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**Hello E.C. H.O.G!**

I hope everyone had a good time at all the events last month, both at the Dealership, and abroad. Seems like between Laughlin, Yuma, and all the Chapter rides and events at the Dealership there was a lot of opportunities to put some miles on your Harley in April.

Don't forget about the great opportunities to win some great tickets to the 110th anniversary celebration. There are 4 different opportunities to win some chrome plus tickets that will get you access to just about everything that is happening in Milwaukee from Aug 29th to September 1st, which includes some great concerts on the schedule. This is also the 30th anniversary of HOG and there is a special concert by Lynyrd Skynyrd for HOG members only! Remember, the tickets the Chapter and the Dealership are giving away, are not even for sale- you'll have to win them!

Our annual Cinco De Mayo celebration will be Saturday the 4th this year. In addition to our weekly events, the MDA will be out here sponsoring the beer garden and raising money for their research. 'Serious Guise' will be on stage from 11am-4pm, and 'Ricos' will be serving up something special as always..... Great times and great opportunities to support a great charity!! We hope to see you there!

Thanks for all your continued support from all of us here at ECHD.

**Ride Safe,**

**Brett**

**Next H.O.G. Chapter Meeting Friday, June 7th, Elk's Lodge @ 6:30PM**  
1400 E. Washington Avenue El Cajon, CA 92019

**DIRECTOR'S CORNER, Jody V.**

The days are getting longer and the weather is finally warming up. This is my favorite time of the year. Still a little unpredictable, but that's okay because summer is coming!

We finally had our first Saddlebags of Cash winner at the April meeting, so congratulations to Connie M, she collected a cool \$110. You could too, as we will continue doing this throughout the year.

We enjoyed a nice ride up and around Temecula for their annual event. Their route took us up to Hell's Kitchen then back down to Hemet. I've been curious about the lake there and finally got to see it, since it was one of the stops. Over the last two years their event was cold and rainy, so it was nice to have some decent weather this time. That's why it was moved to April.

If you didn't get out to the April Fool's Poker Run, it was pretty interesting. You just didn't know what to expect. It may not have fallen on April 1, but that didn't matter. The route was full of surprises and we had a nice turn out. Congratulations and thank you to Teresa, Deanne, Jo and a whole team of volunteers for a very successful event!

We have more events coming up in May. We're doing a Cinco de Mayo Poker Run on the 4th to coincide with the Dealership's Cinco de Mayo event. We're also bringing back the Borrego Overnighter and Kim Wallace has invited us to his home for lunch, Mexican style, before we head over to Standlunds for the evening. Note, even if you aren't planning on doing the overnighter, you can still ride down to Borrego with us, have lunch, and then ride back. We also have a movie night coming up at the end of the month. Kenny F. has a great movie picked out for us, so plan to bring your lawn chairs and jammies and come out to the Dealership for a fun evening.

We have a special event planned for May 11. This is for any member who is going to Milwaukee for the 110th, or any member who would go if they won. Why? Because the top prize is a pair of tickets to the '110th Celebration' valued at \$1500. We're calling it the 110th Anniversary Poker Run. If you are interested in going to the 110th celebration in Milwaukee, this is the event for you. The top prize is a pair of Chrome Package tickets valued at \$1500! There are all kinds of goodies included in the package, so it will be pretty cool to win.

Ride safe,

Jody

**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, Van A.****Uh-oh, something doesn't feel right...**

**...or what to do if you think you might be getting a flat tire!**

**With modern tubeless tires, actual blowouts are rare, but they can occur. The most common cause of tire failure is riding with the tire pressure too low. Check tires frequently and keep them inflated to the manufacturer's specifications.**

**If you're on a motorcycle and you suspect you've got a flat tire, time is of the essence: your first priority is to ensure you can safely pull over and get out of the flow of traffic. Your second priority is to avoid going down. If you do go down, being out of the traffic lanes might save your life.**

**Easy does it! I repeat: Braking, downshifting, accelerating, releasing the throttle quickly, or steering corrections can cause the flat tire to come off the rim. This is frequently an unrecoverable situation, the rim will not track on the pavement but it will slide, and the tire carcass may jam in a critical place. Either one or both could cause you to crash.**

**Flat tires can be caused by a number of factors, including wet weather (which lubricates sharp objects, making them easier to penetrate rubber), and high performance tires (which are stickier than most, and tend to pick up more foreign objects.) Road debris in between lanes is common. Areas that have building construction are also more likely to have nails or screws on the road.**

**Rubber is the only thing separating you, the motorcyclist, from the road, and a visual inspection of your tires before every ride is a good habit to get into. Maintaining proper tire pressure is also an important part of bike maintenance, and you should check your pressure once a week.**

**Tire age is a safety factor. So is tread depth. Basically, the principle is the newer the tire the better. How old is your tire? You will be able to know their date of manufacturing by searching for the three or four-digit number stamped in the tire's sidewall. Tread depth gauges are inexpensive. Replace tires with 2/32nds of an inch of tread remaining. You can also do the motorcycle tire 'penny test'. To do this, put a penny into the shallowest tire groove, usually at the center, with its head pointing down if you can see the top of the head of Abraham Lincoln it's time to change tires.**

**Van A.**

**MEMBERSHIP, Brenda W.**

Happy Spring!! Our membership continues to grow. At present, we have a total of 285 members. Memberships can be renewed at the Dealership or at the ECHOG meetings.

I wanted to make a note again of 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](http://members.hog.com) and sign up. Once that is done, you are free to join the local Chapter (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](http://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](mailto:ecmembership@cox.net). I'll investigate and get back to you.

Brenda W.

**HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN, Michael C.**

The 'Dinner Rides' will be starting up soon. LOH will be hosting three rides and the Road Captains will be sure to add a few more. Where you would like to go for dinner?

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

- May 4th, Cinco De Mayo Poker Run
- May 9th, Get off Your AARP ride
- May 11th, Harley Davidson 110th Anniversary Poker Run
- May 14th, RC Meeting / Rider Zone
- May 18th, May Ride Bigg's HOG
- May 25th, Borrego Overnighter
- May 27th, Ft. Rosecrans Memorial Day Ride

Enjoy the Ride!!!

Michael

**ACTIVITIES OFFICER, Teresa M.**

Hi All,

March brought us some rain on the only day we had scheduled for a poker run, the St. Patrick's Day Poker Run. El Cajon Harley Davidson and our EC H.O.G. Chapter kept us busy though. We had the Highway Clean Up, the Demo Days, and the Borrego Saddle Bag Picnic. Thank you to everyone for all the fun and thank you to the volunteers. Remember, without you helping, there would be no fun.

We made up for the March poker run in April. Our April Fool's Poker Run had lots of pranks; with a hand full of worms, going back and forth between people to try to get that elusive poker chip, and eating chocolate chip cookies made of black beans and potatoes.

I hope in the coming months we continue to bring fun activities to all of you. In May, we will celebrate Cinco de Mayo with a poker run. In addition, we'll give you (E.C.H.O.G. members) a chance to win two "110th Anniversary Chrome Plus Passes" worth \$1500 for the celebration in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. We are also planning a great ride for the "Borrego Overnighter" on Saturday, May 25th. Lunching on Mexican food at Kim Wallace's home and then off to Stanlund's Hotel to sit by the pool, drink your favorite beverage, swim in the pool, sit in the jacuzzi, and eat even more food. Come join us for the fun and adventure of it.

If you have any ideas for future rides, send me an email at [activities@elcajonhog.com](mailto:activities@elcajonhog.com).

See ya soon,

Teresa

**TOURING GROUP COORDINATOR, Barry S.**

Many thanks to all those who went on the Zion / Bryce Canyon trip. Our next road trip will be an easy one to Yuma, AZ. We will join the Arizona State Hog Rally. Save these dates; Oct. 24-27.

Thanks,

Barry

**LADIES OF HARLEY, Lulu B.**

**Hello Ladies (and Gents)!!**

**Having missed the LOH meeting, I just want to give a 'BIG SHOUT OUT' to Joyce t. and Raul L. for putting on the April LOH meeting!! Thank you so much! I am sure you all enjoyed "Passenger Riding 101" and "How to pack for a long trip".**

**Joyce promised to keep it PG, but our group loves a good laugh and ya'll probably pushed it to at least PG 13. ;-)**

**I am hoping to hear all about it when I see everyone at El Cajon's BBB one of these Saturday's or at our next LOH meeting.**

**Looking forward to meeting again in May! Until then, Thank you for supporting our LOH each month. You are the "fun" in LOH.**

**Do remember our fallen service members during this Memorial Day.**

**Thanks,  
Lulu**



**With Honor & Gratitude  
We Remember**



### ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE May 2013

Friday, May 3

ECHOG Chapter Meeting, Elk's Lodge @ 6:30PM  
Burn Your Own Steak @ 5:30PM



Saturday, May 4

Cinco De Mayo Poker Run, ECHD @ 9:00AM - 3:00PM

Thursday, May 9

Michael C's 'GAARP' ride, ECHD @ 9:30AM, KSU 10:00AM

Friday, May 10

LOH meeting, ECHD @ 6:30PM



Saturday, May 11

'110th Anniversary Poker Run', ECHD, Registration 9:00AM

Tuesday, May 14

RC Meeting / Rider Zone, ECHD @ 6:30PM

Wednesday, May 15

New Bike Owner's Night Out, ECHD @ 6:30PM - 8:00PM

Thursday, May 16

ECHD 'Bike Night', Down Town Cafe, 6:30PM - 9:00PM

Saturday, May 18

'May Ride', Bigg's HD, Registration 9:00AM - 10:00AM

Saturday, May 25

Borrego Overnighter, ECHD @ 9:30AM, KSU 10:00AM

Monday, May 27

Ft. Rosecrans, Memorial Day Ride, ECHD 7:30AM - 3:00PM

Friday, May 31

Movie Night, ECHD @ 6:30PM - 9:00PM





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### GET WELL CARDS TO H.O.G. MEMBERS

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.

