



V-TWIN TALES

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Director's Exhaust – “Let's Ride”

Dan Robinson, Director

Here we are at a great time of the year for riding; many of our members started 2016 early and began their adventures on the road. Whether it was names of place with names like Yellow Knife, 3 Sister's, Black Hills, they all conjure up desires to get in the saddle and feel the wind in our faces. These feelings stay with us constantly, especially when our riding friends tell us about their trips from three weeks ago or three years ago, they stir up our basic desire to ride. Riding provides us with so many things such as clearing our minds of daily issues at work and home that wear us down. Riding gives us the feeling of freedom and the possibility of adventure just around the next turn, the next small town or big city. When the breakfast ride or lunch/dinner rides stir that feeling in you, start planning that trip you've always wanted to make.

Maybe here in our newsletter we can use this forum to tell about our adventures under the heading of “The Ride”. Let us know what you think. Contact any of the officers if you have any questions.

For now, just ride and be safe.

Dan Robinson



Daniel Barrientez, Assistant Director

Memorial Day for me is a day of honoring our fallen soldiers, MIAs and POWs. In the past few years I've had the Honor and Privilege to visit the Vietnam Memorial Wall and pay respect to those who gave their lives for our Freedom. We can't forget our fathers, mothers and grandparents who gave their lives in the previous wars like WW1, WW2 and the Korean War. The Freedom Ride to DC starts from the Pentagon parking lot and is escorted by DCs' finest motorcycle Police force.

I would like to thank our H.O.G. Members Mike & Sandy Quintanilla, Larry Narvaez, Renato Perez, Gary Burks, Sylvia Rodriguez, Sabas Cavazos, Alma Villarreal, Santos & Janie Juarez and a few other friends for joining Mary Alice and I on the Rolling Thunder ride to DC. It was a Great Adventure.

Every year we are invited to join the National Veteran Awareness Riders to present the Wreath to the Unknown Soldier at the Arlington Cemetery. It is truly an Honor. The National Veterans Awareness Ride is a 10 day ride across America from Sacramento, California to Washington DC. During this ride they visit Veterans Hospitals and homes to spend time with Veterans and thank them for their service. Chad Hammer was presented a Medal for his service during the Gulf War. They speak at schools about the pride of Patriotism and the importance of Veterans in our society and participate in Memorial services.

Some of our H.O.G. members are proud Patriot Guard Riders. We were proud to represent the Corpus Christi H.O.G. Chapter in presenting The Wreath to the Unknown Soldier last year. After presenting the wreath and touring the Arlington Cemetery, we were invited to one of the largest Volunteer Fire Departments in the area. So we rode and there must have been 25 to 30 bikes. As we approached the fire department they greeted us as one of their own. It was a very friendly atmosphere. Before lunch we all gave a moment of silence in Prayer for our fallen Fire Fighters and Police Officers of 911. They fed us and not only did they make us feel really welcomed, they let us know how much they appreciated our service.



SAFETY CORNER

By Eric Thomas, Safety Officer

I have categorized our safety program in three areas or topic groups. Group 1 is the motorcycle itself. Group 2 is the rider and passenger. Group 3 is the ride. I covered Group 1 last issue. So this time I want to cover safety issues regarding the rider and any passenger.

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1. Personal Safety Gear - Wearing all your personal riding safety gear is highly recommended to help ensure every ride is a fun and safe one. Recommended gear includes: (a) Motorcycle Helmet – All helmets should be certified to meet Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 218, (D.O.T. certified). They should fit snug and should be worn properly with strap fastened under the chin. (b) Eye Protection – Motorcycle Eye protection should be designed to meet or exceed American National Standards Institute standards for impact and shatter resistance. These include goggles, wraparound glasses, or a full-face shield (properly attached to a helmet). A windshield or fairing does not constitute proper eye protection. (c) Foot Protection – Proper foot protection includes sturdy over-the-ankle footwear that affords protection for the feet and ankles (durable leather or ballistic-type cloth athletic shoes that cover the ankles may be worn). (d) Protective Clothing - Protective clothing should include long-sleeved shirt or jacket, long trousers, and full-fingered gloves made from leather or other abrasion-resistant material. Some may question wearing long-sleeved shirts in the summer thinking it would be too hot. But in actuality, the evaporation from perspiration will keep you cooler, as well as protecting you from potential sunburn. Motorcycle jackets and pants constructed of abrasion-resistant materials such as leather, Kevlar®, or Cordura® and containing impact-absorbing padding are strongly encouraged. These will significantly protect the rider in the case of going down. Many light weight and vented styles are available for summer use. NOTE: Riders are encouraged to select gear that incorporates fluorescent colors and/or retro-reflective material to improve visibility to others.

2. Rest – Proper rest is very important for a safe ride. Try to get a good night’s sleep prior to a ride, particularly a long ride.

3. Hydrated – I can’t overstate the importance of being properly hydrated prior to going on a ride, especially during the summer. Hydration should start the night before the ride, and continue during the ride by drinking water at each stop on a long ride.

I hope you found this information helpful. Please feel free to contact me anytime with any safety question or concern. I also welcome suggestions for future articles and safety briefs. Stay safe and have a fun ride.



South Carolina HOG Rally

This year’s South Carolina H.O.G. Rally billed itself as the High Voltage Rally - Thunder Rolls into the Electric City of Anderson. The organizers gave its attendees every opportunity to ride the great roads and see the beautiful spring colors of the upstate of South Carolina, western North Carolina, and northeast Georgia. They obviously love their part of the country for many reasons and is an area that they ride the amazing roads all year round. No small part of the appeal was their southern hospitality that is such a part of their heritage. They

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invited all to feel right at home and did their best to serve up a good old down home welcome.

The rally had three full days of activities starting on Thursday April 21st. The host hotel and registration location was the Holiday Inn with Timms Harley-Davidson set up as another area for some of the guided rides. Activities included a Passport Tour involving riding to twenty area businesses, including the H-D of Greenville, to get a stamp or signature for a chance at a drawing during the closing ceremonies. The rally Dealer Receipt Tour was one that had involved going to as many of the state H-D dealers as possible in previous couple months before the rally for chances at a drawing. The Harley-Davidson demo ride trailer was set up at the Holiday Inn for members that wanted to test ride different bikes. There were self-guided rides mapped out for those that wanted to explore on their own and guided rides that included Sassafras/Pretty Place and Campbell's Bridge. The opening ceremonies that evening were held at the Darwin Wright Park with a rally party following at Timms Harley-Davidson.

Friday morning started off bright an early with a Sunrise guided ride followed by registration. The morning guided rides went to the Georgia Guide Stones and a guided Passport Ride. That afternoon at the Holiday Inn the Anderson Police Department along with a group from the Atlanta PD had a K-9 demonstration. These animals are dedicated to their handlers and the handlers are in turn dedicated to their animals. After several animals were shown they challenged the crowd to see if anyone wanted to volunteer to suit up in the padded jumpsuit to test one of the dogs. After a little prodding one brave H.O.G. member stepped up to the challenge. Though the handler held the dog back, to some extent, he got everything he could handle. He admitted later that the experience was somewhat frightening and yes he could definitely feel the dogs bite as he latched onto him. Just as the demonstration was ending the rain started delaying the bike games. The bike games did go on about an hour later. That evening the People Choice Bike Show was held at Timms H-D followed by a H.O.G. member only party.

On Saturday along with registration a guided ride listed as the Electrifying Ride left from Timms H-D. At noon all the activities moved to the Denver Downs Event Center which was a covered open sided building. Lunch was available from the Barnwood Grill with Life H.O.G. Members eating free. A Michelin Tire Tech had a discussion about their tires. There were games including Biker Bingo followed by prize drawings. The closing ceremonies were held along with many drawings and entertainment by the Eric Scott Band.

The rally personnel had wonderful support of the area business and the area gave those that attended plenty of activities to keep them busy.

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Corpus Christi H.O.G. Chapter 2016 POI Contest

For the fourth year the Corpus Christi H.O.G. Chapter is offering a Points of Interest (POI) contest for our members put together by Bryan Gabbert. Last years' contest involved visiting 40 points in Texas to get a photo to prove the member was at the POI and this year there are 40 different points scattered all over the state. The purpose of the contest is to give our members a chance to get out and ride to areas of the state that they may not have visited in the past.

This year's contest runs from February 15th through July 31, 2016 with all submissions made to the receptionist at Corpus Christi Harley-Davidson no later than the close of business on August 1, 2016. All current Corpus Christi H.O.G. members are eligible and only one entry per member is allowed.

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Chapter members participate at their own risk. Corpus Christi H.O.G. and Corpus Christi Harley-Davidson assume no liability. Do not break the law or endanger yourself or others when taking photos. Multiple entries cannot be combined into one entry form.

Pictures will only be accepted that are printed from a computer on photo/plain paper or printed at a Wal-Mart, Walgreens or other professional printing company. Slides or digital files will not be accepted. Photos must be clear, contain the POI, your motorcycle and a copy of a 2016 HOG magazine or 2016 H.O.G. Touring Guide to date the photo. Images must be clear and individual POIs must be legible in submitted prints. Prints that are blurred, fuzzy, illegible or unrecognizable will not count. One unique photo per POI is required. Optionally you, the entrant, can be in the photo if possible but is not mandatory as some members may participate without anyone else present.

The POIs are divided up into four categories. The first is “Two Steppin’ Across Texas” consisting of ten dance halls. The second is “Texas Roadside Oddities” which involves finding the ten items. The third category is “National Interest” for 10 National Parks & Forests in Texas as listed on the contest form. The fourth is “Rooms with a Past” involving going to five old and historic hotels. The fifth and last category is “Historic Courthouses” involving five old historic courthouses.

Prizes for participating and turning in the photos before the due date include:

- 5-9 POIs – 100 Rider Rewards points
- 10-19 POIs – 250 Rider Rewards points
- 20-29 POIs – 500 Rider Rewards points
- 30-39 POIs – 1,000 Rider Rewards points
- 40 POIs – 2,500 Rider Rewards points

For those that collect a minimum of 25 POIs and turn them in before the due date are eligible to be entered into a drawing for a gift card as follows:

- 1st Prize - \$500 Corpus Christi H-D Gift Card
- 2nd Prize - \$250 Corpus Christi H-D Gift Card
- 3rd Prize - \$100 Corpus Christi H-D Gift Card

Submissions must include an itemized inventory of the POIs visited by turning in the list of POIs on the POI form. All photos should be organized in the order listed on the POI list with one photo per POI. All photos should be unbound and not in a photo album. All submissions should be made to the receptionist at CCHD not later than the close of business on August 1, 2016. In the interest of fairness, all decisions by the POI review committee will be considered final.

If you missed or deleted the email about the event with all the POI locations and rules, please send a note to Sherrie Gabbert or one of the Chapter officers. We will make sure you get a copy.

So, if you haven’t started and still want to participate, there is time to get some points.





Louis Kubala in Alaska

2015 ABC's of Touring Results

Each year H.O.G. offers the ABC's of Touring contest to its members as a way to get out and have some fun while riding to collect pictures to document the visit. In 2015 there were 1,672 members in North America that took part. The ABCs patch and pin colors have changed from blue and red in previous years to black and orange. Corpus Christi H.O.G. members noted that participated in 2015 were:

Louis Kubala – 112 Points
Connie Thielen – 94 Points
Rickey Thielen – 94 Points

Bryan Gabbert – 64 Points
Sherrie Gabbert – 64 Points
Renato Perez – 29 Points

Many of our members have participated in the ABCs over the years where in addition to pins and patches, you earn annual prizes depending on your point levels obtained. Simply keep a camera and a current edition of a 2016 H.O.G. magazine or 2016 Touring Guide on your bike. Then, you earn points by submitting photos of you and your Harley in front of an official sign with a current copy of one of the magazines. You must physically be in 6 photos per year, but your bike, the signs and magazine must be in all. The points are accumulated by getting a photo in front of an official city sign starting with each letter of the alphabet, a county starting with each letter of the alphabet, each US H.O.G. Rally, National Rallies, each state, each country, each Canadian Providence, five National Parks, five National Forests, 10 H-D dealership, each HD Factory, the H-D museum (counts for 2 points), and International Rallies. All photos must be submitted to Milwaukee, WI on the current year form before December 31st of the current year.

Congratulations to these Chapter members for their accomplishments.

HOG Pin Stops

Each year H.O.G. has pins stops at rallies and events around the country. Each stop will have a special H.O.G. pin available at each stop of H.O.G. members only. There is no charge for these pins and all you have to do is walk up, show your valid/current H.O.G. membership card and receive you pin. The pins stops also count as a point in the ABC's of Touring Contest. Remaining pin stops for the year are:

Sturgis Rally, South Dakota from August 6-13
Kansas City Factory Open House, Kansas City, Mo. From August 26-27
Milwaukee HOG Rally, Milwaukee, WI from September 1-4
Tomahawk Factory Open House, Tomahawk, WI from September 16-17
Bikes, Blues & BBQ Rally, Fayetteville, AR from September 21-24
York Factory Open House, York, PA from September 22-24
Reno Street Vibrations Fall Rally, Reno, NV from September 22-24
Biketoberfest, Daytona Beach, FL from October 13-16



HOG Officers Training

By Bryan Gabbert

The backbone to any good H.O.G. Chapter is its officers and in order to have “better” H.O.G. officers, they need to be trained. HOT (HOG Officers Training) is used to brainstorm new activities to promote the chapter, network with other chapters, trade ideas and most importantly to be trained by the Harley-Davidson Motor Company on different subjects.

This year’s HOT took place in Shreveport, Louisiana on May 6th-7th. Five of our chapter members attended: Director Dan Robinson, Assist. Director Daniel Barrientez, Treasurer Cyndi Robinson and Safety Officer Eric Thomas. I was asked and was able to attend the HOT training as a “Prospect” due to Preston not being able to make this year’s training. Sherrie Gabbert and Mary Alice Barrientez rode along as guests and enjoyed the Shreveport area while the others were in class.

We rode up to Shreveport on Thursday May 5th and arrived at the hotel in the late afternoon with Bryan Gabbert leading the ride with Daniel Barrientez sweeping. We rode the Interstate most of the way but a wrong turn towards the end of the ride took us down a backroad which turned out to be a nice twisty scenic ride (so I guess the saying is true, there are NO wrong turns).

What I thought was going to be a vacation turned out to be more like going back to school. After an opening ceremony that would rival any rock concert we got down to business. We attended quite an assortment of classes pertaining to different subjects. There were classes on communication, leadership, ride planning, managing risks and much more. Thank goodness there were no tests at the end as it was a lot to absorb. At the end of the long two days of training I feel like I learned a lot. I learned that there is more that goes on behind the scenes of our H.O.G. Chapter than meets the eyes. Each of our officers has a set of responsibilities that they must fulfill in order for this Chapter to flourish and they do a good job of it. Our officers are all volunteers and they devote quite a bit of time to our H.O.G. chapter to keep it running smoothly. So I say thank you to Preston and our Officers for running a great chapter and to keep up the good work.

Every year there are four locations to choose from so that officers from across the country can attend. This year’s the other locations available were Louisville, Kentucky; Providence, Rhode Island and Las Vegas, Nevada.

Road Captain Training

Road Captain training was held at Corpus Christi Harley-Davidson on April 9th with eleven members in attendance. Attending were Daniel Barrientez, David Benoist, Sid Blalack, Julian Gaona, Bryan Gabbert, John Lackey, Cyndi Robinson, Dan Robinson, Richard Smith, Corey Stein and Eric Thomas. This was Daniel, Julian and Corey’s first time making one of these training sessions.

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Anyone interested in becoming a Road Captain should contact any Primary Officer or Head Road Captain David Benoist. The requirements are that you must be a National H.O.G. & Local Chapter member in good standing, you must be an experienced rider, attend rides on a regular basis, and attend Road Captain training. You must lead at least three rides after your training and be approved before you receive your patch. The selection of Road Captains is at the discretion of the Primary Officers and the Head Road Captain.

Being a Road Captain and leading our rides is a big responsibility with rider safety the most important goal. Being at the front of the group having to look down the road, think about what the next turn will be, positioning the group for turns, watching for hazards and making sure we all arrive together is a big task. It is much more stressful leading a group than riding alone and we are fortunate to have a group of members who step up to the plate for each ride.



Corpus Christi H.O.G. Mileage Contest

By David Benoist, Head Road Captain

The 1st Quarter of the local H.O.G. Jim Clark Memorial Quarterly Mileage Contest had 15 participants and was won by Louis Kubala with 13,026 miles as announced by Head Road Captain David Benoist at our April Chapter meeting. Louis received the 1st Quarter Mileage Contest patch and a shirt from Preston Douglass and CCHD. The runners up were Richard Smith with 10,940 miles, Rickey & Connie Thielen with 9,143 miles, Chad Hammer with 7,901 miles, Steven & Melody Williams, Sr. with 6,972 miles, Bryan & Sherrie Gabbert with 6,880 miles, Sabas Cavazos & Alma Villarreal with 6,350 miles, Eric Thomas with 5,206 miles, Julian & Diana Gaona with 4,348 miles, Renato Perez with 3,405 miles, David Benoist with 2,698 miles, Marshall Lester with 2,242 miles, Santos Juarez with 1,356 miles, Dan Robison with 1,111 and Cyndi Robinson with 1,055 miles.

Bryan & Sherrie Gabbert 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 Louis Kubala for his high mileage for the 1st quarter and to Bryan & Sherrie Gabbert as the consolation drawing winners.

Remember we have a breakfast ride every Sunday leaving from the Shell Station in Portland at 8:30 am. Arrive early to kick some tires and chat. This is a closed ride, but bring a friend or guest along and let them experience the Harley Thing.



Happy Birthday and Many More.....

July

7 Wayford Shrum
 9 Tony Tedesco
 11 Adriana Kubala
 14 Michael Powell
 16 Linda Lugg
 17 Julie Lackey
 20 Ronald LeBoeuf
 24 Daniel Barrientez

August

3 Jay Conerly
 7 Ron DeLeon
 12 Melody Williams
 16 Bobbie Graves
 17 Jaime Rodriguez
 24 Marie Powell
 25 Christopher Wilcox
 27 Alma Villarreal

September

1 Jeff Ruble
 4 George De Los Santos
 5 John Lackey
 20 Mario Ortiz
 22 Richard Martinez
 23 Gil Gomez
 28 Kerry Goodman



Happy Wedding Anniversary

July

8 Jim & Ann McKibben
 9 Robert & Nelda Nunez
 16 Stephen & Melody Williams
 20 Ronald & Karolyn Hildreth
 22 Mario & Margie Ortiz
 23 David & Peggy Benoist
 25 John & Julie Lackey

August

4 Louis & Adriana Kubala
 5 Renato & Leticia Perez
 10 Gil & Martha Gomez
 10 Dan & Cyndi Robinson
 13 Eric & Nini Thomas
 17 Santos & Janie Juarez III
 17 Bob & Zhihe Sollars
 25 Ronald & Lue Ella LeBoeuf
 31 Alan & Estella Leonard

September

1 Steven & Laura McLaughlin
 2 Rickey & Connie Thielen
 3 David & Amber Callaway
 7 Michael & Eileen Butler
 9 John & Pennie Mathewson
 10 Sid & Genie Blalack
 13 Jerry & Debra Olivarez
 19 Bryan & Sherrie Gabbert

Welcome New Members:

Rebecca Madison, Robert C. Nunez and Dean Smith

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

Chapter Ride Policy Reminder

All Chapter rides officially end in the parking lot of our destination with kick stands down. We will have friendly rides home so no one is left behind.



Texas HOG Rally

The Texas H.O.G. Rally was held in Denison on May 12-14. The Denison/Sherman area is north of Dallas on the Texas and Oklahoma border which is separated by the Red River hence the rally moto was "Rockin' the Red River".

Denison was founded in 1872 in conjunction with the Missouri–Kansas–Texas Railroad (MKT) or "Katy" depot. It was named after the wealthy Katy vice president George Denison and in 1875 Doc Holliday had offices in Denison. In 1901 the first electric "Interurban" railway in Texas, the Denison and Sherman Railway, was completed between Denison and Sherman, Texas. Denison played host to 20th century notables such as the Marx Brothers and President Dwight D. Eisenhower, who was born on October 14, 1890, in Denison.

The rally offered three full days of events beginning on Thursday, May 12. The rally location was the Texoma Event Center. Registration opened bright and early at 8:00am. There were areas for the riding skills practice course for those that wanted to compete in the bike skills games, human foosball practice, and tattoo contest voting along with all the self-guided rides. Guided rides included the Lake Texoma Bridges Guided Ride, Roller Coaster Guided Ride and the Carpenter Bluff Moonshine Run. Afternoon activities included a photo booth, magician walk around, outside area DJ, Ladies bling area and biker bingo. Late afternoon was the human foosball chapter completion followed by the opening ceremonies. The evening entertainment was the Brent Frailicks Band. The Texoma H-D also had a dealership welcome party.

On Friday the activities continued with much of the same activities and guided rides along with added guided rides including the Ida Roads Guide Ride, Snake Strike Guided Ride, Bonnie and Clyde Guided Ride and the LOH Lunch at Angela's Ride. It should be noted that most all rides ended up at a restaurant or some other type of establishment for lunch. Friday night's entertainment was the Déjà Vu Band at Loose Wheels Texas.

Saturday continued most all previous day activities and guided rides. The 903 Brewery Guided ride was added. Bike games were held during the morning. After lunch were the Rider Skills Novice and Rider Skill Advanced Competition. There was also a demonstration by the Kone Killers. The parade of flags was held mid-afternoon and the route covered almost 30 miles. The Chapter competition finals of human foosball were held late in the afternoon. The closing ceremonies and awards were held in downtown Denison at Heritage Park followed by the Saturday Night Street Party with Vince Vance and the Valiants.

Rally Coordinator Patty Langley and her Rally Committee did a fine job putting on a rally for the many H.O.G. members that attended. Next years' Texas H.O.G. rally will be held in the Belton area.

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



Top 20 Chapter Ride/Meeting Participation through 6/30/16

Marshall Lester	(1)	Earl Koester	(12)
Eric Thomas	(2)	Peggy Benoist	(T13)
John Mathewson	(3)	Raul Guzman	(T13)
Bryan Gabbert	(4)	Dan Robinson	(14)
Sherrie Gabbert	(5)	Linda Benavides	(T15)
Rickey Thielen	(6)	Cyndi Robinson	(T15)
Connie Thielen	(7)	Louis Kubala	(16)
Sid Blalack	(8)	Marie Powell	(17)
David Benoist	(9)	Michael Powell	(18)
Diana Gaona	(10)	Melody Williams	(T19)
Julian Gaona	(T11)	Stephen Williams, Sr.	(T19)
Richard Smith	(T11)	Daniel Barrientez	(20)



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 1st quarter 2016 V-Twin newsletter was published. Those listed below are only 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 can't 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.

Leticia Perez	10,000 Miles	Alma Villarreal	40,000 Miles
Sabas Cavazos, Jr.	40,000 Miles	David Benoist	100,000 Miles
John Lackey	40,000 Miles	Richard Smith	100,000 Miles
Julie Lackey	40,000 Miles	Richard Smith	125,000 Miles
Renato Perez	40,000 Miles	Richard Smith	150,000 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 109 members as of June 30, 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.

Article VI of the HOG 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.



Treasurer's Report

Cyndi Robinson, Chapter Treasurer reports that as of the June bank statement, the current chapter bank account balance is \$734.26.

Wanted –

Articles, stories, recent rides, jokes, etc. that will be of interest to our members. Submit for publication via e-mail to Rickey Thielen, Editor.



2016 H.O.G. Rally Schedule

<u>State</u>	<u>Rally Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Pre-Reg. Deadline</u>
Missouri	August 25-27, 2016	Osage Beach	July 7, 2016
Pacific NW Rally	August 25-27, 2016	Spokane Valley, WA	July 7, 2016
Wisconsin	September 1-3, 2016	Milwaukee	July 14, 2016
Oklahoma	September 1-3, 2016	Woodward	July 14, 2016

If you plan to attend one of the many H.O.G. Rallies planned for 2016 please pre-register as early as possible. By doing so it lets the rally committee get a feel for how many members are planning to attend plus it brings in money from the registration fees so that they can begin locking in contracts and spending money for a great event. If you have never attended one of these events you should considering doing so. They are a lot of fun and a chance to get away for a weekend or longer.



LOH/Activities Update

By Sherrie Gabbert

It is free to join Ladies of Harley (LOH) and we would be glad to have anyone that wants to join us. We sponsor bake sales, and help out a local charity by donating items at our bi-monthly chapter meetings. We also organize rides, in conjunction with the Activities Officer, to view the Texas wildflowers, and make suggestions for activities during the week with the H.O.G Chapter. Any ideas for rides would be welcomed.

Our year culminates with the annual Christmas Party, free to members, as a result of our fundraisers throughout the year. It costs nothing to join the Ladies of Harley, and when you sign up for your National H.O.G. membership, there is a box to check to be a national member, which will get you a Ladies of Harley pin and patch.

Activities Update

POI pictures and check lists are due by CCHD closing on August 1. We are coming into the heat of summer, please make sure that you are staying hydrated when out riding. Our First Annual Fall Ride is on October 28-30, you can make your room reservations at the Historic Leakey Inn by calling 830-232-5246.

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New Rides This Past Quarter

For the 2nd Quarter there were “new to us” locations for our rides that we as a group hadn’t been to before. Those locations were:

Goliad Brewing Co on April 2
Maverick Grill in Floresville on April 30
Los Generales in Laredo on May 7
McBee’s BBQ in Pleasanton on May 14

Ruby’s Diner in Cuero on May 21
Cow Palace Restaurant in Gonzales on June 18
Bubba’s 33 on June 22
Red Dog Icehouse in Kenedy on June 25

If you have a favorite place that would be a good fit for our group, then drop me a note and we will check out the suggestion.

The Power of the Bell

How to keep bad luck and “road gremlins” away from your Harley.

According to legend, the “open road” isn’t really as open as you’d like it to be. Rather, it is inhabited by countless “road gremlins,” dispatched by evil spirits to wreak havoc on you and your motorcycle. Some say these gremlins are the source of all the mishaps and mayhem that sometimes make your ride less than perfect.

Fortunately, there’s a defense against these invisible little evil-doers. It’s called a “ride bell,” a powerful weapon in the battle against bad luck. If you don’t already have one yourself, chances are you’ve seen one on somebody else’s bike. Or maybe you haven’t, as they’re attached to the bike somewhere inconspicuous.

No one is exactly quite sure how they work – different theories abound. One is that the gremlins are attracted to the pleasant sound, but then become trapped inside the bell, where the constant ringing drives them crazy. Eventually, they drop to the ground and, according to some, that’s where potholes come from.

However they work, everyone seems to agree on one important thing about ride bells: Sure, you can buy one for yourself, but their power is doubled when you receive one as a gift.

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A Look in the Rear View Mirror

A look back at some events & happenings that took place in the 2nd quarter of years past:

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One Year Ago (2015):

- 2nd quarter mileage contest won by Jim Clark with 16,406 miles and Andy Felkner won the consolation drawing
- Chapter Meeting at Silverado Smokehouse on 4/6 with 48 members in attendance
- H.O.G. Officers Training (HOT) in Atlanta, Georgia at the Hyatt Regency on 4/10 & 4/11. Attended by Daniel Barrientez, Dan & Cyndi Robinson and Rickey Thielen
- LOH Wild Flower Ride on 4/17 through 4/19 with Sid Blalack, Gary Burks, David & Amber Calloway, Jim Clark, Sabas Cavazos, Bryan & Sherrie Gabbert, John Mathewson, Frank & Carol Poland, Sylvia Rodriguez and Alma Villarreal to Blanco County Inn in Blanco, Texas. The Road Captain for the weekend was Bryan Gabbert
- Texas H.O.G. Rally held in Tyler on 5/14 through 5/16. Seen at the rally were Jim Clark, David & Peggy Benoist, Jim Clark, Rickey & Connie Thielen, Eric Thomas and Stephen & Melody Williams
- A Large group of Stockholm Sweden Chapter arrived May 2nd and wanted to get together that evening for a meet and greet with our chapter. On Sunday, May 3rd, the group did a breakfast ride to the Golden Corral in Corpus Christi with 29 of our members and guests plus their contingent before heading to the La Bahia Mission in Goliad. After the mission tour they had lunch at McMillians BBQ in Fannin.
- Chapter Meeting at Silverado Smokehouse on 6/1 with 46 members in attendance
- New members noted in the 2nd Qtr. V-Twin Tales newsletter were Mark Hester, Carlos Hinojosa, Michael Hoelen, Edward Lozano, Juan Martinez, Rixio Medina, Priscilla Molina, Rolando Molina, Corey Stein and Richard Stewart
- National Mileage Program awards during the quarter were earned by Alma Villarreal - 1,000 Miles
Diana Gaona - 5,000 Miles, Julian Gaona - 5,000 Miles, Alma Villarreal - 5,000 Miles, Eric Thomas - 10,000 Miles, Alma Villarreal - 10,000 Miles, and Eric Thomas - 25,000 Miles

Five Years Ago (2011):

- 2nd quarter mileage contest won by Billy Fultz with 17,620 miles and he also won the consolation drawing.
- Chapter meeting at Silverado Smokehouse on 4/4/11 with 48 in attendance
- Louisiana H.O.G. Rally
- Ride to HOT in Jacksonville FL in April
- Jim Clark recognized as winning 2nd place in the 2010 ABC's of Touring
- Ride to TX state Rally in Beaumont with 23 members on May 12
- Ride to Austin for rally selection meeting with 6 in attendance on June 5. Ft. Worth committed to holding the rally for 2012 in spite of the fact that no presentations were made by other Texas chapters
- Chapter Meeting on 6/6 at Silverado Smokehouse with 42 in attendance. Peggy Benoist won the charity drawing and Margie Francis won the 50/50 drawing of \$64
- 6/24-25 ride to Arkansas H.O.G. rally with 2 members attending
- National Mileage awards during the quarter were earned by Jim Conley - 1,000 Miles, Margie Francis - 1,000 Miles. Mike Babb - 5,000 Miles, Bruce Claunch - 5,000 Miles, Mike Babb - 10,000 Miles, Billy Fultz, Jr. - 25,000 Miles, Marshall Lester - 25,000 Miles, Dennis Lugg - 25,000 Miles, Billy Fultz, Jr. - 40,000 Miles, Jerry Olivarez - 100,000 Miles and Louis Kubala - 200,000 Miles

Ten Years Ago (2006):

- 2nd quarter mileage contest won by Rickey & Connie Thielen with 13,507 miles and Macon Scarborough won the consolation drawing
- Overnight Wildflower ride to Marble Falls on 4/1 attended by 18 people
- Chapter meeting at Portabelo's on Mon., 4/3 with 63 in attendance

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- Primary Officers Training in Las Vegas attended by Andy & Glenda Felkner, Scott Duncan, Linda Benavides and Rickey Thielen on May 4th to 6th
- Texas State H.O.G. Rally ride to Abilene on 5/19 to 5/21 attended by 6 members
- ROT in Austin and Alabama State H.O.G. Rally the weekend of 6/2
- Chapter meeting on June 5th with 52 in attendance
- H.O.G. Chapter picnic held at Lake Corpus Christi on 6/10 with 40 in attendance
- Harley night at the Hooks baseball game on 6/8
- New discount program for CCHD takes effect. Members as of 6/30/06 are grandfathered for remainder of the year. 5% with white card and 10% after gaining five signatures and trading in for a green card

Fifteen Years Ago (2001):

- 2nd quarter mileage contest won by Rickey and Connie Thielen with 9,349 miles
- Nine chapter members listed in March/April issue of HOG Tales having entered the 2000 ABC's of Touring contest including Jim Clark with 112 points
- LOH Wildflower Run on 4/7 with 16 bikes
- Chapter meeting held at New Wine Fellowship Church on 4/14 with 58 people in attendance
- CZ replaces E-Circles as a method to communicate chapter events and rides
- Posse Night run to Port Aransas for dinner on 4/20
- Iron Butt Ride to Marfa Lights with eight bikes on 4/21-22
- Chapter ride to Texas H.O.G. Rally in Fort Worth with seven members on 5/3-6 with about 20 total members at the rally
- Chapter meeting held at New Wine Fellowship Church on 5/12 with 62 people in attendance with Lunch ride to Shorty's in Beeville after the meeting
- X-Ride 2 to Xenia, Illinois on May 25-28 and to Illinois State H.O.G. Rally in Springfield, IL. with Tony Allen, Jim Clark, H.G. Garrett, Rey Salinas, Brent Tyl, Tim Temple and Rickey & Connie Thielen on seven bikes for about 2,300 miles. Group splits up after Illinois H.O.G. Rally. Jim Clark and Tony Allen involved in unfortunate mishap in South Dakota with both injured
- Mike & A'Lana Welch and Odis Graham make Iron Butt ride on Memorial Day weekend logging 1500 miles in less than 36 hours with a ride to Crestview, Florida and back to Corpus Christi
- Steve Wilder and Mike & A'Lana Welch attend the Texas State Rally Selection meeting in Austin. Beaumont was the only chapter to bid for the 2002 state H.O.G. rally and was approved by those in attendance
- Chapter meeting held at New Wine Fellowship Church on 6/9 with 48 people in attendance
- Iron Butt ride to Fredericksburg on 6/16-17

Twenty Years Ago (1996):

- 2nd quarter mileage contest won by Earl McCown with 2,466 miles
- Bob Coleman and Rick Lilly attend (Southern) Regional H.O.G. Directors Meeting in Dallas
- Chapter meeting at Texas BBQ on 4/1
- Chapter meeting at Astor Restaurant on 5/6 and votes to have next regular election in January, 1997
- Chapter meeting at Longhorn Steak & Ale on 6/3

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Chapter Meeting Minutes from April

Corpus Christi H.O.G. Chapter - #5020
Chapter Meeting @ Silverado Smokehouse
Monday, April 4, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Dan Robinson, Chapter Director, with 29 members in attendance.

Dan welcomed everyone to the 2nd Quarter of 2016 and then asked if there were any new members in attendance. Rebecca Madison introduced herself as a new member. Dan asked everyone to make sure they signed in. Dan asked if anyone needed Chapter Charity or Chapter Donation drawing tickets.

Daniel Barrientez, Assistant Director, was asked if he had anything for the group and he didn't.

Rickey Thielen said that the Chapter currently had 106 members. He then read the member birthdays and anniversaries for April, May and the first part of June up to the June meeting.

Cyndi Robinson, Treasurer, reported the starting Chapter bank balance as of February was \$1,234.03 with February income of \$295.00 from dues/Chapter Donations less expenses of \$31.84 for an ending balance of \$1,497.19. March 2016 had income of \$122.00 and with no expenses for a March ending balance of \$1,619.19. In April to date we had income of \$168.00 for a balance, as of the start of the meeting, of \$1,787.19.

David Benoist, Head Road Captain, thanked everyone who helped at the CCHD Demo rides.

David then announced the results for the 1st Quarter 2016 Jim Clark Memorial Mileage Contest that had 15 participants. Louis Kubala won with 13,026 miles. Louis received the 1st Quarter Mileage Contest patch and a shirt from Preston Douglass and CCHD. The runners up were Richard Smith with 10,940 miles, Rickey & Connie Thielen with 9,143 miles, Chad Hammer with 7,901 miles, Steven & Melody Williams, Sr. with 6,972

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miles, Bryan & Sherrie Gabbert with 6,880 miles, Sabas Cavazos & Alma Villarreal with 6,350 miles, Eric Thomas with 5,206 miles, Julian & Diana Gaona with 4,348 miles, Renato Perez with 3,405 miles, David Benoist with 2,698 miles, Marshall Lester with 2,242 miles, Santos Juarez with 1,356 miles, Dan Robison with 1,111 and Cyndi Robinson with 1,055 miles.

David said that participation the first quarter added up to 82,633 total miles.

David conducted the drawing for the 1st Quarter 2016 Jim Clark Memorial Mileage Contest runners up and Bryan & Sherrie Gabbert won a shirt from Preston Douglass and CCHD.

Eric Thomas, Safety Officer, said he would be giving a safety briefing at each meeting. He said that it was important to have a motorcycle that is safe to ride and it was important to have it serviced regularly. He then talked about the TCLOCS system checklist to make sure your bike is ready to ride. He stressed that this is not needed each time, but should be checked regularly. Since we ride in South Texas, the hot/cold fluctuations affect our bikes. Eric recommends frequent checks and doing the regular manufacturers recommended services. Let him know if anyone needs more detail on TCLOCS.

David Benoist said that the next Road Captain class will be on April 9th at CCHD from 8-12 noon. He would like to get as many current Road Captains as possible to attend. Anyone willing to become a Road Captain should also attend.

Dan Robinson said that Bryan & Sherrie lead the ride to the Goliad Brewing Co. this past weekend and was a nice ride. It took 1-1/4 hours going to just north of Goliad. This would be a nice ride to have again.

Richard Smith said that Bryan & Sherrie Gabbert set up the 40 point POI challenge and that it was the best eight days of his life and that he was done with all 40 points. Great job on their part.

Sherrie Gabbert, Activities Officer, said that the POI challenge runs through July 31 and if anyone needs the information again, please let her know. The lunch rides are getting longer due to the nicer weather. The Wildflower Ride leaves on April 15 and would like to get a list of people who are going to ride up with the group on Friday. She has only heard from a couple people. The ride will leave from the Whataburger by CCHD leaving at 9:00am. The earliest check in time at the motel in Blanco is 2:00pm.

Preston Douglass, Sponsor, said that the Demo rides were great and thanks for all the help. Scott, the H-D Demo truck driver was very pleased with how the Demo rides went. The Harley Happy Hour will be the last Friday of April. The Bikini Party will be May 21. The Happy Hour the last Friday of June will be on the cooler side of the shop.

Someone mentioned that there will be a Cinco de Mayo lunch ride to Laredo to the Los Generales Restaurant followed by a party at Laredo H-D. Preston said that he will check to see who is cooking at Laredo H-D and see what they are doing. He may be able to get us in and out faster for some food at the shop than going to a restaurant. He doesn't know what their plans are but will check and get back to Chapter.

Jim Jessen asked about the progress at the new Laredo H-D shop and Preston said the grand opening should be in late August. The new shop is about the same square feet or slightly smaller than CCHD. There won't be any Demo rides at the grand opening, but may be able to get the Demo truck for November depending on their schedule.

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Eric Thomas asked about a booth at shop parties and events to try to boost Chapter membership. Preston said that the Laredo Chapter had hit him up for a tent with backdrop and tables which turned out nice. He would be happy to get one for the CC Chapter and that it would look professional. He also mentioned that the New Bike Buyer Party will be once per year, like Gruene H-D has done, and will try this for a year or two. He said that the Chapter could set up the tent at any shop event to try to promote membership to be staffed by Chapter members.

Eric as said that the Demo ride was affected by the Chapter lunch ride. Members had to choose which one they wanted to attend. He suggested doing a dinner ride on the dates of the shop parties instead on lunch rides.

Sherrie reminded everyone about the dinner ride to Rigatoni's on Wednesday night.

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

Dan then handed out the patches and pins to the current Primary and Discretionary officers for 2016.

The Chapter donation drawing brought in \$93.00 and was won by Jim McKibben who received \$46.50.

Richard Smith said that the past Friday and Saturday he rode 1,500 miles. It rained all day Friday along with the wind. He had to make an emergency stop and for the first time experienced the ABS brakes on wet pavement. He recommended that everyone take their bikes out of dry pavement and try the ABS brakes to understand how they react before they actually have to use them. He said it is almost like having no brakes but it works. The key is to make sure you are going in a straight line. He said it was definitely a WOW factor, but a good one.

Preston said that when ABS brakes came out he saw a demo of them on gravel. The bike being demonstrated had outriggers and the demo rider would show the difference of using the brakes on gravel with and without the ABS. One thing you have to get used to is the vibration and to not panic releasing the brakes. H-D has expanded the ABS brakes to more and more models over the years. ABS on the touring bikes first came out in 2008. At first you could only get ABS as an option, and then they started being installed on many more models. A tip is that the yellow light stays on until you reach a certain speed. Preston then talked about an incident at the shop involving one of his maintenance techs who installed the bearing backwards affecting the ABS on a bike he had worked on. He couldn't get the ABS light to go off due to the bearing being on backwards.

Dan asked if there was any other business and there was none.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM. Thanks to all those in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,
Rickey Thielen – Secretary



Chapter Meeting Minutes from June

Corpus Christi H.O.G. Chapter - #5020
Chapter Meeting @ Silverado Smokehouse
Monday, June 6, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Dan Robinson, Chapter Director, with 36 members in attendance.

Dan welcomed everyone to the meeting, asked if there were any new members in attendance and there were none. Dan asked everyone to make sure they signed in.

Jerry Olivarez, Chaplain, gave the opening prayer.

Dan asked if anyone needed Chapter donation drawing tickets.

Linda Benavides asked about what the Chapter charity was for this year. Is it the Coastal Bend Troop Support, Halo Flight or the Women's Shelter? A discussion started about the charities mentioned and questioned whether Halo Flight was a 501C organization. Halo Flights offers individual memberships for \$25 per year or \$45 for two years. Family members and dependents living in the household are included on each membership with coverage of the Coastal Bend, San Antonio and Dallas.

John Lackey made a motion to keep the Coastal Bend Troop Support as our charity which was seconded by David Benoist. Dan asked for a showing of hands and the Coastal Bend Troop Support was chosen as our charity for 2016.

Daniel Barrientez, Assistant Director, said he had taken a trip for the Rolling Thunder in Washington, DC. He thanked those that went and said he would do the trip next year. He talked about the National Veterans Riders.

Rickey Thielen said that the Chapter currently had 108 members. He then read the member birthdays and anniversaries for June and July. He said that the 25th Annual Ride to Work Day will be held on June 20th and has been on the 3rd Monday of June since it started. The Ride to Work Day was started to make motorcyclists visible to the public and politicians, show that we come from all walks of life, show they can reduce traffic and parking in congested large cities, be a form of transportation as well as for recreation and that motorcycling is a social good.

Cyndi Robinson, Treasurer, is out recovering from knee replacement surgery so Rickey Thielen gave the Treasurers report. As of the April meeting the bank balance was \$1,787.19 with income of \$94.50 and expenses of \$117.42 for an April ending balance of \$1,764.27. There was no change in May. There was income of \$24.00 from dues and the balance at the time of the meeting was \$1,788.27.

Eric Thomas, Safety Officer, said that there are three areas of bike safety. He talked about things that affect our bikes at the last meeting. For this meeting he wanted to talk about what affects the rider which is personal safety equipment (PPE). Items include boots, jackets, long pants, and gloves. Some of our members wear tee-shirts only and some wear padded jackets. Consider wearing jackets for protection against road rash should an accident occur. He then talked about the accident two weeks back on a Sunday breakfast ride to Caroline's in Holiday Beach. As the group was going down FM 1069 two large dogs came through a gap in a fence and headed for the group. Richard Smith was leading and Bryan & Sherrie Gabbert were second. The dog missed

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the first two bikes, but made impact with Eric in the 3rd position. He quickly thought was about needing to keep control of his bike as to not impact the rest of the riders. He braced himself by stiffening his arms and maintained a straight track. The dog hit him on the left side between the front wheel and the lower fairing. The dog was killed instantly. The impact bent his engine guard around into the left floor board making him unable to shift the bike. He was able to bring the bike to a stop safely.

Eric talked about the Billy Edward's Law Firm and some information that had put out. They said in areas that you can't see well, like around curves, the best thing to do is increase the spacing between you and the other riders.

David Benoist, Head Road Captain, said that the end of the quarter for the local chapter mileage contest is on June 30th and is a Thursday. Get your mileage to Rickey Thielen, Dan Robinson or himself. David said that miles are important. David then talked about the National Mileage Program and how he had 37,000 miles on his first bike but had never enrolled in the program, so those miles were lost. He bought his next bike and enrolled in the program and he is now at 100,000 miles. He received a nice medallion for his bike along with the 100,000 mile rocker.

Sherrie Gabbert, Activities Officer, was on a trip. Linda Benavides said that the Chapter POI Challenge is still going on through August 1st and requires your bike, a 2016 HOG or Touring magazine cover and the POI in the picture. She said the 3rd quarter events calendar will be coming out soon. Sherrie wanted for the Chapter to pick a theme for the Christmas Party. Last year was a Country Western theme with a casino. The CCPOA hall has been reserved again for this year.

Preston Douglass, Sponsor, said that service appointments can be scheduled through the CCHD website. He talked about how they have a suggestion area on the website. They recently got an interesting suggestion which was to have an ejection seat or cocoon, like on a jet fighter, to protect the rider in the case of an accident with comfortable seats. The person also recommended having a flare go off to mark the spot. In addition the person recommended building solar powered bikes. It was obvious that this person put a lot of thought into these ideas.

Preston said there will be a Happy Hour at the end of June. He went on to discuss that Harley-Davidson has three types of Harley shops. There is the full retail store like CCHD, SLRs or satellite store that sells motorcycles and has motor clothes (like Laredo was) and AROs or alternate retail stores that only sell merchandise like in the airports or on the San Antonio Riverwalk. He has always wanted an ARO in Port Aransas, but the H-D Motor Company would not let him open one until the new Laredo shop was well under construction. He will be opening a shop in Port Aransas near Bernie's Beach House by the end of July this year and it will be called Wahoo Harley-Davidson. He also said the new Laredo shop will be open after Labor Day this year.

Daniel Barrientez said that he had a tire replaced at Smokin' H-D in Winston-Salem, NC that had a restaurant next to the shop. He was given beer and snacks while they were waiting for the tire to be replaced. Daniel asked Preston why the shop doesn't sell beer on the property. Preston replied that he has served beer on occasion for events but used one of the vendor's licenses to offer the beer. He will not pursue beer sales at the dealership.

Preston said that he enjoyed seeing the pics on Facebook of the trip members took to the Rolling Thunder event in DC and other rides. He said that this Chapter has a lot of members who really ride from the Thielen's who will ride to Oklahoma for piece of pie and Louis Kubala who just rides the tires off his bike. Preston said the Laredo Chapter rides a lot but just won't leave the Laredo city limits. He talked about years ago trying to get

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the Laredo Chapter to take an overnight trip to Corpus Christi to see a CC IceRays vs Laredo Bucks hockey game. This was back when the Coliseum was still the site of the hockey games. He had arranged a premium place to stay in Corpus Christi along with special hockey game tickets. He left the Laredo shop with 18 bikes and by the time they reached the Laredo city limits they had lost some bikes. Then before they got to the Border Patrol checkpoint he lost all but 4 bikes.

Linda Benavides said the when they did the Texas Iron Ass ride, which was a circle to nowhere, the Laredo members where extremely hospitable. Before she left the Laredo shop they came over and shook everyone's hand. Preston said that Laredo has an awesome Fajita Cook Off the same time that CCHD has their Chili Cook-Off. One year the Laredo Chapter rode to their shop for the Cook-Off and tied their bikes up with pink reins saying they were the Brokeback Mountain MC.

Preston was asked about the Riders Rewards and the double point days. He said he had to change it up as it was getting stale. Statistically they are giving away more points under the new system than before. You have to be on the CCHD Facebook page to get the notices of what days are double points and it is only announced a day in advance.

Eric Thomas asked Preston about possible discounts for veterans. Preston replied that he needed to be careful about how this or any discount is used. He had been thinking about something along these lines for some time. There are no Harley-Davidson supported veterans' type benefits currently available. If he did have a program he would want to know that the person that was entitled to the benefit was the one using it.

Preston was asked if he thought the Motor Company would come out with a new 115 CI motor during the next anniversary in 2018. He said that they have introduced a new motor before during one of the previous anniversaries, but didn't know of anything being talked about. He said the new Low Rider S bike with the 110 CI engine is unbelievable.

The Chapter donation drawing brought in \$130.00 and was won by Jerry Olivarez who received \$65.00. The Chapter charity drawing was won by Richard Smith and he will receive a gift from Preston Douglass and CCHD.

Linda Benavides asked about what the Christmas Party theme was going to be as we didn't decide anything. Dan asked everyone to think about it for the next meeting in August. The question came up about whether we were going to have any fund raising events this year like a bake sale. Nothing was resolved on this issue.

Dan reminded everyone to get their mileages turned in for the mileage contest by the end of the month. He then asked if there was any other business and there was none.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM. Thanks to all those in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,
Rickey Thielen – Secretary



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