparent that these people had some time and experience under their belts and there was much I could learn if I continued to attend the meetings. There were two points that impressed me that evening. First, ride your own ride, never sacrifice your safety, or the safety of the group by riding beyond your ability. The second, if it isn't fun for everyone then what's the point, isn't that why we bought the bikes to begin with?

After that, even though I might have had to miss a general meeting, I always made it a point of going to the Rider Zone. I started showing up to the Road Captain's meeting, and asked if I could train to be one. I knew it would be quite a while before I was qualified, but so what. I planned to have the bike for a long time so no hurry.



THE EZ RIDE

Well, the big day finally arrived; I was going on my first group ride. I stopped and filled the bike up before getting to the dealership, and as I pulled away from the gas station I noticed the butterflies of nervousness in my stomach. Although I had read the manual and listened intently at the Rider Zone meetings, I still had not been on an actual ride. As I pulled up and parked my bike in front of the dealership, the nervousness increased. Waiting for the pre-ride briefing, I wandered around the store, and tried to shake off the nervousness. What if I screw up, or crash into someone, maybe I should just go home. Just as I was thinking up some lame excuse, I saw everyone gathering for the briefing. As I walked up, Dan the lead Road Captain asked me if I wanted to ride up front with him. As the briefing began, I was relieved to hear that the route was a ride that a friend and I took a couple of weeks before. Suddenly the meeting was over and everyone started getting on his or her bikes and lining up on the road. So not wanting to look completely inept, I got mine and pulled up next to Dan.

Before I knew it we were off, taking the inside track and in 100% concentration I did the best I could to remember all of the stuff we had talked about. As I looked back and around, I thought how cool, there I was in one of "those" groups. That bit of euphoria was short lived, I was nervous about being on the inside track. Not being used to riding that close to the shoulder it was hard to relax. I remember my thoughts drifted between spacing, track and oh by the way cars and the road.

I could see Dan look into his mirror from time to time to check on me. Then as suddenly as it began, we were pulling into the restaurant and the ride was over. We parked the bikes and went inside.

That is when I realized, this is fun! Here I was with a great group of people, all of which shared my love for the open road and Harleys.

Since then I have participated in a couple of more EZ rides, some skills classes, and still go to the Rider Zone Meetings. I am in training to be a Road Captain, and even led a small group to Rosecrans on Memorial Day.

It's a great group and I would encourage anyone to get involved at any level. See you on the Road!

Articles submitted by Irv G.



Idyllwild Overniter

September 30th.

**Tahquitz Inn
on Hwy 243
in Idyllwild.**

**Reservations
Call
951-659-4554
or 877-659-4554**

Ask for the manager,
Barbara Vigil. Mention
that you are with the
El Cajon Hog group.

Room rates vary
from \$85-110.

This inn offers rooms accommodating 2-8 people with kitchenettes in each one. There are B-B-Qs if people want to eat in rather than going out, and a swimming pool. We have booked the whole inn for a lovely autumn ride and evening set in the beautiful mountains of southern California. We will have a chase vehicle for "extra" stuff, and a Sunday morning breakfast at the inn. Hope to see you there!

Kimberlie L.



LOH
With Vicki

Last year when I was writing my article for the newsletter I was living in the North Park area and I can remember how I wished I lived further east because that's where I did most of my socializing and hanging out. In September '05 I did move out to East County and boy how things have changed and boy do I say to myself, "Be careful of what you wish"! North Park may have been a bit of a longer drive but it surely was NOT as hot there as it has been in East County so far this summer! All I can say is I'm grateful for the swimming pools my community has! So I hope this finds you staying cool the best way you can!

LOH is gearing up for the Queens R Wild Poker Run that is scheduled for Sunday, August 27th. This will be a closed event (open to members and a guest). At our recent LOH meeting ideas were tossed about as to where the route should go and suggestions for the ending place. It was agreed by everyone that we'd like the route to go towards the coast and the ending place being in that general direction as well. We're open to hearing suggestions from any of our members as to an idea for the route and/or ending place. Feel free to drop me an e-mail at vicki.mcintyre@cox.net or feel free to ring me up at 619-749-5763.

Between now and our next LOH meeting we'll get the details worked out for this event and then we'll use our next scheduled LOH meeting (Friday, August 18th @ 6:30 pm @ the clubhouse) as a volunteer meeting. If you're interested in being a volunteer please let me know ahead of time by dropping me an e-mail at vicki.mcintyre@cox.net or feel free to ring me up at 619-749-5763. Volunteering for an event such as a poker run is a great way to meet new people, make new friends and put faces with names so I encourage you to come out of your shell and give it a try!

I just want to say thanks to everyone who attended July's LOH meeting and for helping me celebrate another birthday!

Keep those ideas coming!

Vicki
2006 LOH Officer



Ready for your New 2007
Harley ???

DON'T MISS IT!

Oversized wrecking crew
to demo donut shop, short
ceremony with key speakers.
Food and drinks. More info
to come as the plans unfold.



Time 12 to 1 on 8/8.

This is a monumental event, last
expansion was done in 1979.

e-mail Eric at: information@cleajonharley.com ASAP with a confirmation of attendance, it will help them plan for the event a little better.


Announcement!

Dues will remain at \$20.00 through the
month of October 2006
Dues paid in November 2006 will apply
for the remainder of 2006, PLUS
It will go for your 2007 membership.

August 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> Donut shop DEMO Aug. 8th 12noon Dealership </div>			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> El Cajon HOG Meeting 7:30pm El Cajon Elk Lodge Winner available at 6:00pm </div>	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px;"> HOG Sunday Meet at the dealership at 10am. Get together and just go for a ride! </div>		Road Captain's Meeting 6:30pm at clubhouse. Rider's Zone 7:00pm at clubhouse.				<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> E-Z Ride Leave the dealership at 10am </div>
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<div style="border: 2px dashed black; padding: 5px;"> HOG Skills Class. 5pm Elks Lodge Free food! Sign-up at the meeting </div>		Offers Meeting 6:30pm A clubhouse				
27	28	29	30	31		
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; transform: rotate(-15deg);">  Queen's R Wild Poker Run. Signup 9-10 Dealership </div>						

September 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
					<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> El Cajon HOG Meeting: 7:30pm El Cajon Elks Lodge. Dinner available at 6:00 </div>	1 Road Captain meeting at 9am RiderZone 9:30am at the clubhouse. (Note day and time change)	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
10	11	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> Note change of Road Captain Meeting & Riderzone. </div>	12	13	14	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> LOH Meeting, 6:30pm AT CLUB HOUSE. </div>	15  Leave the dealership at 10am
17	18	19	20	21	22	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> El Cajon Harley Davidson Open House More details to come. </div>	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> LOH Branch Run Leave the dealership at 10am. </div>	24	25	26	27	28	29	<div style="border: 1px dashed green; padding: 2px;"> Idyllwild Overnighter. See flyer in LOG. </div>

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