



California North Coast Chapter 0212 Newsletter

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The Director's Chair

March 2011

Hello, Brothers and Sisters,

What weather we have had! Rachele and I have managed to go on a couple of rides in this great weather. But, what's up, Al "Global Warming"? Between running a business and going to the doctors in San Francisco, I'm late on my letter and our wonderful editor, Liz, told me it had to be in by the 21st., so if my letter does not make the newsletter, my bad.

Our Board Meeting turned out well; we have lots of activities planned and hope you all will attend. We have Swing Dancing with our own Bryan & Donna happening soon, as is the Return to the Jetty run with Judy & Greg O, and the Going to the Dogs event with Mark; these all sound like fun, so please come on down to Redwood Harley-Davidson and let's all "Ride and Have Fun".

We are almost ready to have H.O.T for this year. We are going to send our officers to Reno, NV to attend and hopefully bring back fresh ways to improve our chapter.

If anyone would like to review the classes that your officers are going to be attending, please ask, and I'll go over them with you. As always, we are looking for new ideas from our group so let us know what is on your minds.

Lastly, I need help with setting up the Scavenger Hunt Ride, so if anyone can help, please call me.

Peace, Love, Happiness
PaPaPierre



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From The Dealership



Spring is coming, and riding season is just around the corner. Schedule your 15-point safety check for only \$35 by calling our Service Department and get ready to ride!

With the return to daylight savings time in mid-March, we'll be open until 6 pm on weekdays, 5:30 pm on Saturdays (starting March 15th). We'll return to Summer Hours (6 days per week) from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

For those who have the opportunity to spend time in our customer lounge, we now have free wireless internet access available for customers. Check at the café table in the lounge or at the Parts counter for the log-in and password information.

Lots of new parts and accessories are now available from the Motor Company! Stop by the Parts counter to see what's new in the Spring 2011 P&A Supplemental Catalog. Take a look at the great new luggage, a really unique speedo/tach combination, new garage storage solutions, and some nice new chrome.

LOH

LOH had a great time at the annual Valentine's card-making party! We made 147 beautiful Valentines. On Saturday, delivery day, we rode our bikes to the health care homes where the residents were happy to see us. Some of them remembered us from last year. We even met a couple of residents that were fellow HOG members and Harley riders in their day. Talk about bringing a smile to someone's face. They may not have ridden in a while, but their memories of riding still bring them joy. This was really a wonderful event in which to participate, and I hope we can continue the tradition. A big thank you and XOXO to all of the HOGs who helped.

March brings another indoor activity. **This month, we will meet on Sunday March 13th for lunch and a movie.** Since we don't have access this far ahead to movie information for that weekend, we will announce the movie choice at the March meeting and send an e-mail out to all members the week of the gathering. By all means, if you have a friend that might like to join us, please feel free to bring them along!

Sneak Peek of Up-Coming LOH Events!

April 9th - Parasol Arts for ceramics and lunch.

May 14th and 15th - we will ride to Ashland and the Cabaret Club for an evening of dinner theatre; the show: "Holmes & Watson Save the Empire," a musical comedy.

Have any questions about LOH activities? Please give Kriss B. a call or e-mail her. Phone: 442-3875; E-mail: krissbui@suddenlink.net

CC Meeting Minutes

Crescent City Meeting called to order by Bob D.

Two members from Eureka, Pierre and Richard, rode up for the meeting; a big thank you goes out to them.

February Birthday was won by Helen

50/50 was won by Mary

Treasurer Report by Cindy: Our balance is \$133.35

Safety by James: "Remember the Boy Scouts motto: Be Prepared! Wear layered clothing and carry rain gear. Know where you are going and check the weather reports prior to leaving.

RIDES:

Jan. 22 - We went to Whale's head for brunch; there were six bikes and nine riders. We called the ride "Garth's birthday ride".

Feb. 3- the Black Sheep ride to Coos Bay; there were nine riders.

Feb. 3 - Pierre got some HOG riders together to ride with the Patriot Guards for a ride to Redding Veterans' Cemetery. This was a very memorable ride.

Feb. 6 - C.C. joined the Eureka ride to Brookings. The Hunger Stop. What a nice day and enjoyment of good friendship. We had 30 bikes and five Black Sheep were waiting for us and rode with us back to CC.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen D.

C.C Reporter



Message from our Safety Officer

Hello, fellow riders. I am amazed at how much great riding weather we have had lately. Of course, as I sit down to share my thoughts, the rain is due any minute now. We always seem to get a little bit of fair riding weather sometime in January and February, but not usually in two-week stretches like this year. I hope that you have been able to get the bike out and enjoy a spin or two.

We went on the chapter ride to Brookings on February 5, and had a great time. I am always impressed when I realize how safely we can ride together as a group. The thing I realized in particular on that day is that it's never a race. Our Road Captain always reviews prior to departure where we will stop next. If the group gets broken up by traffic or a herd of wild elk, we know where to meet up later. In fact, that very thing did happen north of Crescent City. A semi truck merged into the middle of the group of about twenty motorcycles. Since it wasn't a great situation for the rear half of the group to pass, we just hung out until it was safe.

We were able to maintain a comfortable following distance until the vehicle turned off later. Besides, we knew where we were going, and that they would wait for us, if needed. Keep-

ing these things in mind adds to our overall level of safety.

Another habit that I have been trying to establish is checking my gear before mounting up. I can't tell you how many times that I have forgotten to zip up a pocket or a saddle bag. Not a great situation to be "cruzing" along with stuff flying out. Heck, I could lose my favorite scarf. Seriously though, it is very distracting to suddenly realize there's a problem like that when riding. You should always pull over and secure your gear, as it's very hard and might I add, unsafe, to button snaps or pull on zippers when in motion. In that case, I would also expect the sweep Road Captain to give you a little razzing. Remember, you won't be left behind. Note to self: learn from past mistakes.

Keeping it safe requires the right attitude, so check it out.

Hope to see you all out there soon,

Scott O.



Feb. General Meeting Minutes

CALIFORNIA NORTH COAST HOG
General Meeting Feb 2, 2011

Meeting was called to order by Director, Pierre C. at 7pm, and again in our new location at the VFW building located at 1018 H Street. Entrance is on the 10th Street side of the building.

Primary officers present: Pierre C., Bryan R., Mike G., and Pam P.

Discretionary officers present: Nancy A., Rick C., Scott O., Mark G., Stephanie P., Phylis G., Kriss B., Judy R., Bob D., and Bob and Judy F.

New Bikes or Members: None

Birthday Drawing: Won by Kriss B.

Rides: There were a few rides last month: Crescent City, Redding, Brookings and Redway. When there is a chapter ride and the weather could be a factor in cancelling the ride, you can always call the Road Captain to find out the status of the ride before leaving home.

Bowl for Kids: Sign-ups were passed around. We

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General Meeting Minutes, cont'd.

have about 10 people, so if you are not bowling, please donate to someone that is and come down to support your local Kahlua HOGs.

Assistant Director: Bryan R. reported that on Feb. 19th, he will be holding a new-member orientation along with Senior Road Captain Rick C. If you want to participate in the mileage program, be sure to turn your starting mileage in to Bryan. He and Donna will be hosting dance lessons at the VFW Hall starting Feb. 24th. They will have at least three classes at \$5 per person. Singles welcome. Jazz Festival is also coming up.

Treasurers Report: Mike G. reported that we have money in the treasury and that there is money in the Christmas fund. He also passed out the 2011 Budget for review by members.

Membership: Nancy A. reported that we have about 140 members signed up. Remember that the dealership will be purging their system this month of members not renewing, and you will not get your discount unless you renew. This discount is a privilege that Rockey at Redwood Harley has given us. Not all dealerships offer this discount. Nancy also reported that Liz C., our Newsletter Editor will be stepping down, so she needs to turn over the editor position to someone new. She will help with orientation and getting started.

Dealership: Stephanie reported that the new bikes have been released and also some new colors are out. Valentine's Day specials, oil and tire specials. Be sure to check your Cams. They also have a new technician, so stop by and say "hi".

Safety Officer: Scott O. told us about riding in the dark and that according to the Highway Patrol, when driving or riding, for the most reaction time to a problem, you should allow yourself 100 feet distance on low beam. This can be measured on the highway using the center lines, 4 lines represent 100 feet. Be SEEN! Orange or Yellow vests, Reflector patches, extra lights, and reflector bars on the bike. He is looking into a CPR Class for us and also advised not to follow too close.

Photographers: Because they could not attend the Christmas Party, Pierre gave Judy and Bob F. an award (that would have been handed out at the Christmas party) for their service to the HOG group and the wonderful pictures that they have taken over the past year.

Activities: Phylis and Judy told everyone about the chapter ride to Brookings next weekend with Rick C. as lead road captain. They passed around the sign-up sheets for the Valentine's Dinner at Abruzzi on February 13th. St Jude Radiothon is to be held on Feb. 24th; they need about 4 people to volunteer. The Bike Show in Redding, Bowl for Kids sign-up, GregO chapter ride on March 1st to both north and south jetties. Steel head run is May 21st. If you need a motel room, call soon, as the

reservations are on a first-come, first-serve basis. The phone number for the lodge is 482-8145.

Crescent City: Bob D reminded us that tomorrow night is the Crescent City meeting. They went to Whaleshead for brunch last weekend and on May 8th Bob and his lovely wife will be starting a two-week bike trip to Grand Canyon, Death Valley, and beyond. Happy Riding Deweys!

Road Captains: Calling all Road Captains, including Crescent City Road Captains. Rick is putting together a meeting of all Road Captains at the Palm Café in Orick to go over the rules and regulations of being a Road Captain.

LOH: Kriss B gave an update on all of the activities that they have planned throughout the year, so be sure and check your calendar every month.

Highway Clean up: Lynn W. stepped in for Jim to announce the next road cleanup will be on Sunday Feb 27th. Be at dealership by 9:30 am for orientation.

Web Master: Mark stated that the newsletter was on the Web and ready. If you have not received an e-mail from Mark and you signed up, please contact him as he is getting some bounce notices coming back from the e-mails. He sends out an e-mail blast every Wed or Thursday to remind us about what is happening over the weekend.

Other Business: Dave from UBNC, wanted to remind us that the Pisces Party is not a UBNC event, but his, and that the Fry Brothers will be performing. The County Line run is also not a sponsored event by any bike group. There will be a spaghetti feed after the County Line ride at the Vet hall in Garberville. Rocky told us about the concert for Samoa All Bikes Weekend and that it will be held at the end of C Street this year. Shamus T-Bones will be serving dinner and there will be a concert on Saturday night following dinner. Breakfast at Samoa Cookhouse, bike blessing, and poker run on Sunday.

Guests: Steve from Honor Flight was on hand to tell us about this wonderful event that will be happening April 14 through the 17th. The Honor Flight program is taking Vets from all over the States and flying them to Washington DC to see their Veterans Memorial. They have raised over \$20,000 so far but do need more donations. They would also like to have support with a bike and flag escort for the bus coming home from SFO, meeting up with them at the county line. For more information, please go to www.HonorFlightNorCal.org or call Kathrin at 707-677-0490.

50/50: Won by Carl C., and he donated the \$90 to Bowl for Kids. Thank you all!

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam P, Secretary

Photos!



More Photos!



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Events Calendar March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 General Chapter Meeting , 7 pm, Vet's Hall, Eureka, CA.	3 Crescent City Meeting , 7 pm, Pizza King Restaurant AND Swing Dance Lesson at Vets' Hall, Donna & Bryan	4 NCBBBS Bowl For Kids : Mahalo Bowl, 7 pm, Broadway Lanes	5 Chapter Ride –Mystery Arrive 9:30 am at Redwood H-D for briefing & depart 10 AM Road Captain: Judy
6	7	8	9	10 Swing Dance Lesson at Vets' Hall, Donna & Bryan	11	12 Dirty Dave's Pisces Party . Noon to late @ Vets Hall, Eureka \$15 for Pisces \$25 for all else
13 LOH– Lunch and a movie	14	15	16	17 Swing Dance Lesson at Vets' Hall, Donna & Bryan	18	19
20 Chapter Ride: Annual Scavenger Hunt Depart: 10am RHD Lunch ~ Prizes	21	22	23	24	25 H.O.T Reno, NV	26 H.O.T Reno, NV
27 Annual County Line Run Depart: 76 Station/Truck Stop -Broadway 10am	28	29	30 Business Meeting , 7 pm at Pierre's house, 1205 S St. Eureka	31		

Last but Not Least

Next Meeting, 7:00 pm

April 6, Veterans Hall, Eureka - April 7, Pizza King, Crescent City
Have an April 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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