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4TH ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE DINNER RIDE

SATURDAY, May 12, 2007 — THEME: ITALIAN - COST: \$5 p/p—BYOB!

Your hosts and schedule are as follows:

Stop 1: Appetizers—Ken & Lynn Brehler—218-3722 (2:30pm-4pm) -7521 E Harrys Road

Stop 2: Salad—Paul & Suzanne Jarboe—935-3771 (4pm-5:30pm) - 3243 Silver Farms Lane

Stop 3: Main Course—Mike O'Connor and Sherry—392-2773 (5:30pm-7pm)-906 Allouez Trail

Stop 4: Dessert—Rich & Tara Baesch—499-4352 (7pm until ?) - 970 Shamrock Lane

Ride leaves Classic at 2pm. This is a rain or shine event! In the event of inclement weather, get in your car and drive to your intended destination. Time frames are listed at each host house to help you navigate through the day if you can't participate through the entire event.

Our hosts need help feeding all the hungry riders!

Don't forget to offer your assistance!

BAY MILLS THUNDERFEST

**VETERANS CHARITY BIKER/MUSICFEST ON THE SHORES OF
LAKE SUPERIOR**

This is a great weekend and is well attended by our Chapter members! If you're interested in attending, 36 rooms have been held at Willabee's in Brimley at \$60 (plus tax) per night. Please mention Traverse City Harley-Davidson when reserving your room.

Rooms must be reserved by May 10, 2007.

Call Willabee's at 906-248-3090

(For more information, please see Flyer posted on website)

JUNE 8th and JUNE 9th

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday

Evening Concert- Boogiemann & Soulshine

Saturday

Poker Run from Noon—4pm

Mechanical Bull Ride—All Day

Free Bands from 1—4pm

Bike Events from 4-6pm

Blessing @ 6pm

Concert @ 8pm

Bill Haley's Comets**Rare Earth**Jan James

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A NOTE FROM YOUR DIRECTOR

Hi Gang!

Are you ready? Riding season is finally here!

First, I'd like to pass along a big thank you to our safety officer, Tom Wilden, and our head road captain, Brian Z., for putting together the group riding safety information in our April newsletter and discussed at our April Chapter meeting. Also, our chapter sponsored our first Accident Scene Management Class for our road captains.

Now, what should be on your calendar for the month of May? Just check out our "Calendar of Chapter Events" included in your newsletter! Here are just a few events you should not miss:

- Our Chapter group rides start this month—meet us at Classic Motor Sports for the ride, or join us at our weekly destinations.
- Join us for our "Progressive Dinner Ride" on Saturday, May 12th.
- Take time to attend a "New Member's Ride", a dinner ride, or one of the "Ladies Rides" sponsored by our Ladies of Harley.

Plan to join us in Brimley the weekend of July 8th and 9th—call now for your reservations at Willabee's motel.

Now is also a great time to report your mileage to one of our road captains to be eligible for our Chapter mileage awards this year.

Planning a trip? Got room for a few more? Let our Editor, Deb Emanuel know and she'll make an announcement in the Newsletter. Seems there is always someone looking for a reason to ride!

So, get those bikes out and remember our goal—"To Ride and Have Fun!"

Paul Jarboe, Director, Northern Chapter HOG

"SUNDAES ON SUNDAY"

New weekly event to be held at Culver's, Traverse City, starting Sunday, May 6th, and running every Sunday through September!

Bring your bike for display between the hours of 6-8pm, sign in, and receive a free Sundae from the folks at Culvers! More information to follow at the next Chapter Meeting!

Help! We've lost our Merchandise Coordinator! Anyone interested in volunteering for this position should contact Director, Paul Jarboe.

LADIES OF HARLEY

ATTENTION LADIES!

**The first ride of the season is scheduled for *Tuesday, May 1st!*
The ride starts at Classic at 6pm! Destination—Culver's in Cadillac!
All lady riders are welcomed and encouraged to attend!
Those of you who would rather drive a car, please join us!**

NORTHERN CHAPTER H.O.G. "FYI" PAGE

Keeping an eye on what's happening around us!

May 6th (and every Sunday thru Sept.) Sundaes on Sundays—Bike Display at Culvers

May 20th—BALDWIN BLESSING OF THE BIKES

June 8th and 9th—BAY MILLS THUNDERFEST, Brimley

June 8th and 9th—GRAND TRAVERSE BIKE GET AWAY

MANCELONA BASS FESTIVAL (Date to be announced)

June 16th—MICHIGAN'S LITTLE FINGER POKER RUN

June 30th—CELEBRATION OF LIFE RIDE

June 30th—COAST GUARD FESTIVAL, Grand Haven

July 4th—TRAVERSE CITY 4TH OF JULY PARADE

July 6th, 7th & 8th—IONIA RENDEZVOUS

July 21st and 22nd (Saturday-Sunday)—FATHER FRED BENEFIT

September 8th—TC PAINTBALL COMPETITION

A NOTE FROM YOUR ACTIVITIES

DIRECTOR, JAMIE RIERSON

Book your July & August House BBQ now before the calendar is full!!

ALSO, ANYONE INTERESTED IN PAINTBALL?

DETAILS IN FLYER ATTACHED TO NEWSLETTER!

Ideas? Suggestions? You can reach me by calling 231-357-2975, or by e-mail at

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A NOTE FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP OFFICER, VICKI BEAM

The Membership Directory will be available to all members approximately June 1st. If the information you want in the directory differs from that on your Enrollment Form, please notify me before May 20th with any corrections.

Vicki Beam @ 883-5580 or mgoblue-fan2@hotmail.com

P.S. If you haven't had your picture taken for the Directory, see me or Suzanne Jarboe! Thanks!

NORTHERN CHAPTER—HARLEY OWNERS GROUP 2007 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	DESTINATION
Tuesday	May 1st	6:00pm	Ladie's Ride	Culver's (Cadillac)
Thursday	May 3rd	6:30pm	Chapter Meeting & Ride	Peegeo's
Thursday	May 10th	6:30pm	Chapter Ride	Mystery Destination
Saturday	May 12th	2:00pm	Progressive Dinner Ride	Brehler's Home
Monday	May 14th	6:15pm	New Member's Ride Rain date: Wed., May 16th	Culver's
Tuesday	May 15th	6:00pm 7:00pm	Road Captains Meeting Officer's Business Meeting	South City Limits
Thursday	May 17th	6:30pm	Chapter Ride	Little Bo's
Thursday	May 24th	6:30pm	Chapter Ride	Auntie Pasta's
Tuesday	June 5th	6:00pm	Ladies Ride	TBA
Thursday	June 7th	6:30pm	Chapter Meeting & Ride	Peegeo's
Fri.-Sat.	June 8th-9th		THUNDERFEST	Brimley
Saturday	June 9th	TBA	Vince O'Brien's BBQ	O'Brien's Home
Thursday	June 14th	6:30pm	Chapter Ride	Minerva's
Tuesday	June 19th	7:00pm	Officer's Business Meeting	South City Limits
Thursday	June 21st	6:30pm	Chapter Ride	Hacienda Vasquez
Thursday	June 28th	6:30pm	Chapter Ride	Blue Pelican
Tuesday	July 3rd	6:00pm	Ladies Ride	TBA
Thursday	July 5th	6:30pm	Chapter Meeting & Ride	Peegeo's
Thursday	July 12th	6:30pm	Chapter Ride	Alden Bar
Saturday	July 14th	TBA	Chapter Luau	Scott/Deb Hocking
Tuesday	July 17th	7:00pm	Officer's Business Meeting	South City Limits
Sat./Sun	July 21st- 22nd		Father Fred Ride	Traverse City
Thursday	July 26th	6:30pm	Chapter Ride	House of Dogs

Note: Meeting time for Thursday Chapter Rides during summer season is 6:30 pm, and expected arrival time at pre-determined destination will be approximately 7:30 pm. All rides start at Classic Motor Sports. Be advised that all events are subject to change, so dial Classic at 943-9344 (Ext 8) for up-to-date news.

WHY SHOULD I GET MORE INVOLVED?

I know this is a question that goes through everyone's mind whenever a Chapter Officer brings the subject up. For what it's worth, here is my take on it. Remember, I too started out in your seat .

When I came into this Chapter I was the young kid on the loud Heritage with his black Harley hat on backwards. I was a generation or two removed from the core age group of most members.

At first I was apprehensive about getting involved, not realizing just how much I had in common with these folks. But more surprising than that was just how welcoming they were. I'm not sure if it was my youthful enthusiasm or the fact that I was simply a new face that made them remember me after a few rides. Most importantly, I learned that it doesn't matter the size of your bike, only that you ride. It doesn't matter your age, only that you bring your smiling attitude. It doesn't matter your economic or social position outside of our circle. Here we all wear the same Bar and Shield. One of the greatest attributes of this Chapter is it's undiscriminating ways. Those from all walks are welcome here.

This organization is no different than any other commitment in life. You only get out of it exactly what you put into it. There is no school yard bully here, so don't be afraid to put yourself out there. Be willing to help out and along the way you will make some great new friends. The new members and new faces with their new ideas are the key to the vitality of the Chapter. The reason it is as active and healthy as it is today is because of the folks who were once in your seat also.

I look forward to seeing the new faces as much as I do the familiar ones. I enjoy shaking your hand as you are welcomed into our family. But what I enjoy even more is seeing the smile of the new faces become smiles of familiar faces as you discover the fun in getting involved.

Until next time, I'll see you on the rides!

Head Road Captain

Brian Zionskowski

TWO SENIOR WILD HOGS

BY: JIM DOW AND DICK RUSAS

"DR." That term is usually in reference to nautical nomenclature involving the computation of time, distance and speed along a determined course line to reach your destination. However, in this instance, it merely relates to two seniors (not old) guys named Dow and Rusas on an undetermined course to the south-west in search of adventure and excitement.

We had to wait for Jim's orthopedic doctor to have his final say about the ankle. Receiving approval and a new air cast on February 19th, we were on the road and trailered out to Las Vegas. Parking the truck and trailer at a storage area, we visited the Las Vegas Harley-Davidson dealer, had our bikes detailed before descending on Jim's sister and brother-in-law, Barb and Mike Dean, who live in Henderson. For three days we toured around Vegas, up to Red Rock Canyon, Mt. Charleston, and other scenic sights, did hot tubs, drank their booze, did laundry, and starting to smell "fishy," we decided to hit the road before we were asked to.

We packed our bikes and headed South to Lake Havasu, Arizona, to descend on Bobbie and Neil Akey, who winter on Havasu Island about two hundred yards from the famous London Bridge. They both have their bikes, so the next morning Neil led us out for some delightful desert riding up to that quaint old mining town of Oatman with all those hippies, artists, and usually, the burros. However, that day there were no burros, only Bobbie with her three "asses." We lunched in a rustic old hotel after witnessing a mock gunfight staged on the main street for the entertainment of the tourists. After a fun lunch, and recognizing two acquaintances of Jim's, we mounted our steeds and continued north on old Route 66 up to Kingman and the Mother Road Harley-Davidson store. Then we headed back south through the rolling, arid desert to Havasu for the night.

After breakfasting the next morning at the Akey Diner, the four of us packed up and headed south, following the Colorado River to the Parker Dam, which we guess creates Lake Havasu. Not as massive as the Hoover Dam, but impressive never-the-less. At this point, we head west on Highway 62 into California. Uhg! Were we in for a shocker! We made it to Twenty Nine Palms okay, but were suddenly blasted by what was reported in the media as a sixty to seventy mile per hour wind and sand storm. Dumb Dow was leading, and had we any common sense at all, should have stopped in Yucca Valley for the night to let the storm blow through. But no, not knowing what was in store, we continued on to I-10 and Palm Springs. Now we know why there are windmill farms. Thousands of windmills. There's always wind blowing down the San Bernardino Valley, but today it was a roaring, raging, howling, blinding wind and sand storm. We slowly exited I-10 on Gene Autry Drive in Palm Springs, only to find the road closed, due to what else, high winds. We made our wobbly U-turns back to I-10 to the next exit and finally to a rather nice motel in Palm Springs. Wow! What a relief!

Now you may ask What's the big attraction to Palm Springs other than being a famous golf mecca (which we're not interested in) and home to the rich and famous (which we're not interested in)?

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I thought we might all appreciate a recap of the Accident Scene Management Class.

On March 31st, 25 members of the Northern Chapter H.O.G. participated in a class put on at Peegeo's. It was really neat to see so much interest in the subject. This was not meant to be a total class about First Aid or CPR, but was basically an overview of things to do and not to do when involved in an accident. Goals were: (1) Reduce Injury and Fatalities; (2) Reduce Rescuer Injury; (3) Increase Effectiveness of EMS; (4) Focus on Trauma; and (5) addressing difficult subjects like practicing opening an airway, helmet removal, and moving the injured. Additional goals are to prevent further injury, assess the situation, contact EMS, and treating the victim.

We were taken through the steps to not only help the injured, but how to protect the rest of the group by getting only those who are witnesses to the accident and who are trained to help to stay at the scene, and to get the rest of the group away to safety so they do not become victims. Additionally, someone to take charge, direct the group, have other members direct traffic, and make room for the ambulance.

Make sure you wear your rider protection devices, gloves, leathers, boots and helmets, and eye protection.

We practiced moving the victim, removing helmets and rescue breathing.

As with any trauma, the goal is to get the patient to surgery, if needed, within one hour after the accident...this is called the "Golden Hour."

We were given an Accident Scene Management patch and a basic first aid kit. Hopefully, we will never have to use any of this, but if the situation arises, I think everyone received enough information to be valuable.

There will be an advanced course available hopefully next year and I hope we will get just as good a turnout.

Again, this is a very short overview. The class was a day long, so lots of information was provided.

Tom Whilden, Safety Officer

Well, Mother Nature did her best to try and dampen the first New Member Ride of the year, but she did not keep a large group of Road Captains and two new members from attending. On April 23, new members Jeff Challender and Steve Purkiss were the first to get this opportunity under their belts.

After the safety movie, the regular pre-ride briefing took place, hand signals were demonstrated, and then we took a nice ride ending up at Culvers.

What the riders did not know was that earlier that day I had stopped by Culvers and talked with the manager, Brad, about what the New Member Ride is all about Safety. He was excited about the idea of being involved and gave me a stack of free sundae coupons for the evening, which were passed out to all those involved!!! So, not only did Steve and Jeff get certificates for their Chapter pins, but free ice cream as well.

Brad is looking forward to getting more involved with the Northern Chapter HOG, and wants to have a bike night there. This idea was presented to Don and Eric at Classic, so look forward to more details.

Remember, the New Member Ride is open to all new members of the Chapter. Emphasis is on safety, both is group and individual riding. All Road Captains strongly recommend that new members participate. Tom Whilden

SUCCESSFUL FIRST "NEW MEMBER RIDE" HELD ON APRIL 23rd

NEXT RIDE: May 14th @ 6:15

Meet at Classic Motor Sports

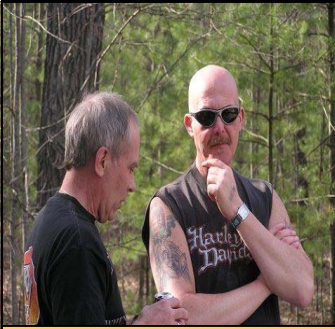


New Member Ride attendees:

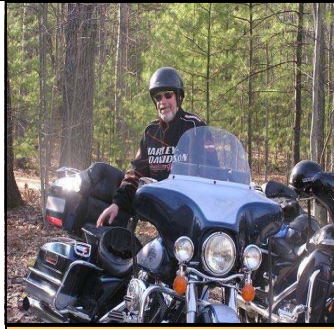
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Paul Jarboe and Jim Johnson

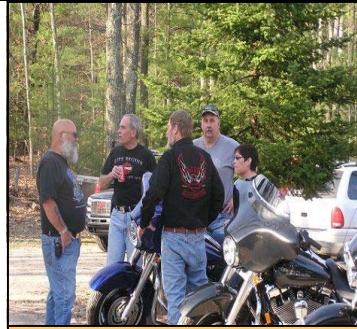
GOOD ATTENDANCE AT 2ND ANNUAL SWAP YOUR STUFF DAY!"



Lew Kirchner & Steve Szasz



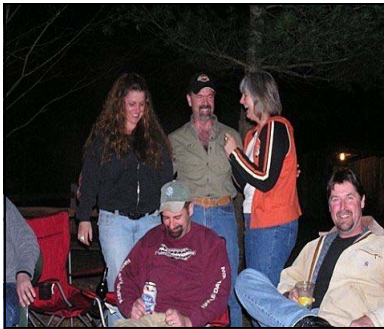
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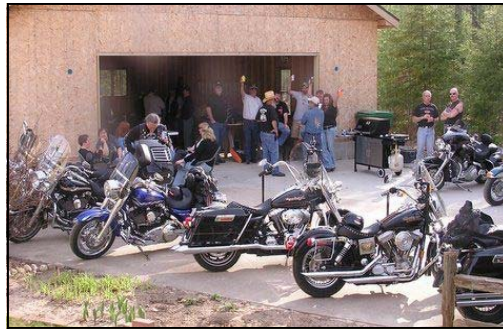
The boys checkin' out Deb's new wheels!



Vicki Beam and company



Jamie Rierson, Eric Fischer, Kris VanDeusen, Brian Z and Greg Sherman



The Sherman's parking lot!



Brian Are you awake?

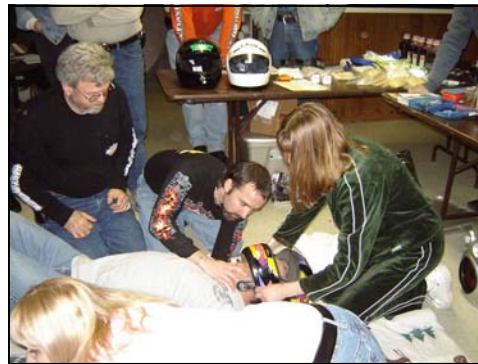


The bonfire gang!

HEALTHY SHOWING AT ACCIDENT SCENE MANAGEMENT CLASS



Left to right: Rick Cole, Jim Beam, Cheryl Miller, Kim Lefler, Jim Lefler, Sue Barner



John Lefler, and John and Denise Peppler practicing just learned techniques



Lew Kirchner and Michael Cole practicing helmet removal

Thin leather looks good in the bar, but in won't save your butt from "road rash" if you go down!

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome Richard and Renata Wilson and Jeff Challender!

AN INVITE FROM FELLOW MEMBER BECKY BARRITT

I'm graduating from NMC with an associates in Nursing and I wanted to invite all those who have supported me the past three years. I'm having an informal house BBQ on Saturday, May 5th, from 5:30 pm till whenever. We'll have burgers/dogs, drinks, horseshoes, and a bonfire. Go for a ride, stop for a snack, and keep on rollin! 6362 Gleaner Hall Road, Kingsley (Just around the corner from Brian Z's house— look for the balloons!) Thanks everybody for the support!!!

2007 Grand Traverse Biker Get Away

June 8-9 2007

GRAND TRAVERSE RESORT & SPA

Northern Michigan is renowned for many things, but the amazing motorcycle rides in the region are among the best anywhere. From the rolling orchards and vineyards of the Traverse City area to the breathtaking views of Lake Michigan and the dozens of biker-friendly resort towns scattered along our sandy shorelines, it would be difficult to find a region in the United States that offers a better open-road experience.

In celebration of the incredible motorcycle experience Northern Michigan has to offer, the Michigan Harley-Davidson Dealers Association and the Grand Traverse Resort & Spa are proud to invite you to the inaugural "Grand Traverse Ride-In"

Join your friends for a weekend of great times, great rides and true relaxation at the recently renovated Grand Traverse Resort & Spa.

The weekend vacation package includes:

- 🏍️ Two nights lodging at the luxurious Grand Traverse Resort & Spa
- 🏍️ A Friday evening welcome reception with hot and cold hors'd oeuvres, cash bar, music, and orientation of area attractions with distribution of maps of area bike tours. (7-9:30PM)
- 🏍️ Saturday morning breakfast at Sweetwater American Bistro
- 🏍️ Saturday self-guided bike tours throughout NW Michigan
- 🏍️ Saturday lunch at Leelanau Sands Casino located amidst the breathtaking scenery of the Leelanau Peninsula.
- 🏍️ Saturday night Pig Roast at Grand Traverse Resort & Spa (7-9:30PM)
- 🏍️ Sunday morning breakfast at Turtle Creek Casino
- 🏍️ Sunday self-guided bike tours.
- 🏍️ Secured parking for bikes at Grand Traverse Resort & Spa throughout weekend.

PACKAGE PRICES STARTS AT \$199 PER PERSON, BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY IN THE HOTEL (plus tax and resort fee).

Packages also available in Tower Rooms and 1-, 2- and 3-bedroom condominiums.

Call (231)-534-6000 for reservations and more information.

MEMBER SPOTLITE



Kris VanDeusen and her 2007 Street Glide
Always smile and always ride safe!

Meet Kris VanDeusen, your Northern Chapter Secretary. Kris has been a member since 2003. She began riding solo with her purchase of a 2005 883C Sportster. After 10,000 miles, which included a trip to the Harley factory in York, PA, she was hooked.

Last August she purchased a 2007 Blue Denim Street Glide and three days later embarked on a major ride with friends up to Canada through the Soo, east to Ottawa and then South back into the states. After eight New England states, New Brunswick and the Gaspé Peninsula (16 days and 4,500 miles later) her travels brought her back to TC. It was an awesome experience!!

Kris is a registered nurse, and when she isn't riding her Harley, you'll find her in the Emergency Room at Munson Medical Center. She has two beautiful children—Kevin, 23, and Melissa 17. Her favorite pastime is being with people.

Quoting Kris "This Chapter has provided me the support to go out and try something I never thought I would do. Special thanks to those members who worked (really hard) with me Tom W., Rick C., Jim J., John L. and Eric F."

By the way, it's Kris' birthday this month! Don't forget to wish her a Happy Birthday (it's her favorite holiday!)



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MAY BIRTHDAYS!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ONE & ALL!

<i>Kris VanDeusen</i>	5/2
<i>Jim Supina</i>	5/5
<i>John Iott</i>	5/5
<i>Kevin Scott</i>	5/5
<i>Nancy Bigley</i>	5/9
<i>Donna Drury</i>	5/9
<i>Richard Wilson</i>	5/10
<i>Gail Gersky</i>	5/15
<i>Tara Baesch</i>	5/16
<i>Byron Lamb</i>	5/16
<i>Richard Smith</i>	5/18
<i>Harry Szostakowski</i>	5/21
<i>Susan Neroni</i>	5/26
<i>Jerry Kocis</i>	5/27

MEMBERS EARNING ACTIVITY PINS

ERIC FISCHER, DEB HOCKING,
SCOTT HOCKING, PAUL JARBOE,
MIKE O'CONNOR, KEVIN RIERSON,
KRIS VANDEUSEN, TARA BAESCH,
AND ZHANE RIERSON

APRIL CHAPTER MEETING WINNERS

50/50 Drawing

Waitress at Peegeo's

Classic Gift Certificate

Shelly Dayton

CONGRATULATIONS!

MEET YOUR ROAD CAPTAINS

The following is a list of your Road Captains. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to give them a call.

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TWO SENIOR WILD HOGS—
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You guessed it! We're to rendezvous with our own rich and famous nomadic friends, Janet and Jim Johnson and Linda and George Reinbold, who are traveling about in their massive Toy Haulers and currently settled in a RV park in Desert Hot Springs, a short ride from our hotel in Palm Springs. Meet them we did, with hugs, backslapping, shouts and accolades, along with liquid refreshments, snacks and munchies after a solemn and hearty toast to all with "Broken Down Harleys," a new drink Jim came across on the guys UP trip last October.

The following morning, Bobbie and Neil head back to Havasu while Dick and Jim follow the pack as George leads us back into the desert. We head back to, of all places, Twenty Nine Palms. Thankfully, the winds have subsided so the riding was a joy. The destination was the Joshua Tree National Park with its unusually shaped Joshua trees, fascinating rock formations and outcroppings. Old eagle eye George, while in the lead, spotted a coyote and her pups. We stopped, pulled out the binoculars and tried to follow the wily creates foraging in their natural habitat. Intriguing! We continued riding through the rugged landscape, gentle curves and wide sweepers for the balance of the day, and headed back to Desert Hot Springs to gas up and say our farewells!

(To be continued in June
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