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Director

Adair



Hey all you H.O.G.s,

Now that spring is in full bloom, pun intended, I am now suffering from allergies. I am also suffering from withdrawals whenever I am not on 2 wheels. Hope the rest of you are suffering along with me, but not from allergies that is.

We had some great rides in March, and some fun events. The roadside cleanup was a great success with multiple riders coming down to help make our section of highway beautiful. Thank you to The Cafe in Sonoita for serving us lunch, even though they were closed for another group.

Good turnout for the Director's ice cream ride. Thanks to the staff mix up, I got double the ice cream.

Chili cook-off and pie contest was fun. We had multiple entries in both categories. Congrats to Rayleen for winning the chili

contest, and Tom S for winning the pie contest. Great job to all chefs.

Best ride of the month was thanks to our treasurer Tracy. Went up to visit the Casa Grande Ruins, then to Tags in Coolidge for lunch. We had fun watching The Great Outdoors at movie night. We had a little pizza to start, then thanks to one of our new members Bill, we got kettle corn for dessert. LOH social was a success thanks to Rayleen planning a get together at Brother Johns BBQ.



News from our Director
Here is a look at April

- 4-6 Pancake breakfast for AZFHMR poker run at 9OPHD @ 9am. Please let me know if you can help.
- 4-11 Road Captain meeting at SHD @ 6pm - all welcome
- 4-11 Board meeting at SHD @ 7pm - all welcome
- 4-13 General meeting at SHD @ 9am - all welcome
- 4-13 After meeting ride to Oracle for lunch
- 4-14 Tucson HOG Spring cornhole tournament at SHD @ 10am
- 4-20 HOGs & Dawgs at SDH @ 11am
- 4-20 SHD Spring Car & Bike show at SHD @ 10am
- 4-25-27 Yuma Southwest Regional HOG rally

NOTE: Always check the calendar often for additions or changes.

Stay safe, everyone,
Adair

Kudos Korner

Renee Sommerville

This month I would like to take a moment and thank Renee Sommerville. Renee is your Tucson HOG secretary. Renee is always willing to pitch in and help. She seems to always be the last one to leave when she helps. After everyone leaves after the meetings, Renee is right there helping to put stuff away. She even asks if she can take the leftover donuts to the folks in the store. Renee is always talking to different charities to see if we can fill a need. She is always willing to do research as well when it comes to charities or if we need help with something. We all really appreciate what she does. Thanks Renee.



Secretary

Renee



Spring is here. It's my favorite time of year when it's not 115.

I'll be in Florida the last week in March and for Easter. Visiting my brother for his birthday and seeing other friends.

Congratulations to Raylene for winning first place in last month's chili cook off at OPHD. I took second place and Tracy took third. I was too far away from Sarah when they took the photos, so I had Tom take my place. He wanted to make sure that I got the credit for the chili, not him. The chocolate-peanut butter pie, however, was all his doing. And he won first place for best pie, and I keep hearing about it. Go figure!

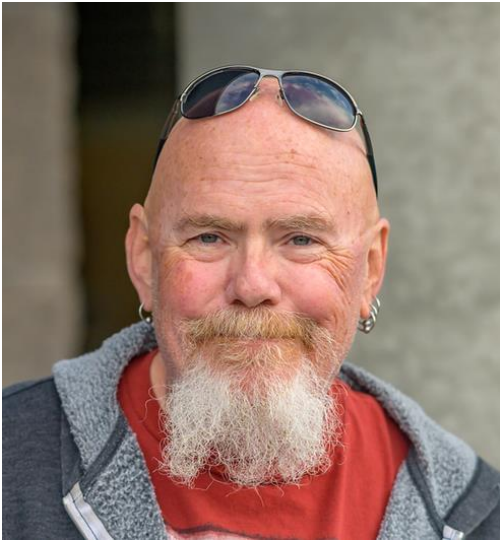
Hope to see you on the 20th at SHD for the car and bike show. Hope we have a good turnout.

Until next month, stay safe out there on the roads. **~Renee**



Treasurer

Tracy



Greeting Tucson HOG,

Well last month I wrote about the rain and old man winter. I figured by this time we would be out of his cold grip, but alas he is still trying to stay here. We have had a lot of rain this year as well as snow up on Mt Lemmon. The view from our house is great, but I am over this cold rainy weather.

We did have a couple days of nice weather though. Adair led a short ride from the dealer out through Picture Rocks and by the Saguardo National Park West and down to Ajo where we stopped for ice cream at Dairy Queen. I am starting to see a pattern with his rides.

Then on Saturday the 23rd I led a ride the back way up to the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument. We started the ride at the Speedway gas station at Oracle and Magee with 14 bikes and 16 people and by the time we got to the ruins we had picked up another bike so a total of 15 bikes and 17 people.

The ruins are quite fascinating and worth a visit if you have never been there before. While we were looking around, a group of people were at the back side of what they call the great house looking up at the covering they have over it to help preserve it. Turns out a pair of great horned owls have built a nest inside the great house and one of them was up in the cover with a small rabbit for the 2-week-old chicks they have. I wish I could have read their minds about all these people watching. A short bit later the other adult was also out and looking at us while we looked at them. After we left the ruins, we went into Coolidge to have lunch at Tags Café. Grumpy and Susan met us there and we all had a good lunch even if some had to wait a bit to get a table. Some of the group wanted to go back the quick way down I-10 and some wanted to go the back way that we had come down 79 to the 77 and into Catalina. So, I led one group and Adair led the other. All in all, it was a great day and we all had fun.

I am going to try and put an after-meeting ride on after our general meeting every month at least until it gets really hot. This month I am going to lead a ride from the dealership out through Picture Rocks and past the Marana airport and into Marana. We will eventually get to Oracle via the 79 and 77 and eat at the Oracle Patio Café. Bobbie and I have eaten there several times and have enjoyed it a lot.

There are quite a few members, including yours truly, who are planning on going to the HOG rally in Yuma next month. It's been a few years since I've been to a HOG rally, and I am looking forward to it this year. One place Mike and I are planning on going while we are there is up in the mountains to Julian. There is a little place there that makes the best apple pie I have had in a long time. Anyway, I hope to see more and more members on our rides moving forward.

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 84 members.

New this month are:

Bill McPheron
Victoria McPheron

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 year's dues, just use the treasurer's email. That email is treasurer@tucsonhog.net.

Bobbie



Editor

Lynda



Greetings, HOG Friends,

I had to sit out riding for a couple of weeks owing to both the weather and my scratched saddlebag getting stuck at the painters on account of delays related to the fancy paint job and—of course!—COVID! Covid, Covid, Covid! Not my Covid. The painter's Covid! I thought we were done with that! Guess not entirely.

I could have ridden without the saddlebags, I guess, but the electrical plugs that connect the saddlebag lights might have gotten too exposed. Heck! I don't know! I know I really, REALLY missed riding.

(There! I had to get that rant out of my system!)

Anyhow, yesterday was a wonderful ride day, and the flowers are even more prolific right now. I hope you all get out there to enjoy them.

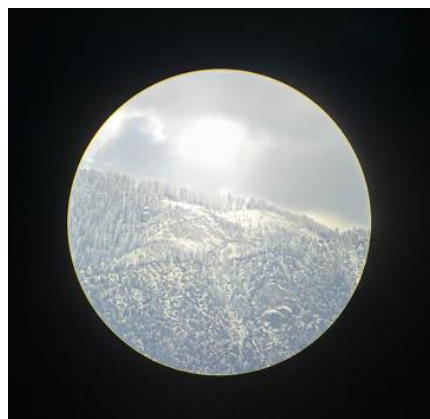
I have my spotting scope aimed at Mt. Lemmon, and I predict the snow up there will soon be disappearing. It's been neat to see the snow from various geographic locations as we ride. Including yesterday I saw the mountain from route 177 just north of Hayden. I mean, you can see it whenever on the horizon, but you don't really know what it is until you see it from so far away with all the snow glittering in the sun. Very cool. In more ways than one.

But all of which, of course, means there might be some wet roads soon. So watchit!

So, welcome, April!

See you all soon.

~Lynda



Historian

Tom a.k.a. Detroit



Welcome spring! We've had quite a rainy winter, and the usual warmer March temps really haven't shown up. That means we'll probably go right from the upper 60s right into the high 90s, and 100s aren't far behind.

I'd like to thank the judge who voted my chocolate peanut butter pie the best at last month's OPHD pie contest.

Below are the rides to report on in which road captains turned in their ride slips. Thanks guys!

- DATE: 03-09-24 Destination: Sonoita 12 MCs / 14 people / 60 miles
LRC: Joe Butler Sweep: not listed
Great ride out I-10 to Highway 83 down to Sonoita for our bi-annual road cleanup after the general membership meeting. A great lunch followed at The Cafe. A lot of wind as usual for this time of year.
- DATE: 03-13-24 Destination: Dairy Queen 9 MCs / 52 miles
LRC: Adair Sweep: Tim Cannon
Nice ride for a tasty treat through Saguaro National Park then back to SHD.
- DATE: 03-23-24 Destination: Casa Grande 15 MCs / 193 miles
LRC: Tracy Sweep: Mike Bradford
Treasurer's ride to visit the Casa Grande Ruins National Memorial. Afterwards a great lunch at Tag's restaurant. We actually had two rides back. One took us back to Catalina via 79 and 77. The other was a ride back to SHD via I-10.

Just a short note and reminder: When planning on going on a ride, read the information posted about the ride on the calendar to make sure you know where and when KSU are. I showed up at SHD for the Casa Grande ride only to see no one was there. Had I read the calendar right I would have known it left from the gas station on Oracle. It was okay though. I took a ride by myself that morning listening to my music. As nice as it was it would have been better to be with my fellow HOG members.

Last month I had the honor to sit down with Allan Webber and interview him for March's Person of Interest. I apologize for when I read his story at the general membership meeting, I was missing a few bits of info for one page was missing from my report. I remembered most of what was on it. Below is the full story on Allan. Enjoy.

When I retired from full time work as a Crime Scene Investigator with the Marana Police Department, I said I was going to write a couple of books. I accomplished the first part of that promise to myself and wrote "Old School", the Police, the Public and the Pranks. It was sent to the publishing company here in Tucson back in November and is going to print the last week in March.

The book should be out mid-April. I plan on having a book signing at The Station bar on Silverbell & Wade sometime after that. I will keep you posted. I would sure appreciate it if you could help out a struggling author by purchasing the book. I promise you a few laughs as always.

Until next month, Stay safe and watch out for the other drivers.

~Tom



Person Of Interest

Allan Webber

Allan was born on 10-20-49 in Chicago, IL. He has one sister and one half-sister. Allan is the oldest.

When he was born his mother was a small woman and he had to be pulled out resulting in slanted eyes.

Allan stated his childhood was pretty much normal. When he was in the 3rd grade his parents had Harleys.

Allan's father passed away in 1964 when he was only 14 years old. But his dad taught him to be tough. His dad told him that if someone hits you, hit 'em back harder. Allan got in a lot of fights.

After his father's death, Allan went to live with his grandpa in Ludlow, Illinois. His grandpa had a farm that had been in the family for 100 years.

But grandpa was very strict. He told Allan no sports, no girls, go to school then come home and work the farm.

In school Allan wanted to play the oboe but was told it was too expensive, so he settled on playing the alto sax. He got involved with the Thespians in drama class and liked it.

After Grandma died Allan's grandpa opened up a little bit. Allan ended up moving back in with his mother in Champaign and took the train back and forth from grandpa's.

At age 17, Allan got a job at International Register Company in their receiving department. He had to walk 5 miles to and from work.

Allan had received a scholarship in Social Economics but got drafted into the United States Army. Instead of going in the Army, Allan joined the U.S. Air Force.

As it was back in those days, recruiters promised you a job you wanted. But you never got that job, you had to take what they gave you. Allan wanted to work with computers but was told all those jobs were filled. How about something in Logistics, he inquired. Nope, all filled. So, Allan settled for what the Air Force wanted him to do—ground radio.

Allan was stationed in Korea in the DMZ. He had to drive around a Marine Lieutenant for one year. From there Allan went to Robins Air Force Base located just southeast of Macon, Georgia for 6 months.

Allan was then assigned to Louisiana for 3 years spending most of his time in the mobile control tower. It was while he was working there that he met his wife, Mary.

There was an L-shaped bar/restaurant just outside the base. Allan was there when some guy started harassing Mary. Allan stepped in and told the guy, "Leave her alone". The guy backed away and told Allan he had no call in this. Allan then asked Mary, "Will you marry me?" Mary replied yes and then the guy backed down. Allan and Mary were married in 1972 and that marriage produced three boys and 10 grandkids.

Allan had several assignments during his tenure in the Air Force. He had been stationed in Korea, Italy and Crete (Island of Greece). As a Staff Sgt. in San Antonio, Texas, Allan was a security spotter, then was an



Electronics Security Spotter. He took care of all mobile assets for the command. Allan's last assignment was at Davis Monthan here in Tucson and worked with ground launch missiles.

During his service Allan had considered leaving the Air Force and joining the Tucson Police Department. His mother told him to re-up and stay in, so Allan listened to his mother. The very next day after his re-enlistment Allan received a call from TPD.

Allan Webber received an honorable discharge in October 1989 after serving proudly for 20 years. He received a total of 5 medals during his career including a Meritorious Service Award, the highest award given at peace time.

Due to the work Allan did in the military, his knees and ears deteriorated. The noise from the jets took out his hearing. Allan received a partial disability pension at 30% disabled. The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) fought for him and got it upped to 50%. Allan was receiving shots at TMC for his knees and had to have a knee replacement. He now receives a 70% disability pension.

Allan went back to school at ITT in Tucson but due to his hearing disability no one would hire him. He worked briefly at a Wal-Mart store in Green Valley before going to work at Jensen's as a parts buyer and gunsmith. He was a range officer at the Prince Road location. Allan retired from the workforce in the mid-late '90s.

Sadly, in November of 2021, Allan's wife Mary passed away from pancreatic cancer. She died 8 days after being advised of her diagnosis.

INJURIES: Eyes, knee, joint disease, spinal injury, and skin cancer (nose).

TRAVELS: Germany, Greece (Crete), Italy, Korea, and many of the U.S. states. Allan has not however been to Canada or Mexico.

HOBBIES: Guns, swords, knives, and motorcycles.

AFFILIATIONS: Life member of the NRA, DAV, American Legion, USAF Sgts. Association, and Tucson HOG.

FAVORITE FOOD: Steak

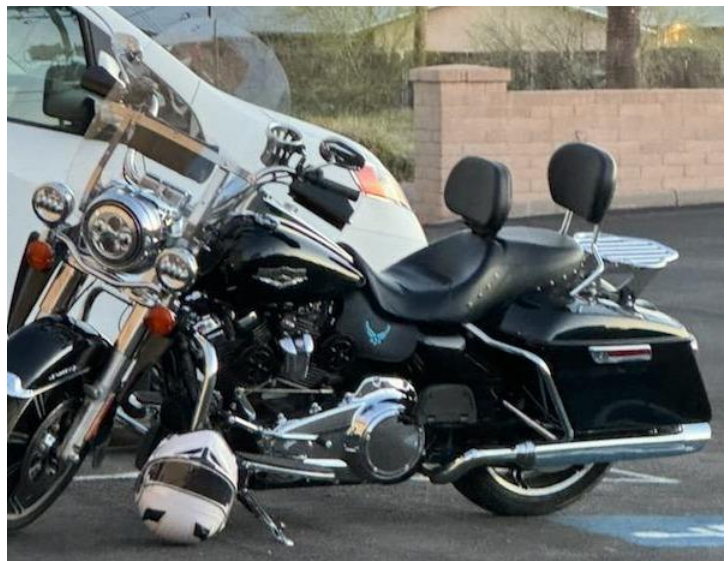
FAVORITE DRINK: Tea

Motorcycles: Like many HD riders, Allan had plenty of Japanese/foreign bikes. '74 Honda CB300, Triumph Tiger (while in Italy), Honda 750 (Italy), Suzuki 650 (one in Crete too), Yamaha, several more Hondas. A '71 FLT was his first Harley, an '84 & '85 FXRT, several more Harleys. At 69 years old he bought a M-109 Suzuki which was traded in for a Yamaha. That was traded in for a 2016 Heritage, then a Honda Gold Wing so his wife could tour with him. He also had a Switchback, a 2014 Softail deluxe and his current bike a 2021 Road King.

NICKNAME: Damned Yankee (given to him by his American Legion riders).

BUCKET LIST: Nothing. Then a minute later he said, Find Me A Woman.

IF HE COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND CHANGE ONE THING: Allan said he would never have drank.



Safety

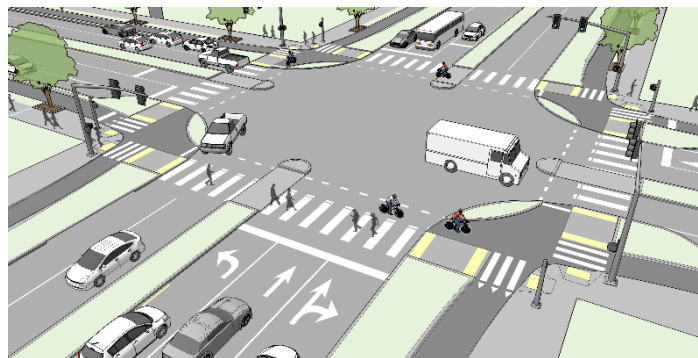
Tim



Hello, HOGs,

Intersections remain the major problem for us riders. Please keep your head on a swivel when approaching them on a green light and seriously look when stopped before proceeding through them. Riding weather is upon us so enjoy but be safe!

Tim



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 \(tucsonharley.com\)](https://www.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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Tim Cannon



March General Meeting



A Passel of Guests Visited in March



New Members Bob, Daryl, Carol, Diane & Tiffany



First Thing: Pick up your Card and Drop It in the Pig!



Blessing the Winners!



Roadside Cleanup

(Click to View Video on SmugMug): [2024-3-9 Roadside Cleanup - Tucson HOG Chapter \(smugmug.com\)](https://www.smugmug.com/2024-3-9-Roadside-Cleanup-Tucson-HOG-Chapter)



Arriving at the Scene in Sonoita



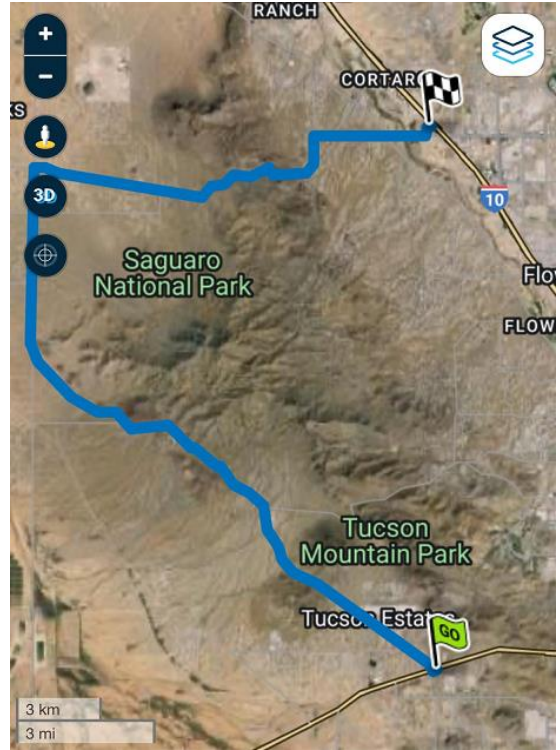
Reporting for Duty



Another Shot at Ice Cream (Director's March ride)



YUM! Can't Wait!



The Route



HOGs Pigging Out!



One is Not Enough!



Gone for DQ!

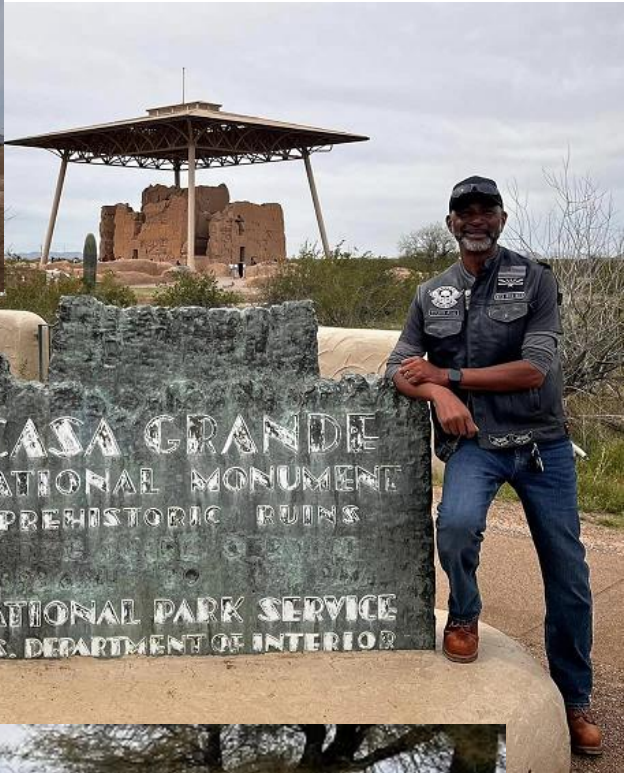


Chili and Pie Contest at OPHD

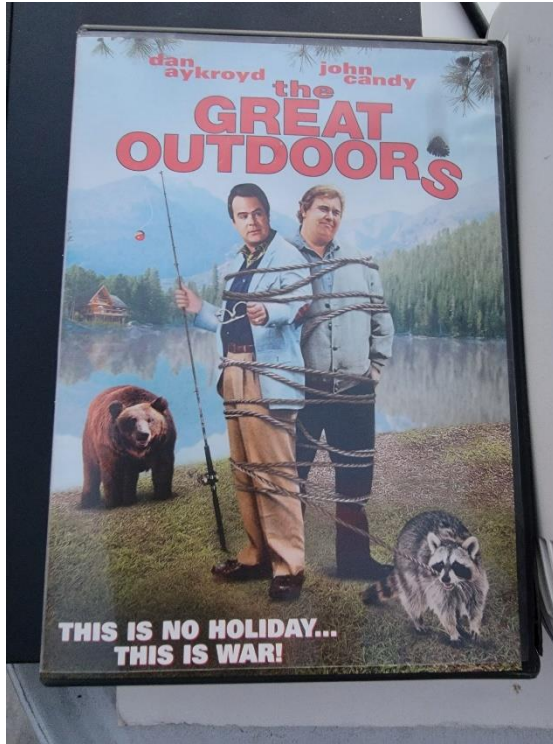


Casa Grande Ruins Run (Treasurer's Ride)

HOGs at Casa Grande Ruins



Movie Night



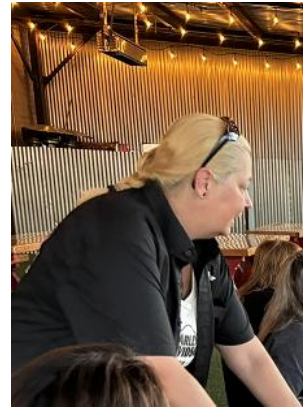
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Now the Flick



LOH at Brother John's



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