



V-TWIN TALES

Corpus Christi Texas H.O.G. Chapter #5020

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Corpus Christi H.O.G. Mileage Contest

The 2nd Quarter Jim Clark Memorial Mileage Contest had 12 members turn in their mileage and was won by Rickey & Connie Thielen with 14,354 miles. Rickey & Connie were presented with the 2nd quarter patch and will receive a tee shirt from Preston Douglass and CCHD. The runners up were Sabas Cavazos with 12,274 miles, Louis Kubala with 11,981 miles, Bryan & Sherrie Gabbert with 7,345 miles, John Fitzgerald with 4,296 miles, Richard Smith with 3,506 miles, Eric Thomas with 2,221 miles, Marshall Lester with 2,160 miles, John & Julie Lackey with 1,904 miles, Cyndi Robinson with 1,520 miles, David Benoist with 1,499 miles, and Dan Robinson with 974 miles. Total mileage accumulated by our members for the 2nd quarter was 64,034 miles.

Richard Smith won the consolation drawing for the runners up and received a shirt from Preston Douglass and CCHD.

There are two ways to win each quarter. One way is to have the highest outright mileage for the quarter. The other way is to win the runners up consolation drawing from the remaining eligible participants for the quarter. Those who have won in either category during the course of the year are not eligible to win again in that category for the remainder of the year.

Thanks to all who participated and congratulations to Rickey & Connie Thielen for their high mileage for the 2nd quarter and to Richard Smith as the consolation drawing winner.

It's all about the ride! Ride often and ride safe.



Pikes Peak H.O.G. Chapter 18th Annual 5 in 1 Ride

John & Julie Lackey and Rickey & Connie Thielen rode to Colorado Springs, Colorado each taking different routes, departure dates and times to ride in the 18th Annual 5-IN-1 High Altitude Poker Run with the Pikes Peak H.O.G. Chapter. Riders gathered at Pikes Peak Harley-Davidson on the afternoon of July 14, 2017 to check in, get their packet/merchandise and riding directions for the ride that was to take place the next morning on July 15. Burgers and chips were also served for those that wanted to brave the rain downpour that was common for the afternoons this week.

It's was before daybreak, our Harley's headlights were illuminating the empty interstate and city's lights twinkled in the valley. The craggy outlines of Colorado's Front Range cut like a jigsaw puzzle through the night sky. Sunrise is a little more than an hour away, but the parking lot of Pikes Peak Harley-Davidson was already bustling with activity. Arriving in the parking lot around 5:20 AM, on July 15th, there were lots of bikes already there. We were lined up behind the Road Captain in Group #4 to be led by Pikes Peaks H.O.G. Chapter Road Captain Eric Merrell. We were looking forward to taking off on a ride that would be forever in our memory –

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feasting our senses on waterfalls, switchbacks with sheer drops, and frontier towns in no hurry to leave the 19th century. Our group left at about 6:15 AM as the first three groups were being spaced out with the 1st leaving at 5:30 AM. As we rode through the Rockies, we would find some of the most challenging and rewarding terrains for motorcycles with the goal of riding over **FIVE** 10,000 foot mountain passes in one day.

Squaw Pass and Juniper Pass are actually north-south passes that you cross from east to west at elevations of 11,020 feet. So, why does that matter? Well, it's because as you "cross" these passes going west, there is no descent...only one long continuous climb. You are riding along the ridge line of a few mountains rather than over them.

Guanella Pass, while a detour from Hwy 285, provided a perfect snapshot of the Rocky Mountain ecosystem in only 22 short miles and has an elevation of 11,669 feet. Animal life is plentiful throughout the area, with bighorn sheep and the occasional beaver making frequent appearances.

Hoosier Pass is located on the Continental Divide at the northern end of the Mosquito Range, in a gap between Mount Lincoln (west) and Hoosier Ridge (east) and has an elevation of 11,542. It sits on the boundary between Park (south) and Summit (north) counties.

Kenosha Pass is located in the Rocky Mountains, just northeast of the town of Fairplay, Colorado and has an elevation of 10,001 feet. Geologically, the pass is located atop a large granite batholith (known as the Kenosha Batholith) that forms the spine of the Front Range along the eastern side of South Park.

Monarch Pass is located on the Continental Divide at the southern end of the Wasatch Range along the border between Gunnison and Chaffee counties, approximately 25 miles (40 km) west of the town of Salida and has an elevation of 11,312 feet. The pass carries U.S. Highway 50 over the Sawatch Range, providing a route between Tomichi Creek in the upper basin of the Gunnison River on the west and the South Arkansas River, a tributary of the Arkansas River, on the east.

It was a memorable ride that lasted all day and covered about 300 miles. We ended up in Salida, Colorado at around 4:00 PM for the evening and settled in at our motel. The Wallbanger's Restaurant was the location of the closing festivities that evening where drawings for prizes, the poker hand results and the group picture was taken along with dinner.

On the morning of July 16th John & Julie headed west to Moab, Utah for an evening ride down the Colorado River before heading home via Four Corners ending up covering 3,207 miles, 5 states over 7 days. Rickey & Connie headed north to the Sturgis, South Dakota area to ride the Black Hills before heading home ending up covering 4,135 miles, 7 states over 10 days.

Anyone up for the 19th annual ride next year?



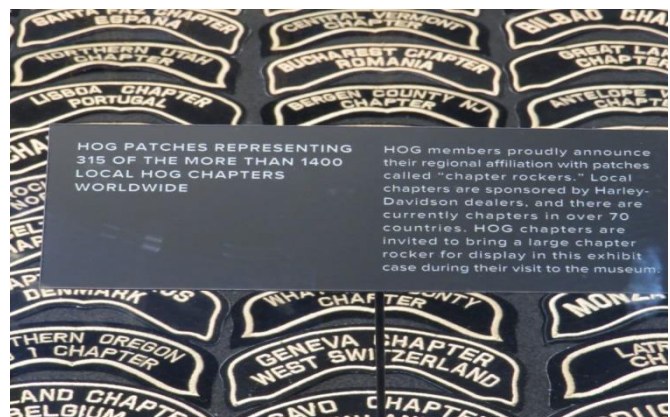


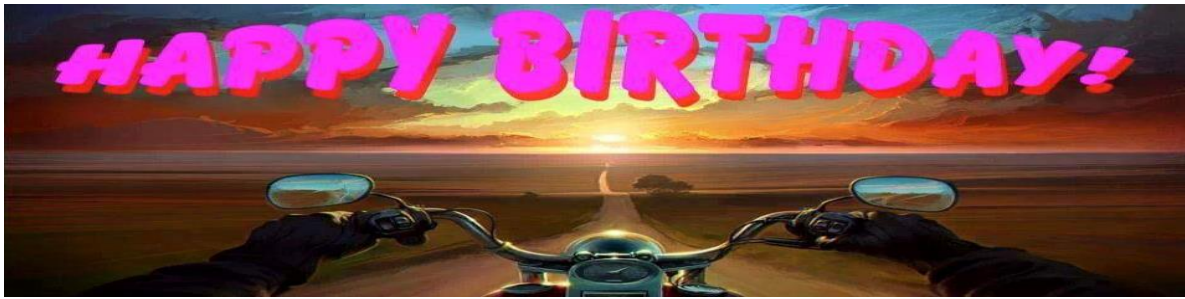
H.O.G. National Rally

After an absence of eight years, H.O.G. put on their first U.S. National Rally. In 2009 the rally was held in Oklahoma City, OK. and eight members of the Corpus Christi H.O.G. Chapter attended. This year's rally was held in Milwaukee, WI. from August 30 through September 2 at the Harley-Davidson Museum on Canal Street.

Those that attended were part of H.O.G. history in 2017 as the National Rally returned this year to Harley-Davidson's hometown of Milwaukee, Wisconsin August 30th – September 2nd. Attendees felt a rumble deep in their soul that said they were home the moment they arrived at the rally's headquarters, the iconic Harley-Davidson Museum, where they connected to Harley-Davidson's shared history through the motorcycles, exhibits, and stories of generations of riders just like you. The rally partnered with the Full Throttle Saloon to bring Throttlefest to Harley-Davidson's Hometown. Throttlefest featured FIVE days of music, motorcycles and more! Jackyl, The Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band, The Dead Daisies, Hairball, Circus Una's High-Wire Motorcycle Thrill Show, Rhett Rotten's Wall of Death, food trucks, artisans and a whole lot more provided the entertainment. Thousands of riders showed up for some great rides through the beautiful hills and rock formations of Wisconsin's Kettle Moraine, rode down the Wisconsin River, or zig-zagged along quiet farm roads up to Green Bay to visit the football holy land at the Packers' Lambeau field. In addition to the action at the Museum, H.O.G. partnered with the annual Milwaukee Rally so attendees could enjoy festivities at all of the Milwaukee-area Harley-Davidson dealers.

Unfortunately for those from our area, we had to deal with Hurricane Harvey or we would have had some members participate. There is always the 115th Harley-Davidson Motor Company Anniversary next year to look forward to!





Happy Birthday and Many More.....

October

5 Carl Sitzler
 6 Jim McKibben
 8 Belinda Canales
 9 Mark Gattis
 11 Israel Blanco, Jr.
 12 Marshall Lester
 18 David Benoist
 19 Arturo Trevino
 23 Brenda Duncan
 27 Tom Estes
 28 John Mathewson
 31 Bob Sollars
 31 Jesse Ybarra III

November

1 Rebecca Madison
 4 Cyndi Robinson
 17 Richard Smith
 21 Linda Benavides
 23 Janie Juarez
 24 Louis Kubala

December

1 John Clapp
 2 Peggy Benoist
 8 Bryan Gabbert
 13 Ray Reyes
 14 Sherrie Gabbert
 17 Chad Crinzi
 18 Robert Garcia, Jr.
 26 Bill Gulasey
 31 Susie Conerly



Happy Wedding Anniversary

October

3 Richard & Gloria Smith
 6 Daniel & Mary Alice Barrientez
 7 Corey & Catherine Stein
 10 Jay & Susie Conerly
 10 Gary & Debora Sibert
 13 David & Sandra Landry

November

3 Kerry & Charon Goodman
 15 Bob & Nancy Graves
 22 Mike & Sandy Quintanilla
 27 John & Dora Fitzgerald
 27 Tim & Jennifer Miller

December

11 Jesse & Cynthia Ybarra
 29 Randy & Lynn Gantz

Welcome New Members:

Lewis "Tom" Ansara, Phillis Massad, Rainey Porter, Debora Sibert, Gary Sibert, John Ward

Welcome to the Corpus Christi H.O.G. Chapter family and we look forward to riding with you!



Top 15 Chapter Ride/Meeting Participation through 9/30/17 -YTD

Marshall Lester	(1)	Richard Smith	(9)
Sid Blalack	(2)	Julian Gaona	(T10)
Bryan Gabbert	(T3)	Connie Thielen	(T10)
Sherrie Gabbert	(T3)	Diana Gaona	(11)
Raul Guzman	(4)	Cyndi Robinson	(T12)
Linda Benavides	(T5)	Dan Robinson	(T12)
Rickey Thielen	(T5)	Eustacio Saucedo, Jr.	(13)
David Benoist	(6)	Louis Kubala	(14)
Eric Thomas	(7)	Sabas Cavazos, Jr.	(15)
Peggy Benoist	(8)		



National H.O.G. Mileage Recognition

The National H.O.G. Mileage Recognition program has been in existence since 1995.

Many of our local members participate in this program. The following are members who have attained an award milestone since the 2nd quarter 2017 V-Twin newsletter was published. Members listed below are only those who turned in their mileages at Corpus Christi Harley-Davidson. If you sent yours directly to Milwaukee or recorded the mileage at another dealership, you will not be listed. If we missed you for any reason, we apologize.

If you are not enrolled in the H.O.G. Mileage Recognition program please visit with the receptionist at Corpus Christi Harley-Davidson soon and she will help get you enrolled. Mileages can be accumulated for as long as you are a H.O.G. member and on multiple H-D motorcycles. The main thing to remember is that the mileages cannot be reported retroactively, so the sooner you enroll the more miles you can accumulate. Patches, pins and

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achievement rockers for reaching key milestones are a benefit of being a participating H.O.G. member just for doing what you already love..... riding.

Eustacio Saucedo	10,000 Miles	Cyndi Robinson	80,000 Miles
Cyndi Robinson	60,000 Miles	Alma Villarreal	80,000 Miles
Sabas Cavazos, Jr.	80,000 Miles		

Congratulations to these Corpus Christi H.O.G. members for their impressive accomplishments!



Secretary Report – Rickey Thielen

The Corpus Christi H.O.G. Chapter membership count was 102 members as of September 30, 2017. Please remember to maintain your National H.O.G. membership, which must be kept current, to be a Corpus Christi H.O.G. Chapter member. An expired membership at the National H.O.G. level automatically terminates local chapter membership.

Article VI of the H.O.G. Charter relating to Membership states:

All Harley Owners Group[®] members may join any affiliated chapter. An expired membership in H.O.G. automatically terminates local Chapter membership. It shall be the responsibility of each local Chapter to ensure that Chapter members are current H.O.G. members and to maintain on file in the Chapter records a signed copy of the annual Chapter Membership Enrollment form and Release of each Chapter member. It shall be the responsibility of any person applying for, or renewing, membership in a local Chapter to provide proof of his or her National membership as a condition of eligibility for membership.

Run for the Cross in Memory of James T. “Jim” Clark on September 23, 2017



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Chapter Ride Policy Reminder - All Chapter rides officially end in the parking lot of our destination with kick stands down.



WHO WE ARE

By Todd "Thor" Robinson, Regional HOG Manger

We are very lucky to get to travel all over this great land, lucky to be able to do it on the back of the best motorcycle in the world and lucky to have our brothers and sisters in H.O.G.® But with all this fortune a nagging question seems to linger...WHO ARE WE?

Well on the surface it seems simple—we are the Harley Owners Group®. That bonds us as owners of and enthusiasts of Harley-Davidsons. Digging just a bit deeper we are the “Official Riding Club of Harley-Davidson,” which makes it clear we are a riding club and that we are a riding club connected to Harley-Davidson Motor Company. So again...simple...we ride Harley-Davidson® motorcycles.

So I think the real question starts when we start digging into the real reason we exist. Do we exist to administrate? Do we exist to raise money? Do we exist to lead meetings? The answers here are not so clear or easy. Many of our members think we spend entirely too much time focused on those things that do not have to do with riding.

Think back to when you first got your Harley®—the excitement, the fear, the attitude—it was a new world with endless possibilities and all you had to do was ride. No one ever bought a Harley to administrate, to raise money, to go to more endless meetings...NO, they bought it to ride.

As we travel and talk to members, current and former, we hear lots of reasons as to why we have lost our way. We all have big hearts. We all want to do good deeds, but what seems to take over is everything except the ride. Our guiding principles found in the H.O.G.® Chapter Charter keep it pretty simple. It seems to be the local tribal wisdom getting in the way of most Chapters fulfilling the goals of most riders. Keep it simple...Ride and Have Fun.

Always remember to ask yourself, is what we are doing promoting more diverse riding opportunities for our members? More chances to go to new and interesting places? More time to hang out with the people we choose to hang out with? Always remember why we bought the best motorcycles in the world—to ride. Always remember who we are—The Harley Owners Group, The Official Riding Club of Harley-Davidson.

Show Your Support - Get the Corpus Christi H.O.G. Chapter Colors. Wear Them Proudly When You Ride.

In Memory
Jacqueline “Harley Rose” Reyes
10/2/1964 – 7/18/17



A Look in the Rear View Mirror

A look back at some events & happenings that took place in the 3rd quarter of years past:

One Year Ago (2016):

- 3rd quarter mileage contest won by Sabas Cavazos, Jr. with 12,783 miles and Julian Gaona won the consolation drawing.
- Preston Douglass opens new shop in Port Aransas, Texas called Wahoo H-D on July 1.
- H.O.G. night at the Corpus Christi Hooks Baseball game on 7/16 with Bryan & Sherrie Gabbert, Julian & Diana Gaona, Marshall Lester, Ivan Thielen and Rickey & Connie Thielen. The game was between the Hooks and the Frisco Roughriders with the Hooks losing 5-4 in an exciting game with 5,817 in attendance.
- August Chapter Meeting at the Silverado Smokehouse with 36 members in attendance.
- H.O.G. Chapter Blanco overnight ride to the Horse Races in Fredericksburg and spend the night in Blanco attended by Daniel & Mary Alice Barrientez, Gary Burk & Sylvia Rodriguez, Bryan & Sherrie Gabbert, Julian & Diana Gaona, Frank Poland, Rickey & Connie Thielen and Jesse & Cindy Ybarra on 8/13-14. Breakfast at Hacienda El Charro in Blanco on Sunday morning.
- Lunch Mystery ride to 5D Steakhouse in Yorktown on 9/3.
- Jim Clark Memorial ride to the cross in Kerrville on 9/3 with 27 in attendance followed by lunch.
- H.O.G. Chapter ride to the Grand Opening of the new Laredo HD on 9/24 with 17 riders.
- New members noted in the 3rd Quarter V-Twins Tales were Robert Braghini-Bosarge and Joshua Forsberg.

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Five Years Ago (2012):

- 3rd quarter mileage contest won by Billy Fultz with 21,137 miles and Randy Towns won the consolation drawing.
- Lunch with the Houston Area #1 H.O.G. Chapter from Mancuso H-D at Texas Traditions in Port Lavaca on 7/21 (21 members from Mancuso and 30 members from CC) followed by dinner that evening with the Houston Area #1 H.O.G. Chapter at Joe's Crab Shack on the Bayfront on (21 members from Mancuso and 20 members from CC).
- Night at the Hooks dinner ride to Brewster's Ice House and CC Hooks baseball game with the Frisco Roughriders on 7/14 with 9 members.
- Chapter Meeting on 8/6 with 42 in attendance. New members Wayne Schrum, Israel Blanco, Perry Collins, John Mathewson and Harry Anthony. Linda Benavides won the chapter charity drawing and Charles Bonniwell won the 50/50 for \$66.00.
- LOH breakfast rides to Price's Chef in July with 7 members, to Refugio in August with 22 members and Ramsey's in Victoria with 30 members in September.
- New Mexico State H.O.G. Rally held in Albuquerque on 9/6-8. Those seen at the rally were Dennis & Linda Lugg, James & Cathleen Taylor and Rickey & Connie Thielen. Jim Clark and Billy Fultz rode in to get an ABC's picture.
- New members noted in the 3rd quarter V-Twin Tales were Robert Alaniz, Bobby Bullard, Norma Jean Bullard, Ty Bullard, Perry Collins, Bonnie "Susie" Conerly, Jay Conerly, Garland Crotwell, Lorri Crotwell, G. K. Doerr, Jr., John Mathewson, Bill Meeks and Benson Tuttle.

Ten Years Ago (2007):

- 3rd quarter mileage contest won by Rickey & Connie Thielen with 10,288 miles and Greg Sanderson won the consolation drawing.
- Almost Annual X-Ride to Xenia, Illinois attended by Jim Clark, Mike Rivere and Rickey & Connie Thielen along with Dave Cook from 7/4 to 7/10. Rode 285 miles of the Natchez Trace Parkway. Four bikes and total mileage of about 2,300 miles.
- August Chapter meeting at the Silverado Smokehouse on 8/6 with 50 in attendance.
- Overnight Hill Country Ride to Camp Wood and the Felkner's cabin on 9/21 to 9/23 attended by John Creeden, Robyn Bain, Andy & Glenda Felkner, Christy McCloy and Rickey & Connie Thielen.
- Caliente Chapter out of San Antonio lunch run to Frenchy's on the Island on 9/8 and attended by 16 C.C. H.O.G. members.

Fifteen Years Ago (2002):

- 3rd quarter mileage contest won by Steve Withers with 7,342 miles.
- Chapter Lunch ride to Pharr (Fuddruckers) and Pharr RGV H-D on 7/6 with 10 bikes.
- New Members Lunch ride to Wallbangers on 7/13.
- First Chapter Website put up by member Pablo Breuer.
- X-Ride 3 - to Xenia, Illinois and the 19th National H.O.G. Rally/100th Anniversary Open Road Tour in Atlanta with two members, Jim Clark and Rey Salinas on July 13-21. Left Texas with flooding from recent and continuing rains. Jim Clark's Buell breaks down on 2nd day outside of Little Rock, AR. On Day 5 Jim Clark is back on the road to Atlanta and Salinas has bike problems in York, PA and received quick repairs after visiting with the owner's wife. Two bikes and Rey Salinas does about 4,250 miles.
- New Members Lunch ride to Blackbeard's on 8/3.
- LOH Field Events and BBQ at the Ice Wagon with 38 members near Aransas Pass. Frenchy Pierce won the slow race, Suzi Soliz & Jody won the Bike Wash and Wienie Bite, Jim Clark and Frenchy Pierce won the Road Kill Cleanup and Gary & Susan Garrett won the Ball Drop.
- Chapter Ride to Arkansas State H.O.G. Rally in Hot Springs with 8 members on 9/13-14.

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- Chapter ride to Oklahoma State H.O.G. Rally in Eufaula, Oklahoma attended by Jim Clark, Rickey & Connie Thielen, Wes Frank, Odis Graham and Rey Salinas on 10/4-5.

Twenty Years Ago (1997):

- 3rd quarter mileage contest won by Danielle Wiley with 4,577 miles.
- Chapter meeting at Silverado Restaurant at Five Points on 7/7.
- Dinner run to Duck Inn in Rockport on 7/16.
- Club ride to Gruene on 7/19 and lunch at the Gruene Mansion.
- LOH sponsored open Poker Run to benefit the Women's Shelter.
- Adopt H.O.G. Bylaws at chapter meeting held at Crystal's Confectionery on 8/4.
- Monthly ride to Kingsville and lunch at King's Inn on 8/16.
- Chapter meeting at Sturgis Campground on 9/1.
- Texas State H.O.G. Rally at Memorial Coliseum on 9/4-7. Cost is \$25 per member. Group photo offered on the USS Lexington.
- Dinner run to Blackbeard's Restaurant on 9/17.
- Fun day at Fiesta Marina on Lake Mathis on 9/20.



Annual CC H.O.G. Chapter Texas POI Contest

This year's POI (Points of Interest) Contest was the 5th annual opportunity that this event. Bryan & Sherrie Gabbert put together another challenging event for our members. This required getting out and riding to up to 40 different points throughout Texas to get a picture of the POI. Requirements were that you're Harley-Davidson motorcycle, the POI and a copy of a 2017 H.O.G. magazine or the 2017 H.O.G. Touring Handbook had to be in the picture. The participant could be in the picture but was not a requirement for those that participate on their own.

The contest started on February 13th and ran through July 31 with all submissions turned into the receptionist at the shop no later than end of business day on August 1st.

The following members participated this year. Shown are their total POI results, out of a maximum of 40, and
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their Rider Reward point's totals:

Bryan Gabbert - 40 POI's – 2500 rider reward points	Sherrie Gabbert - 37 POI's – 1000 rider reward points
Louis Kubala - 40 POI's – 2500 rider reward points	Richard Smith – 28 POI's – 500 rider reward points
Rickey Thielen – 40 POI's – 2500 rider reward points	John Fitzgerald – 27 POI's – 500 rider reward points
Connie Thielen - 40 POI's – 2500 rider reward points	

In addition, those who had 25 points or more were entered into a drawing for one of three gift cards from Corpus Christi Harley-Davidson. Those who braved the elements and endless miles of Texas roads and collected all 40 POI's were entered an additional time in the drawing. This added a little different twist from previous years encouraging participants to go for all of the POI's.

The results of the drawing for the three gift cards from CCHD at the August 7th Chapter Meeting were as follows: 1st Place and the \$500 gift card was won by Connie Thielen, 2nd place and the \$250 gift card was won by Louis Kubala and 3rd place and the \$100 gift card was won by Rickey Thielen.

Congratulations to all the members who participated for their results and many thanks to Preston Douglass and Corpus Christi Harley-Davidson for their continued support of our Chapter events and rides.



Chapter Fund Raiser

Sherrie Gabbert, our LOH Officer, put together a Chapter Fund Raiser consisting of a liquor basket with bottles of liquor donated by Chapter members that were raffled off at our Chapter meeting on August 7th. The ticket winner did not need to be present to win and would have been notified by phone if not present. The liquor in this basket was located behind the sales counter at CCHD for viewing and was valued at around \$400. Chapter members sold the \$10 tickets to either members or non-members. Tickets came in books of 10 and could be picked up at the sales counter at CCHD.

The lucky winner of the basket was Connie Thielen. Congratulations and if you need help drinking any of that liquor please let us know!

A good rider has balance, judgment, and good timing. Respect the person who has seen the dark side of motorcycling and lived. Young riders pick a destination and go.....older riders pick a direction and go.



Big Bend Overnight

The weekend of October 27, 2017 the Corpus Christi H.O.G. Chapter is going to Big Bend! We will be staying in Alpine, and there are several hotels that you may book your room, at The Maverick Inn. We are not blocking any rooms there because they require a contract and payment for any rooms in the block that are not reserved. The Maverick Inn is only a 21 room property so if you want to stay there book as soon as possible. Here is the link for The Maverick Inn - <http://www.themaverickinn.com/>. It is kind of like the Blanco Co Inn where you are able to park right in front of your room and has a fire pit in a court yard that is available for guests to use. We will be leaving early Friday, October 27 and coming back Sunday, October 29. On Saturday, October 28 we will travel to Big Bend National Park. Look for more information that will come as the rider gets closer.



2017 H.O.G. Rally Schedule

<u>RALLY NAME</u>	<u>CITY/LOCATION</u>	<u>DATES</u>
Central H.O.G. Rally	Ardmore, OK	October 5-7, 2017
Hawaiian Islands H.O.G. Rally	Kahului, Maui, Hawaii	October 13-15, 2017
Southeast H.O.G. Rally	Pensacola, FL	November 1-4, 2017

2017 H.O.G. Pin Stop Schedule

<u>Name/Event</u>	<u>City/Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Biketoberfest	Daytona Beach, FL.	October 19-21, 2017
Lone Star Rally	Galveston, TX.	November 2-5, 2017

Chapter Membership Renewal

It seems that every time you turn around another year has passed; and another year has almost passed. Every year in October the Chapter starts the process of membership renewal for the next year. Make sure that you take the opportunity to renew your membership early. Remember; as soon as you renew you get your "White" card for activities participation.

This gives you a three month "head start" to get it filled so you have a seamless transition into 2018 and you do not have any lag time without your maximum Rider Reward percentage. All you have to do is participate in five chapter events and you maintain your Rider Rewards percentage at CCHD! Your 2017 "Green" card is still valid until December 31, 2017, but on January 1, 2018 your Rider Reward percentage will go back to the minimum until you get your five events in.

As if just riding with our great chapter was not reward enough, this is even one more incentive to get out and ride. Plus if you renew by January 1, you save four bucks on your renewal. Renewals paid before January 1 are only \$20.00! All memberships (both old member renewal and new members) paid January 1 and after are \$24.00. New members get a special bonus! If you join in October, November or December; your membership is good through the rest of 2017 and all of 2018!

Primary Officers Election

Without volunteers, the Harley Owners Group as we know it would not exist. Chapters would not form. Events would not happen. Many programs would not be possible. In other words, volunteers comprise an essential, highly valued part of the H.O.G. organization. Each year, literally tens of thousands of people volunteer with H.O.G. at some level. For instance, more than 12,000 people currently serve as chapter officers worldwide. What this means is, if you're looking to get more involved, meet new people, experience new things, and have a lot of fun in the process, you've definitely come to the right place!

The 2018 Primary Officer Elections will be held November 6th at the Silverado Smokehouse located at the intersection of Gollihar and Weber. We will meet about 6:00 PM for those that wish to eat and the meeting should start about 7:00 PM. Only our four Primary Officers are elected. They are elected for a one year term by the membership of the chapter. You must be a current Chapter member in good standing to vote. The four Primary Officer positions are: Director, Assistant Director, Secretary and Treasurer.

If you think that you might like to serve in one of these positions, please contact any of the current officers or Preston Douglass. Before you tackle a Primary Officer position, please give it some real thought. It does take a great deal of dedication as well as time. But the rewards are great. It is really recommended that you have spent a couple of years being active in our local chapter before you run. If you are not quite ready for a Primary position, there are lots of Discretionary Officers that are needed as well to make the chapter run. They are appointed by the newly elected officers, so think about that as well! Some of the Discretionary Officer positions are:

Activities Officer
Ladies of Harley Officer
Membership Officer

Safety Officer
Photographer
Head Road Captain

Webmaster
Editor
Historian

Riding faster than everyone else only guarantees that you'll ride alone.



Chapter Meeting Minutes

Corpus Christi H.O.G. Chapter - #5020
Chapter Meeting @ Silverado Smokehouse
Monday, August 7, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Daniel Barrientez, Chapter Director, with 36 members in attendance.

Jerry Olivarez, Chaplain, blessed the meeting with a prayer.

Daniel welcomed everyone and asked everyone to make sure they had signed in. Daniel asked if anyone needed Chapter Charity or Chapter Donation drawing tickets. He also asked if anyone needed a ticket for the liquor basket drawing.

Cyndi Robinson, Treasurer, said that there was an error on the June report as a deposit that she reported as \$24 was actually \$94 resulting in a balance of \$1,383.52 and carried forward to July. With July deposits of \$1,070.00 the ending July balance was \$2,363.81. With a August deposit of \$72.00 the balance as of the Chapter meeting was \$2,431.81.

David Benoist, Head Road Captain, announced the results of the 2nd Quarter 2017, Jim Clark Memorial Mileage Contest that had 12 participants. Rickey & Connie Thielen won with 14,354 miles. Rickey & Connie received the 2nd Quarter Mileage Contest patch and a shirt from Preston Douglass and CCHD. David announced that the runners up for the 2nd Quarter Mileage Contest were Sabas Cavazos with 12,274 miles, Louis Kubala with 11,981 miles, Bryan & Sherrie Gabbert with 7,345 miles, John Fitzgerald with 4,296 miles, Eric Thomas with 2,221 miles, Marshall Lester with 2,160 miles, John & Julie Lackey with 1,904 miles, Cyndi Robinson with 1,520 miles, David Benoist with 4,499 miles, and Dan Robinson with 974 miles.

David conducted the drawing for the 2nd Quarter 2017, Jim Clark Memorial Mileage Contest runners up and Richard Smith won a shirt from Preston Douglass and CCHD.

Sherrie Gabbert, Activities Officer, said that:

- The liquor basket drawing had brought in \$1,780.00 along with the \$90 in tickets sold tonight.

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- She thanked those that had donated the liquor, helped to sell the tickets and those that had purchased tickets.
- Members can order tee shirts with a skull design in ash color that will have the chapter name on the back and the sheet is available here at the meeting. The shirts will need to be paid for in advance before the order is place after the October meeting. Contact Sherrie for more information.
- She also said that there will be an overnight Chapter ride to Big Bend the last weekend in October. The ride will leave on Friday, October 27 and returning Sunday, October 29. We will be staying at the Maverik Inn in Alpine riding to Big Bend on Saturday returning to Alpine for the evening. There are other motels in Alpine to choose from including the Quality Inn which used to be a Best Western.
- The Christmas Party will be Friday, December 15 with a turkey & dressing dinner. Planning for the activities and festivities are ongoing.
- She is working on another project to make an H-D tee shirt quilt. David Benoist and Louis Kubala donated the shirts and she showed the chapter what she has done to date. There are enough shirts to make another quilt or make a couple small throws. She is still trying to decide whether this will be an auction or be sold outright.
- The POI Challenge is over and six members turned in their pictures for points. Rickey Thielen, Connie Thielen, Bryan Gabbert and Louis Kubala completed all 40 POI's. Sherrie Gabbert had 37 points, Richard Smith had 28 points and John Fitzgerald had 27 points. Those with all 40 points will have two chances at the drawing and those with 25 or more will be entered once. She then conducted the drawing and Rickey Thielen won the 3rd place drawing for a \$100 CCHD gift card, Louis Kubala won 2nd place drawing for a \$250 CCHD gift card and Connie Thielen won the 1st place drawing winning a \$500 CCHD gift card.
- Sherrie conducted the liquor basket drawing which was won by Connie Thielen.
- There are two dinner rides each month leaving the shop at 6:00 PM. On September 16 there is a dinner ride after the shop party. On September 23rd Richard Smith will have the run to the cross near Kerrville in honor of Jim Clark. Get with Richard for details. On the same day there is a lunch ride to the Trailriders Steakhouse in Floresville.

Rickey Thielen, Secretary, said that the Chapter had 98 members at the start of the meeting. He then read the member birthdays and anniversaries for August and September.

Eric Thomas, Safety Officer, said that it was summertime and recommended that everyone stay hydrated. He talked about the symptoms of heat exhaustion and heat stroke of which the later should be considered a 911 type emergency. Wear a jacket and the sweat will help keep you cool along with wearing light colors.

Daniel said that Preston Douglass, our sponsor, was at Sturgis.

David Benoist thanked Sherrie Gabbert for all of her hard work.

Cindy & Jesse Ybarra are new members and this was their first meeting. They ride a Road King.

Mike Powell mentioned that we have had a couple rides with problems. On both occasions he looked back and the sweep was gone. On one ride Rickey Thielen was sweeping the ride to Nordheim and he had a flat. The other time was on a lunch ride to Cathy's in Port O'Connor and Richard Smith was the sweep and he had a flat. David Benoist said that riders should monitor their rear view mirrors and if someone falls out of the group everyone should slow down. It is possible that the sweep will break down and we shouldn't ride faster than you can see in the mirrors. Julian Gaona said that we should keep the phone numbers of the Road Captains in our phones. Daniel Barrientez said that if you can barely see the lights of the riders behind you that we should slow down or send someone back to check on them. Watch your mirrors and keep a watch on the other riders.

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Gary Sibert asked how members get the newsletter and how often it was published. The newsletter is mailed to those that require a hard copy, emailed to all the members with email addresses and placed on the Chapter website. The newsletter is published once per quarter.

Daniel said that the car show will be August 26 at Brewster's from 12 to 5.

Daniel was reminded that we hadn't recognized our new members. John Clapp joined in February and rides a 2010 Tri Glide calling it a highway wheelchair. Also in attendance was Joe Vera who rides a 2016 Road Glide, Harry Pearrell who rides a 2017 Street Glide and Tom Ansara who rides a 2009 Classic.

The Chapter charity drawing was won by Catherine Stein and she will receive a gift from Preston Douglass and CCHD.

The Chapter donation drawing brought in \$99 and was won by Corey Stein who received \$49.50.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM. Thanks to all those in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,
Rickey Thielen – Secretary



Riding with Passengers

Traveling with a passenger is a task best left to the experienced motorcycle operator because it affects many different aspects of your bike's operation. Carrying a passenger on the back of your bike is quite different than transporting a heavy bag or other cargo. You should spend some time practicing your skills in a low-traffic area before carrying a passenger on a busy street, if you are new to riding.

Always follow the state's DMV regulations for carrying a passenger on your motorcycle. You can learn about these laws in the motorcycle operator manual or contact your nearest driver license office with questions.

Preparing your bike for a passenger is important. Not all motorcycles are equipped to carry a passenger. If you want to invite a guest on your trip, you will need a seat big enough to carry two people and extra foot pegs for your passenger. Of course, an extra helmet is also a necessity. Your owner's manual can also provide information about the weight limitations, operational recommendations, and equipment setup. In addition, it will tell you whether your suspension and tire pressure should be adjusted. Many states have specific equipment guidelines that your motorcycle must meet if you wish to carry a passenger. For example, it's common for the DMV to require your motorcycle to have passenger footrests and a separate seating area for the passenger. Do not carry passengers on your bike until you are certain you can comply with these requirements.

Safety tips for carrying a passenger should be carefully considered. Before you carry a passenger, give them a quick safety lesson. If this is a new rider, don't assume that your passenger understands what they must do. The following tips will help keep your passenger safe:

- They must be tall enough to reach the footrests.
- They must keep their feet on the footrests at all times.
- They should keep their legs away from the mufflers, since they can get very hot.
- They must wear a helmet and other protective gear.
- They must not turn or make sudden moves that could affect your ability to safely control the motorcycle.
- They must hold onto your waist or the bike's passenger handholds.

When carrying a passenger, they should be considered to be a second operator. Don't allow someone on your bike who doesn't obey your safety instructions. Children should not be carried without the permission of a parent or legal guardian. Riding a motorcycle poses a safety risk and they should have the appropriate protective gear. Some states have legal requirements for the minimum age of a passenger on a motorcycle. If you have someone who frequently travels with you, ask them to complete a basic safety course. Even if they never learn to operate a motorcycle, this course will provide a better understanding of the procedures to avoid accidents while you are riding together.

Riding safely while carrying passengers will require you to make some adjustments to your riding style. A passenger's extra weight will substantially affect your bike's handling characteristics. To help compensate for this difference, please remember:

- Allow more time and space for passing.
- Be cautious when turning corners since clearance may be affected.
- The extra weight of your passenger will increase the stopping power of your rear brake.
- You will need greater clutch finesse and more throttle when starting from a stop.
- With the added weight it will take longer to turn, slow down, or speed up on your motorcycle.
- Avoid traveling at extreme speeds.
- Be prepared to counter the effects of wind when appropriate.

When traveling with a passenger, remember to start the bike before your passenger mounts the bike. The kick stand should be raised and the bike should be securely braced before the passenger mounts the motorcycle.

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