



# V-TWIN TALES

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

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## Primary Officer's Election

On November 7, 2016 thirty-seven members gathered at the Silverado Smokehouse to elect the four Primary Officer positions for the chapter who will serve your Chapter in 2017. After some routine business was conducted by Assistant Director Daniel Barrientez, the election process was turned over to Preston Douglass, our Chapter Sponsor.

All of this past year's Primary Officers and the Discretionary Officers were thanked for their service to the chapter during the year. It was noted that the new officers will need everyone's help during the upcoming year for the chapter to remain successful. Some of the positions were contested. After taking a ballot vote and counting the votes the results were announced. Preston thanked those that had volunteered to step up and help run the Chapter.

Your 2017 Primary Officers that were elected are Daniel Barrientez – Director, Bryan Gabbert – Assistant Director, Rickey Thielen – Secretary and Cyndi Robinson was elected Treasurer.

## 2017 Chapter Discretionary Officers Announced

Discretionary Officer positions are those that are appointed by the Primary Officers and the Chapter Sponsor, Preston Douglass. The following are your Discretionary Officers for 2017. Thanks to each and every one for stepping up to the challenge, because without their help we could not continue to function as a Chapter.

Activities Officer – Sherrie Gabbert  
Editor – Rickey Thielen  
Ladies of Harley (LOH) – Sherrie Gabbert  
Head Road Captain – David Benoist  
Historian – Rickey Thielen

Membership Officer – Connie Thielen  
Photographer – Diana Gaona  
Safety Officer – Eric Thomas  
Webmaster – Chad Hammer



## Corpus Christi H.O.G. Mileage Contest

The 3rd Quarter Jim Clark Memorial Mileage Contest had 14 members turn in their mileage and was won by Sabas Cavazos, Jr. with 12,783 miles. Sabas was presented with the 3rd quarter patch and will receive a tee shirt from Preston Douglass and CCHD. The runners up were Rickey & Connie Thielen with 10,827 miles, Chad Hammer with 10,139 miles, Richard Smith with 8,721 miles, Louis Kubala with 8,692 miles, Eric Thomas with 7,297 miles, Bryan & Sherrie Gabbert with 5,395 miles, Renato Perez with 5,376 miles, Steve & Melody Williams, Sr. with 5,213 miles, John & Julie Lackey with 3,347 miles, Julian & Diana Gaona with 2,378 miles, Dan Robinson with 2,055 miles, Cyndi Robinson with 2,005 miles, and David Benoist with 1,651 miles. Total mileage accumulated by our members for the 3rd quarter was 85,879 miles. Total mileage for the year for those that have turned in their mileage is 256,919 miles.

Julian & Diana Gaona 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 Sabas Cavazos, Jr. for his high mileage for the 3rd quarter and to Julian & Diana Gaona as the consolation drawing winners.

**Have you checked the air pressure in your motorcycle tires lately?**



## Leakey Weekend Overnight

On Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> a group of 13 members and guests set out for Leakey for a weekend that was to be spent riding the Three Sisters. Rickey Thielen was the Road Captain for the ride and Bryan Gabbert was the sweep. We stopped in Hondo for a late lunch at Hermann Son's Steak House Restaurant which has been open since 1946. At Hermann Sons, they take pride in their casual, family-friendly atmosphere, where great service and superb food offers customers the quintessential Texas dining experience.

After lunch the group continued to Bandera for a gas stop before riding on to Medina. At Medina we turned west onto one of the Three Sisters which is Ranch Road 337. A ride through this part of Texas will most certainly change your view of the state. This route is mainly very twisty passing over large hills. The ride is also among scenery as good as it gets, along clear rivers, through very twisty mountain type curves among real Texas Ranches. With million dollar vistas, cool clear waters along with friendly folks and knowing that you are riding some of the best this large state can offer, makes for great riding. We arrived in Leakey, checked in at the Leakey Inn and unpacked the bikes. We walked downtown and had a late dinner at Mama Chole's.

On a very cool Saturday morning after a buffet breakfast at the Mill Creek Café we set off to continue taking in the rest of RR 337 over to Camp Wood. From there we were headed north on Texas 55 for a few miles before veering right on RR 335, the second of the Three Sisters. This section of road is known for the Wildlife Reserve a few miles down the road where camels, giraffes, exotic deer and more can be seen. The other sections of the road are like large roller coasters as there are several hills with sheer rock sides and runs alongside the headwaters of the Nueces River on the other side. We turned east on Texas 41 for a few miles before turning south onto RR 336, the third of the Three Sisters. This section of road travels through some open ranch range and has many cattle guards to cross.

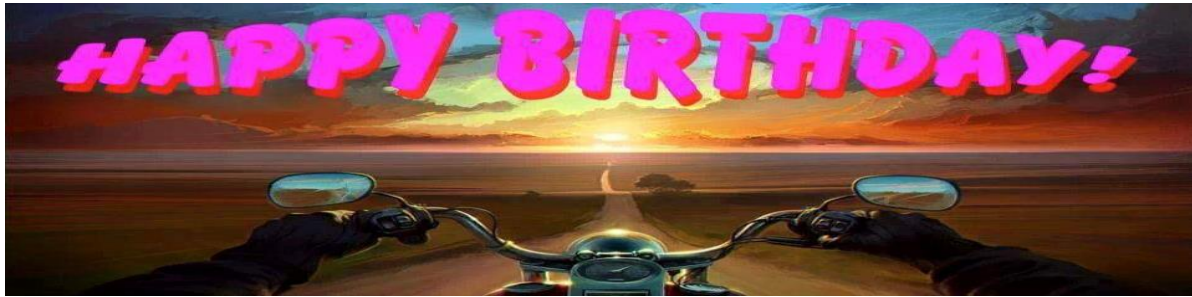
Ten miles from Leakey one bike in our group went down with two riders. This is something we all accept as a possibility when we choose to ride motorcycles but hope it never happens. We tended to our riders as best we could while protecting them from traffic from both directions. Another group of sport bike riders arrived very soon after the accident and one of their riders with medical training offered to help. A deputy from the Real County Sheriff's Department arrived next and also helped with the scene. The two ambulance crews out of Leakey arrived to care for our fellow riders and loaded them for a rendezvous with the air flight ambulances for the trip to San Antonio. The bike was loaded onto a trailer belonging to the Leakey Wrecker Service.

The rest of the group completed the ten mile ride into Leakey and headed back to the motel for a bit to rest, to reflect and unwind from what had happened. We decided that we would ride over to the Frio Canyon Motorcycle Stop and have lunch at the Bent Rim Grill. Former Chapter Director Billy Fultz and wife Claudia

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was in the area and stopped by for a visit with the group. After lunch we decided to ride RR 337 back to Medina to The Apple Store for some dessert. We returned back to Leakey on RR 337 to the motel. Everyone did their own thing for dinner with some going back to Mama Chole's and some walking to a nearby store to get a pizza before returning back to the motel gazebo for an outdoor dinner.

On Sunday morning we met at the Mill Creek Café again for another buffet breakfast before heading home. Six members rode into San Antonio to visit our injured members at University Hospital while the rest of our members headed back to Corpus Christi.



## Happy Birthday and Many More.....

### January

11 Chad Hammer  
 13 Diana Gaona  
 17 Rolando Molina  
 Corey Stein  
 19 Ricardo Blanco, Sr.  
 20 Santos Juarez III  
 23 Sid Blalack  
 24 Jerry Olivarez  
 25 Leticia Perez

### February

11 Marin Villarreal  
 13 Rickey Thielen  
 18 Rodney Nelson  
 26 Gary Burks

### March

4 Randy Gantz  
 5 Connie Thielen  
 12 Earl Koester II  
 15 Mary Alice Barrientez  
 18 Robert Nunez  
 19 David Landry  
 20 Bobby Mendez  
 22 Frank Poland  
 26 Eric Thomas  
 27 Renato Perez  
 29 Steven McLaughlin  
 30 Leonor Villarreal  
 31 Sabas Cavazos, Jr.



## Happy Wedding Anniversary

### January

5 Marcos & Alessandra Dominguez  
 22 Rolando & Priscilla Molina

### February

1 Wayford & Winny Shrum  
 14 Benson & Christine Tuttle  
 18 Richard & Norma Martinez

### March

4 Dennis & Linda Lugg  
 11 Steve & Beverly Montuori  
 18 Daniel & Carolyn Bundy  
 24 Julian & Diana Gaona

## Welcome New Members:

LeRoy Bates, Brenda Duncan, Michael Ladd, Bobby Mendez, Janie Mendez, Ray Reyes, Michael Riggins and Catherine Stein

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



## Top 25 Chapter Ride/Meeting Participation through 12/31/16

Marshall Lester	(1)	Cyndi Robinson	(14)
Bryan Gabbert	(2)	Earl Koester	(15)
Sherrie Gabbert	(3)	Linda Benavides	(16)
Rickey Thielen	(4)	Peggy Benoist	(17)
Eric Thomas	(5)	Marie Powell	(18)
Sid Blalack	(6)	Mike Powell	(19)
Connie Thielen	(7)	Louis Kubala	(20)
David Benoist	(8)	Daniel Barrientez	(21)
Diana Gaona	(9)	Frank Poland	(22)
John Mathewson	(10)	John Fitzgerald	(23)
Julian Gaona	(11)	John Lackey	(T24)
Richard Smith	(12)	Rebecca Madison	(T24)
Raul Guzman	(T13)	Sabas Cavazos, Jr.	(T25)
Dan Robinson	(T13)	Julie Lackey	(T25)



## 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 3rd quarter 2016 V-Twin newsletter was published. Those listed below are only

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those who turned in their mileages at Corpus Christi Harley-Davidson. If you mailed 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 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.

Diana Gaona	25,000 Miles	Frank Poland	25,000 Miles
Julian Gaona	25,000 Miles	Alma Villarreal	60,000 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 124 members as of December 31, 2016. 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.

We currently have 72 members renewed for 2017.

### ***Article VI of the HOG Charter relating to Membership states:***

*All Harley Owners Group<sup>®</sup> 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.*

## **Chapter Membership Renewal**

The Corpus Christi Harley Owners Group annual memberships run the calendar year January through December. Many of our members have taken the option to renew their membership for 2017 early. If you have not renewed for 2017, please do so soon with the receptionist at CCHD. On January 31, 2017 those that have not renewed will be removed from our e-mail distribution lists. We don't want to leave anyone behind, but a current membership is required to be a Corpus Christi H.O.G member along with a current National H.O.G. membership.



## Treasurer's Report

Cyndi Robinson, Chapter Treasurer, reports that the November bank balance was \$1,665.07 plus income from dues of \$454.00 minus expenses of \$1,197.01 for the Christmas Party giving the Chapter a bank balance of \$922.06 at the end of December. There are still outstanding Christmas Party expenses to be posted.



## Evolution in the H.O.G.® World

By J.T. Hasley, Regional HOG Manager

I hope you are enjoying your rides wherever they take you. As well have you tried any new rides or activities this year? Trying a new road, new adventure on your Harley-Davidson enhances your chapter member's motorcycling experience. After all isn't that why we bought them, to ride?

Evolution in the H.O.G. world is a constant. For 33 years H.O.G., H.O.G. Chapters and H.O.G. events have evolved. H.O.G. logos, Member benefits, H.O.G. Training Programs and more continue to evolve to make the Official Riding Club of the Harley-Davidson Motor Company the best. Sometimes it is something that just needs to be freshened up a bit. You have probably seen that with your chapter rides and activities.

H.O.G. Rallies will take on new titles in 2017 and will continue to evolve to provide H.O.G. members a most excellent member event experience. H.O.G. members are very passionate about the H-D brand and H.O.G. We listen to what the members are looking for and we try hard to meet their wishes. You will soon see the work that has been going on that will make finding your next adventure a lot easier.

H.O.G. Rallies are not going away. As I mentioned above what you will see for 2017 the rallies, each rally will be titled differently. Designation of these rallies will not include boundaries or the state name they are held in. What will H.O.G. call these rallies, tri-state or regionals? They will simply be known as H.O.G. Rallies and there are no specific regions so plan to go to all or any rally of your choice.

Below shows some of what is being planned for you by your fellow H.O.G. members. Dates are subject to change, so watch for updates on HOG.com and in the upcoming H.O.G. Magazine. Yes, there could be more added...not to mention H.O.G. Pin Stops and other exclusive Riding Club events.

Deep South H.O.G. Rally	Alexandria, LA	April 6-8, 2017
Southwest H.O.G. Rally	Temple, TX	May 18-20, 2017
Merging Mountains H.O.G. Rally	Roanoke, VA	June 7-10, 2017
Rocky Mountain H.O.G. Rally	Steam Boat Springs, CO	June 8-10, 2017

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Last Frontier H.O.G. Rally  
 Southern Backroad's H.O.G. Rally  
 H.O.G. Revolution Rally  
 Pacific Northwest H.O.G. Rally  
 H.O.G. Iron Adventure of New England  
 Great Lakes H.O.G. Rally  
 Western H.O.G. Rally  
 Central H.O.G. Rally  
 Hawaiian Islands H.O.G. Rally  
 Southeast H.O.G. Rally

Fairbanks, AK  
 Cookeville, TN  
 Utica, NY  
 Meridian, ID  
 Lincoln, NH  
 Saulte Ste Marie, MI  
 Chandler, AZ  
 Ardmore, OK  
 Kahului, Maui, HI  
 Pensacola, FL

June 22-24, 2017  
 July 11-15, 2017  
 July 13-15, 2017  
 July 20-22, 2017  
 July 27-30, 2017  
 August 17-19, 2017  
 September 14-16, 2017  
 October 5-7, 2017  
 October 13-15, 2017  
 November 1-4, 2017

Thank you for your commitment, your dedication and loyalty to the H.O.G. family!  
 See you on the road.



## Toys for Tots

The 32nd Annual Toys for Tots was held on December 4, 2016 on what was a very cold and rainy day. Those that braved the weather gathered in Portland at the Shell Station which is our usual Sunday morning breakfast ride meeting location. This group left for a ride to the Golden Corral on SPID in Corpus Christi. All had a nice breakfast at Golden Corral with time to visit and talk.

After breakfast the group proceeded to the Texas A&M University Corpus Christi Campus to their parking lot to stage. The wet ride down Ocean Drive took place arriving at Concrete Street to drop off the toys to the Marines to be distributed to area children before Christmas.







## Christmas Party

The annual Chapter Christmas Party was held on Friday, December 16, 2016 at the Corpus Christi Police Officers Association (CCPOA) hall which is the same location as last year from 6:30 PM to 10:00 PM. The theme of this year's party was Fiesta. The party was attended by 34 members and 4 guests.

Sherrie Gabbert and her LOH committee had planned and set up a good party but at the last minute there was a problem. With the city wide water usage ban our original caterer could not fulfill their promise to supply the food for the dinner. Our Director, Dan Robinson, contacted El Cazador on FM 624, which is one of our breakfast ride destinations, before noon on the of the day of the party and they said they would come through for us.

The first order of business was to try the food which consisted of beef and cheese enchiladas, rice, beans, guacamole, chips and dip and tortillas. El Cazador had come through for us with the food like they said they would. Peggy Benoist supplied the ice, cheese dip and jalapenos. Daniel & Mary Alice Barrientez brought the guacamole dip. Diana Gaona supplied the tea. Connie Thielen had picked up an assortment of tamales from Rosie's Tamales. Sabas Cavazos also brought some tamales. Gloria Smith baked the cakes and a friend of Connie Thielen, Sherri Winkler, provided two cheesecakes. Beer and wine along with set-ups was available from the CCPOA bartender too. Music was provided during the evening.

Dan Robinson, Director, welcomed everyone to the Corpus Christi H.O.G. Chapter Christmas Party and then turned to Preston Douglass, our sponsor, for some thoughts.

Preston thanked all the Discretionary Officers for their service to the Chapter. He talked about Jim Clark who became Director in 2002, and who was known for thinking outside the box. Previous officers were not able to get along with each other and Jim was the voice for calm. Jim even suggested at one point that we not even have meetings but rather ride instead.

Preston talked about H.O.G. and that it is the largest company sponsor riding organization that is envied by

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many in the automobile and other industries for the following that H.O.G. has developed over the years. In the past year there have been big changes and Harley-Davidson had lost some of its market share to Indian Motorcycles. Tim Budzien, now our National H.O.G. Director, a young Harley-Davidson employee was put in charge of H.O.G. to bring some excitement back to the organization. Preston talked about how new bike buyers have been given a year membership to H.O.G. but now new and used bike buyers will be receiving a year's membership along with a tin box complete with a H.O.G. patch and pin. He said things are turning around with the US National H.O.G. Rally returning in 2017. It will be held in Milwaukee after several years without one. The last US National Rally was held in 2009 at Oklahoma City, OK. He also said H.O.G. is getting some heartburn about the change to the state rally schedule. Instead of state rallies this year they will focus on rallies with one or more states involved in each one.

Preston talked about the Bar & Shield Award that Corpus Christi Harley-Davidson has won over the years. The award levels are Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum. H-D allots winners on the top awards additional motorcycles and they get to receive them before other dealerships. H-D changes the rules each year on how points are accumulated toward those awards. This year will be the first year that 5% of the award points will be earned by a dealer representative attending one of the yearly H.O.G. Officer Training sessions.

Preston recognized the Discretionary Officers and current Primary Officers. He then recognized next year's Primary officers.

Dan Robinson read out the top 25 participants of this past year rides/events starting at #25 and working up to #1 which was a tie between Bryan Gabbert and Marshall Lester. Each will receive a Texas shaped patch with CC HOG and 2016 printed on it. The patches were delayed due to a change in the craft shop ownership where we have had them made for the past several years.

Over the evening door prizes were won by members via a drawing. Members donated prizes and gift cards, the chapter purchased gift cards and Preston Douglass along with Corpus Christi Harley-Davidson also donated many of the door prizes. Guest Nora Hunter won the 50/50 drawing for \$77 out of the \$154 collected.

Our members also took advantage of the props of Fiesta hats and back drop to get their pictures taken. Thanks go out to Sherrie Gabbert and the Ladies of Harley for once again putting on a memorable and fun Christmas Party. Thanks also go to Preston Douglass for his continued support of our Chapter.

See you at next year's party.





## **A Look in the Rear View Mirror**

A look back at some events & happenings that took place in the 4th quarter of years past:

### **One Year Ago (2015):**

- 4th quarter mileage contest won by Bryan & Sherrie Gabbert with 3,693 miles and Richard Smith won the consolation drawing
- Chapter Meeting at Silverado Smokehouse on 10/5 with 57 members in attendance.
- CC Bike Fest held at the American Bank Center 10/8-10. Many members took part along with all the activities at Corpus Christi Harley-Davidson
- Primary Officers Election Meeting at Silverado Smokehouse on 11/2 with 51. Dan Robinson elected Director, Daniel Barrientez elected Assistant Director, Rickey Thielen elected Secretary and Cyndi Robinson elected Treasurer.
- Breakfast ride to Golden Corral on 12/6 with 33 members and guests followed by Toys for Tots with hundreds of fellow bikers on a cool but sunny day.
- Chapter Christmas Party on 12/19 at the CCPOA Hall with 46 members and 17 guests with a HOG Saloon theme complete with gaming tables. Music by DJ Weasel Paw who was 14 years old and dinner catered by Mac's BBQ out of Rockport. German chocolate cake with the upper portion in the shape of Texas was provided by Gloria Smith along with cookies.
- New members noted in the 4th Qtr. V-Twin Tales newsletter were Lynnne Gantz, Leticia Perez and Jaime Rodriguez.

### **Five Years Ago (2011):**

- 4th quarter mileage contest won by Jim Clark with 10,402 miles and Margie Francis won the consolation drawing.
- Chapter Meeting on 10/3/11 at Silverado Smokehouse with 43 in attendance.
- LOH put on their 2nd bake sale of the year on 10/29 and earned \$364.00.
- Primary Officers Election meeting was held 11/7 at Silverado Smokehouse with 36 in attendance. Billy Fultz was elected as Director, Dennis Lugg elected Asst. Director, Rickey Thielen elected Secretary and Cyndi Robinson was elected Treasurer.
- Annual Christmas party at Corpus Christi Police Officer's Association hall with 47 members and 10 guests in attendance. The Sitzler duo performed again this year.
- Breakfast ride on 12/4 to Golden Corral with 41 members and guests followed by Toys for Tots ride.
- New members noted in the 4th quarter V-Twin Tales were Phil Glass, Bobbie D. Graves, Wayford W. Shrum, Tom Verducci and Eric Zuniga

### **Ten Years Ago (2006):**

- 4th quarter mileage contest won by Steve Montuori with 4,786 miles and Marshall Lester won the consolation drawing.
- Chapter meeting on 10/2 with 62 in attendance.

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- Annual ride to Big Bend National Park and Alpine on 9/5-9/8 attended by 29 people.
- Evening ride to Corpus Christi Rays Hockey Game with 20 attending.
- Annual Primary Officers election meeting at Brewster's Street Icehouse in CC on 11/6 with 64 in attendance.
- Annual Toys for Tots ride from Texas A&M Campus to Concrete Street.
- Road Captain Training at CCHD on 12/9 with twelve members in attendance. Training conducted by Sean Cryer and Glenda Felkner.
- Chapter Christmas Party at Holiday Inn Emerald Beach on Dec. 16th with 64 in attendance. Theme was Rock 'n' Roll Sock Hop.
- Members who qualified for National HOG Mileage Program awards in the last six months of 2006 were Steve Montuori with 10,000 miles, Glenda Felkner with 60,000 miles, Rickey & Connie Thielen with 200,000 miles and Jim Clark with 500,000 miles.
- 4th quarter ride overachievers listed in the V-Twin Tales newsletter were Andy Felkner, Glenda Felkner, Dave Martin, Pam Martin, Raul Guzman, Linda Benavides, John Cringole, Scott Duncan, Jim Clark, and Christy McCloy.
- Vernon "Butch" Neuenschwander was the featured member of the 4th quarter in the V-Twin Tales newsletter.
- Jim Clark was honored for having reached the 500,000 mile award for the H.O.G. Mileage Program.
- Steve Withers was noted for having ridden to Hyder, Alaska and back in 13 days for 6,940 miles.

#### **Fifteen Years Ago (2001):**

- 4th quarter mileage contest won by Wiley McLaughlin with 4,034 miles
- Chapter meeting held at New Wine Fellowship Church on 10/6.
- Chapter ride to Renaissance Festival northwest of Houston on 10/6-7
- Chapter Halloween Party at Speedy's Banquet Room on 10/28
- Valley LOH rides up to Corpus Christi, meets with CC HOG LOH for dinner run on 11/10
- LOH Field Events, BBQ and auction to Benefit Salvation Army Homeless Initiative at the Ice Wagon held on 11/3 with about 20 bikes riding over from CCHD
- Primary Officers Election meeting held at New Wine Fellowship Church on 11/10 with 50-60 people in attendance. About 15 bikes left for lunch in Lamar after the meeting.
- LOH presents check for \$1085 to Salvation Army
- Chapter Ride to Garner at Thanksgiving with six members on 11/23-25.
- Toys for Tots Parade on 2/2 with an estimated 500-600 bikes
- Chapter Christmas Party at North Shore Country Club in Portland on December 7th.
- Marin Villearreal was recognized as a new member in the October V-Twin Newsletter.

#### **Twenty Years Ago (1996):**

- 4th quarter mileage contest won by Jim Lord with 7,006 miles.
- Chapter votes to Bid for State Rally in 1997.
- H.O.G. decides to have State Rally in 1997 and Corpus' bid is accepted.
- Chapter supports Tony Borowicz Benefit Bike Run put on by the Victoria Chapter in Victoria.
- Benefit Ride to Shoreline Rehab center in Taft.
- Chapter Christmas party at Sturgis Bar.

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

## Road Captains

Every year we have a dedicated group of Road Captains that step up and volunteer to lead or sweep our many Chapter rides. Riding alone presents challenges for each of us and we all learn to cope with these scenarios. Leading a large group of bikes down the road, scanning ahead and thinking about the safety of the entire group presents a slightly different challenge.

Our sweep Road Captains are there to protect and assist riders who are having motorcycle issues, break down on a ride or who are involved in an accident.

Thanks go out to all of our Road Captains for a great year. The next time you enjoy a group ride please let your Road Captain know that you appreciate their time and effort.

The following is a list of Road Captains who lead and swept our rides this past year.

	<u>Rides Led</u>	<u>Rides Swept</u>
David Benoist	11%	13%
Sid Blalack	10%	10%
Bryan Gabbert	20%	24%
Julian Gaona	9%	6%
Raul Guzman	7%	5%
Jim Jessen	2%	2%
Cyndi Robinson	2%	2%
Dan Robinson	2%	6%
Richard Smith	5%	6%
Rickey Thielen	21%	9%
Eric Thomas	11%	14%

## Annual CC HOG Chapter Texas POI Contest

This year's POI (Points of Interest) Contest will be the 5<sup>th</sup> annual time this event has been offered. Bryan & Sherrie Gabbert have put together another challenging event for our members. This will require getting out and riding to 40 different points throughout Texas to get a picture of the POI. Requirements will be that your Harley-Davidson motorcycle, the POI and a copy of a 2017 HOG magazine or the 2017 HOG Touring Handbook be in the picture. You can be in the picture but this is not a requirement for those that participate on their own.

The contest will run from Monday, February 13, 2017 until Monday, July 13, 2017. This should give everyone enough time to get as many points as possible while being able to start before the temperatures get too hot. The contest will consist of five categories being The Last Picture Show, Drugstores, Texas History 101, Texas Oddities and Churches.

Prizes will consist of Rider Reward points and three gift cards valued at \$100, \$250 and \$500 from Corpus Christi Harley Davidson. The rules and list of POI's will be e-mailed to you a few days before February 13<sup>th</sup>.



**Corpus Christi H.O.G. Chapter - #5020  
Primary Officers Election Meeting @ Silverado Smokehouse  
Monday, November 7, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Daniel Barrientez, Chapter Assistant Director, with 37 members in attendance.

Jerry Olivarez, Chaplain, gave the opening prayer.

Daniel welcomed everyone to the Primary Officers Election meeting and asked if everyone had signed in. He asked if everyone had signed the two get well cards if they wanted to do so. He then asked if anyone needed Chapter Donation tickets or needed a ticket for the Chapter charity drawing.

Daniel asked if the Chapter wanted to continue holding our meetings at the Silverado Smokehouse in 2017. The Silverado Smokehouse will continue to be our meeting location in 2017 based on a show of hands in favor of the suggestion.

Rickey Thielen said that the Chapter currently had 113 members and also had several members that have renewed for 2017. He then read the member birthdays and anniversaries for November and December.

Cyndi Robinson, Treasurer, reported the starting Chapter bank balance as of October 31, 2017 was \$811.21 with income of \$553.00 from dues/Chapter Donations less expenses of \$150.14 for supplies, newsletter/postage costs for an ending balance of \$1,214.07. In November there was a \$20.00 deposit for a current balance as of the meeting of \$1,234.07.

David Benoist, Head Road Captain, said that the H-D Demo rides will be at CCHD on 11/18 & 11/19. He could use some more help from the members to put on these rides. We are there to help Preston sell motorcycles. On 11/19, which is the Saturday before Thanksgiving, he is riding to the King Ranch Breakfast leaving from the Whataburger by CCHD at 6:30 am and should be back by 9:30 am. The breakfast is inexpensive and quite the treat for those that want to go. He likes to go early to be able to get in and out. He said that the group should be back in plenty of time for the Demo rides at the shop.

Sherrie Gabbert, Activities Officer, said that on 12/4 will be the Toys for Tots ride meeting at the Shell station

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in Portland leaving at 8:00 am for the Golden Corral for breakfast before moving on to the parade staging area. They ask for an unwrapped toy and a \$5 donation if you want the BBQ lunch. She also said that CCHD is honoring our veterans at the shop on 11/11 with triple Rider Rewards points for veterans with military ID or other proof of service. If you have any ideas for future rides please let her know. Sherrie talked about the Christmas Party and that she had picked a caterer, which will provide Mexican food, based on the party theme, and had bought the table cloths. Work still needs to be done for the decorations. She said that instead of a DJ we will use the Pandora station or other source.

Preston Douglass, Sponsor, said that he had bought a Harlem Globetrotter jersey recently and it came with three hours of a DJ service. He will check into if we can use that service at the party and pay the difference if we need them more than three hours.

Daniel then turned the meeting over to Preston to conduct the Primary Officer's Elections.

Preston said that H.O.G. is going to bring back the National H.O.G. Rally as it has been several years since the last one saying that it should be fun.

Preston said that it is unfortunate when anyone has a motorcycle accident. He received a text while at the Laredo HD Grand Opening within an hour of the accident so he was kept in the loop along with updates. This shows how well our Chapter is run along with knowing that the necessary paperwork was being completed. He then asked for a round of applause for the current Primary and Discretionary Officers.

Preston said that the format he has used for election has been to start with the Director. He will take nominations and there was no need for a second motion on each person. If more than two are nominated, and they must agree to take the nomination, he would like to hear each person give a short description of why they feel they can help fill the position.

Preston then opened the nominations for Director. David Benoist nominated Daniel Barrientez. Linda Benavides asked if Dan Robinson, who was out of town on business, was not willing to serve again. Sabas Cavazos, Jr. nominated Dan Robinson. Cyndi Robinson confirmed by phone that Dan was willing to serve if elected. Daniel said that if elected he would do his best for the Chapter and appreciated being given the opportunity to be the Assistant Director this past year. Ballots were handed out, marked, picked up and counted. Daniel Barrientez was elected Director by a close vote.

Preston asked for nominations for Assistant Director. David Benoist nominated Bryan Gabbert. Raul Guzman nominated Eric Thomas. Ballots were handed out, marked, picked up and counted. Bryan Gabbert was elected Assistant Director by a close vote.

Preston asked for nominations for Secretary. Cyndi Robinson nominated Rickey Thielen. With no other nominations Preston said that Rickey was elected Secretary by affirmation with no objections.

Preston asked for nominations for Treasurer. Peggy Benoist nominated Cyndi Robinson. With no other nominations Preston said that Cyndi was elected Treasurer by affirmation with no objections.

Preston said he had never run for office. He thanked Dan and Eric for offering to serve and that the vote was close on each position. He went on to say that there are a lot of Discretionary Officer positions that are appointed by the Primary Officers including Activities, Photographer, Historian and more if someone wants to help the Chapter.

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Richard Smith said that on September 3rd he had a run to the cross near Kerrville where Jim Clark died. The ride was good along with the lunch. He asked if we could set up the first Saturday of each September to ride to the cross in memory of Jim to pay our respects. He had found a really good place to eat and they really treated our members well. We could go back to that place or somewhere else.

The Chapter charity drawing for Coastal Bend Troop support brought in \$43 and was won by Daniel Barrientez. Daniel will receive a gift from Preston Douglass and CCHD.

The Chapter donation drawing brought in \$134.00 and was won by Cyndi Robinson who received \$67.00.

Daniel asked if they were any other item to discuss.

Jerry Olivarez said that he was willing to continue as Chaplain if the members wanted him to continue. His work had prevented him from attending some of the meetings and he also had some health issues during the year. He asked that everyone keep Frank and Carol in their prayers as they continue to heal.

It was mentioned that not everyone has Facebook and that it would be helpful to send out updates on Frank and Carol by email so we could keep track of their recovery.

There was a discussion about the accident. It was suggested that each person keep their emergency contact information stored on a card in their wallets along with names and phone numbers. The EMT's took Frank and Carol's phones with them and we understand that the family was not notified until around 9 pm the evening of the accident. John Lackey talked about the accident as he was directly behind the Frank and Carol when they went down. He said that it was not a sharp curve, they weren't going fast at around 30 MPH and that the curve was taken a little too wide. When Frank and Carol went down they ended up side by side in the road not far from the bike. Some members immediately set up to flag down oncoming traffic from each direction in an attempt to secure the scene. There was no cell phone service indicated on the phone. Even though there was no cell phone service the 911 operator was able to ping the location off a tower in San Antonio to get the GPS coordinates. John rode four miles to the Parade Ranch in an effort to get help coming at which time he found out that help was already on the way after talking to the 911 Operator. His message to the membership was that a 911 call will go through even if no coverage is noted. Another group of riders came up on the scene immediately after it happened and one of the riders was a doctor who offered his assistance. The Parade Ranch employees showed up with water and supplies. The EMS crew that came out of Leakey was the best available according to the Real County Deputy Sheriff. The air ambulance service was already waiting not too far from the scene as soon as Frank and Carol were loaded into the ambulances for transport to their location.

Julian Gaona said that the first aid kit he was carrying was not adequate and we need to carry one on each ride. The Real County Deputy Sheriff on scene did have a larger first aid kit with more supplies. David Benoist said that you can pick up a trauma kit at any gun show.

Linda Benavides said that we are all family and our members did what was needed to be done to help.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM. Thanks to all those in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rickey Thielen – Secretary

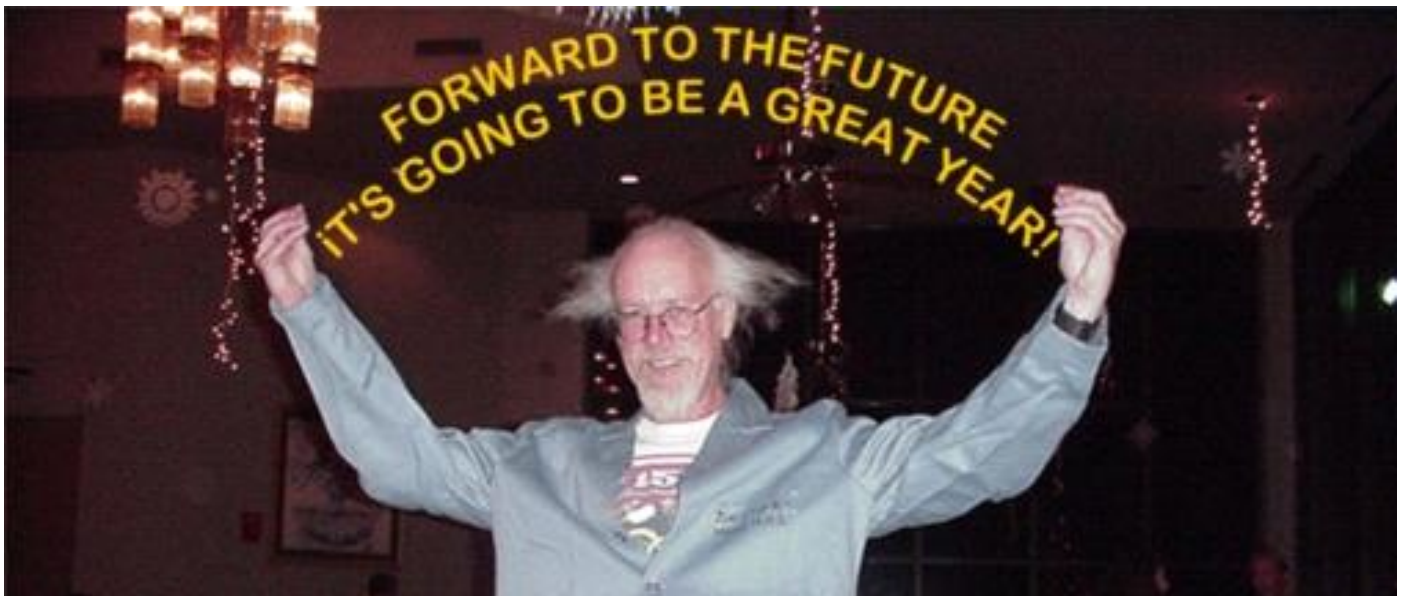
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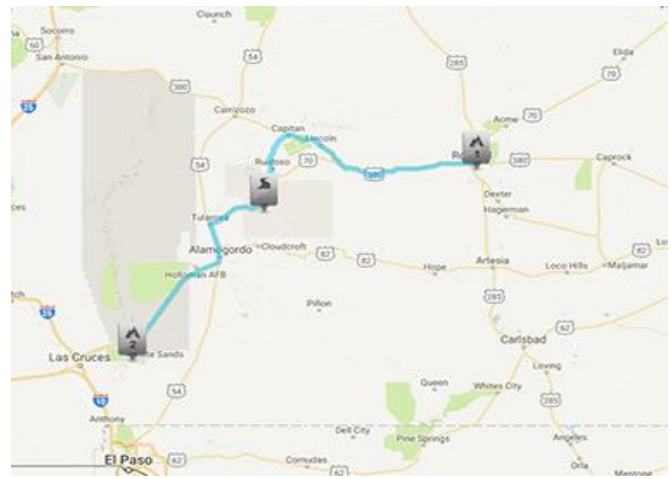


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**It's all about the ride! Ride often and ride safe.**



## Roswell to White Sands

Credit: Mike Zimmerman

Looking for a scenic ride that is not too far away? Begin your adventure in the UFO Capital of the World: Roswell, New Mexico, where many believe the government is still covering up evidence of a crashed alien spaceship from 1947. After you complete your personal investigation, head up and over the Sierra Blanca Mountains to the otherworldly desert environment of the White Sands National Monument. This unique landscape offers an unforgettable riding adventure through constantly endless snow white dunes. Watch for shifting sands, bring sunscreen, and take lots of pictures.

Along the way see the UFO museum in Roswell, visit the jail that Billy the Kid broke out of in Lincoln which is also the scene of the Lincoln County Wars, Lincoln State Monument, Smokey the Bear Museum and Grave in Capitan, the blinding white sands of the White Sands National Park and the White Sands Missile Range Museum on Fort Bliss. Visit the Champion H-D and Barnett's Las Cruces HD along the way. Total distance for this ride is about 187 miles, not including the trip to/from Corpus Christi, and the best time to ride is spring, summer and fall.





