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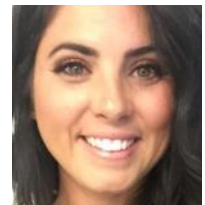
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Hello awesome HOG members! Did you know the Friday after the chapter meeting is HOG Happy Hour and the Saturday Block Party after the new member ride is the HOG Block Party? Be sure to participate in these events! It's a great opportunity to meet other HOG riders! We are in full swing with the RIDE365 program again for 2019! Don't forget to stop by the dealer and have your miles logged by any OCHD employee! Let's win #1 again for 2019! IWAR is rounding the corner, reach out and volunteer if you can, we need you to make this a HUGE success! Until next time, keep riding friends!

Ride safe!

Jenn Hornacek

Marketing Manager
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Editor's Note

All for one - one for all!

By Michael Greco

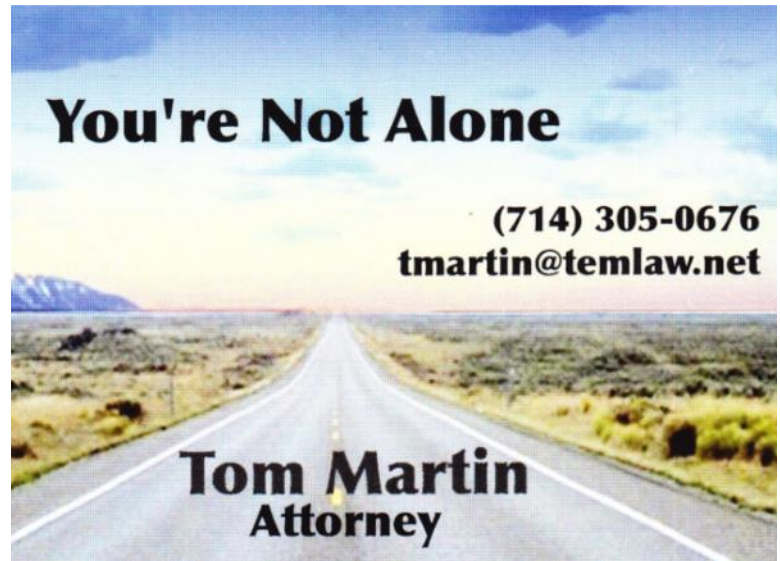
Welcome to the July edition of the OC HOGLOG, published by Orange Coast Chapter #4337. A big shout out to our sponsoring dealer, Orange County Harley Davidson and to the new General Manager, Dan Allen – you're going to love this guy. Kim and Kevin left big shoes to fill but OC Harley made a brilliant choice and has Dan taking the reins; more on Kim and Kevin in the "Members of the Quarter" section of this publication.

As you escape into this edition, I think you will understand why we are ranked the #1 riding chapter in the USA. It's the collective passion to ride, hard work from the chapter leadership, and dedication and commitment from the many volunteers and chapter members that make this chapter so great. A big thank you to everyone who contributes. You all are what makes this chapter special.

Included in this Q3 2019 edition are heart felt messages from our chapter leadership, wonderful ride stories from our members, info on upcoming events, a peek into some members social media posts, a story on the history of our chapter - and much more. Our advertisers make printing of this publication possible, so please let them know you heard about them in the OC HOGLOG.

On behalf of all the people that help make our Chapter #1, I hope you enjoy our magazine and that we see you at one of our upcoming meetings, rides or events.

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Members of The Quarter

Kevin and Kim Briggs

By The OCHOG Editors

It is rare when a group of people as varied and diverse as the Orange Coast chapter can stand up and all agree on something. It is even more rare when people can step into new surroundings and immediately make a difference. Kevin and Kim Briggs have landed in that most perfect storm and through their own natural good will, energy and enthusiasm have managed to make a lasting mark on our chapter and in the hearts of each and every one of us who had the privilege to get to know them.

A little over a year ago they stepped into all our lives when Kim arrived as a part owner and the new General Manager of our sponsoring Dealership. Kim hit the ground running and from the beginning it was easy to see she was filled with ideas and a positive energy that inspired all around her. Kevin was every bit her equal partner and together they took the chapter and dealer's customers by storm.

Kim has a competitive spirit and so when Harley and H.O.G. announced a chapter level competition for mileage you could see the spark light up in her eyes. The challenge was made and while we rode the miles, her enthusiasm, spirit, and energy kept us going and led us to a national title.

It was a sad moment for our chapter when Kevin and Kim announced they would be moving back to Texas to be with family.



True to form they said their goodbyes with a class and style that speaks volumes about who they are and why we appreciated them so much. Orange Coast member of the Quarter is reserved for those individuals who have had the most impact on our chapter in the previous quarter, and it is not surprising that Kevin and Kim have made this kind of lasting impression.

Kindred spirits recognize one another and it was clear from the beginning that Kevin and Kim were true bikers. In that spirit we know that this isn't goodbye but rather just a farewell until we meet again on the open road.

Wishing them the very best - **Orange Coast HOG**



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Director's Cut

Welcome to our H.O.G. family

By Mel Fonseca



Welcome Members,

First, I want to thank Orange County Harley Davidson Dealership ownership and membership for allowing me to serve as Director and be a part of an organization that not only provides fun, safe riding opportunities for all but allows lifelong friendships to be created. I am following the footsteps of some great leaders in the H.O.G. family. This Chapter was formed back in 1984 and the founding members were motivated and persistent in pursuing a goal of success and making the Orange Coast H.O.G. (OCHOG) Chapter the best chapter in the country.

This past year we were the recipients of the 2018 National HOG Ride-365 award for recording the most miles ridden in one year as a chapter, we rode just short of 1.7m miles. Congratulations to all of you who participated. This year we are experiencing rapid membership growth and it has shown at our chapter rides and events. Our officer corps is excited about this growth and are busy creating events and rides that stay true to our slogan: Ride, Eat and have Fun. We are also making sure we stay atop of the leader boards for the 2019 Ride-365 contest.

Several opportunities will be available every month to join friends and meet other members at our planned day and overnight rides, as well as planned events; this is where lifelong relationships are created.

For our current and prospective members I want to assure you that the intention is to grow the OCHOG Chapter without limits; this means not only in numbers but also in finding creative and fun ways that we can all share in this great love we all have.....for our bikes and for that freedom we all feel when we hit the open road.

I look forward to a fun successful year and invite each of you get involved, participate, and most important have fun.

Ride safe,

-Mel

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It's all about the ride

By Chris (Mo) Mosher

Most of you know we won the National Chapter Challenge last year by the narrowest of margins. The Ft. Lauderdale chapter led through most of the year and it was only at the very end that we narrowly edged them out of first place.

I was heading out on a typical Friday when Kim called from the dealer, a rider from Ft. Lauderdale was there looking for us. I immediately called one of our chapter members, "Rider ", and he headed over. I guess I picked the perfect ambassador because they sat in front of the dealer, talking bikes and rides for 2 hours after closing. The next day Rider calls me and lets me know he has invited the visitor from Florida to my house for Easter dinner.

In typical Harley fashion we can hear the bikes arrive and soon we meet Max, better known as El Pibe. Immediately we can tell we are like spirits and spend the evening talking roads and rides. It is clear that we all have the same bug crawling through our veins - the need to hit the open road.

At the end of a great evening we say our goodbye's but it is clear that we will see one another again. True to form El Pibe flies out in May to join us in an epic ride to Texas. Nothing shows more clearly that regardless of our chapter, or our location, the brother and sisterhood we feel for those who know and understand the pull of the open road overcomes everything else.

We may be strangers but we still feel the connection that comes from the ride.

Mo



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Riding the Delcon Detour



Contributions from Mike Norton, Jim Cook and Rick Pierson

Every great ride starts with a story. Many years ago the Orange Coast chapter was preparing to take a ride to Arizona. Wanting to make the most of the ride they planned a slight detour on the first night at the biker gathering in Laughlin Nevada. The original ride planners kept seeing posters for Laughlin and noticed the event sponsor was "Dalcon Productions". When maps were finally posted a slight typo changed it to Delcon. A epic ride and event was had by all and suddenly a tradition was born. The Delcon Detour.

Chapter over night trips, or "overnighters" as they are affectionately called, are special. Spending days on the road life finds its own pace. Early starts, great roads, scenery, and the camaraderie of shared experience and adventure make these the most popular and memorable of our chapter events. Overnighters come in various sizes, from one night weekend rides to week long five or six night rides. Obviously the longer the ride the greater the commitment required to attend. Time off work, family commitments and money all mean that to attend you must fully invest in the ride. The bar is high for many of us but once riders make the leap they never regret it.

As chapter member Ginny Cook told us, "Jim has ridden motorcycles for over 50 years but has never made any long trips....Work commitments limited us to overnights last year, but we planned to make longer trips in 2019. "

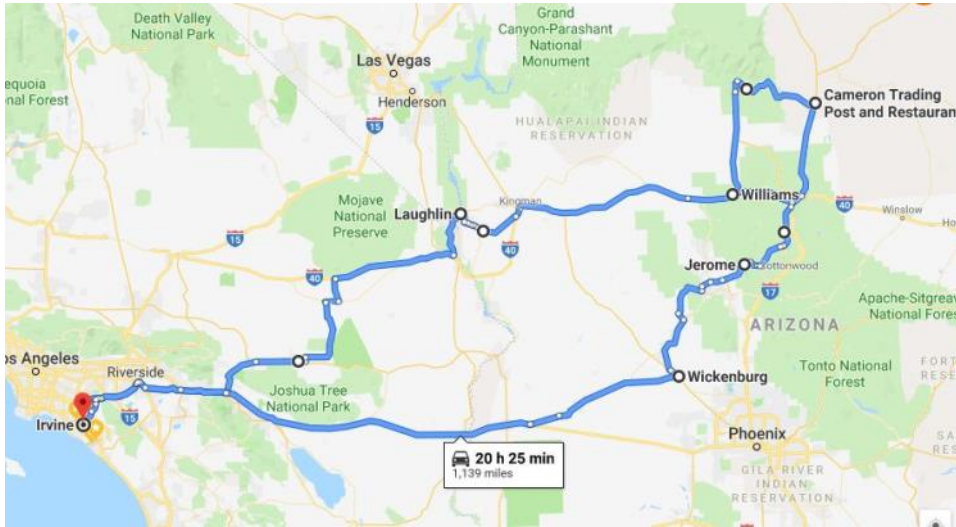
Her husband Jim continued, "We felt Delcon was a good first long trip because the daily mileages were similar to the longer chapter day rides and because we would spend two nights in the same hotel. And Ginny likes the security of traveling with the chapter, knowing that a Road Captain is just minutes away if anything untoward happens."



"This was my first Delcon ride and I will definitely do it again. May I never get too old to ride!!" - Richard Pierson



Riding the Delcon Detour



The Route

The Delcon Detour is a four night, five day 1,200 mile excursion along old route 66 through south eastern California and north western Arizona. Starting in Anaheim we trace this historic road past Palm Springs and north to Laughlin. A single night stay and then the next morning it's on to Williams which becomes home base for two nights as we tour the Grand Canyon. The follow up is even better as we make our way down through Sedona and the mountain top mining town of Jerome, to our final night in Wickenburg.

It's a grand historic tour. Only schedule every 3-4 years it is one of the more highly anticipated and attended rides on the chapter calendar.

Day One - Laughlin NV

The morning meeting place has the atmosphere of a reunion as we arrive and see who will be our travelling companions over the next five days. The early start is a tradition as we want to arrive with enough time left in the day to enjoy Laughlin.

Our route will take us out the 91 to the 10 where we will stop and have breakfast in Banning. Once in Palm Springs we leave the freeway and head north, past Joshua Tree to 29 Palms and then north on Kelbaker road to Amboy. Once a major stop on the old Route 66 it is now a tourist destination and a favorite of the chapter, with photo opportunities with the giant painted 66 on the road.



"This was our first Delcon and it is easy to understand why so many chapter members have made the trip multiple times." - Jim and Ginny Cook



Once the photo shoot was over it was a quick ride up to the Sahara Oasis. The only gas stop on the way to Laughlin, almost all bikes stop for at least a stretch break. Gas is over \$5 a gallon so only the small tanks fill up. A bbq in the parking lot has long lines but the burgers and hot dogs are good. Soon we are on our way and descending down to the river town of Laughlin. Built on the Colorado river and in the bottom most corner of Nevada this thin sliver of land has legalized gambling and river side casinos.

Many stories could be told of H.O.G. member adventures in Laughlin.... But what happens on the road, stays on the road!



Day Two - Williams AZ

Crossing the border in Arizona we get the benefit of cheaper gas prices. Heading up into the hills it is a quick ride to Oatman, home of the roaming donkeys. An historic mining town Oatman was part of Route 66 and famously hosted Clark Gable and Carole Lombard on their honeymoon. Filled with bikers here for the River Run the chapter makes a brief stop and then heads north through the twisties to Kingman and on to Seligman. A brief rain shower forces a much enjoyed ice cream stop and then we are back on the road to Williams.

Arriving in each destination it isn't long before in ones, and two's the group all comes together to socialize and re-live the day's events. Some of the best times on the road are had during these times where we relax and just enjoy the moment.



Day Three - The Grand Canyon

It is sometimes surprising how many of us from Southern California haven't been to the Grand Canyon.



Riding the Delcon Detour



I have lived in Southern California most of my adult life and had yet to visit the Grand Canyon. What a majestic sight! I went with the Chapter to Utah last year and we visited some national parks with saw their amazing natural beauty, but they seemed small compared to "The Grand - Canyon". Mike Norton

The highlight of day three is the ride to the canyon itself. Hard to describe and certainly words don't do it justice. We are all in awe of just the natural wonder of the world we live in - this is why we ride.

The morning ride from Williams to the park is a bit chilly in the thin air of the high desert. The landscape is flat and it is hard to imagine the natural wonder that lies ahead. An early start means that we beat the traffic to the park entrance. Nothing can be more miserable than sitting in a traffic jam and walking your bike up to pay the entrance fee to get into a park.

Once through it is a short ride to the south rim. Coming through the trees the canyon opens up in front of you. Words just don't do it justice. In some places brave or maybe foolish souls go right up to the edge to get that all important selfie. A ranger tells us that someone fell off just the other day.

Soon we are off again, east on the park road that follows the south rim. The tree lined road is smooth and cuts in and out of the forest. An occasional glimpse of the canyon cuts through the trees. At the eastern end is the Desert View Watch Tower. Definitely worth the stop, inside is a museum of local Native American art and as you climb up the narrow winding staircase the views get better and better.

Hungry after all the sightseeing we head straight for a landmark, The Cameron Trading Post. A Navajo reservation favorite the local fry bread or the chili seem to be most popular. The store has lots to choose from and it is a great finishing touch to a great day. Afternoon rain clouds chase us back to Williams where we share another evening of telling stories and enjoying music and dancing in the local hotel restaurant.



It was the colors, the beauty everywhere I looked, and the peacefulness I felt. I remember getting away and walking by myself and was surprised how quiet and beautiful everything was, and that you could see for miles and miles. - Richard Pierson



If I had to pick one favorite road or day it would be Hwy 89A, Flagstaff to Sedona. That road is amazing and I never tire of riding it. - Mike Norton

Day Four - Jerome/Wickenburg

The variety of scenery is what makes this area so special. Route 89A south from Flagstaff and through Sedona doesn't disappoint as we make our way down red rock canyons and through green pine forests. The morning air has a slight chill but it warms as we make our way to the lower elevations.

A quick stop in Sedona for some shopping and then we are off to our lunch stop and a highlight of the trip. Jerome is a small mining town, built atop a mountain - and is quite a tourist destination. The backdrop to all the shops and restaurants is the incredible views of the desert valley below. This stop is a chapter favorite and we plan extra time to enjoy the sights.

Soon we continue on towards Prescott through beautiful winding desert roads. We are coming down to the desert floor now and the heat creeps up as we descend. The pool at our hotel in Wickenburg is a welcome sight. True to form our last night is a night-in and we order pizza, sit by the pool and just enjoy the moment.

Day Five - Heading Home

Unfortunately every trip has an end. Our final ride out of Wickenburg is on a section of old Route 66 and that seems like a fitting way for this journey to close. The last 300 miles are more a workman like effort as we pound them out on I-10. Work, chores, and daily responsibilities wait for us all, and every mile we can feel them getting closer and closer.

Overnighters are special. Those few days you feel free. Travelling with friends, new sights and sounds each day, and waking up excited to hear that familiar rumble - means we are back on the road.

This was my first Delcon ride and I will definitely do it again. May I never get too old to ride!! - Richard Pierson



Introducing: Orange Coast Long Range Riders

By Chris (Mo) Mosher

It was an early morning start, not early as in birds singing and dawn pushing away the darkness, but rather early enough you felt like it was still the night before. Riding through the dark I felt a nervous anticipation, would anyone be at the meet up? Was there really any interest in doing longer rides? I shouldn't have worried.

In May the Orange Coast chapter launched a new riding program and yes, there even is a patch. Open to all chapter members the only requirement for admission is to participate in one of the designated rides. Longer in distance and duration than normal chapter rides, these are meant to satisfy the riding urge



of the most adventurous riders. Offering rides ranging in distance from 500 to 1000 miles it is no wonder that I had questions in my mind about how their popularity.

The inaugural event was Parkfield Café. A 650 mile jaunt up the coast the highlight included a trip over Nacimiento-Ferguson. 11 riders made the trek.

The follow up was the "Standin on the corner" - 1000 run to Winslow AZ. A full fledge Ironbut this ride, 13 riders braved the desert heat and the nighttime start time to finish the ride in just over 16 hours.

Being a member of Orange Coast means loving to ride, it is great to see such a diverse group, brought together by a common bond.... riding.

It is a new beginning for our chapter. We now offer more options to all our members and a patch.





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Members Corner



We are a family oriented group that believe in riding the bikes in which we have invested so much time, money, and affection.

Our rides include day rides throughout Southern California and overnight trips to Northern and Southern California, Arizona, Utah, and Nevada

If you love riding, love seeing this great country of ours and enjoy the company of other like-minded souls, then come join us.

Where to find us

- New Member rides are held on the last Saturday each month. *Meet at Orange County Harley Davidson at 8:15 a.m. for a Group Riding Orientation.*
- H.O.G. Happy Hour is open to everyone and held on the last Friday of each month at Orange County Harley Davidson.
- Chapter Meetings are open to everyone and are held the last Thursday of each month at the Back Bay Conference Center in Irvine.
- *Ride Calendars are available at the Orange County Harley Davidson Dealer or on our Website www.ochog.org.*

Upcoming Rides

- **August 3rd** - Visit scenic landmarks in South Los Angeles. Point Vincent Lighthouse, USS Iowa ride.
- **August 10th** - Nothing like a Harley picnic. Join us in the mountains for the Crystal Lake picnic lunch ride.
- **August 15th** - Full Moon Dinner Ride: Celebrate the full moon with a short ride to a surprise dinner destination. Meet at OCHD. Depart 6:30 p.m.
- **August 17th** - Ladies of Harley led Julian lunch ride
- **Sept 7th - 8th** - Big Bear Overnighter - Closed to members only
- **Sept 11th** - Full Moon Dinner Ride: Celebrate the full moon with a short ride to a surprise dinner destination. Meet at OCHD. Depart 6:30 p.m.
- **Sept 22nd** - Join us on a great ride into the mountains to visit Idyllwild for lunch
- **October 5th—6th** - O.C. Harley Davidson Demo Days - Get out and try that new dream bike!
- **October 12th—15th** - Pismo Overnighter. Beautiful riding and great times in a three night trip up the coast. Closed to members only.
- **October 19th** - Scenic ride along the southern border to Barrett's Junction for the Dulzura lunch ride



Highlight: International Female Ride Day



Today approximately one quarter of our chapter members are women. Riders or passengers they are always a part of who we are and what we do, and as our recent result in the Chapter Challenge proves, they ride and they ride a lot!

International Female Ride Day (IFRD) occurs each year on the first Saturday in May and gives us an opportunity to celebrate our chapter's lady riders.

This year was no different as nearly 70 bikes of all makes and models met at Orange County Harley Davidson for a great ride down to Carlsbad, west to Fallbrook and up and over Ortega. It was a beautiful 100-plus mile ride that at times had the atmosphere of a parade with cars honking and kids waving as we went by.



Time goes by quickly and sometimes even with our hobbies we are so focused on going and doing that we forget to pause and just be thankful for all that we have. IFRD was that moment for our chapter. We took a day, paused and celebrated those women we love so much.

If you are a lady rider, or if you want to celebrate that lady who rides with you, come join us next year on May 4th.

Look forward to seeing you all there!

- The Editors



Highlight: Celebrating The Nation of Patriots



Sometimes the little things make the biggest difference. In 2009 The Nation of Patriots started an event to help raise money and awareness for wounded veterans and their families. The main event is the Patriot Flag tour in which riders across the country carry the designated Patriot Flag over 15,000 miles through all 48 of the Continental United States and with over 100 riders helping carry it along its way.

Orange County Harley Davidson and The Orange Coast chapter were proud to once again participate in this great event. Receiving the flag on June 28th from Ventura/Simi Valley the flag transfer ceremony was held at Orange County Harley Davidson. Saturday June 29th 36 Orange Coast chapter members helped to escort the flag to its next destination at San Diego Harley Davidson.

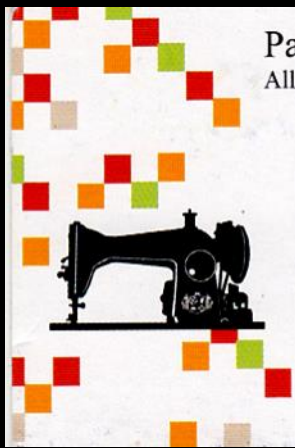
It is inspiring to see our chapter show its support and dedication by helping to make sure that this great symbol of our nation is given its rightful honor and respect as it travels through our area. We are looking forward to doing our part once again next year when Old Glory passes through.

If you are interested in reading more about the Nation of Patriots Flag tour or donating to the cause please visit: <https://www.nationofpatriots.com/>



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Revisited: The Three Rivers Experience

By Randy Tiffany



Day 1

I'm sitting here plotting my next escape from work (Newcomb Ranch Ride) and remembered I 'volunteered' to write the ride article for the last 3 Rivers Ride earlier this month! **D'oh!** My apologies Editor for being late. So, if memory serves me correctly (and it usually doesn't any longer.....

40+bikes and 50+ riders gathered under gray skies at Jerome's parking lot Friday morning May 31st for a 7:00AM departure. Always terrific to see some "old faces" as well as new faces on these overnights.

"91-57-210-5-HIKE"as well as CA Highways 99 & 58 to the Kern River....finally 160 miles later. But, at least the sun is out now.



We're surrounded by fruit and nut trees in the valley's & hillsides before we turn up the Kern River. The river is a gushing, roaring, flow of brown, green, 'white water' rapids like I've not seen before. But no worries....we'll keep the shiny side up and dry, thank you.



We stop at the Pizza Barn (where, I don't know)...for lunch. Afterwards, we carve up a canyon for 60 miles of riding along the Kern River through a semi-arid mix of scrub and water. Fairly warm...but that's great after such a long, gray May. We've now climbed up in elevation to nearly 5000 feet & are surrounded by pine and sequoia trees. The temperature has dropped to 70F which just feels great after being in the canyon. As we cross Great Western Divide Highway we're at 6500' and a nice 61F! Just being on the 'other side' of the divide can make a difference! Highway 190 is actually a well paved road now with 30 miles of twisties & switchbacks. DY-NO-MITE! CAUTION: I don't know if you can retrace this route with the supplied GPS Infotainment maps. I am using the supplied PDF map and Google-Maps now at 400% zoom to find the names of these roads! Further, I don't recall ever seeing a road sign up there. We eventually find our way to the Comfort Inn & Suites in Three Rivers to end a terrific day of riding.



Revisited: The Three Rivers Experience



Day 2

8:15 Pre-Ride Instructions. "Only 168 miles today, folks"..... "Gee, what are we going to do after that?", I asked myself. "Well, we are picking up pre-made subs @ Subway so, another leisurely paced lunch, I guess".... What I didn't realize was that this route was brought to us by past Director



Carlos....known for his fondness of twisties.....60 miles of them to start the day! This little pig cried WHEEEEE all the way home! More than one of our well-traveled riders commented that this route (CA's 216, 245, 364, 245 again, & 180) to Sequoia National Forest was more fun (more turns) than the famed Dragon's Tail. I know it has to have more than The Devil's Highway AZ666.....

After visiting the General Grant Tree we were on our way down from 6000' to Grizzly Falls picnic area to enjoy those subs. We were riding 25 miles of , you guessed-it, twisty-turns turns with sweeping vistas of the surround (still snow-capped) mountains. This was my first time through this part of the park. I was surprised to learn there were several other first timers in this portion of the Park. What an AWESOME ride that was. Beautiful, breathtaking, magnificent, wondrous, striking were just a few of the words I heard as we enjoyed our subs while relaxing in the mist of a ROARING Grizzly Falls just behind us. On the other side of the road was the south fork of the Kings River. Jade colors rolling over the giant boulders. Just couldn't be better. Sunny, cool, water.



OK. We're half way through our 168-mile ride....the only way out is the way we came in! TERRIFIC! Twice the bang for the buck! We stopped at one of the vista's, 100's of feet above the canyon for a group OCHOG photo or two (top). We're back at Grant's Tree area and now heading to the "other" side of the mountain. It's only a few more miles to the next gas stop. It's beautiful outside, sun is shining, terrific temperature.....



“What? Me Worry?” Quickly, the weather on the “other side” of the mountain began to cool, change, drizzle, rain?! The temperature began to drop (55F now!). I’m just in a t-shirt, but so is Eric in front of me and the lady behind me, so I CAN’T stop to put on a jacket. But, we all make it, a little colder but still with our pride.

We didn’t spend too much time in this winter wonderland and got on down the road (skipping General Sherman’s Tree) to the warmer climes of Three Rivers, craft beer & comfort food.

Day 3

I anticipated that this would be another “slabber-day”, just bomb down CA99 from Fresno to get home early (correct, I did not digest my maps the night before to see that we will, as we always

do, take the road-less-traveled to home). All-in-all a 277mile ride back. Some of the highlights (other than the U-turns due to computerized navigation issues) were Old Stage Road, Jack Ranch Road & Granite Road. How do our Road Captains/Planners find such trails....literally, I think we were riding the original stage route with no improvements. We popped out of massive rolling hills, covered with huge 100-year-old oak trees into the oil patch of Bakersfield and Jack-In-The-Box....ah, civilization? 80 more miles to the Chevron in Santa Clarita, say our “good-byes” to the remaining riders (only 12 of us now?) and on to home via “The Orange County Split”. All told 768 miles and a MILLION SMILES along the way!

The Road Warrior: Bodfish - Breckenridge Loop

By John Devine with Photos by Mike Reedy

I was totally bummed. The chapter was off on a three day overnighter to Three Rivers. Unfortunately commitments kept me from going, however I did have a full day Saturday where I could ride. Now, where to go...

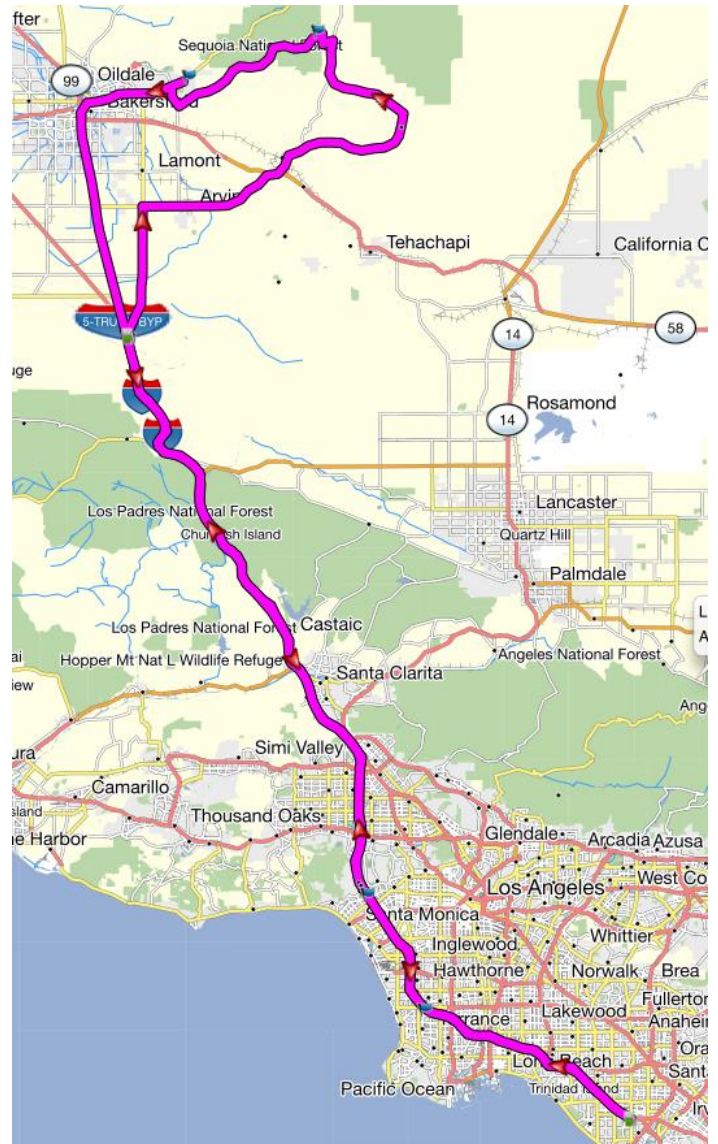
Looking at Google maps I noticed a blue line where I have not seen one between Caliente Bodfish to Hwy 178. "What's this? A previously undiscovered road?" Upon closer inspection it was more of a paved path than an actual road. On Butler maps they call them paved mountain trails. "Well that looks like a great route", I thought to myself.

I pinged my good friend and fellow road warrior Mike, who was also unable to go on the overnighter. He was in. The plan was a freeway blast up over the Grapevine, north through the town of Arvin, past the new Veterans Cemetery, turn off on Bodfish Caliente then take the loop on Caliente Creek road, Connect back to Bodfish Caliente and up to this new road called Breckenridge.

We met at the Chevron at the corner of Harbor Blvd. and Gisler Dr. in Costa Mesa. Kick Stands Up was 5:30 AM. I have to admit it, I started feeling cold heading up the grapevine. Thankfully it warmed up as we hit the plateau in the Pyramid Lake area. By the time we got to the T/A truck stop on Laval Road the temperature had kicked up at least 5° or so and I was doing okay. When I told Mike I was getting a little cold he just smiled and opened up his leather jacket revealing a heated jacket underneath.

A straight shot north then a straight shot east on Hwy 223 and finally we get our first curves. The road gracefully rises from Arvin and arcs past the new Bakersfield Veterans Cemetery where it connects to Highway 58. We turn right and then a quick left on Bealeville road which becomes Caliente Bodfish road

Caliente Bodfish is a legendary with crazy tight switchbacks and steep cliffs. No guard rails are in sight. It then meanders through a series of Meadows and Fields before getting a bit twisty again as it descends into the Lake Isabella area. I have found several excuses to ride this road but often wondered what else was up here. I was about to find out.



Instead of staying on Caliente Bodfish up the crazy switch-backs we turn right on Caliente Creek road. What a pleasant surprise! No, it didn't have crazy turns and cliff edge heart pounding vistas, but it was one of the most scenic canyons I've ridden through. As the name implies it parallels Caliente Creek which winds its way down the local hills and mountains. This is a free range area and we saw a lot more cows on the roadway than cars. There was also a couple of spots where the creek had to cut new channels across the road. Fortunately, they were only a few inches deep and we pressed on.



At the little town of Twin Oaks, the road veers more north and straightens out to be more windy than twisty. When we get to the Walker Basin area we start heading back west. This is where we pick up Caliente Bodfish again and take it north to Breckenridge road. I use the term 'road' very generously. It looks more like a wide asphalt sidewalk and I'm thinking I'm glad I'm on a motorcycle because *maybe* a car coming the other way could squeeze by. After posing at the sign for a few photos Mike and I headed up the road.



We ease our way around blind turn after blind turn that were probably wide enough for two vehicles to pass each other, fortunately we never had to put that to the test as we didn't see another car going in either direction. Despite what the sign said, the road was not closed for the winter and we were able to continue all the way up. Close to the top we pulled off and enjoyed this spectacular view.



The Road Warrior: **Bodfish - Breckenridge Loop**



The pine cone forest



The deli at Rio Bravo Ranch

After a quick break we continued on towards the top of the mountain at close to 7000 feet. We entered a pine forest with all the smells and scenery and pinecones covering the road that entails. There are a few campgrounds up here and we finally saw some other cars and motorcycles. It looked like most people came up from the Bakersfield area. Probably because they knew better than to drive up the road that we did.

Finally we started the slow curvy descent. The Alpine Forest gave way to different kinds of trees and eventually became the rolling grassy hills we are so familiar with in Central California.

The road also widened, which was nice as we did have an occasional vehicle heading the other way. We continued to roll downhill with scenic vistas around every bend of the road. 30 miles after making the left on to Breckenridge Rd. and spending over an hour meandering up one side of the mountain and then down the other, we hit our first cross street and we turned towards Bakersfield.

A quick stop for lunch at the deli at Rio Bravo Ranch where we saw lots of people getting ready to go rafting down the Kern River. This place is a staging area and buses pick up groups of people. There was a big group for a birthday party having lunch and getting ready to board when we arrived.

We both checked in with our significant others and although we had contemplated taking a long scenic way home we decided to just take the straight shot through Bakersfield, down Highway 99 and back up and over the grapevine to home.

All told we covered 393 miles in about nine hours. We rode through beautiful winding canyons with water and cows and we rode a crazy mountain pass road up one side of the mountain and down the other. I think I'd call that a good day.

Have a favorite ride? Send your idea to editor@ochog.org

The Route

Directions	Total Distance
Start at Chevron Harbor and Gisler	
Get on Harbor Blvd and ride north	
Take the I-405 N ramp to the right	303 ft
Merge on I-5 N	61.5
Take exit 219A to the right towards Laval Road	122
Arrive at Travelcenters of America	123
Turn right onto Hwy 233	138
Keep right onto Hwy 58	154
Turn left onto Bealville Rd	155
Keep right onto Caliente Creek Rd	161
Turn left onto Williams Rd	188
Turn right onto Calinete Bodfish Rd	189
Turn left onto Breckenridge Rd	194
Turn right onto Comanche Dr	230
Turn right onto Kern Canyon Rd (Hwy 178)	232
Arrive at Rio Bravo Ranch (Deli)	235
Left on Kern Canyon Rd (Hwy 178)	235
Take the Ca-99 S/Ca-58 E ramp to the right	248
Keep Left onto I-5	274
Take Exit 158 to the right onto _I-405 S	337
Arrive Chevron Harbor and Gisler	406

Notes from the Road



Photos from our members that are out enjoying the open road - Want to see a photo of your trip here? Just email us at:

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Scott H. - Via Facebook

Headwaters of the Mississippi River, Lake Itasca MN



Frank R. Via Facebook

Cook's kicking off Born Free!



Joanne K. Via Facebook

Couldn't help ourselves...the addiction is real! — at Mt. McKinley Harley-Davidson

Another New Member Ride!



Hoov - Via Facebook

My son uploaded my maps and I went out for a ride with friends to the Grand Canyon. Left Wednesday at 5:15 am and finished the ride with 1,270 miles



Mike & Yen Via Facebook

Touring the Pacific Northwest



Debbie E. Via Facebook -

Just finished 5 days of cruising New Mexico and Colorado. Majestic in every way dodged everything from gravel To Moose crossing! Now at 10,000 hog miles.



Wayne G. Via Facebook

Mission accomplished!! We're in Michigan!!! I learned a lot about my little girl on this trip.... only thing she kept saying was, "AMAZING" and "I Love You DAD" PRICELESS... we have our kids for a very small time, do something with them they'll never forget!!!

Welcome to Max (El Pibe) from Ft. Lauderdale Chapter and congratulations on finishing his first 50 - CC



Congratulations to Debbie D. for her epic 1st 1000 mile day!



Tammy C. Via Facebook

Broke off from the rest of the group to take some back roads where we hit heat, rain, hail, wind, more rain. LOL. Over Angeles Crest Highway. Good times!

Carol A. Via Facebook

What a beautiful ride to Portage Glacier and doing our part to collect miles for Ride 365. Next time it will be on our own bikes!



Linda M. Via Facebook

Sometimes even a Road Captain needs a helping hand! — Western AZ



Debbie D. Via Facebook

It Monday! Time for a ride!



OCHOG Mammoth Day 2

Beautiful ride to Yosemite. Great weather and stunning scenery.



Looking in the rear view:

The History of OC HOG Part III

By Ken and Jean Pence



This is the end of a three part series on the history of the Orange Coast H.O.G. chapter

Ken and I joined the HOG group in 1995. We felt totally welcome from the start. As Chuck Murphy, our Assistant Director always said, "We're not just riding motorcycles, we're building a family." Bert [Former Director Burt Wehr] and Chuck were great ambassadors for the club. A wonderful senior member who was our Safety Officer, Norm Dubois, came up with our motto at the time, "Ride Friendly."

A significant number of our members during this period were brand new riders. Dressers were not the dominant models then as they are today. Also, there were very few women riders in the club. We "girls" took some flak from male riders on occasion.

In the early years almost all day rides were on Sunday. Officers said members did chores on Saturdays and were ready to ride Sundays. Ken and I promoted the idea of Saturday rides and were told to plan and lead some as an experiment, but that people probably wouldn't like it. Well, we did just that. Surprise, surprise! We had great participation which was challenging for us new riders not used to leading Harley riders! Among our jaunts were Rt. 66 Museum in Victorville, Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley and the Birch Aquarium at Scripps in La Jolla. By the way, as teachers at the time, we did subject riders to our "lectures." It was fun. From then on, Saturday was more often for Dealer/Rides and Sunday for church/family.

By then our club had become very active. In 1998 we had 17 members ride to the 95th Anniversary of Harley-Davidson in Milwaukee, WI. This was also the 15th Anniversary of HOG. Four hundred sixty-three chapters were represented including Orange Coast. Director Bert carried our club flag in the street parade.

From mid 1998 to 2002, Tom Diebolt served as our director. Tom was very much hands on. He led most of our rides. His cabinet consisted of Assistant Director Jay Wodarck, Secretary Kaye Cochran, and Treasurer Linnea Ruehl. In those days, we also had a designated chaplain as one of our discretionary officers.

In mid 2002, Ken Cochran took over as our Director. Assist. Director was our own Roger Allen. Future Directors Carlos DeFalla and Kim Stoldt/Kohlenberger came on board in discretionary positions: Activities Officer and Historian. Here are Ken's own words regarding his tenure as Director:

"We implemented the no drinking policy during all rides. Rider safety was a huge priority due to the number of bikes on our rides. We constantly promoted the dealership as they did us.

When I became Director, we had about 350 members. When I left, we were just under 700. It is estimated we generally got just over 10% participation on most rides.

Best rides? Wow, we had some great ones. My favorites were the Dal-Con and the summer cruises. Funny story - when Kimmie joined the officers' group, we were talking about setting up the summer cruise. She thought for quite awhile that it was a boat ride! In the summer, the monthly dinner rides to a surprise location were very popular. We also developed the monthly New Member ride. The CHOC ride became a very big deal. My last year leading the ride we stopped counting bikes at 1400! We donated nearly \$300,000 in toys that year! There was terrific membership participation in this event.

I think we improved the Chapter meeting experience. We were getting nearly 150-200 people at our gatherings which were held at the old Santa Ana Elk's Club. The Christmas Party was a huge event and grew year after year, taking place at either the Elk's or the Phoenix Club. My administration also invented the coveted Eagle Feather recognition program. My goal when I became Director was to improve the Chapter/Dealer relationship. We put in place activities to value and make new members feel welcome and part of the group " (Ken left in 2004 to become Director of the new Capistrano HOG chapter at OCHD's sister store.)

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