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Director

Adair



Hey all you H.O.G.s,

This really is one of my favorite times of the year. Riding is still comfortable, mornings are amazing, and the desert is blooming all around. I am very lucky to be able to spend time out in the desert and enjoy its beauty.

We had a fun April at Tucson HOG. Started off with a pancake breakfast over at OPHD for the AZFHMR. Tracy led a ride up to Oracle after the general meeting for lunch. Unfortunately, the corn-hole tournament was a bust, so we may not be doing that again. Peter had a nice ride down to Sonoita for lunch during the week. Followed by the Spring Car and Bike show at SHD. Tracy and his team did a great job of keeping all in attendance fed. Rayleen had her LOH lunch ride the next day down to Sierra Vista. Last weekend it was off to the SW Regional HOG Rally in Yuma. There was a great turnout for the Thursday ride, and a lot

of members found their own way over. We could not do all the rides and events without the help of our road captains and all the volunteers. I really do appreciate each and every one of you. Thank you!

We don't have a lot on the calendar yet for this month, but you need to keep an eye on the calendar for changes and additions. All the information you need to know about a ride is on the calendar, including times and locations. Please make the effort to look at the calendar for the information you need to know about the ride.

5-4	Chiricahua National Monument ride & Faraway Ranch tour. RSVP is required for head count. RSVP by text to Adair 520-780-6824
5-9	Road Captain meeting at SHD @ 6pm - all welcome
5-9	Board meeting at SHD @ 7pm - all welcome
5-11	General meeting at SHD at 9am - guests welcome
5-11	Phill Coons celebration of life at The Other Place @ 11am

Adair



Kudos Korner

Michael Bradford

I know I have mentioned this name in the past, I but wanted to give another shout out to Michael Bradford. Michael has stepped up and been reinstated as a road captain. He has led a couple locals ride, but recently led the ride to Yuma for the SW Regional HOG Rally. Not only did Michael lead the ride but had a great idea for lunch at Gila Bend on the way. He kept everyone safe on the ride, but also organized the Tucson HOG chapter members while in Yuma. He made sure they were looked after and always had something to do. He also made an effort to make sure everyone was included or had the opportunity to be included in all activities. Great job Michael, and thanks again.



Secretary

Renee



I worked the Hogs and Dogs at the annual Car & Bike Show at SHD on April 20th. We had a great turnout and took in a lot of donations for the HOG Chapter.

Don't forget to sell gun raffle tickets so we can build up our charity fund. Books of tickets come 10 to a book and the ticket prices are \$10 each for a chance to win one of four guns. Only 1,000 tickets were printed so the odds are pretty good.

I'm so proud of my husband completing his book, "Old School, The Police, The Public, and The Pranks". It's full of great stories and will make you laugh. You can get a signed copy from Tom or order it online at either Amazon.com or Barnes & Noble.com.

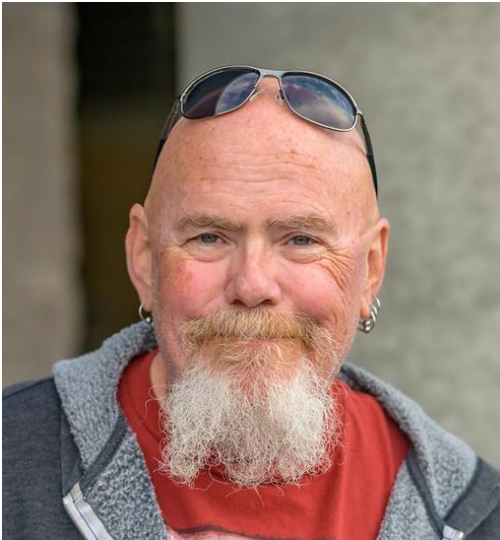
Tom did a book signing at the Station Bar on Silverbell. Several HOG members showed up for that coming from as far away as Green Valley and Saddlebrook. We really appreciated their support. Tom hired Buck James to play guitar and sing for us. Buck usually plays at OPHD for many of their events.

Until next month, Ride Safe.



Treasurer

Tracy



Greetings once again,

This past month was a busy one, we started the month off with the AZFHMR breakfast at Old Pueblo. We had pancakes, bacon, and sausage links. We fed quite a few riders before they took off for a poker run. Next up was our general meeting followed by an after-meeting lunch ride to the Oracle Patio Café. We had quite a few people join us on that ride where we went out through Picture Rocks, past the Marana Airport and through the Town of Marana. We continued along the frontage road to Park Link Dr where we picked up the 79 and 77 into Oracle for lunch.

Peter led a mid-week ride with a couple of us on some back roads that I had never been on. We ended up in Sonoita at the Copper Brothel where we had lunch and managed to sell a few raffle tickets to some Border Patrol officers who were there to eat. Then the following Saturday we had the spring Car and Bike show at Saguaro Harley along with Hogs and Dogs. Again, we managed to sell some raffle

tickets, see a pattern here? I might as well put a plug here for our raffle tickets. Selling these tickets will benefit not only our charities but our chapter as well. I encourage everyone to get a package or two of 10 tickets and get out and sell them.

We ended the month with the Southwest HOG Rally in Yuma. I for one thought the rally itself could have been better but I did make the most of my time in Yuma. I went to the Yuma Territorial Prison Museum and spent a couple hours wandering around looking at it all. I would not have wanted to be sent there back in the day. Not only was it hot as Hades but the cells they put the prisoners in were tiny and overcrowded. Some cells had 6 to a cell and some only 2 but they were much smaller cells. Next, I rode out to the Yuma Proving Grounds to take some pictures of the tanks and such they have on display there. They even have what was called Atomic Annie, it was a 280mm cannon that fired an atomic round about 20 miles. There are only 7 left these days and YPG had one on display. Then next day a few of us rode up to the town of Julian in California. I found this place a few years ago and discovered the best pie around. I had a slice of rhubarb-strawberry with ice cream. The ride over to Julian is a fun ride, especially the last 10 miles where you climb about 3000 feet in elevation.

Overall, it was a busy but fun month and I look forward to more and more rides, after all that's what we are about is riding.



Cheers

Tracy



Membership

Bobby



Hello Everyone,

We have had quite a few new people join the last few months, it's always good to get new blood in the chapter. As of this time we have 85 members.

New this month is:

Justin Koughn

Please welcome all the new members when you see them at a meeting, ride, or event.

Please make sure you keep your National HOG current. For those who's national expires this year when you renew, please send me your new expiration date. I will be bugging everyone on a regular basis so that everyone is up to date.

Anyone that still wants to renew their membership I will be at the next monthly meeting to take your forms.

Membership renewal waivers must have all the blanks completed, including signature and date at the bottom and it must be a real signature not electronic. Renewal is still 27.00 for the year.

As a reminder we do have Zelle that you can use for your years dues, just use the treasurer's email. That email is treasurer@tucsonhog.net

Bobbie



Head Road Captain

Please see the Tucson HOG Calendar to get all the ride or event info. The Tucson HOG calendar can be found on Saguaro Harley Davidson web site. There is also a link on the Tucson HOG web site. Tucson HOG web site "www.tucsonhogchapter.com".

As a rider, and member of HOG, it is your responsibility to be prepared when you show up for a ride. That means you are hydrated, mentally prepared, physically prepared, bike is mechanically prepared, and of course with your bike full of gas. You will also need to show your membership card, or a picture of it. If not, no big deal, you will just need to fill out a waiver. Also, please show up at least 15 minutes before the ride briefing so you have time to visit and go to the bathroom before the briefing starts.

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AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION IN CARE OF PHILL COONS

Ride in Peace, Brother



Editor

Lynda



Greetings, HOG Friends,

I have a lot of great memories of the 2024 Southwest HOG Rally many of us went to in Yuma. Now, it's not the first time I've been to that city. There was one of the last Arizona HOG rallies and then several Winter Roundups. This time, I almost felt that I knew my way around the city.

While I did not ride with the main group, I did get to travel with my brother, Jonathan, and Kathy the Swan, whom I pressed into being a HOG person (with the persuasive help of Bobby).

We opted to travel the southern route, even though we live in the northern part of Tucson. We went through Gates Pass and out to Ajo Way. We gassed up the bikes a little

short of Why. (Which it is said was named because there used to be a Y-split in the roads that the citizenry decided was a good name for their town, but which Arizona code would not allow on account of you have to have names of at least three letters—hence W H Y.)

After that, we encountered a road construction slowdown in the Barry Goldwater Bombing Range. Well, it was more than a slowdown because you had to wait (a LONG time) for a pilot car. But low and behold! They were actually bombing stuff out there, so it was kind of entertaining. Not only that, there was a group of bikes a bit behind us in the line, and one rider rode a Pan America. What do you know! Jim D and Rex and a few others had trailed us to that point.

I really enjoyed my fourth visit to the Yuma Territorial Prison Museum and showing it to my brother. And, although I did not get to Julian this time, I did visit Algodones, Mexico, where we had a fun time. I also went to Bobby's Territorial HD and demo-ride both a Low Rider ST (again) and the new 2024 Street Glide. The new models are pretty cool. Got to lay on more miles before the next new Harley, though.

Which I am working on diligently. Went up Mt. Lemmon yesterday, for instance. Always a great ride. I hope you are out there as well.

~Lynda



My Route to Yuma



Hangin' Out with My Fellow Inmates



Historian

Tom a.k.a. Detroit



Greetings from your Historian. Another month gone by and I have only two rides to report on. The third, the Regional HOG meet up in Yuma, just happened a week ago and I haven't received any info on it as of press time. I think because we don't have many road captains left that may be the reason for this, but you don't have to be a road captain to lead or plan a ride. It would be nice to get the info from you so those that couldn't make the ride could read about it.

Date: 4-13-24	Destination: Oracle - MCs 14 / 2 Cages - Miles 75 LRC: Tracy Sweep: Peter Treasurer's ride to Oracle's Patio Cafe. A nice ride through Marana up to Park Link, then on to Oracle where a nice outdoor lunch was had by all. Ride back home via Catalina.
Date: 4-17-24	Destination: Sonoita - MCs 3 - Miles 140 LRC: Peter Sweep: Tracy Peter, Tracy, and Alan Webber rode down to the Copper Brothel for a nice lunch. Some of the riders had never been down the roads leading there.

Last month I was honored by the Husband & Wife Law Team. Rosi Khazoom featured me in the firm's monthly newsletter with a very nice article including five photos. The real surprise was that on Saturday, April 20th, a photo of me on my Detroit-themed Ultra Limited was on numerous electronic billboards in the metropolitan Phoenix area.

A friend of mine happened to be on his way to Sky Harbor Airport in Phoenix when he looked over to the side of the road on I-10 and saw my picture on the billboard and texted it to me. Turns out it was on a few on I-10, the 101, and the 202. Surprised and elated, it was one of the few times in my life that I had no words (well none that can be printed in this newsletter).

After last month's HOG general membership meeting, I did a book signing of my first published book, "Old School, The Police, The Public, and The Pranks" at the back table. I'd like to personally thank those of you who purchased a copy of it. I hope you get a few laughs from it.

April's Person of Interest was Rex Leetham. I was honored to sit down with him and get his story. For those who missed it please enjoy reading it below.

Please email me info on any rides or events regarding HOG and I'll get them in my article. Until next time, ride safe!



Person Of Interest

Rex Leetham

Rex was born in Salt Lake City in 1956. He was the youngest of four children, having an older brother Steve (passed away) and two sisters, Merrilyn and Virginia.

Rex had a very good childhood. He was a mischievous boy as boys were back in those days. He was not a destructive kid and was astute in not getting caught doing things he shouldn't have, like throwing tomatoes at cars.

Growing up his family went camping, fishing, hiking and many other activities families did. He stated his dad wasn't rich, but he did not want for anything.



Rex played baseball in school but did not play any instruments. However, his siblings did play instruments. Rex got his first mini bike at 13 years of age which started his love for motorcycles. His father bought his motorcycle from Sears, a Galera. Rex raced in a Soap Box Derby and wanted to go to Ohio to compete but wasn't able to.

While in high school, Rex coached younger boys in baseball. Some 28 years later he met the boy's dad who remembered him and they talked about his coaching and how it helped his son.

Rex never had the desire to go to college after high school. But that all changed in 11th grade because of his civics teacher, Mr. Rasmussen. Mr. Rasmussen told Rex, "College is a test of your endurance, not a test of your knowledge". That tidbit of information stuck in Rex's mind and changed his life.

Rex had a girlfriend in the 11th grade in high school named Linda and their relationship carried over to college for a couple of years. They amicably parted ways. Rex majored in Business with a minor in Public Relations and graduated with a BA from Weber State in Ogden, Utah. He told me he was on a 5-year program for a 4-year degree.

Rex worked for a radio station while in college, KWCR. He received a 4 year scholarship for 4 of his 5 years there as the music director and station manager. In his 5th year at school, he ran for Cultural Vice President and won. His duties were to schedule concerts for the college. He got to schedule bands like Fleetwood Mac (right after the Rumors album came out) and Jethro Tull amongst others. He also scheduled guest lecturers for the college. He said it was a great experience.

After Rex graduated from college, he went to work for Stoke's Brother's Electronics, an electronics retailer. He moved back to Salt Lake City.



After a year or two there the store went out of business. This was at a time when the Big Box Electronics stores came into play and put the smaller guys out of business.

So, Rex then went to work for Price Savers, which later became a store we are all well aware of, Costco. Rex was a buyer for seasonal items and toys and worked there for a couple of years.

He moved on to a reputable firm, "Rocky Mountain Marketing" and worked there for 5 years. He dealt with items like Nintendo, Casio, Packard-Bell computers and other items he could sell to the warehouse stores like Costco.

The last 24 years of his career, Rex worked for a Berkshire Hathaway company called RC Willey. It was a large retailer of furniture, appliances, and electronics. Rex was their TV buyer. This entailed several trips to China, Japan, and Korea. Rex retired in 2020 on the last Friday before the following Monday when Covid hit.

Before leaving the workplace, Rex was introduced to his wife, Tracey, by mutual friends in 1990. They got married a year later on 11-16-91. They didn't have any children together, but Tracey had a 9-year-old daughter named Lindsay. Rex raised her as his own. But Lindsay had Spina Bifida and unfortunately passed away last year in Salt Lake City.

After Rex retired, he got certified to be a substitute teacher. He teaches occasionally when needed for grades K-12.

INJURIES: At 25 years old, Rex tried to do a back flip on a houseboat and his foot slipped causing him to slam his face into the boat breaking out all his front teeth. There was no drinking involved, just a bad accident. It caused three levels of fusion in his neck and back. In 2017, Rex donated a kidney as part of the donors' program.



TRAVELS: Rex has been to approximately 30 of the U.S. states including Alaska and Hawaii. His travels have also taken him to Canada, China, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, France, Germany, Holland, Japan, Korea, Mexico, and Switzerland.

HOBBIES/COLLECTIONS: Rex collects vinyl records and his hobbies include motorcycles, woodworking and his dogs (Lab Mixes).

FAVORITE FOOD: Mexican

FAVORITE DRINK: Beer and water.

MEMBERSHIPS:

-Tucson HOG Chapter

-Donate Life (An organization that is all about donating Organs). Rex has been to the State Legislature to speak on the importance of organ donations.

-Philippines' Humanitarian Organization. Rex sponsors a 15-year-old Philippine girl who is in the 10th grade. He is sponsoring her education and will continue to do so while she attends college. Her dream is to be a school teacher and return to the Philippines to teach poverty stricken children.



MOTORCYCLES: 1st Motorcycle was a little Yamaha Maverick. He then had a couple of Enduro Yamahas, a couple of Yamaha Enduro 4 stroke off roads and a 2002 Yamaha Roadstar. He bought his first Harley-Davidson in 2021, a bright red Street Glide which he now rides.

NICKNAMES: None that he wants to share.

BUCKET LIST: Rex would love to travel to England and the U.K.

ONE THING HE WOULD CHANGE IF HE COULD BACK IN TIME: Rex said he wished his dad would have lived longer so he could have spent more time with him.

ON A SPECIAL NOTE: Rex said going to school in Salt Lake City and to college in Ogden, Utah, he was often asked by the Mormon girls if he was a Mormon. When he told them no, they wanted to have sex with him. Apparently Mormon girls couldn't have sex with Mormon men unless they were married.



Safety

Tim



From the Motorcycle Safety Foundation, this is what to check every time you ride.

Safety Brief;

From the Motorcycle Safety Foundation:

T-CLOCS Checklist

T - Tires	Condition and Air Pressure, Wheels - spokes, cast look for cracks and dents; Brakes - Function and condition
C - Controls	Handlebars, Levers and Pedals, Cables Hoses and throttle
L - Lights	and electronics, battery, headlamp, tail light, turn signals, switches, mirrors wiring
O - Oil	and other fluids - levels and leaks
C - Chassis	frame, suspension chain and belt
S - Stands	both center and side

~Ride Safe

--Tim



(c) Law Tigers



HOG Stores

We have: Chapter Rockers We have HOG Patches Pins and etc.
We also have a HOG Merchandise Cabinet in The Dealership Show Room.
If there is anything you would like us to get, just let Adair know.
SHOW YOUR CHAPTER PRIDE, Ride often, Ride safe and Look Good while you do.



Before you head out to join the rides.....
Go to the website and check the calendar often

Watch for Pop-Up Rides

[Tucson H.O.G. Calendar | Harley-Davidson of Tucson \(tucsonharley.com\)](http://Tucson H.O.G. Calendar | Harley-Davidson of Tucson (tucsonharley.com))



We start each of our Chapter Meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance. It's our way of honoring our country, our freedom, and the men and women who serve in our military. We know that we're some of the luckiest people on the planet. Not only do we get to ride our Harley's, we have the opportunity to ride and spend time with our good friends in the Tucson HOG Chapter. All members, past and present, make up our special HOG family.

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HOG Happenings

April General Meeting



Sharin' the Wealth



Peter, Rayleen and Keith Describe Upcoming Rides



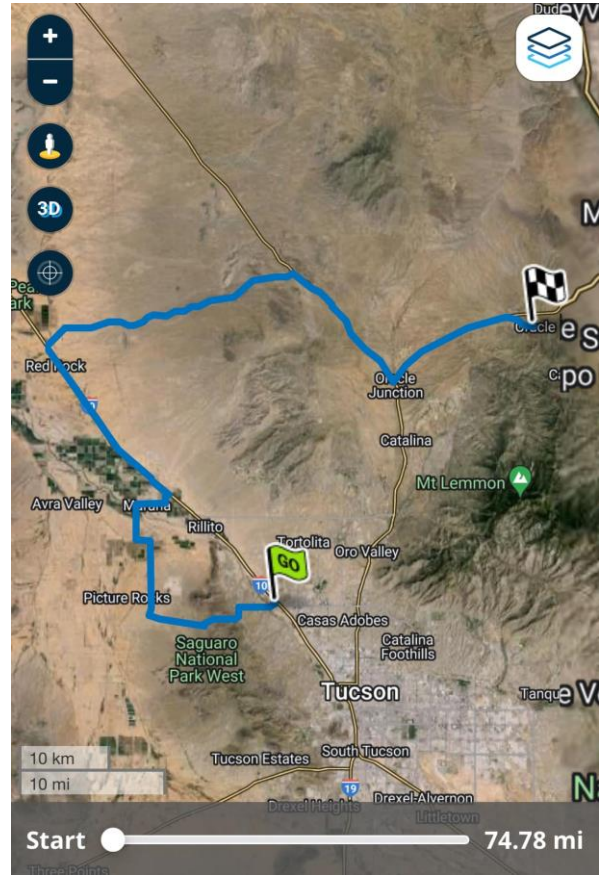
Alan Scores Both Ride Winner and \$100 Card



Michele Wins the Other \$100 Card



After Meeting Ride to Oracle's Patio Cafe



Our Route



Parking the Bikes



HOGs at the Trough



Bike Transformations



Tracy's Sporty - You NEED a 2nd Bike, Right?



Scruffy's - Starboard Side – Before (L) and After (R)



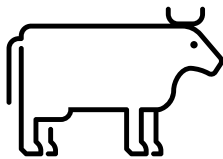
Scruffy's - Port Side - Before (L) and After (R)



Peter's Ride to Copper Brothel in Sonoita



Happy Men Emerge from the Brothel



*And Top Off their Experience with Ice Cream
(You Missed This One, Adair!)*



SHD Car & Bike Show



LOH Ride to Sierra Vista and Sonoita



*Tiffany and Rayleen
Ride the Plains*



2024 Southwest HOG Rally – Yuma AZ



Off We Go!



*Run to Yuma Proving Grounds
Outdoor Museum*



Fun at the Cloud Old Car Museum



**HOGs Invade the
Cloud Museum and
Yuma Proving
Grounds**



2024 Southwest HOG Rally – Yuma AZ – Cont-d.



HOGs Visit Algodones, Mexico



2024 Southwest HOG Rally – Yuma AZ – Cont-d.

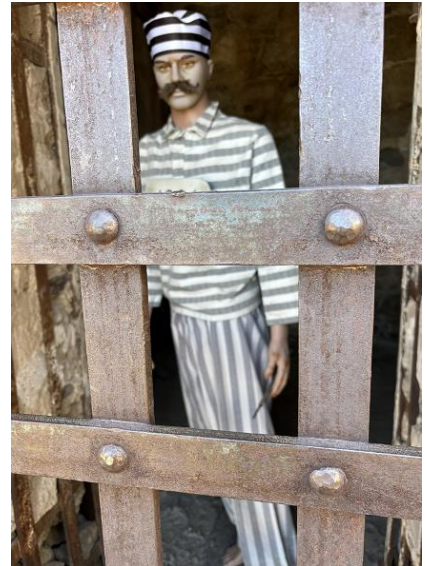


Tour Guide, Smoky

HOGs Join Prisoners at the Yuma Territorial Prison (Museum)



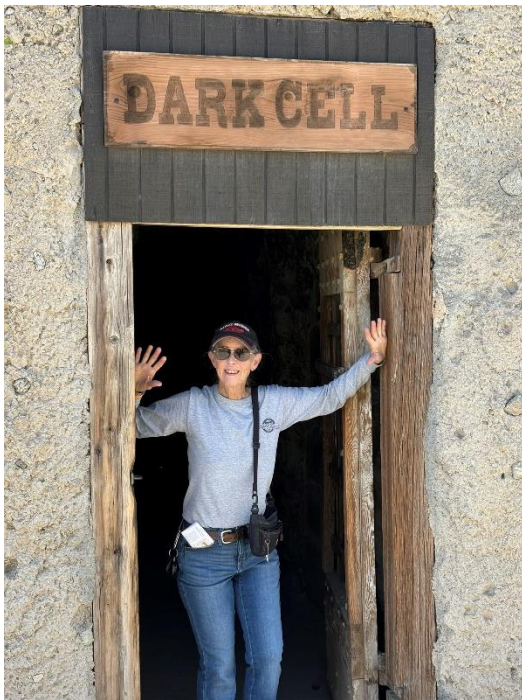
Rex Looks Happy About This!



Convicted of Stealing Harleys



Michele Just Broke Out!



Who Let Green Out of the Dark Cell?



2024 Southwest HOG Rally – Yuma AZ – Cont-d.



Hangin' at the Hotel



HOGs at Breakfast



HOGs Cooling Off



HOGs at Lunch



HOGs Last Supper at Black Bear Grill in Yuma



Then Back on the Road Home



HOG 2024 Raffle

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Tucson Chapter

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