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The Director's Chair

April 2011

A very wet hello to you, Brothers and Sisters!

Time flies with all that has happened this month. Bob from CC brought aerial photos to our Road Captains' meeting, showing the Tsunami damage to the harbor. I thank God it wasn't worse. Our meeting turned out to be very productive and everyone had great input for our rides. Thank you all for showing up.

Our members showed up to St. Jude's telethon, held at KRED with our friend and member Rollin. We raised a lot of money for the hospital. A big thanks to Bernie, Phylis, Tim, Pam, Lyn, and Jackie for representing our HOG group. It was nice seeing the newspaper acknowledgement.

Our Valentine's party, held at Chris and Doralee's Abruzzi Restaurant, had fabulous food, friends, and drinks. All the best. What more could one ask for?

We met up with our members from CC and all followed Bob and Helen to The Hungry Spot in Brookings. The Black Sheep riding group showed up for lunch there as well and rode with us for awhile towards Eureka. They are good Brothers and Sisters and I hope we get to ride with them again. This is what it's all about: you will have more adventures on your Harley than you can ever believe! We have got to get out on the road, ride, and have fun.

Bowl for Kids' Sake: WOW!!! We were told that we would never raise enough money; well, GUESS WHAT! We sure as the heck did, and I am very proud, as you should be. We raised way more than we expected, but I've forgotten the exact amount (and Liz needs my letter for the newsletter now). Thanks to each member and everyone who helped our group reach its goal.

April has a lot going on, so I hope the weather will cooperate. Some of the rides are the HOT DOG RUN, LOH ride to Ferndale, and the Crescent City Sunday ride. We have to remember that our fellow motorcycle groups are having their rides as well. BACCA 100-Mile Run for the children and the Vets ride will be happening. Both are for special people, so please try to attend. We have our activities group work-

ing to plan events and rides coming up as our riding season approaches. If you have ideas, contact Judy or Phylis.

Sorry to see our long-time editor and friend, Liz, taking leave from our newsletter. I have had a fantastic relationship with Liz, ever since she became a member, from riding with Liz, to each month receiving her e-mail reminding us to get our news in for the newsletter. Liz is, and always will be, a friend that motorcycle riding has brought me. This special friendship is shared by all riders, and the strength of the bond that we build, will never be forgotten. Thank you, my friend, for all your hard work, wonderful organization, and prize-winning editing for a very long time.

When you moved, you took the newsletter with you and never missed a deadline, what a commitment to this HOG group. That is way beyond the call of duty, so this is heart-wrenching to say good-bye. I know you are planning rides throughout the highways of this great country and that someday, after a long day's ride, I'll be setting up camp somewhere and I'll hear a "Hey, PaPa what up?" and there you'll be, all smiles and ready with a big old hug. Thank You, Liz from all of your brothers and sisters of the Northern California Harley Owners Group. We will be looking out for you.

Time to go. Rachele needs the computer, as she is still working on the Scavenger Hunt stuff. Looks like more rain. Oh well, we'll see you there.

Peace, Love & Happiness,
Pa Pa Pierre

P.S. Always be (earthquake prepared); have a solid plan for you and your family in the event of an emergency.



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From The Dealership



April is Check Your Helmet Month!

If you don't know how to find your helmet's age, ask us to show you. Because of the useful life of the materials used to construct motorcycle helmets, most manufacturers recommend that you replace your helmet every 3-5 years (depending on the use and the environmental conditions to which your helmet has been exposed or how many times it has been dropped). If your helmet is 6+ years old, it is probable that it will no longer provide adequate protection when most needed. Want to know how to convert your old helmet to an attractive planter? We'll show you how!

New Hours

We've added hours for Spring and are now open Tues-Fri 9 am – 6 pm and Saturdays from 9 am – 5:30 pm. We will resume our 6-day Summer schedule from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Dyno Party

Come check your bike on our SuperFlow Dyno on April 30th from noon to 4 pm. You can get a printout for one run giving you horsepower and torque for only \$25. And, the technical staff will review your results and offer you custom performance packages based on your dyno run, your bike, and your riding preferences.

Mark Your Calendar for Spring Open House!

Spring Open House May 7th, with the usual hot dogs, cake, and punch. Check the store and our Web-site for one-day specials that will be published in late April.

LOH

The March activity for LOH was cancelled due to low attendance. But, April's is sure to be a different story. On April 9th, we will be meeting at Redwood Harley by 9:15 am with a departure at 9:30 am. We have a ceramics party scheduled at Parasol Arts in Ferndale from 10 am until Noon. This event has always had a big turn-out and has been great fun in past years. Parasol Arts has a large selection of ceramics, already fired once from which to pick. Each piece is priced and the price includes all the supplies to decorate, glaze, and the final firing. The final product is usually ready in about a week and one of us returns to pick up all the items. In the past, we have all gone to Ferndale Pizza for lunch and then walked the streets to visit the shops. It's the usual drill: some will ride two wheels and some will drive four, unless it rains, in which case, we will all drive. FYI: Parasol Arts now has a coffee, tea, and cookie snack bar.

Our May trip to Ashland, OR is fast upon us. We leave Saturday morning, May 14th from Redwood Harley. We will have dinner at the Oregon Cabaret Dinner Theatre and see "Holmes and Watson save the World", a musical comedy. If our group numbers fewer than 10, the ticket price is \$35.00 per person. Dinners range from \$16/\$18 to \$24/\$26. The menu changes with each show, so it's not clear at this time what the actual dinner prices will be. If we have a party of 10 or more, the theater offers a group rate, which is a 20% discount off of the General Admission ticket. Also, there is a prepaid Dinner Package available that saves quite a bit. The total per-person for a Group Ticket and Dinner Package is \$60.00 (this includes a 5% Ashland meal tax and 18% gratuity). We need to book as soon as possible to get the best seating available, as this is a small theatre, seating only 135 people total. We're still looking into lodging. There are several good choices, but we need a count of those attending before we know what the rates will be for rooms. Please e-mail me if you're interested. And, I need to know who would be willing to share a room or a car ride. On Sunday, we'll leave in time to meet our local chapter in Cave Junction for lunch at Taylor's and will ride home with the larger group.

Remember that everyone is welcome at LOH events, so come join the fun!

Happy riding!

Kriss B.

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Message from our Safety Officer

Hello, fellow HOG Members! Not much riding lately for me to write about. Seems the rain and muck have kept this fair-weather rider out of the saddle for a couple of weeks. Not that I don't think about it daily while I watch the weather forecasts. Even when I'm on four wheels, I always seem to think of situations that could present potential hazards when riding. For example, I notice where sand and gravel accumulate and the spots where the pavement stays wet longer on the cold but sunny days. When I make a turn in my old truck, I sometimes imagine how differently I would have to adjust my thinking if I were on the bike. Go ahead and laugh all you want; I truly believe that this practice helps me keep a safe outlook as a motorist, regardless of what vehicle I am using.

We all do things that aren't the wisest at times. Even when we know darn well that it's a situation that we shouldn't be in, the dilemma suddenly presents itself. Take driving in someone's blind spot, for example. We all know we shouldn't do it, but dang, I just did it again. A common way that this happens is when we initiate a passing maneuver, fully intending to pass another vehicle on the freeway and somehow can't get past. The car

in front of me just slowed down, and I'm stuck here alongside grandpa doing 62 in the fast lane (aka lane #1). Not where I want to be. I need an escape route but I'm not going to do something more unsafe to cure the problem. And, of course I wasn't following too close. So next time, I will try to more carefully gauge my approach and a more reliable escape before passing on the freeway. Another note to self: don't do that again, you big dummy! ;)

Speaking of escape routes, please keep this in mind before entering an intersection. I commonly see vehicles stuck in the middle of an intersection without an escape route. You can receive a ticket for obstructing the flow of traffic. It's called the anti gridlock law and yes, it's also about safety.

Please keep these things in mind when out there on the open road and watch out for those nasty potholes as well.

Let's always be safe,

Scott O.



March General Meeting Minutes

General Meeting March 2, 2011
Meeting was called to order by Director Pierre at 7:02pm. This week we were in an upstairs meeting room, as the other room was having a new floor put in.

Primary Officers Present – Pierre, Bryan, Mike, and Pam
Discretionary Officers – Mark G., Stephanie P., Rick C., Phylis G., Judy M., Bob & Helen D., Scott O., Judy & Robert F., and Kriss B.

New Bikes and New Members – David B with a '05 Anniversary Ultra Classic, Sandy with a 2011 Street Glide and Dan &

Sonja with an '07 Ultra Classic. Keith D. and Ken M. built a 1954 Panhead from the ground up and took 1st place at the Redding Bike Show. Vern and Linda S. from Crescent City were also in Redding for the bike show with their Ultra Classic Trike.

Birthdays – Ken P. won the certificate

Rides - The Brookings Chapter ride had almost 30 people in attendance.

Cal-Ore – Director Pierre is talking with Cal-Ore and

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General Meeting Minutes, cont'd.

Mercy Air regarding our membership signing up again as a group.

Assistant Director – Bryan reported on the New Member Orientation with seven people in attendance. Bryan also has some DVDs at the Business Meeting. Crescent City – Bob announced the Crescent City Meeting will be tomorrow night.

Dealership – Stephanie reported that as of 3/15, the dealership will have new hours, staying open until 6 pm. Spring is almost here, so be sure to get your bike ready; there are some Spring Specials in the shop. They also have a new tech by the name of Tim Long, so stop by and say hi. There is a special that they are also featuring for a limited time; with a one-time purchase of at least \$300, you get a gift (a nice Harley Cooler Set). Supplies are limited so hurry in to get yours.

Activities – Phylis and Judy reminded everyone about the Bowl for Kids this Friday at 7pm. If you are not bowling, come down and cheer on the other HOG members who are. There will be a chapter ride on 3/5, "Return of the Jetti" (North and South Jetty); March 12th is the Pisces party at Veterans Hall (65th Birthday party for Dirty Dave); March 20th is the Scavenger Ride ending at Somoa Cookhouse. There are Lunch bags and water bottles for sale for anyone who would like at \$5 each. HOT is going to be March 25 – March 27th in Reno for the Primary officers. March 27th will also be the County Line Run with a spaghetti dinner to follow at the Vets Hall in Garberville. The Business meeting will be on 3/30 at Pierre's home and everyone is welcome. April 2nd will be the Run for the Dogs to Bruce and Kathy's home in Shelter Cove. The Chapter dinner to Abruzzi last month had 28 members attending with music and serenading going around.

Senior Road Captain – Rick stated that new riders are more than welcome to talk to anyone if they have any questions. Road Captains from both Eureka and Crescent City will be meeting in Orick at the Palm Cafe on March 13th. Highway clean-up went well on Feb 27th with six members helping. Pierre put on quite the exhibition for passing motorists while cleaning the HOG sign on the northbound 101 when his hat fell off, his vest blew open and his pants went down around his ankles. Wish someone had had a camera!!!

LOH – Kriss went over the planned activities for the next few months with sign-up sheets for the Ashland ride in May and the Lunch and a Movie in March. The Valentine Card making and distribution went very well with over 150 cards being given out. There is also the Parasol Arts function in Ferndale on April 9th.

Webmaster – Mark needs photos for the Web. He also emphasized that any new rider with questions to please ask someone. We were all new riders once. Mark is also looking for someone who might be willing to take over as

Webmaster.

Membership – Rachelle is going to take over the duties of membership after many requests for her to do so.

Safety – Scott went over some of the Vehicle codes from DMV. Phil B. gave a presentation of fixing a flat tire. There is Slime tire sealer. There are kits with plugs and kits with strings, depending on if you have a steel belted tire or a regular tire. Phil used the kit that had plugs and then used C O2 cans to fill the tire with air (you can get these at most bicycle shops) There are specific tubes that go with radial tires, make sure yours is the right one.

50/50 – Sonny won the 50/50 of \$99.

Still looking for someone to fill the position of Editor and Webmaster.

Treasurer – Mike reported that we do have money and that the Christmas fund is at \$255. If you would like any details, please see Mike.

Pam thanked Phylis for taking the meeting minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam P.
Chapter Secretary



Hwy. 36 on AMA's Best Roads List

According to recent press, **Highway 36 from Fortuna to Susanville has been listed as one of the top 15 motorcyclist routes in the country** (as voted by members of American Motorcyclists Association). In fact, highway 36 was voted as *eighth best*. Yep, it's true!

Check out the article in the April issue of *American Motorcyclists Magazine* and a nice little article written by Redding Reporter, Janet O'Neill in the Redding paper, *The Record Searchlight* at:
<http://www.redding.com/news/2011/mar/20/motorcyclist-magazine-revs-up-route-36/>.

Although this is probably not news to the North Coast Hoggies who ride 36 on a routine basis, it's nice to know that this press coverage will likely bring some tourism to the communities along Hwy 36. Every little bit counts. And, for local Hoggies, you can count yourselves lucky that you can ride 36 almost any time you want. Big thanks to Pam P. for the tip on this news. :- D

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More Photos!



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Events Calendar

April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Chapter Ride HOG DOG RUN to The Tides Inn, Shelter Cove Depart: 10am RH-D RC: Mark
3	4	5	6 General Chapter Meeting, 7 pm, Vet's Hall, Eureka, CA.	7 Crescent City Meeting, 7 pm, Pizza King Restaurant	8	9 LOH Ride to Parasol Arts/Ferndale for lunch Depart: 10 am RH-D
10 CC Second Sunday Ride: Griff's, Port Orford, OR Depart: 10am CC Fairgrounds RC: Bob D	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Chapter Ride & Possibly the UBNC w/ Rocky & Possibly the BACA 100-Mile Ride	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Business Meeting, 7 pm at Pierre's house, 1205 S St. Eureka	28	29	30

Last but Not Least

Next Meeting, 7:00 pm

May 4, Veterans Hall, Eureka - May 5, Pizza King, Crescent City
Have a May birthday? Come to 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!

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