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## The Director's Chair

Greetings, Everyone!

Well another great month of good friends and good rides. It was great to see so many of you show up for our scavenger ride lunch even though we were rained out. It was a delicious, fun lunch and visiting with you all was great fun. I want to thank everyone who showed up to help out with the Fortuna Safe and Sober Ride. This was not a HOG event, but our HOG chapter will get the recognition for helping out in our community. Thanks, also goes out to some BACA members who were there to help out as well.

For me, this year really seems to be just flying by. It's already spring and with the good summer weather just around the corner, the riding season will be upon us and in full swing. With all the good rides we have planned and all the rides and events that we all love to attend, it will be hard to decide which ones to go to. Or, maybe we should just ride and put off everything else! Whatever we decide, it should be a great summer.

April will be fun-packed with

regular chapter rides and the Poor Man's Poker Run.

I also want everyone to start thinking about our group photo. We will be doing this the same day as our Steel Head Lodge dinner ride. Our friend, Bob Florka has graciously agreed to take the photo for us this year. More details to follow.

I would like to, as always, encourage input from members as to how you would like this group to operate. Be it good or bad, I would like to hear how you think we're doing.

April Fool's Day will be our next general meeting with the CC meeting taking place the following night. Hope to see you all there!

And, See You on the Road!

Dan



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# From The Dealership

## 2009 Officers:

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## April Dealership Events

**Women's Workshop Friday, April 17, from 6:30 – 8:30.** Open to all women—non-riders, novices, experienced riders. Come and bring a friend. Information sessions appropriate for all levels of riding, with a focus on reaching out to women who'd like to learn more about riding or who would like to link with other women who ride. Refreshments and handouts available. Please RSVP to Stephanie, [steph@redwoodharley.com](mailto:steph@redwoodharley.com) or at 444-0111 and RSVP by April 15th.

**Spring Open House and Demo Day Saturday, April 25th.** In-store specials, cake and punch, and demo rides (weather permitting). Remember: HOG members don't have to wait for a special demo day—come in any day that the streets are dry, with appropriate riding gear and proof of insurance, and try out a different model. We currently have a V-Rod Muscle VRSCF, a Night Rod Special VRSCDX, a Sportster 1200 Low, an Electra Glide Classic, a Street Glide, a Dyna Super Glide, and a Rocker FXCW available to demo.

## Message from our Membership Officer, Kathleen O'Neal

Kathleen is taking a well-deserved break this month, but we have:

### The 411 on Google 411

Thanks goes to Tony Newman for submitting the following interesting service from Google that's ideal for bikers and might not be widely known.

Google offers a 411 service that's very easy to use while out and about. You simply dial 1-800-GOOG-411 (1-800-466-4411) from any phone—even a cell phone—and tell the service which business you're trying to find. The service connects you with that business free-of-charge.

Note: Use this service once you've pulled over to a safe place, *not* while riding.

Check out Google's information page on it: <http://www.google.com/goog411>.



## Crescent City Corner

By Glenn & Nancy Anderson

Greeting from the Crescent City Corner!

Helen Dewey, who takes our meeting notes, wasn't able to join us at our last meeting due to an illness. We hope she is feeling better and look forward to seeing her at the next meeting. She was missed.

As usual, we had a great turn-out at the meeting and Phylis and Lyn came up from Eureka to join in on the fun. We are a lively bunch and would love for you to join us (or re-join us if you haven't been to a meeting for a while)! Tony Newman won the birthday drawing. A BIG Happy Birthday goes out to Debi also! Lucky Sandy Cardoza won the 50/50 jackpot.

Our Second Sunday ride was "a wash" due to the rain, so we have decided that we will re-schedule the ride to Gold Beach for our next Second Sunday Ride on April 12th. We will stop at the Indian Creek Resort for lunch. Should be a great ride!

As of this date, we have four members attending the Advanced Rider Course at the Eureka Fairgrounds; Beegle and Jo Beegle, Russ Rose and Bob Dewey. Congratulations to them for choosing to improve their riding skills. All are encouraged to follow their lead.

Del Norte HOGs met with our Humboldt friends on the monthly Saturday CNCHOG chapter ride. Glenn lead the combined group of 39 bikes for a short ride around Crescent City back roads ending up at the Elk Valley Casino for lunch. Bob and Glenn followed Judy and Barry south as far as Hawk Wild in Orick, then returned to Crescent City.

We had a few sunny days this month and got out and rode – Russ and Larry and I took the bike out for a small spin up to the Redwoods. Angle went to McKinleyville and "froze his butt off"; I also spotted him riding around town.

JR took off for a short ride and ended up at the dealership. He met up with Bob and Helen Dewey and joined them for the ride home. We look forward to more back-to-back sunny days and getting out and shaking the dust off.

Regards, Glenn & Nancy Anderson



## Crescent City Poker Run

This year's Crescent City Poker Run will be held on Saturday, June 6th, starting at Elk Valley Casino with stops on the way to Cave Junction and back. Following our return to Crescent City, we will be treated to a wonderful tri-tip barbecue. Again, this year there will be fabulous prizes for our opportunity drawings! There will be a separate drawing for the spectacular quilt that our own Debi Newman has once again offered to create and donate. Thanks, Debi! You can download the flyer and registration form at <http://www.relayforlife.org/eurekaca>, scroll down the left hand side until you see the heading for "Crescent City Riding For A Cure" (also look for it at the meetings.) This run is open to all street-legal motorcycles; we'd love to see you all there!

Proceeds for this event are donated to the American Cancer Society's "Relay For Life. Relay For Life is the major fundraiser, which funds research, education, advocacy, and patient services. I became involved as a team member 14 years ago as a way to remember my friend, Vicki, who had passed away at the age of 28 from cancer. Since then, my Dad was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma at the age of 80; he underwent treatment, and that cancer is in remission. Recently, at age 86, dad was diagnosed with prostate cancer. His experiences with cancer have made me more committed than ever to Relay For Life, and I'm currently the Event Chair for our Relay For Life - Crescent City. That is my "Reason To Relay."

I know that cancer touches each and every one of our lives, and I would love to see our HOGs form a Relay For Life team. The Crescent City Relay For Life is July 24th & 25th. What do you think? If anyone is interested, please e-mail me at [karenredsky@aol.com](mailto:karenredsky@aol.com) or find me at the next Crescent City meeting.

Also, please make plans to join Phil and I at our Gasquet home for the Friday night barbecue on June 5th. We had a wonderful time last year and look forward to hosting our HOGs again this year!

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Haban

# Hogs in Spaaaaaaace! Bowl for Kids Re-Cap

HOGS-IN-SPACE had fun and met the challenge in the Galaxy Bowl, donating \$8100 to NCBBS (with a few more dollars still remaining outstanding). Thanks to all HOGS who donated to your team mates for the benefit of NCBBS.

From The Sunday Times-Standard:

“North Coast Big Brothers Big Sisters Executive Director Monty Nickerson said this year's event drew 240 teams with four to six members each.

Like most everything else, the current fiscal crisis touched the popular fundraising event. Nickerson said this year's team count is down

30 from last year and sponsorships are some \$4,000 to \$5,000 less than 2008.

The hope, he said, is that Bowl for Kids' Sake will bring in \$165,000, but realistically the total may be closer to \$145,000.

“We'll have to scale back if it's that low,” he said.

Still, the organization strives to meet the needs of children ages 6 to 18 who need a mentor. Last year, the organization made 121 matches, but some 25 to 30 children remain on the waiting list.

The biggest need is for Big Brothers, he said. Some of the boys spent 18 months to 2 years on the waiting list.”



# March 2009 General Meeting Minutes

California North Coast HOG  
March 4 General Meeting

Primary Officers Present:

Dan, Jeff, Phylis, Cindy

Discretionary Officers Present:

Glenn & Nancy, Rick C., Pierre, Rachelle, Mark, Cheri, Judy Mitchell-R, Judy F, Kathleen, Liz

Director: 7:15pm Dan opened our March General Meeting.

New Members/Bikes: New Members: Bear H got a '97 Sportster, Eddie Jenness, KO re-introduced Kirstie who proudly announced she got a new Softail Custom by trading in the Sporty

Birthday Drawing: Congratulations to Tony N

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# General Meeting Minutes, Cont.

Announcements: Hawaiian Luau March 20 in Fortuna, a fundraiser for Safe and Sober Graduation: High School: parade at noon, bikes invited; a volunteer/Harley is needed to ride an Elvis impersonator in to River Lodge event.

Asst Director:  
No report

**SECRETARY:**

- 1. St. Jude Radiothon March 5, HOGS are running the phone bank for Rollin/KRED from 8.30 to noon.
- 2. HOGS IN SPACE March 14 7pm -HOG charity NCBBBS

Treasurer:  
We have money; we have Christmas Party Fund money as well.

CCAssts:  
Nancy is proud to announce as published in the March newsletter: Her dad Lou Kimzey is being inducted in to the Sturgis Hall Of Fame this August at Sturgis Rally.  
Second Sunday Ride: March 8 Gold Beach for lunch at Indian Creek Resort.

Membership:  
Kathleen thanked members for continuing renewals with diligence. Please make sure your 'physicians' scrawl' is legible when you enter your e-mail address on your membership forms.

Safety:  
Know your rights as riders and as motorcycle enthusiasts: The insurance companies are "out to get us." One unnamed company is out to pass legislation that will ban all "café style" bikes as statistically they are coming up



as involved in the most/more motorcycle accidents. Please do not ride beyond your abilities. "Ride Your Own Ride." Pierre thanked the "Old Guard" for sharing their experience with newer riders.

Senior Road Captain:  
Rick C. has Road Captain Packets available for those who need them. He thanks members for coming out on the last Chapter Ride and looks forward to the ride on Saturday to CC. More Ride and Have Fun!

Newsletter:  
Thank You everyone for your submissions. Please honor newsletter deadline: the 20 of each month.

- LOH:
- 1. March 14, 10am at Cheri's LOH will start work on a quilt to donate to Socks For Soldiers Auction to be held in November. At 1pm group will go for a ride weather permitting, and do lunch.
  - 2. Tuesdays at Cheri's at 5pm "HOG Bellies" (belly dancing/exercise fun with Deva) is back on.

HWY CLEANUP:  
April 18. Arrive at RHD at 9.30 to watch a Cal-Trans mandated short, informative video, discuss and take a quick test, then Bryan will lead group to Stafford at 10am. Two other dates are penciled in for June and August.

MEMBERS NOTE: If any member would be interested in taking over the position of Highway Cleanup, please see Bryan or tell a Primary Officer. Thanks to Bryan and Donna who have chaired this position for five years.

WEB SITE UPDATE:  
Mark G announced he will be taking over the web site from Rollin T as soon as he gets the software installed and learns a little bit more about it. Please bear with the changes.

Dan thanks Rollin for numerous years volunteering as our Chapter HOG MASTER. It's been about 5 or 6.

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# General Meeting Minutes cont'.

Also thanks to all our Board and member volunteers.

Activities:

1. Calendar for the year's activities available tonight.
2. Chapter Ride March 7
3. March 15 is annual Scavenger Hunt arranged by Kathleen and Kirstie. SIGN UP This is a patched ride, with Lunch at Gallagher's around 2-3pm. RC's to manage the ride: Pierre, Judy, Rick C., Dan, Paul T, Dan L, Barry, and GregO.
4. County Line Run (UBNC-not HOG event) Sun., March 29. Departs The Boiler Room on Broadway, 10am.
5. A reminder: some of our rides that are "overnighters" will depart on Fridays, so be sure to check the dates on the calendar.
6. Judy thanked everyone who is assisting with rides.

RHD:

1. Chrome VISA is triple points for new accounts
2. HOG Discounts: a reminder from RH-D please

respect that this discount is to be used by CNCHOG members only. Thank You

3. New custom back RH-D t shirt is in and looks great-come check it out

4. April 17 is Women's Garage Night from 6.30 to 8.30pm Lots of "how tos" and refreshments; see more info at the RHD web site: [www.redwoodharley.com](http://www.redwoodharley.com)

OTHER:

Barry S invites all to

1. Samoa All-Bikes By The Bay - July 17-18 You can drag race your bike on Saturday: "Run Whatcha Brung."

2. Run to Arizona Bike Week: April 2-7 It will be all-highway miles and long (500 mile) days, Not for inexperienced riders.

Karen - Easter Seals Telethon Coordinator

April 4 is the telethon. Ride your bike right to the set to deliver your pledge.

Tom our "sound man" praised Easter Seals.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted by

Phylis G, Secretary

## LOH Fun!

### Woikin' the St. Jude's Phone Bank.

Kirstie, Kathleen, Cheri, and Phylis worked the St. Jude's phone bank on Thursday, March 5th.

Estimates are that they took in around \$5,000 for St. Jude's while in the studio.

### Quilting for Socks for Soldiers

On Saturday, March 14, LOH members gathered at Cheri Geiser's house to piece together the components of a quilt for "Socks for Solders". It was great fun. Some members ironed fabric, while others cut and still others sewed the quilt



top together, all under the expert guidance of professional quilter, Debi Newman of Debi's Thread Tales. The quilt will be auctioned off in November and proceeds donated to "Socks for Solders".



# Message From Our Safety Officer, PaPa Pierre

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Since 1981, approximately 11 million street bikes have been sold in the United States. The average rider's age has increased from 27 to 41 and the rider population has grown by 7 million.

Our goal at HOG is to train new riders 'how to ride safe'. As a member of the 'Old Guard', I feel our experience and involvement will go a long way in accomplishing that goal.

I, like others before me, have proudly listened to and learned from the experiences and stories of the 'Old Guard', and I will never stop learning from them. Stop, Listen and Learn.

I humbly take the lead road captain position on a ride, especially when I know there are members of the 'Old Guard' behind me who are placing trust in me to do a good job leading them. This is a trust that is earned, not just given. Our road captains and leaders have earned the respect of their fellow riders. We're the safety group, and for now, I am your Safety Officer. As such, I'll always have your safety in mind.

Once again, on one of our last group rides we had a newer rider pass and then cut back in too closely in front of the vehicle they had just passed. Please, when passing vehicles allow at least five seconds when merging back into that lane. When brake lights come on, panic can result, causing a chain reaction on down the line.

Today, I read from *The Bailing Wire*, an article written by Tim Tennimon Sr (Executive Director of Abate) who writes "Education, who is really learning out there? More riders than ever are taking MSF rider training courses, but motorcycle crashes are increasing according to each survey that comes out. I believe safety officers, safety programs and old riders educating new riders help keep all of us thinking about what to do when riding. Education saves lives".

We constantly say, "ride your own ride", never over ride, allow your experience to guide you in your riding ability. You will know what your limits are.

When you show up to a HOG event please leave your problems at home, in the garage or at the shop. When the kick stand goes up, problems go down. You must be thinking of your ride and the things that are happening around you and your fellow riders.

Be safe, think safe, and practice all you learn.

Peace, Love and Happiness,

Papa Pierre

Safety Director


## More Photos!



# Network Center

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# Events Calendar



## April 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1 General Chapter Meeting</b> , 7 pm, Redwood Acres, Turf Room Eureka, CA	<b>2 Crescent City Meeting</b> , 7 pm, Pizza King Restaurant	3	<b>4 Chapter Ride</b> Destination: TBD Arrive early for briefing Depart 10 am from RH-D. Questions? Call Rick at 442-3540
5	6	7	8	9	10	<b>11 LOH at Parasol Arts</b> , Ferndale. Questions? Contact Cheri Geiser at 442-3191.
<b>12 CC Second Sunday Ride.</b> Destination: TBD. Arrive early for briefing. Depart 10 am from fairgrounds	13	14	15	16	<b>17 R H-D Women's Workshop</b> , 6:30-8:30 pm. See the dealership article on page 2 for more information.	18
<b>19 Poor Man's Poker Run.</b> Depart 10 am from RH-D.	20	21	22	23	24	<b>25 RH-D Spring Open House</b> ; See the dealership article on page 2 for more information.
<b>26 BACA 100-Mile Poker Run.</b> Check the BACA Web site for more information.	27	28	<b>29 BOD Meeting</b> , 7 pm at Dan's house.	30	31	

## Last but Not Least

### *Next Meeting 7:00 pm*

April 4, Redwood Acres, Eureka - April 5, Pizza King, Crescent City

Have an April Birthday? Show up at the meeting to be entered into the Birthday drawing!!!



### *Ladies of Harley*

was designed for the women of the group to get involved with HOG. It's for all Harley women whether we ride our own bikes, like to be chauffeured, or have the best of both worlds!

For details or more info,

**Call Cheri  
442-3191**

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