

# HOG LOG

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Paula Wheeler OCHOG Member of the Month



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# **Member Spotlight**

Name: Paula Wheeler.

Nickname: "Aunt Paula".

How long have you been riding a Harley? Co-Riding as a passenger since 2005.

How long have you been riding motor-cycles? Passengering since 2005.

How long have you been an OCHOG member? 2005.

What do you like best about being an OCHOG member? The good friends I've made in membership, the rides, destinations, overnighters, the food, and the meetings!

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# Message from Carlos de Falla, Director



As I was enjoying a nice stogie at Cooks with some of our chapter members, something I am working to enhance as I don't do that very often, I couldn't help to

notice the different number of rockers being displayed by a large number of people. That visual reminded me about a recent article published on the Chapter Officer news, a H.O.G Official Chapter Newsletter. The newsletter made reference to Article X "Trademark License" of the Annual Charter for H.O.G. chapters stating: "The current H.O.G. eagle logo shall be displayed only with the official chapter name, which official chapter name shall be displayed above the H.O.G. eagle logo and within the official H.O.G. chapter chevron."

The plain translation to the above statement simply means that the Harley Owners Group logos you wear on your vests and jackets are intended to be worn with only one rocker—a top rocker displaying your

chapter name. Wearing a lower rocker conflicts with the trademark license granted with the Charter.

There was another reason for this "Trademark License" being brought up: The vests and jackets of people wearing lower rockers may become objects needed by "prospects" of other (three-patch) motorcycle clubs as a requirement for membership. There is an agreement between H.O.G. and many other motorcycle clubs that as long as we don't authorize use of lower rockers our vests and jackets will not be removed from our members.

Not something that most of us do anyway, but the message is plain and simple. Since H.O.G. won't authorize a chevron to go below the large H.O.G. patch, respect the above agreement to avoid putting yourself in conflict with those clubs wearing lower rockers. Proudly wear the H.O.G. logo and your chapter chevron—don't wear a lower rocker!

See you on the road! Carlos de Falla Director



# Kim Stoldt **Assistant Director**



Cool Rides

The sun has set on summer and has risen on the colder weather riding season so it's time for us to start thinking about how to protect ourselves from freezing our gas on the

pass. To understand how to protect ourselves from the cold, we need to consider how our body works. Our body burns food to generate heat as it pumps blood throughout in order to maintain a near constant central core temperature. Blood vessels near the surface of the skin give off body heat to the air. If our core temperature begins to change our body attempts to correct it. A core temperature that is too cold is called hypothermia and only a couple of degrees below normal can be life threatening.

When the body senses a drop in core temperature, its automatic reaction is to shut down the blood flow to the "less important" parts in order to protect the vital organs. So our bodies will sacrifice our fingers and toes (extremities) to save our kidneys, heart, and liver. What we sometimes forget is the head and thus the brain is considered an extremity so when the body reduces blood flow, the head becomes part of the equation. So as you become hypothermic; your woozy brain may not recognize what is happening.

The hazard for motorcycle riders is that a cold oxygen depleted brain reduces your ability to think clearly and may cause you to make silly mistakes. Maybe you forget to put your foot down when you stop the bike or you ride off the road onto the shoulder as you laugh at the result. In a hypothermic state, a rider can make Keep the rubber to the road. some very serious errors in judgment.

One of the most important defenses against hypothermia is to insulate the neck and head because if left unprotected can cause you to lose up to 50% of your body heat. Your carotid arteries are located on both sides of your neck and they provide your brain with warm oxygenated blood. The downside is these big (Continued on page 6)

# **Ladies of Harley** From Carolynne Schley



Hi all Hog members. I was so happy I won the women's best of show, at the bike show put on by the O. C. Harley Davidson Dealer, but I had no competition. I know that there are a few women in our club who ride and that could have put

their bikes in the show and could have given me some competition. I'm proud of my bike and I'm sure all you ladies are also, so get those cleaning supplies out next year, get your bikes all shinnied up and get them in the show.

This year is going to be a great year for the L.O.H. Chili Cook-off. I have all 12 spots filled, so we'll have a lot more chili to taste and more competition for us veteran chili cookers.

So all members don't forget to come to the LOH Chili Cook-off on Saturday, October 24th, after the new member ride. Tell your family and friends too!

Thank you for supporting your club at the meeting; by buying dinner and raffle tickets you all make it possible to have a meeting place and great raffle prizes. So come to dinner Thursday, October 22nd, at 6:00 PM at the Elks Lodge in Santa Ana and see all your riding friends, buy raffle tickets, enjoy the informative meeting, have some tasty birthday cake for the October birthdays and you never know, you might go home with a few raffle prizes.

See you then.

Have fun, stay safe.

Carolynne Ladies of Harley loh@ochog.org (714)633-2900

# September 24, 2009 - The HOG Blog from Cindy



#### Welcome

- Director, Carlos de Falla, called the monthly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Jean Pence led us in the pledge of allegiance. Carlos introduced guests Gary Meisner and Chris Meisner from the Dealer.
- Current officers Kimmie Stoldt (Assistant Director), Ron Browning (Treasurer), Cindy Blaylock (Secretary), Drew Hartanov (Head Road Captain/Webmaster), Mike Warren (New Member/Activities), Carolynne Schley (LOH), and Chris Robinson (Safety) were also introduced by Carlos.

#### **Dealer News**

- Gary Meisner announced the winners from the Dealer's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Bike Show on September 19, 2009. They included: Pat Nelsen (Best in Show), Del Clanton (2<sup>nd</sup> place in Stock Touring), David Skillicorn (2<sup>nd</sup> place in Custom Touring), Dennis Cherewick (2<sup>nd</sup> place non-Harley), and Carolynne Schley (Best in Show Women's). Congratulations!!
- Gary reminded everyone of the great deals to be found at the Dealer's "End of Summer" parking lot sale on September 26<sup>th</sup>, and the "Cruisin for the Good Life" ride on September 27<sup>th</sup>, benefiting Orange County fallen peace officers, fire fighters, and their families.
- Gary announced that the Dealer has tickets for sale for the flat track event to be held at the Pomona Fairgrounds on October 24, 2009, as part of California Bike Week. Grandstand tickets are \$30 and box seat tickets are \$40.
- Gary asked that anyone who has a VIP card with an expiration date turn it in at the Dealer, where your balance will be transferred to a new card that has no expiration date. Shopping anyone???

#### **New Members**

Carlos welcomed new members Gary Wertz and Jerry Lissiter, who each shared what they ride and how long they have been riding. Their pictures were then taken by Eddy Kohlenberger, who happened to have his camera with him, for inclusion in next month's HOGLOG.

#### Recognition

Carlos presented 10 raffle tickets to Michele Pangle for writing a recent HOGLOG article about the Big Bear overnighter.

#### **Presentations and Announcements**

Member Steve Allmand announced that the Black Sheep Harley Davidsons for Christ ministry provided shoe shines at the September 19<sup>th</sup> Dealer Bike Show and is contributing their "tips" to our Chapter's annual CHOC toy drive. Thank you, Black Sheep, for your service and contribution.

- Carlos announced he is still working with CHOC representatives to identify a plan for the annual CHOC toy drive. The toy pick up ride will be held as usual and Carlos will report on the status of the toy delivery ride as soon as he has details.
- Carlos asked that anyone interested in attending the State Rally in Roseville, contact him at the break. If anyone is interested in a Rolling Rally beginning in Jamestown, contact member Bill Davis.
- Assistant Director Kimmie Stoldt made a presentation worthy of a detective novel entitled "What About Harley?" – about the involvement and eventual departure of the Harley family from the Motor Company.
- Activities Officer Mike Warren provided a short recap of recent rides: the September 9<sup>th</sup> Dinner ride (where Dealer Ray Malzo joined about 30 bikes for dinner at Cucina Alyssa in Huntington Beach); the September 12-13<sup>th</sup> Big Bear Overnighter (Mike counted 46 people out by the jacuzzi, including Ginger Clapper and the Lombardos, who provided awesome snacks) and the September 20<sup>th</sup> San Clemente destination ride (where we rode almost 140 miles to go about 20 miles!).

Mike also previewed upcoming events and rides: the September  $26^{th}$  New Member Ride and Chapter Photo; the October  $3^{rd}$  3 diamond ride to Idyllwild; the October  $10^{th}$  3 diamond brunch ride to Lake Henshaw; the October  $18^{th}$  2 diamond breakfast ride to Banning; and the November  $4-8^{th}$  4 diamond ride to Bisbee-Tombstone.

Mike also reminded everyone to save the date - December 19, 2009 – for our annual Holiday Party. Signups will begin at the October meeting and continue to the November meeting.

• LOH Officer Carolynne Schley reminded everyone of the upcoming Chili Cook-Off on October 24, 2009, after the New Member ride. Carolynne currently has 8 contestants signed up to fire up your taste buds and would like more. Awards will be given for first through third place winners! This is your chance to double the beans in your favorite recipe and get even with all you fellow riders!!

#### Reminders

- Carlos encouraged everyone to have dinner at the Elks Lodge before our monthly meetings. The large meeting room is provided to us at no charge if enough dinners are purchased – so come hungry and come early !!
- Carlos reminded everyone to buy raffle tickets, caps, and t-shirts at the monthly meetings. Proceeds go towards our holiday party. If your budget doesn't allow you to buy raffle tickets, write a HOGLOG article and get 10 free raffle tickets. Chapter baseball caps are also available for sale at the rear table at monthly meetings. If you don't have your name on a rocker or pin, please

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arteries are close to the surface of the skin and can radiated a lot of heat (heat loss) unless they are covered. The liners in the helmet we wear behave similarly to a Styrofoam ice chest and help insulate our head. But it's important to shut the gap between the helmet and the collar on the jacket. Neck protectors like a neck warmer, a heavy bandana, or a balaclava should also be worn.

Electric gear is also useful in keeping the core organs and extremities warm, however this should only be a supplement not a replacement to insulation. A little fuse or electrical failure, especially if you're riding in a remote area where there aren't any warm places readily available, can leave you freezing.

If you are going to be on the road all day in cold weather, plan rest breaks to warm up and refuel your body. If you take a break inside a warm building, spend enough time to get warmed, refueled, and rehydrated. It may take a half hour or longer if you spent too much time in the cold since your last break. If you're still shivering, that's a sign your core is bordering on the cold side and more warm up time is needed before continuing. This may come as a surprise, but the weather doesn't have to be freezing for someone to become hypothermic. Hypothermia can occur when riding in temperatures of 50 degrees Fahrenheit.

What can you do if you find you're freezing your gas on the pass and there are no warm indoor facilities available? Take steps to conserve your heat while you're still shivering and still able to think clearly. You may need to make a U-turn and head back to that small town you just rode though a few miles back. A pair of socks worn over your gloves will help keep your hands warm and an extra shirt can be wrapped around your neck. If you are carrying rain gear, you can put it on for a little extra insulation or stuff newspaper in your leathers. If you spot a rest stop, you could check to see if it has an electric hand dryer to use to warm yourself up. A washateria is a great place to take a break while your gear is warming in the dryer. Whatever you do, don't keep riding hoping you'll survive; take steps to conserve that important

core heat.

So how do you recognize symptoms of hypothermia? If you or your ride buddy appear to be confused, can't stay awake, are irritable, have slurred speech, attention loss, or start making silly riding mistakes, those are signs that hypothermia is setting in. Shivering is a good sign because it means your body is still trying to generate more heat. When the shivering stops in cold conditions that means you're in trouble. You may start to feel relaxed and peaceful as you lose muscle coordination and judgment. When you recognize the symptoms in yourself or others get help immediately. The top priority is to get the person warmed up. If you are outside in an exposed location, get the person out of the wind, cover him or her with whatever insulation you can find and have a volunteer share body heat while you wait for an emergency response team to arrive. If you don't have cell phone service and can't call 911 consider flagging down a passing vehicle to ask for help. Truckers can be especially helpful in remote areas as they have CB radios equipped with emergency channels.

So bundle up on those cooler days so you don't run the risk of lowering your core temperature. And remember "Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment." *Texas Bix Bender* 

Happy Trails! Kim Stoldt



#### Hog Call from Cindy, Chapter Secretary

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order one from Ron Browning at the rear table at any monthly meeting.

#### Closing

After a short break to celebrate members' September birthdays and partake of cake, Carolynne raffled off the prizes in our opportunity drawing. Carlos closed the meeting with a thank you to everyone for attending and a reminder to "Ride, Eat and Have Fun ... Safely!"

#### **Cindy's Reminders**

Please remember that raffle prizes cannot be exchanged at the Dealer for cash or store credit. You may exchange shirts for the correct size if the Dealer has your specific shirt size available.

Please refer to the ride calendar on the website for the most up to date information regarding Chapter and Dealer events, rides, meeting places, maps to meeting places, and departure times. You can also download our Chapter newsletter, the HOGLOG, from the website <a href="www.ochog.org">www.ochog.org</a>. For questions about advertising in the HOGLOG or to submit ride articles, contact the Chapter Editor, John Coon at <a href="mailto:editor@ochog.org">editor@ochog.org</a>.

To submit ride photos of Chapter rides, please send your photos to our Photographer, John Coon, at <a href="mailto:ridephotos@ochog.org">ridephotos@ochog.org</a>. Don't forget when taking photographs to set your camera at a 640 x 480 format.

Please join us on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month for the Orange Coast HOG Chapter meeting. Our next meeting is on **Thursday**, **October 22**, **2009**. Dinner is served beginning at 6:00 p.m. and our meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

#### 2010 Chapter Membership Renewal Time

It's time to renew your chapter membership for 2010. Membership dues are \$24.00 and the 2010 membership form can be downloaded from our Chapter Website at <a href="https://www.ochog.org">www.ochog.org</a>. Membership forms will be available at the November 2009 and January 2010 Chapter meetings.

I will be accepting checks for membership renewal and Holiday Party reservations at the November meeting. I must have separate checks for your membership, your party payment and your party deposit – please see the Holiday Party announcement in the HOGLOG.

The membership renewal deadline is January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010. If your renewal has not been received by that date, your membership will revert to an inactive status and you will not receive Chapter communications or have access to the Chapter website. In order to join or renew as a member of our Chapter, you must hold a current National H.O.G. membership and be a member in good standing.

You also need to keep your national status current during 2010. Why? Joining a local Chapter is one of the many benefits of the National H.O.G. membership, and in return, the Harley Owner's Group supports local Chapters through our Primary Officer's Training, publications, handbooks, general liability insurance, and a variety of other resources and supplies helpful in successfully running our Chapter.

Please remember to completely fill out the 2010 membership form including your H.O.G. membership number, expiration date, and make sure your email address is current and legible. Each National H.O.G. number is individual and cannot be shared by friends, families, and/or spouses. An individual may obtain their own number by being sponsored by an owner of a Harley-Davidson motorcycle who is a current member of National H.O.G. In order to join and receive a National H.O.G. card, contact National H.O.G. by calling 1.800.CLUB.HOG or by visiting <a href="https://www.hog.com">www.hog.com</a>. Have the owner's VIN and a credit card ready.

If you have any questions regarding the membership process, please contact me by email at <a href="mailto:secretary@ochog.org">secretary@ochog.org</a> or feel free to see me at the Chapter meeting.

Thank you! Cindy Blaylock, Secretary



# San Clemente Destination Ride--Sunday, September 20, 2009 By Larry & Kathi Somers

It had been a long week and I needed to free myself from the anchor that is work. The early morning fog

morning, however, it was too early for most of the sport bikes.



The ride over Ortega is always best in the early morning, before the hot afternoon sun that makes me think Hell's Kitchen is the perfect name for this local eatery.

The sight of Lake Elsinore always reminds me that we are near the end of the

highway. Seeing it from the heights of Ortega always makes me think of the view from an airplane window.

After a pleasant ride through the back roads, we finally arrived at our destination, the OC Tavern in San

made the sky look gray. Patches of blue were starting to appear as Kathi and I mounted my Road King Classic and hit the road.

The highway was almost empty as we headed for the

Sand Canyon meeting spot. A long ribbon of black asphalt and the cool, moist, early-morning air reminded me of what I love about riding. I cranked open the throttle and the 96-cubic-inch V-Twin started to purr as I positioned my feet on the road pegs.

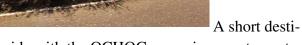
Twenty minutes later we arrived at Sand Canyon to the sight of many friends and, to our pleasant surprise, one of our neighbors, who had just joined the group in August.

After many warm greetings, we saddled up and headed toward Ortega, the 26 bikes in our group led by Tom Clapper. I have a love/hate feeling for this



Clemente. The place was packed with football fans watching the game, but there was still plenty of space for our group on the patio dining area. We had a great time socializing with all the group members, eating a

hearty lunch (or breakfast...we were actually still in time for breakfast service), and then taking our leave to head on home.



highway. It's a beautiful and exhilarating ride, but too many insane crotch rockets spoil some of the fun. This

nation ride with the OCHOG group is a great way to spend a Sunday morning!

# ON THE "WILD" SIDE - October 3<sup>rd</sup> Ride to Idyllwild by Elizabeth & Bob Geer

It was a beautiful, just barely chilly, clear morning when about 39 bikes and a few more passengers gathered at the "usual" parking lot at Weir Canyon and the 91 freeway for an exhilarating day of riding from the valleys to the mountains and back. Off we went, right on time, east on the 91 and south on 15 to quickly ditch the freeways and head out on picturesque Cajalco Road.

The early morning mist was nestled in the mountain crevasses and reflected the just rising sun. The San Jacinto valley was clear and fresh with beautiful scenery ahead of us. THEN, there it was--- that amazing unmistakable aroma wafting through the air. Yep, it's cows in the feed lot!! What would a motorcycle ride be like without some good old grass, hay and manure scents? Us city folks want to feel like we're out in the country once in a while. The cows watched us from between their head bars while we turned north toward Beaumont. Then those last 10 noisy bikes sent about 30 cows running for their lives away from the road. What was it about those last 10?? Who knows.

We head down the freeway ramp to re-enter the freeway, and WHAT IS THIS? A CHP officer stops our entire group and holds us on the ramp. Have we been bad? Are we all getting tickets for hassling the cows? No. The freeway has been cleared to make way exclusively for some other bikers doing a memorial ride—we think for fallen officers, but we were never able to get the exact designation of the event. So we waited and watched as about 200 bikes flew by, sans cars, spread way out in no formation for about 2 miles. In contrast, I love the way we ride together in an organized pack. It is pretty impressive to ride at the back and see all of the bikes ahead of you.

Then we were off to Banning for a pit stop and a ride through the town. NOT! We pulled out of the Shell and saw the banner over the street proclaiming "Stagecoach Days," and in just one block we were stopped for the ongoing parade. Too bad we didn't call ahead. We could have been an impressive part of that parade. So everyone got to practice their u-turns, and we were on the freeway again and soon turning off on highway 243 to go up, up and away to Idyllwild. It was just beautiful, crisp and clear air as we zig-zagged up to our final altitude of 6000 feet. The bikes were in a perfect serpentine line, enjoying all the twisties and the scenery on all

sides. Hey, did you know that 1MNGENE looks Imogene from a distance?

We had the pleasure of riding behind a fantastic lady rider with a blond pony tail. Sorry we didn't get her name, but her license plate is OMAS HD. Who is this excellent mystery rider? She stayed in perfect formation, took every twisty tight

and stayed right with the riders in front of her. I only dream of being a rider like that while I take my naps on the back in my cushy touring passenger seat

There it is – Idyllwild. We're already here in the fragrant pines, perfect mountain warm temperatures and glistening blue sky. We scatter to parking places in the main center of town and quickly find out that the favorite Jo An's Restaurant is temporarily closed for "inadvertently" serving booze to a minor (according to a local). It is to reopen in about 30 days. So, the Red Kettle Café got many votes as we piled in for a fantastic breakfast. Carlos and Nancy along with Jim and Cindy did musical tables there. First the bar, taking four seats, and then realizing one wasn't available. Then to a nearby table moving all of their settings. THEN, WHAT? They moved again to another table. It's a good thing we left soon, or they would have tried every table in the house.

With just enough time to run across the street and order some nice fleecy moccasins, we were soon loading up and on our way winding down the mountain again and on to Temecula. The cool air and warm sun made this a perfect day to ride, and this destination could not have been better. It really got us in the fall mood, and being in the mountains without snow is just right for southern Californians.

We reached the final pit stop about 2:00 pm, and a few of the group scattered, most continued over Ortega, and we heard rumors of the die hards going on to Cook's. Sometimes you just never want a ride to end. This was one of those!

Elizabeth and Bob Geer

Member(s): Guest(s): October 2009

### **OCHOG Holiday Celebration**

# OCHOG Holiday Celebration

Saturday, December 19, 2009

#### Phoenix Club

1340 S. Sanderson Ave. • Anaheim, CA 92806 • 714/563-4166

Cocktail Attire

Reception: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Dinner: 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Dancing: 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

#### Dance to the music of Invisible Touch

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| Menu                                    |          |
| Please check your menu choice(s):       |          |
| □ Roast Prime of Beef                   | □ Salmon |
| □ Roast Prime of Beef                   | □ Salmon |
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| Reservation                             |          |

Make your reservations with this form at the October and November chapter meetings, or by mail

| • | OCHOG Member(s): To guarantee your attendance, make your reservation with a payment           |
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|   | of \$15.00 and a deposit check in the amount of \$45.00 each. Your deposit check will be      |
|   | returned to you at the door the night of the event. Deposit is forfeited if you don't attend. |

| OCHOG Member Name: |  |  | <br> |
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| OCHOG Member Name: |  |  |      |

 OCHOG Guest (s): OCHOG member pays for guest (s). To guarantee guest attendance, please make a separate check in the amount of \$60 to reserve a seat for each guest.

OCHOG Guest Name(s):



Cancellation Deadline: December 7
Cancellations after this date are non-refundable

To make your reservations by mail, make your checks payable to OCHOG and send to: Cindy Blaylock - 23 Via Abrazar - San Clemente, CA 92673

# **Member of the Month (continued)**

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Describe your fantasy Harley: An AUTOMATIC & reverse gear TRIKE with lots of chrome & custom flame paint job!

Current Harley: Ken "Noodles" Screaming Eagle 2007 Ultra Classic.

Why did you choose your current Harley? Ken "Noodles" got a great deal on E-Bay from a Canadian seller!

Annual Mileage? 10,000-15,000.

Where do you live? San Clemente.

What do you do for a living? Real Estate Agent and Traveling Notary Public.

Describe what you enjoy about motorcycling? The closeness that I feel with my partner. The shared experiences with my friends.

What are your favorite rides? Sequoia-Kings Canyon overnighter; Joshua Tree; Dal-Con; ALL OF THEM – SILLY!

Most memorable Harley experience? Monument Valley, Utah. Bullfrog (Lake Powell), Utah. Zion & Bryce Canyon.

Describe your fantasy Harley trip? Sturgis.

What is your favorite type of riding? Long trips, sweeping turns and twisties, and coastline.

What is your least favorite type of riding? Freeways – especially in hot weather.

Anticipated Trips for 2009 or 2010? Bisbee, Arizona. Anywhere's the group going in 2010, we'll be there too!

Anything else you would like to share? If I hadn't met Ken "Noodles" – I probably wouldn't be having this Harley experience. Thank you, Ken "Noodles"!

# Wet Weather Riding

Fall and Spring are particularly wet seasons in most parts of the country, but that's no reason to leave your Harley parked in the garage, especially if you are equipped with the proper riding gear and knowledge. Riding in the rain can even be fun if you are wearing the right kind of water-repellant apparel and know what to look out for on the road.

Roadways are the most slippery for the first 15 minutes after a rainfall begins, as that is when oil and other debris that has accumulated on the road during dry times rises to the surface and starts to run off. If you can't pull over and wait out those first few minutes of a rain shower, the following strategies can help you keep upright and safe on wet surfaces.

The center of the traffic lane generally has the greatest buildup of oil, anti-freeze and brake fluid that has dripped from passing cars, so try to follow the right or left tire tracks of cars in front of you.

Since roads are designed to slope to the edges to facilitate runoff, the area closest to the centerline is less likely to accumulate puddles and has less oil, though the downside is that it puts you closer to oncoming traffic and exposed to more spray from passing cars. Riding too far to the right has its own dangers, however, such as dirt turning into mud, or wet leaves and other roadside debris. Don't ride too close to the center paint strip, nor to the outside fog line, as such painted surfaces get especially slippery when wet! Be on the lookout for potholes, which when full of water look the same whether they are an inch deep or deep enough to swallow your front tire. Scan ahead for rainbows in standing water, as this indicates a high concentration of petroleum.

Intersections are dangerous territory since there is more oil accumulation from cars idling while waiting for a light to turn, and can have more painted surfaces such as crosswalks as well. Adding to the challenge, manhole covers are more likely near intersections and they also become much more slippery when they are wet. Remember too that pulling up to a pump at a gas station is more treacherous in wet conditions since not only do you have the liquid dripping from cars as they

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# **Our Newest Members**



**Gary Wertz** 



**Jerry Lissiter** 

## **New Members**

Steve Whisler Dominic Vallez Ruth Burke Robin Pugh Joel Pugh



# **November Birthdays**

Andrea Quinlan
Biff Denney
Bill Fraze
Bill Lendin
Carlos De Falla
Carolyn Appelt
Charles Walk
Cherise Everett
Dan Hilton
Dave Loomis
Diane M. Williamson
Donald Mcnatty
Dwight R. Haggard
Edward Pallotta

Elizabeth Geer
Eric Hall
Gary Tucker
George Grimm
Georgina Anderson
Jack Hearn
Jack Motley
James J. Pessy
Jim Lombardo
Ken Nodelman
Ken Rands
Lee Blake
Linnea Ruehl

Luis O. Torres

Mark Sligar
Michael (Mick) Stell
Richard Rahe
Rick Grunbaum
Rick Ohl
Rick O'reilly
Robert "Bear" Forfar
Ron Pessy
Roth Burts
Sgt. Paul J. Henneberry
Shari Lords
Steve Sinclair
Steven R. Miller
Terry Lane

# Wet Weather Riding (continued)

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fuel up, but the surface is usually smooth concrete and may have gas and diesel spills from the pump. Now that you are aware of the potential traps for motorcycles during inclement weather, the next step is to safely maneuver through or around them. Riding a motorcycle in slick conditions requires the rider to make every movement s-m-o-o-t-h. Slow down and concentrate on making each input into the bike gentle and gradual. Try to avoid turning the bike while you are passing over obstacles. Reduced traction could cause you to slide. Don't panic if the rear wheel slides a little. It may not feel stable, but as long as the front tire is going where you want it to, physics will hold the bike up.

Lastly, keep in mind that riding in wet, cold conditions physically exhausts you more quickly, so if you start feeling achy or chilled, don't hesitate to pull over and grab a cup of hot coffee and take a breather. Numb fingers and chattering teeth are distracting, and a distracted rider isn't a safe rider.

With winter coming on, these tips apply to riding in snow and ice as well as in rain. Though it's best to avoid riding in any wet, slippery conditions, if you travel there may be times when you get caught unexpectedly, but at least you'll be prepared and know what to look for – and look out for.

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# ORANGE COAST CHAPTER RIDE CALENDAR October 2009 - January 2010

#### **Ride Codes:**

M - MEMBERS: For OCHOG Chapter members only + one guest on the member's bike
 C - CLOSED: For OCHOG Chapter members + one guest on a Harley-Davidson motorcycle

O - OPEN: For Chapter members, National HOG members and other guests

#### **Riding Skill Requirements:**

- ♦ **BASIC** = 1,000 riding miles required and experience at going over Ortega Highway or similar twisty roads. Comfortable riding on freeways.
- ♦ ♦ INTERMEDIATE = 5,000 riding miles required and experience at riding highways and twisty back roads.
- ♦ ♦ ADVANCED = 10,000 riding miles required and skilled at riding long distances and lengthy twisty roads.

  Must be able to keep up with the group.
- ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ **EXPERIENCED** = Highly developed riding skills required to ride up to 500-mile days at sustained highway speeds,

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| Skill Level   | <u>Date</u> | Day(s)               | Code | Ride Description   |  |
| October 2009  |             |                      |      |  |  |
| N/A           | Oct. 22     | Thursday             | 0    | Orange Coast H.O.G. Meeting  Elks Lodge, 212 Elk Lane, Santa Ana – Dinner at 6:00 p.m. –  Meeting at 7:00 p.m.   |  |
| •             | Oct. 24     | Saturday             | C    | New Member Ride & CHILI COOK-OFF Basic riding skills required. Meet at OCHD Dealer for New Member orientation at 9:00 a.m. Leave at 9:30 a.m. for short ride, and then back to Dealer for some GOOD 'OL CHILI TASTING. Old Timers are welcome. 60 miles  |  |
| November 2009 |             |                      |      |  |  |
| ***           | Nov. 4 -8   | Wednesday-<br>Sunday | C    | FIVE DAY OVERNIGHTER – RAIN OR SHINE Bisbee-Tombstone Experienced-riding skills required for a 500-mile day at sustained highway speeds, and ability to handle a variety of twisty roads. Must be able to keep up with the group. Meet at Capistrano Playhouse for a 6:30 a.m. departure. 1500 miles |  |
| **            | Nov. 15     | Sunday               | С    | Rainbow – Rainbow Oaks Intermediate riding skills required for freeway riding and back roads. Meet at Sand Canyon for an 8:30 a.m. departure. 150 miles  |  |
| N/A           | Nov. 19     | Thursday             | 0    | Orange Coast H.O.G. Meeting  Elks Lodge, 212 Elk Lane, Santa Ana – Dinner at 6:00 p.m. –  Meeting at 7:00 p.m.   |  |
| •             | Nov. 21     | Saturday             | C    | New Member Ride Basic riding skills required. Meet at OCHD Dealer for New Member orientation at 9:00 a.m. Leave at 9:30 a.m. for short ride, and then back to Dealer for Hot Dogs and Soda. Old Timers are welcome. 60 miles   |  |

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|                        | November 2009 |                     |      |  |  |  |
|                        | Nov.<br>28/29 | Thursday-<br>Sunday |      | THANKSGIVEN WEEKEND  |  |  |
| December 2009          |               |                     |      |  |  |  |
| •                      | Dec. 11       | Friday              | C    | Annual Toy Pick-up from contributing schools Basic riding skills required. Departure from <u>Watson's Drug Store</u> at the Orange Circle at 7:40 a.m. to visit 5 school campuses to pick-up toys in support of our CHOC Toy Run. Breakfast is available at Watson's Drug at 6:30 a.m. |  |  |
| **                     | Dec. 13       | Sunday              | C    | Crestline Intermediate riding skills needed for freeway riding and twisty back roads. Meet at It's a Grind for an 8:30 a.m. departure. 200 miles   |  |  |
| N/A                    | Dec. 19       | Saturday            | C    | OCHOG Annual Holiday Party The Phoenix Club, 1340 S. Sanderson Ave., Anaheim. 6:00 p.m. to 11 p.m. – Our Annual end of year party to celebrate the year, the Holidays and our Harley Family  |  |  |
| January 2010           |               |                     |      |  |  |  |
| **                     | Jan. 9        | Saturday            | C    | Barona Intermediate riding skills required for freeway riding and twisty back roads. We will meet at <u>Capistrano Playhouse</u> for an 8:30 a.m. departure. <b>200 miles</b>  |  |  |
| **                     | Jan. 16       | Saturday            | C    | Chino Breakfast Ride – Flo's Intermediate riding skills required for freeway riding and twisty back roads. We will meet at It's a Grind for an 8:00 a.m. departure. 100 miles  |  |  |

#### Meeting Places:

- **Dealership** Orange County H-D, 8677 Research Dr., Irvine
- Capistrano Camino Real Playhouse Corner of Ortega Hwy (Hwy. 74) and El Camino Real.
- Sand Canyon Sand Canyon Exit and I-5, parking lot in front of Tia Juana's
- It's a Grind (Old Home Expo Parking Lot) Tustin Ave. and La Palma Ave. off the 91 Freeway
- Elk's Lodge Exit 1st / 4th off the 5 freeway; cross streets are 1st & Elk's Lane in Santa Ana (Monthly Meetings)

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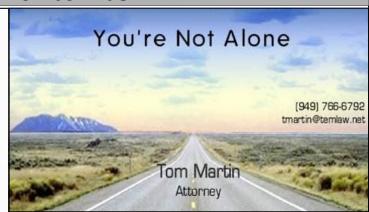


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