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**Brett Dickinson, General Manager, El Cajon Harley-Davidson****Greetings EC HOG!**

Well, summer time is unofficially here! I hope everyone had a good, restful Memorial Day. I want to thank everyone who came out and rode down to Fort Rosecrans with us. What a beautiful day and place to pay respect to those who gave it all in the name of freedom. If you happened to miss this ride, there will be other opportunities to help the Dealership and the Chapter show our appreciation for our service members. On July 6th, we have our annual 'Harley's Heroes' ride where all proceeds from the ride go to the Disabled American Veterans, better known as the D.A.V. Their mobile claims truck will be on site again this year to help vets in need process claims right here at ECHD!

Also, for the next couple of months, we are throwing something else into the mix with during our weekly 'BBB' events. We have partnered up with Viejas Casino and they will have a poker table with a dealer out here for you to test your luck (or skill!) to win prizes and coupons for Viejas Hotel / Casino. There is no 'buy in' necessary. It's completely free for anyone who wants to play. Viejas is also giving away TWO brand new Harleys in the poker room this summer. There will be opportunities to win entries for them at the Dealership during June and July so stay tuned! Its gonna be a great summer! I look forward to spending it with all of you!!

Ride safe,

Brett

Next H.O.G. Chapter Meeting Friday, July 5th, Elk's Lodge @ 6:30PM
1400 E. Washington Avenue El Cajon, CA 92019

DIRECTOR'S CORNER, Jody V.

May has been a busy month and June is looking like it will be pretty full too. We moved our 'Cinco de Mayo' Poker Run to correspond with the 'Cinco de Mayo' celebration at the Dealership and then followed up the next week with a special event for those interested in going to the 110th Celebration in Milwaukee. Congratulations to Van and Deblyn for winning the Chrome Plus passes! Actually, Deblyn had the winning hand and they are both looking forward to their upcoming summer adventure.

Teresa, Deanne, and Jo have all been doing a great job in planning events and coordinating volunteers, so that we can all ride and have fun. Next time you see any of them, please let them know you appreciate their efforts, and if you are willing to volunteer for anything, let Jo know. Volunteering is a good way to get to know people and have fun at the same time.

Van has also been helping coordinate efforts for the upcoming CA State HOG Rally which promises to be a lot of fun. With the rally in our own back yard, he has been attending meetings, helping plan routes, and keeping us up-to-date. Jo has also ended up getting involved with marketing efforts and of course, helping get volunteers in place for the State Rally as well as our own Chapter. If there is anything you are interested in helping with, please be sure to let her know.

If you didn't do the Borrego Overnighter, you missed a fun weekend. We had quite a few riders who came along just to ride and joined us for lunch at Kim W's home in Borrego. Kim graciously invited us to a yummy Mexican feast. Those who were staying for the overnighter headed back to Standlund's afterwards and spent the afternoon at the pool while everyone else rode back home. Thank you to Teresa for setting up the weekend, Kim for having us over for lunch, and Mike and Terry for taking care of planning and cooking dinner. We all had a great time in Borrego!

We finished off the month with movie night which is always fun. Everyone showed up in their PJs and enjoyed a movie, popcorn and goodies. Thanks to Kenny and Debi for arranging for the movie and candy. If you missed this one, we'll have more throughout the year.

Ride safe,
Jody

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, Van A.**Low Speed Handling – Keep your Feet on the Footboards / Footpegs**

The most common mistake we make when we are going slowly on our bikes is to take our feet off the boards or pegs, thinking that because we are going slow the bike might fall and having our foot out will enable us to save it. These are big heavy bikes. You can't save it. If you did something wrong and caused the bike to fall, it's going to fall and you can't stop it, so keep your feet on the footboards or footpegs. If you don't you might break your ankle as well as scratch the chrome.

If your foot is not at the controls on the right board / peg, you lose the number one most important thing for control at slow speed – the rear brake. You really can't control your bike at low speeds while dragging your feet or duck walking the bike because your foot isn't on the rear brake where it needs to be at low speeds. The **ONLY** time you should duck walk your bike is when you are backing it up to the curb.

As soon as you let the clutch out and the bike starts to move, pick your feet up and put them on the pegs or floor boards. At parking lot speeds (below 10mph) use your rear brake only and stay in the friction zone. Remember, at low speeds, if you hit your front brake when your handlebars are turned even slightly, the front brake will pull you to the ground. Using the rear brake while in the friction zone and applying power will keep the bike upright just as if you were going 50mph instead of 5mph.

Whenever you stop put your left foot down first. Plan your stops in your mind for a left foot plant. There may be times when you need to put your right foot down but you lose the rear brake when you put your right foot down. If you are not stopped yet and you grab the front brake you look stupid when the bike nose dives, and if the bars are turned at all you might cause the low speed front brake crash. I've done this... once, and yes I looked even more stupid picking my bike up.

Practice riding straight going very slowly. Drag the rear brake. Be in the Friction Zone slipping the clutch and applying steady throttle. Practice makes you comfortable with the technique and it will eventually become automatic. Rear brake pads are a helluva lot cheaper than Harley-Davidson chrome or paint.

Van

MEMBERSHIP, Brenda W.

Ok, the Spring / Summer riding season is officially here! Our HOG group has so many wonderful events planned for this summer for us to enjoy. I'm glad to report our membership numbers are continuing to grow. At present, we have a total of 311 members! You can renew your membership at the Dealership or at the ECHOG meeting.

Speaking of membership, I'd like to clarify the one prerequisite to being a member of El Cajon H.O.G. A prospective member must first be a current member of the National Chapter of H.O.G. Just go to the National website at members.hog.com and sign up. Once that is done, you are free to join at the local level (that's us!). Ladies, if you would like to be a member of El Cajon H.O.G. but don't want to join national H.O.G. with a full membership, you can join as an associate to your husband's National membership. The website at members.hog.com will give you all the details. The cost is less and it allows you to join here at the local level.

If you are interested in a new name patch, let me know. I order them on a regular basis and should have them back a few weeks later. We now have access to a few different styles. Each patch style is \$10. If you have any questions about the style choices, let me know. You can leave your order at the Dealership or see me at our next H.O.G. meeting.

Lastly, if you have any questions about your membership benefits or patches, please send me an email at ecmembership@cox.net. I'll investigate and get back to you.

Brenda

HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN, Michael C.

Here are the rides and events in store for us in June:

- June 2nd, SD HOG 'Spring Into Summer' Poker Run
- June 5th, 'Cajon Classic Cruise' Bike Nite
- June 8th, Jo R's EZ Ride
- June 9th, Skills Class
- June 13th, 'Get off Your' AARP ride
- June 15th, LOH Dinner Ride
- June 18th, RC Meeting Only
- June 22nd, 'Commotion By The Ocean'
- June 23rd, 'Million Mile Monday'
- June 24th, 'Million Mile Monday'
- June 29th, 'Sweetwater Reservoir' Poker Run

Enjoy the Ride!!!

Michael

ACTIVITIES OFFICER, Teresa M.

Hello Everyone,

This past month at E.C.H.O.G. was so much fun! I hope you were there to enjoy it. We held two poker runs, the 'Cinco de Mayo' and the '110th Anniversary' Poker Runs. The poker winnings included exclusive passes to the 110th Anniversary Celebration in Milwaukee. Congratulations to the winners: Van and Deblyn, Bill and Trish, and Richard S. Thank you to Brett Dickinson, El Cajon Harley Davidson, for donating the tickets. We also went to Borrego Springs for an overnigher stopping at Kim W's home for Mexican food and air-conditioning then on to Stanlunds Resort and Inn for an evening sitting around the pool eating barbeque and shrimp. Thank you to Kim for the invitation and Mike for the barbeque.

I would personally like to thank all the people that make our rides a success. It takes a lot of work and everyone that lends a hand make the rides and events more successful. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jo Ricker at vounteer@elcajonhog.com or me at activities@elcajonhog.com.

We are entering into the heat of the summer and with it we have some fun events in the planning. Come July 27th, the E.C.H.O.G. picnic will be held. We are presently looking for a really cool (yes cool as in - not hot with heat) place to hold it. Later we will be pulling together the "Progressive Lunch Ride". If you would like to host a portion of the lunch please contact me at activities@elcajonhog.com or Deanne at asstactivities@elcajonhog.com. We have had good times in past Progressive Ride Lunches and we will certainly be working to make this one just as fun and tasty.

Thanks,
Teresa

Volunteer Coordinator, Jo R.

Hello fellow HOGs...have you ever heard the expression, "if you're not going to vote, don't complain about who wins" ? Well, if you're not going to volunteer, don't expect someone else to always stand in the gap! Our Chapter is very A-C-T-I-V-E and we strive to make sure the events we put together are good for everyone. There are over 300 members in our Chapter and we want new people to get involved and bring new ideas. I promise, you'll enjoy it!

If you have questions on what it involves, please ask me. If you want to volunteer but have restrictions, we will utilize your skills where they fit the best. Let's ride and have fun and work together to make that happen!

Jo

SAFETY OFFICER, Rich A.

Heads up, Eyes up!

One of the main causes of collisions is "Following Too Closely" or better known as "Tailgating"! We sometimes don't realize that we all need time to "Perceive and to React" to a hazard in front of us. It takes the average person, paying attention, 3/4 of a second to "Perceive" a hazard. It then takes the average person, paying attention, 3/4 of a second to "React" to what we see. All this while you are traveling at a set velocity / speed. This 1 1/2 seconds does NOT include any braking! It seems like a short amount of time, but you cover 76 feet @ 35 mph or 142 feet @ 65 mph in this short time period. This is why it is so dangerous to be "Distracted" (phone, texting, adjusting the radio, smoking, slapping kids in the back seat, DUI, etc...) while traveling down the road. Please give yourself space from the vehicle in front of you and allow yourself time to "Perceive and React" to any hazard that crosses in front of your path!

**Ride safe,
Rich**

TOURING GROUP COORDINATOR, Barry S.

The Bryce Canyon Trip was a BBBLAST! Thanks to all who were able to go in making it such a success. We missed all of you who couldn't make the trip and look forward to a future trip with you.

We have several 'Touring Group' road trips coming up:

**August 24-25 Black sheep overnighiter (more info to come)
October 24-26 Arizona State Rally in Yuma, AZ**

Information for the Arizona State Rally and Hotel will be posted on our website or you can check out the web site "azstatehogrally.com". The \$45 Rally fee includes all goodies. Please contact me, if you have questions or need help. You can reach me at 619 249-6490.

**Thanks,
Barry**

ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

June 2013

- Sunday, June 2 SDHOG 'Spring Into Summer' Poker Run, SDHD 8AM - 3PM
 Wednesday, June 5 Cajon Classic Cruise Bike Nite, 5PM - 8PM
 Friday, June 7 ECHOG Chapter Meeting, Elk's Lodge @ 6:30PM
 Burn Your Own Steak @ 5:30PM



- Saturday, June 8 Jo R's 'EZ' Ride. ECHD @ 9:30AM, KSU 10:00AM
 Sunday, June 9 Skills Class, Elk's Lodge @ 9:00AM - 1:00PM
 Thursday, June 13 Michael C's 'GAARP' ride, ECHD @ 9:30AM, KSU 10:00AM
 Saturday, June 15 LOH Dinner Ride, ECHD @ 4:00PM - 7:00PM



- Tuesday, June 18 RC Meeting Only, ECHD @ 6:30PM
 Thursday, June 20 ECHD 'Bike Night', Down Town Cafe, 6:00PM - 9:00PM
 Saturday, June 22 'Commotion By The Ocean', 8:00AM - 3:00PM
 Sunday, June 23 'Million Mile Monday' 1 Ride @ 9:30AM, KSU 10:00AM
 Monday, June 24 'Million Mile Monday' 2 Rides @ KSU 10:00AM & 6:00PM
 Saturday, June 29 Sweetwater Reservoir Run @ 8:30AM - 2:00PM



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If you know any H.O.G. member who is ill or in the hospital, please call Betty Blaisdale at [REDACTED] and give her the recipient's name and address.

Betty has graciously offered to send get well cards on behalf of El Cajon H.O.G.



Got an idea or suggestion for the H.O.G. Chapter?

Look for the bucket at the Chapter Meetings or go to the [El Cajon HOG website](#) and click on the bucket icon located near the bottom of the home page.

We want to hear from you and encourage input from everyone on how to make the Chapter better.

