



# V-TWIN TALES

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## Bryan Gabbert – Director

Change- the act or instance of making or becoming different.

Well folks, the season of change is upon us. Just like the dreary South Texas winter is changing into beautiful springtime weather, our chapter is changing also. One of the big changes this year will be our Christmas party. This year we will be having our Christmas party at the BBQ Man restaurant in the “Oilfield Lounge.” We’ve celebrated many years at the Police Officers Association building and it has served us well, but it is time for change. The Oilfield Lounge will bring with it a more intimate environment for us to meet and be merry. There is a jukebox and full bar to help us loosen up and tap into our wild side.

Another change in store for our chapter is the calendar becoming a little more fluid and diverse. We are trying to have more overnights and weekend getaways than what we’ve had in the last few years. We would like to change the rigid mold of we can’t do that because it’s not on the calendar...why not! Keep an eye out for impromptu invites to go eat dinner, lunch or breakfast somewhere. We are going to try and change the mindset that we only ride to go eat and to try and have more destination rides.

There are some other big changes coming, but they are still in the works. I will keep them under wraps until

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they are closer to becoming the real deal! At our next chapter meeting keep an eye out for the suggestion box. We will have index cards available for you to make suggestions and comments anonymously. See there, the chapter members themselves driving change. I hope you see the trend....change.

*“Creative thinking inspires ideas. Ideas inspire change.”*

*~Barbara Januszkiewicz*

Thanks Bryan

## **Overnight Ride to Flatonia**

We recently had an overnighter to the Historic Olle Hotel in Flatonia Tx. on the weekend of March 24th. The bed and breakfast location was recommended by fellow chapter members Gary and Debbie Sibert. I myself had never stayed at a bed and breakfast before and it was a very cool experience.

### ***The History...***

This two-story brick structure was built between 1896 and 1901 by Flatonia physician G. W. Allen, Sr. The first known use of the building as a hotel occurred in 1915, when it was purchased and operated by Carrie Snell. Flatonia's railroads created the need for boarding houses and hotels to lodge the many drummers, or traveling salesmen, who crossed the countryside by rail. In 1926 Otto Olle purchased the hotel, operated by him and later his wife until her death in 1967. The building then sat vacant until 1999. The colonial revival style building featured tall ceilings, double-hung windows and a covered veranda for ventilation, with a major expansion during the Olle's ownership.



### ***The Haunted...***

The Olle Hotel is considered by many to be one of the most haunted inns in the Lone Star State! Evidence of the hauntings goes beyond isolated incidents. The most common unnatural phenomena are the large number of floating "orbs" that staff and visitors see on a regular basis. They seem to come in several sizes and various hue and tones. In addition, angry voices in the middle of the night are also a common phenomenon. Two men and a woman can be heard arguing, but a subsequent investigation, including a room check, reveals all is well - except for the voices that mysteriously disappear if anyone approaches the top of the stairs to the second floor landing. This is reported to be the spot where the agitated husband and his wife's lover argued, and eventually died. Then each year in November, on the anniversary date of that same fateful quarrel, the same day every year, there is the explosion of a shot gun being fired from the top of those same stairs. Again, an investigation reveals no evidence that anything ever happened. The owners, the McCain's, say the stories get even stranger. There's

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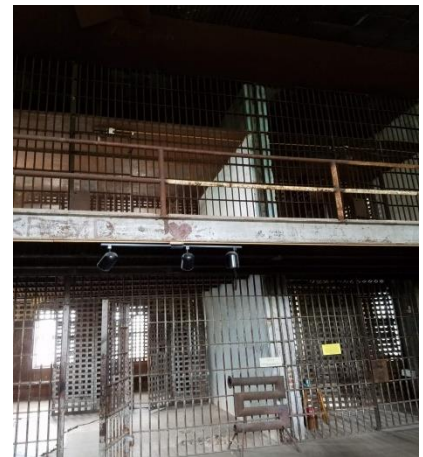
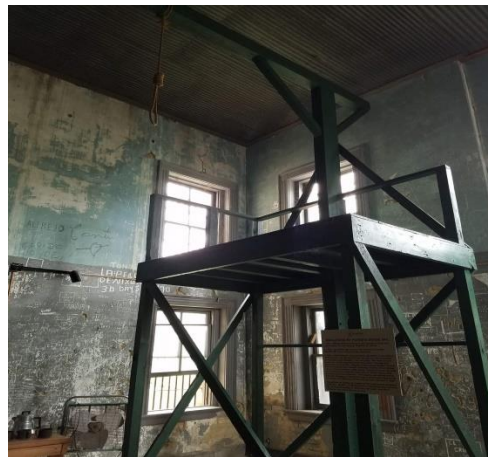
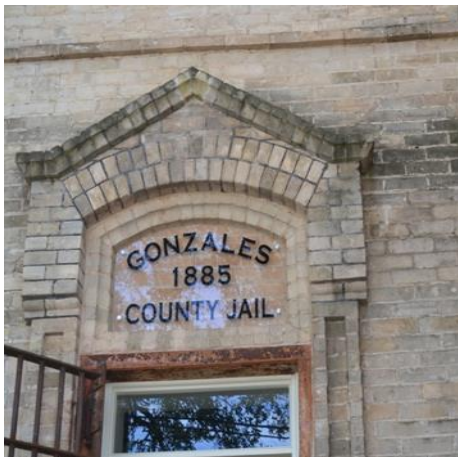


Bob, the ghost who smokes a cigar and lingers around from time to time leaving behind the smell of his hand rolled stogie. Perhaps the most strange of all, is the "half man" wearing a skull and crossbones T-shirt. Folks have reported only seeing the top half of him and it is all blue. Cordially, the McCain's have nicked-named him the "Blue Man".

***Our Ride...***

Gary Sibert led our group of 5 bikes and 7 members to the Olle Hotel via back roads to Flatonia Tx. Those making the ride were Bryan & Sherrie Gabbert, Louis Kubala, Dan & Cyndi Robinson and Gary & Debbie Sibert. Along the way the group stopped to eat lunch in Gonzales, Texas at the "Two Rivers Café." After lunch the group toured the historic "Old Jail Museum." It was amazing to learn about the jail and see the cells where the prisoners were housed. There was even a reconstructed gallows in the jail that was used to hang a few hardened criminals. The last hanging was that of Albert Howard on March 18, 1921.

A legend persists that while Howard was in jail he became obsessed with the clock on the Gonzales County Courthouse located just a few yards away from the building, keeping strict attention to the number of hours he still had to live. He swore his innocence would be shown by the clock, that none of its four faces would ever keep the same time again if he was hanged. Through the years the courthouse clocks' faces have rarely been consistent since then.



Rickey & Connie Thielen had elected to make the lunch ride to Cathy's Restaurant in Port O'Connor before riding to Flatonia. They arrived about 15 minutes before the rest of the group arrived at the Olle Hotel.

Saturday night after we all checked in to the Olle we made a short trip to the great metropolis of Moulton, Texas to eat dinner at the famous Kloesel's Steakhouse. The steaks were melt in your mouth fantastic and the ambiance was excellent. The restaurant is housed in an old historic hotel building and has plenty of historic pictures adorning its walls. After dinner the group rode back to the Olle to partake in a few adult beverages and enjoy the evening on the establishments front porch. Sunday morning the group woke up to a home cooked quiche breakfast, kolaches and fruit. I had to test everything to make sure nothing was poisoned...trying to keep our members safe.



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The Olle Hotel, is definitely a place worth visiting again. It's nice to kick back every once in a while and smell the roses, swing from a porch swing and laugh at stories.

Thanks Bryan



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

The 4th Quarter Jim Clark Memorial Mileage Contest had 13 members turn in their mileage and was won by Bryan & Sherrie Gabbert with 6,164 miles. Bryan & Sherrie were presented with the 4th quarter patch and will receive a tee shirt from Preston Douglass and CCHD. The runners up were Louis Kubala with 13,485 miles (ineligible for 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr. after winning 3rd Quarter), Rickey & Connie Thielen with 7,600 miles (ineligible for 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr. after winning 2nd Quarter), Eric Thomas with 4,775 miles, Marshall Lester with 2,701 miles, Renato Perez with 2,568 miles, David Benoist with 1,663 miles, Santos Juarez, III with 922 miles, Richard Smith with 893 miles, Dan Robinson with 827 miles, Cyndi Robinson with 522 miles, John Fitzgerald with 395 miles and Sabas Cavazos, Jr. with 4 miles. Total mileage accumulated by our members for the 4th quarter was 42,519 miles.

Yearly total miles rode was taken by Louis Kubala with 47,100 miles. Runners up for the yearly total number of miles ridden were Rickey & Connie Thielen with 36,707 miles, Bryan & Sherrie Gabbert with 24,631 miles, Richard Smith with 22,305 miles, Sabas Cavazos, Jr. with 20,820 miles, John Fitzgerald with 16,248 miles, Eric Thomas with 13,837 miles, Renato Perez with 13,304 miles, Marshall Lester with 10,010 miles, Santos Juarez III with 7,986 miles, David Benoist with 6,112 miles, John & Julie Lackey with 5,131 miles, Cyndi Robinson with 4,299 miles and Dan Robinson with 4,299 miles. The annual total for these members who participated in the Quarterly Mileage Contest combined was 232,789 miles.

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 Bryan & Sherrie Gabbert for their high mileage for the 4th quarter.



H.O.G. members are encouraged to have their odometer mileage validated at a Harley-Davidson dealership in order to start tracking their miles. Then they can return to the dealership any time to update their mileage—the more often, the better. Their information will be added to their individual and chapter mileage totals on hog.com. Members with multiple bikes can enroll in the program and mile totals will be added together. There are now more ways they can be rewarded for what they bought their bikes for in the first place—riding! Have you registered your mileage to help with our Chapters' mileage total for this year? If no, why not?

# Motorcycle Helmets

If you think motorcycle helmets are unnecessary, think again.

Most activities have their own suitable protective gear and equipment. Motorcycling is no exception to this rule. Every rider and passenger should wear over the ankle footwear, a long-sleeved jacket, full fingered gloves, and a helmet manufactured to meet DOT (U.S. Department of Transportation) standards.

## **What a Helmet Does for You**

First, it is the best protective gear you can wear while riding a motorcycle. Think of it at the same time you think of your ignition key: Pick up the key; pick up the helmet. They go together. Helmet is not a “cure-all” for motorcycle safety, but in a crash a helmet can help protect your brain, your face, and your life. Combined with other protective gear, rider education courses, proper licensing and public awareness the use of helmets and protective gear is one way to reduce the potential for injury. You hope you never have to “use” your helmet, just like you hope you won’t ever need to “use” the seatbelt in your car. But crashes do happen. We can’t predict when or what kind they will be. You should not say to yourself, “I’m just running to the store,” and not wear your helmet. In any given year, a lot of people make good use of seatbelts, and a lot of riders give thanks that they were wearing a protective helmet.

Second, a good helmet makes riding a motorcycle more fun due to the comfort factor - another truth. It cuts down on wind noise roaring in your ears; on wind blasts to your face and eyes, and deflects bugs and other objects flying through the air. It even contributes to comfort from changing weather and reduces rider fatigue.

Third, wearing a helmet shows that motorcyclists are responsible people; we take ourselves and motorcycling seriously. Wearing a helmet, no matter what the law says, is a projection of your attitude toward riding and that attitude is plain to see by other riders and non-riders alike.

## **How and Why a Helmet Works**

Different helmets do different things. There are hard hats on construction and heavy industrial heads; football helmets on athletes’ heads, and Kevlar caps on military heads. None are interchangeable. Motorcycle riding helmets are very sophisticated and specialized for the activity. They have been developed carefully and scientifically over the years. Four basic components work together to provide protection in the motorcycle helmet: an outer shell; an impact-absorbing liner; the comfort padding; and a good retention system.

What we see first is the outer shell, usually made from some family of fiber-reinforced composites or thermoplastics like polycarbonate. This is tough stuff, yet it is designed to compress when it hits anything hard. That action disperses energy from the impact to lessen the force before it reaches your head, but it doesn’t act along to protect you.

Inside the shell is an equally important impact-absorbing liner, usually made of expanded polystyrene (commonly thought of as Styrofoam). This dense layer cushions and absorbs the shock as the helmet stops and your head wants to keep on moving. Both the shell and the liner compress if hit hard, spreading the forces of impact throughout the helmet material. The more impact energy deflected or absorbed, the less there is of it to reach your head and do damage. Some helmet shells delaminate on impact. Others may crack and break if forced to take a severe hit; this is one way a helmet acts to absorb shock. It is doing its intended job. Impact damage from a crash to the non-resilient line may be invisible to the eye; it may look great, but it probably has little protective value left and should be replaced.

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The comfort padding is the soft foam and cloth layer that sits next to your head. It helps keep you comfortable and the helmet fitting snugly. In some helmets, this padding can be taken out for cleaning. The retention system, or chin strap, is very important. It is the one piece that keeps the helmet on your head in a crash. A strap is connected to each side of the shell. Every time you put the helmet on, fasten the strap securely. It only takes a couple of seconds. Quick snap-connect adaptors are available to make this function easier.

To ride without your helmet secured would be as questionable as driving without your seatbelt fastened. It just isn't very effective.

### **Choosing a Helmet**

While color, design and price may be a part of your decision about which helmet to buy, think first about protection and comfort. A full-faced helmet gives the most protection since it covers more of your face. It usually has a movable face shield that protects the eyes when it is closed. Racers prefer full-face helmets for the added protection and comfort.

A three-quarter, open face helmet is also a choice of some riders. It is constructed with the same basic components, but doesn't offer the face and chin protection of full-face helmets. If you use an open-face helmet, you should have a snap-on face shield in place when you ride, or buy a pair of goggles that can withstand the impact of a stone or other debris. Prescription eyeglasses or sunglasses are not sufficient protection, unless they meet ANSI Z87.1 specifications for impact resistant eye wear, and they might move or fly off.

A "shorty" half helmet protects even less of your head. It is more likely to come off your head upon impact.

A lot of good helmets are available today, in a range of prices. One look around your dealer's helmet display will convince you that nearly any decoration you could want on a helmet is already available. Many manufacturers are color-coordinating their helmets with the newest motorcycle models. The days of heavy or cumbersome helmets are over. They are made of lightweight, modern materials and are improved each year. Manufacturers are also working to make them less expensive, stronger and more comfortable.

What you must know when choosing a helmet is that it meets minimum safety standards. The way to find a well-made, reliable helmet is to look for the DOT and/or Snell sticker on the inside or outside of the helmet. The sticker means the helmet organization had rigid procedures for testing:

- Impact – the shock-absorbing capacity of the helmet.
- Penetration – the helmet's ability to withstand a blow from a sharp object.
- Retention – the chin strap's ability to stay fastened without stretching or breaking.
- Peripheral vision – the helmet must provide a minimum vision of 105 degrees to each side. (Most people's usable peripheral vision is only about 90 degrees to each side)

Since 1980, ALL adult-size helmets for on-highway use must meet DOT standards. Helmet dealers and distributors must ensure that all the helmets they sell bear the DOT sticker. Whatever your helmet choice, be sure it has this certification. You don't want an inferior helmet or one designed for another purpose. If someone tries to sell you one without it, don't buy it. If your helmet has no DOT sticker, do not wear it, regardless of age. Snell has been testing helmets since the 1950's. The use of Snell standards by helmet manufacturers is voluntary. Unlike DOT standards, Snell testing is revised (most recently in 2015) as helmet design and technology improve. Both agencies attempt to reproduce, under test conditions, the situations that are hazardous to motorcyclists. Their testing methods differ, but the intent is the same: to make certain any helmet they approve has lifesaving, shock-absorbing minimums.

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





## HOG Officer's Training

H.O.G. Officers Training is offered each year to Chapter Officers for the purpose of exchanging ideas, listening to training in specific areas and getting the latest word from H.O.G. regarding running our chapters. This year's theme was "Challenge Accepted". This year there were four locations located around the United States that gave officers a choice of location to attend. The locations available this year were Henderson, Nevada on February 9-10 at the M Resort; Fort Worth, Texas on February 23-24 at the Omni Fort Worth Hotel; Cincinnati, Ohio on March 2-3 at the Hyatt Regency Cincinnati and Atlanta, Georgia on April 13-14 at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta. Our officers chose the Fort Worth location as it was the closest.

For the first time in many years the weather was bad enough and projected to be bad enough to warrant not riding to the training. It rained most of the way up to Fort Worth and the temperature was around 39 degrees most of the trip. Bryan & Sherrie Gabbert, Dan & Cyndi Robinson and Rickey & Connie Thielen made the trip in two cages arriving at the host hotel before 5 PM on Thursday evening, March 22nd.

Training started on Friday morning, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, after the opening ceremonies where the Regional H.O.G. Managers introduced the instructors for the two day training session attended by hundreds of H.O.G. officers from chapters from all over the country. Breakfast and lunch were provided each day with a dinner party including the Deja Vu band on Friday evening.

Training sessions included Conflict, Throttle Through the Nonsense; Create and Maintain Excitement; Effective Communication; Forging the Dealer-Chapter Relationship; Group Riding Signs and Strategies; HOG Finance; It's the Ride, Not the Destination; Lead from the Front; Listening and Communicating with Different Personalities, Reclaiming the Off-Season and Risk.

Saturday morning after breakfast we reconvened as a group to get a refresher of the prior day's activities before heading off to the days classes. At the end of the day we got back together at the closing ceremonies and had the pleasure of listening to Bill Davidson, a Harley-Davidson Vice President, son of Willie G. Davidson and great-grandson of company co-founder William A. Davidson.



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

This year's POI (Points of Interest) Contest will be the 6th annual opportunity that this event has been offered. Bryan & Sherrie Gabbert have once again 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 2018 H.O.G.® magazine or the 2018 H.O.G. 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 12, 2018 until Tuesday, July 31, 2018. 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 seven areas of Texas – West Texas (8 POIs), East Texas (6 POIs), South Texas (10 POIs), Central Texas (6 POIs), Upper Gulf Coast (2 POIs), North Texas (4 POIs) and Panhandle (4 POIs).

## Official Rules and Guidelines

### 1. Time Frame

The challenge will run from **Monday, February 12, 2018 until Monday, July 31, 2018**. All submissions must be made to the receptionist at Corpus Christi H-D with printed pictures or USB/CD or via email to Sherrie Gabbert at [bsgabbert@stx.rr.com](mailto:bsgabbert@stx.rr.com) no later than close of business **Wednesday, August 1, 2018**.

### 2. Participation

- All current CC H.O.G. members in good standing. Entries must be submitted individually. Multiple entries cannot be combined into one entry form.
- Only one entry per CC H.O.G. member.
- In the interest of fairness, no exceptions will be made to the Guidelines.
- Individuals participate at their own risk. CC H.O.G. and Corpus Christi Harley-Davidson assume no liability. Do not break the law or endanger yourself or others when taking photos.

### 3. Prizes

- 5-9 POIs – 100 Rider Rewards points
- 10-19 POIs – 250 Rider Reward points
- 20-29 POIs – 500 Rider Rewards points
- 30-39 POIs – 1000 Rider Rewards points
- 40 POIs – 2500 Rider Rewards points

Gift Card Drawing: Must collect a **minimum of 25 POI's** to be entered into the gift card drawing. If **all 40 POI's** are turned in on time and correct then you will be entered into the gift card drawings **TWICE!** However, once your name is drawn you are ineligible for any further drawings for the 2018 drawing.

- 1st Prize - \$500.00 CC H-D gift card
- 2nd Prize - \$250.00 CC H-D gift card
- 3rd Prize - \$100.00 CC H-D gift card

### 4. Photo Formats

- Prints or photos printed from a computer printer may be submitted. Digital photo files will also accepted.



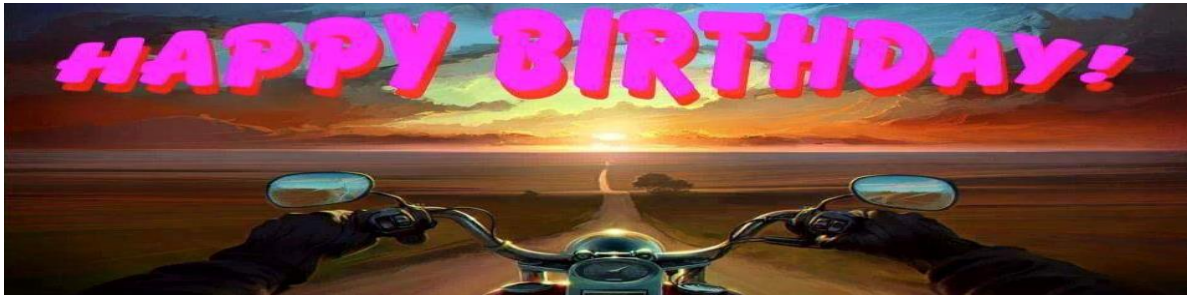
- NOTE: Images must be clear and individual and POIs must be legible in submitted photos. Photos that are blurred, fuzzy, illegible or unrecognizable will not count. One unique photo per POI.

5. Photo Elements

- The POI
- Your Harley-Davidson motorcycle
- The cover of a 2018 H.O.G.® magazine or the 2018 H.O.G. Touring Handbook
- Optionally you, if you can get yourself in the picture but not mandatory.

6. Submitting your entry

- Submissions must include the POI form with checkmarks by your entries.
- All printed photos should be unbound and not in a photo album.
- One photo must be included for each POI visited.
- Please submit your photos in the same order as the POI form.
- All submissions should be made to the Receptionist at Corpus Christi HD or Sherrie Gabbert no later than August 1, 2018.
- All decisions by the POI review committee are final.



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

### April

4 Alan Leonard  
12 Benson Tuttle  
13 Mike Quintanilla

### May

1 Kyle Rossler  
6 Bill Wilson  
7 Claudia Fultz  
8 Clyde Douglas  
13 Julian Gaona  
15 Billy Fultz  
15 Dan Robinson  
17 Gary Sibert  
18 Preston Douglass  
27 Harry Pearrell  
31 Catherine Stein

### June

3 Sylvia Rodriquez  
5 Tom Mason  
10 Raul Guzman  
12 Cathleen Taylor  
13 Tim Miller  
25 Rick Hunter

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

**Saddlebags can never hold everything you want, but they CAN hold everything you need.**



## Happy Wedding Anniversary

### April

1 Brian & Jennifer Clark

### May

6 Jeff & Elizabeth Ruble  
16 Bobby & Janie Mendez  
20 Bill & Dana Wilson

### June

2 Marin & Leonor Villarreal  
5 Michael & Marie Powell  
6 Blaine & Robbin Lee  
7 Chuck & Annita West  
8 Rodney & Annette Nelson  
23 Tom & Patty Estes  
30 Bill & Mary Gulasey

## Welcome New Members:

Jennifer Clark, Claudia Fultz, Michael Gonzales, Stoney McGerald, Salvador Rojas and Kyle Rossler,

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



## Top 15 Chapter Ride/Meeting Participation through 3/31/18 –YTD

Sid Blalack	(1)	Cyndi Robinson	(10)
David Benoist	(2)	Dan Robinson	(11)
Rickey Thielen	(3)	Linda Benavides	(T12)
Eric Thomas	(4)	Belinda Canales	(T12)
Peggy Benoist	(T5)	Raul Guzman	(T12)
Connie Thielen	(T5)	Harry Pearrell	(T12)
Sherrie Gabbert	(6)	John Lackey	(T13)
Marshall Lester	(7)	Andres Villarreal	(T13)
Bryan Gabbert	(8)	John Fitzgerald	(14)
Louis Kubala	(9)	Julian Gaona	(15)

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



## 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 4th quarter 2017 V-Twin newsletter was published. Members listed below are only those who turned in their mileages at Corpus Christi Harley-Davidson. If you sent yours directly to Milwaukee or recorded the mileage at another dealership, you will not be listed. If we missed you for any reason, we apologize.

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

Corey Stein	1,000 Miles	Bryan Gabbert	100,000 Miles
Bill Gulasey	5,000 Miles	Sherrie Gabbert	100,000 Miles
Dan Robinson	80,000 Miles	Louis Kubala	350,000 Miles
Marin Villarreal	80,000 Miles		

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



## Secretary Report – Rickey Thielen

The Corpus Christi H.O.G. Chapter membership count was 92 members as of March 31, 2018. 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.

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**Article VI of the H.O.G. 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.*

## **In Memory**

Judy C. Greenberg-Martini  
May 1, 1943 – March 7, 2018



## **2018 ABC's of Touring**

The 2018 ABC's of Touring season began on January 1, 2018. The ABC's of Touring is an alphabetical "scavenger hunt" for you and your Harley-Davidson motorcycle. You earn points and win prizes by collecting photos of yourself, your motorcycle, "official signs" starting with letters of the alphabet A-Z. Another way of thinking about this is that it is an opportunity to get out and ride your motorcycle while seeing new areas of the country.

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## Prizes

- First Place – \$1,500 Harley-Davidson Gift Card; \$75 Norscot Gift Card for exclusive H.O.G. Merchandise; 1st Place Plaque + Recognition at the Harley-Davidson Museum, H.O.G. Magazine and H.O.G. Insider.
- Second Place – \$1,000 Harley-Davidson Gift Card; \$50 Norscot Gift Card for exclusive H.O.G. Merchandise; 2nd Place Plaque + Recognition at the Harley-Davidson Museum, H.O.G. Magazine and H.O.G. Insider.
- Third Place – \$500 Harley-Davidson Gift Card; \$25 Norscot Gift Card for exclusive H.O.G. Merchandise; 3rd Place Plaque + Recognition at the Harley-Davidson Museum, H.O.G. Magazine and H.O.G. Insider.
- 100 points or more - ABCs pin, patch, \$50 Norscot Gift Card for exclusive H.O.G. Merchandise.
- 51 to 99 points - ABCs pin, patch, \$25 Norscot Gift Card for exclusive H.O.G. Merchandise.
- 5 to 50 points - ABCs pin, patch

## Participation

Any Full or Associate H.O.G. member from the U.S. or Canada may enter. Entries must be individually submitted, and multiple entries cannot be combined on one entry form. Only one 2018 ABCs of Touring entry per H.O.G. member will be allowed. All digital photos submitted become the property of the Harley-Davidson Motor Company, may be used in publications, promotions and other Company purposes. No exceptions will be made to the guidelines and Harley-Davidson has the final decision if there is a dispute. Individuals participate at their own risk. Do not break the law or endanger yourself or others when taking photos.

## Photo Formats

All photos must be submitted online at [www.hog.com/abc](http://www.hog.com/abc). Photo formats accepted are .jpg, .gif, .png. Each photo must not exceed 5MB in size. Images must be clear and names/signs must be legible in submitted photos.

Photos that are blurred, fuzzy, illegible, or unrecognizable will not receive points. Photos may be used for multiple categories by uploading the same photo for each category. Dealership photos used for city, state and province point may be used. Please upload the same photo for each category.

## Photo Elements

- Your Harley-Davidson motorcycle must be in each photo and a Harley-Davidson Authorized Rental motorcycle through Eagle Rider is also acceptable.
- The second page of these rules is the 2018 H.O.G. Touring handbook cover. A 2018 H.O.G. magazine or the 2018 H.O.G. Touring Handbook must be clearly identifiable in each picture. Go to [hog.com/abc](http://hog.com/abc) to download a printable version of the HOG magazine cover and start your ABCs today.
- You, the entrant, must be in at least five photos.
- An "official sign" must also be in each photo and can be a government building with the name of the city, village, town, county, state, territory, or country on it. An example of a government building is a post office, city hall or police station. Examples of items that would not count as a government building are libraries, vehicles, schools, water towers, and museums.
- An authorized Harley-Davidson dealership may be used to designate a city, state, or province and may also be used to obtain up to 25 H-D dealer points but the dealership name must be visible on the building or sign. The first letter of the physical location (town, village, city or town) is what you can take credit for and the name of the city and state of the dealership must be included in your description before submitting. For example, Harley-Davidson of Charlotte is physically located in Matthews, NC so

you would receive credit for the letter “M” for a photo of that dealership. For photos of dealerships, the name of the city and state of the dealership must be included in your description before submitting.

- A sign posted by a government body must be physically located within the boundary of the place it identifies. Mileage markers and directional signs do not qualify.

## How Do I Earn Points?

- Photos may be used for multiple categories by uploading the same photo for each category. Dealership photos used for city, state and province points may be used. Please upload the same photo for each category.
- Points are collected worth one point each for each city, township or municipality sign from A-Z with a maximum of 26 points.
- One point for each county, parish or district sign from A-Z and the word county, parish or district or the abbreviation equivalent must be on the sign for a maximum of 26 points.
- One point for each US state with a maximum of 50 points.
- One point for each country (don't forget the United States counts too!).
- One point permitted for each Canadian province and territory for a maximum of 13 points.
- One point for each U.S. National Forest sign and the words "National Forest" must be on the sign for a maximum of 5 points.
- One point for each individual Harley-Davidson dealership for a maximum of 25 points. Dealership photos used for city, state, and province points may be used. However, a separate photo must be submitted for each point.
- One point for each U.S. National Park Service (NPS) managed site and for each National Park or Provincial Park in Canada. The NPS logo with the name and/or the name of the park, historical site, lakeshore, monument, etc. as well as the words “National” or “Provincial” must be on the sign for a maximum of 5 points. Visit [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov) for U.S. parks and [www.pc.gc.ca](http://www.pc.gc.ca) for Canadian parks.
- Canadian Provincial/Regional and U.S. H.O.G. Rallies or H.O.G. Member Check in as listed on [www.hog.com/events](http://www.hog.com/events). The rally photo must clearly show you (the entrant) and an official rally banner or a national Harley-Davidson staff member. H.O.G. rally event banners may not always be accessible with your motorcycle. In that case a photo of you, the entrant, at the location and holding a 2018 H.O.G. magazine or the 2018 H.O.G. Touring Handbook will be accepted. This is the only situation that does not require your motorcycle in the picture.
- Three points for each 2018 International Rally (outside the country you reside) that is listed as the National Rally for that country.
- Three points for each 2018 US H.O.G. Rally or Canadian Provincial/Regional H.O.G. Rally.
- Three points for each 2018 US or Canadian H.O.G. Member Check In.
- Three points for each Harley-Davidson Motor Company facility - Juneau Avenue Headquarters in Milwaukee, WI., Pilgrim Road Operations in Menomonee Falls, WI., York Vehicle Operations in York, PA., Kansas City Operations in Kansas City, MO., Tomahawk Operations in Tomahawk, WI. and for the Harley-Davidson Museum in Milwaukee, WI. (Please do not park on sidewalks while taking your photo at the Museum.)

## Submitting Your Entry

Submissions must be submitted online at [www.hog.com/abc](http://www.hog.com/abc). One photo must be included for each point you are submitting. All entries must be submitted online no later than December 31, 2018. The decisions of the judges are final. Prizes are subject to change.

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## A Look in the Rear View Mirror

A look back at some events & happenings that took place in the 1st quarter of years past:

### One Year Ago (2017):

- Primary officers are Daniel Barrientez – Director, Bryan Gabbert – Assistant Director, Rickey Thielen – Secretary, Cyndi Robinson – Treasurer. Discretionary Officers are Sherrie Gabbert – Activities Officer, Jerry Olivarez - Chaplain, Rickey Thielen - Editor, Rickey Thielen – Historian, Eric Thomas - Safety Officer, David Benoist - Head Road Captain, Sherrie Gabbert – LOH Officer, Connie Thielen - New Member Officer, Diana Gaona - Photographer and Chad Hammer – Webmaster.
- 1st quarter mileage contest won by Richard Smith with 12,714 miles and John Fitzgerald won the consolation drawing
- Jim Clark Memorial Hair of the Dog Breakfast Ride on 1/1 to San Juan in Port Aransas with eight members
- Chapter meeting at the Silverado Smokehouse on 2/6 with 27 members in attendance. Breakfast ride departure location changed to Sunoco Station on Old Brownsville Road at 8:00 AM from the Shell Station in Portland as was done for many years. ARK voted as 2017 chapter charity.
- Chapter once again has a bulletin board at CCHD.
- 5th annual HOG Chapter POI Contest starts February 13 and runs through July 31.
- Ladies of Harley Bake Sale raising \$125 on 3/18.
- HOG Officers Training in Albuquerque, NM 3/24 & 3/25 with Bryan & Sherrie Gabbert, Preston Douglass and Rickey & Connie Thielen attending.
- New members noted in 1st Quarter V-Twin Newsletter were Belinda Canales, Chad Crinzi, Robert Garcia, Jr., William “Bill” Gulasey, Tim Miller, Harry Pearrell, Eustacio Saucedo, Jr., Cynthia Ybarra, Jesse Ybarra III
- Members attaining an award level in the National Mileage Recognition Program noted in the 1st Quarter V-Twin Newsletter were Robert Sollars 5,000 Miles, Eric Thomas 60,000 Miles, Bryan Gabbert 80,000, Sherrie Gabbert 80,000 Miles, Marshall Lester 80,000 Miles, Richard Smith 175,000 Miles, and Louis Kubala 300,000 Miles

### Five Years Ago (2013):

- Primary officers are Billy Fultz – Director, Dennis Lugg – Assistant Director, Rickey Thielen – Secretary, Cyndi Robinson – Treasurer. Discretionary Officers are Connie Thielen – Activities Officer, Jerry Olivarez - Chaplain, Charles Bonniwell - Editor, Rickey Thielen – Historian, Dan Robinson - Safety Officer, Carl Sitzler - Head Road Captain, Linda Benavides – LOH Officer, Dottie Winters - New Member Officer, Rickey Thielen - Photographer and Billy Fultz – Webmaster.
- 1st quarter mileage contest won by Billy Fultz with 10,737 miles and Rick Lyon won the consolation drawing.
- Hair of the Dog Breakfast Ride on 1/1 to San Juan’s Restaurant in Port Aransas with eight members.
- LOH Committee formed with the following members: Linda Benavides, Cyndi Robinson, Connie

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- Thielen, Dottie Winters, Peggy Benoist, Margie Arnold, Susie Conerly and Fancy Flores.
- Road Captain training held at Corpus Christi Harley-Davidson in January with 13 attending. The training was led by Head Road Captain Carl Sitzler.
- 2013 begins year of the 110th Anniversary of Harley-Davidson and the 30th Anniversary of H.O.G. which would culminate in Mikwaukee on August 31 through September 2nd with a celebration.
- Chapter Meeting at the Silverado Smokehouse on 2/4 with 38 members in attendance.
- HOG Officers Training (HOT) was held in Dallas on 3/1-2 with Director Billy Fultz, Assistant Director Dennis Lugg, Secretary Rickey Thielen, Treasurer Cyndi Robinson and Safety Officer Dan Robinson attending.
- LOH Hill Country ride and met up with the Houston Area #1 HOG Chapter in March.
- New members noted in the 1st quarter V-Twin Tales were Robert Alaniz, Wayne Bennett, Jerrall Gabriel, Nicholas Haney, Abdullah Hariri, Noel Hernandez, Bill Herndon, Lemuel "Rodney" Nelson, Karl Schlatter, Rod Stott, Sheryl Stott, Cindy Waldron and Pat Waldron.
- Members attaining an award level in the National Mileage Program noted in the 1st Quarter V-Twin Newsletter were William Bernhagen 1,000 Miles, Fancy Flores 1,000 Miles, Rhett Butler 5,000 Miles, Dennis Lugg 40,000 Miles and Richard Smith with 80,000 Miles.

### **Ten Years Ago (2008):**

- Primary officers were Andy Felkner – Director, Rickey Thielen – Assistant Director, Connie Thielen – Secretary, Glenda Felkner – Treasurer. Discretionary Officers were Andy Felkner – Activities Officer, Robert Rios - Chaplain, Joan & Wayne Bennett - Editor, Randy Towns – Historian, Carl Sitzler - Safety Officer, David Benoist - Head Road Captain, Debbie Towns – LOH Officer, Linda Benavides - New Member Officer, Jim Clark - Photographer and Andy Felkner – Webmaster.
- 1st quarter mileage contest won by Greg Sanderson with 11,307 miles and Jim Clark won the consolation drawing.
- Hair of the Dog Breakfast Ride to Taqueria San Juan in Port Aransas and Jimmy Carlock Memorial Fun Ride on 1/1 with 15 members.
- Chapter meeting held at Silverado Smokehouse on 2/4 with 42 members in attendance. Jim McKibben won the chapter donation drawing and Linda Benavides won the Women's Shelter drawing.
- New members noted in the 1st quarter V-Twin Tales were David Acuna, Gonzolo Adams, Olga Adams, James Baxter, Paul Czerwinski, George DeLosSantos, Bill Dungan, John Fitzgerald, Hank Flippo, Kathy Flippo, Wallace Goodman, Dennis Horton, Michael Johnson, Amelia Kennedy, Steven Kennedy, Mario Ortiz, Gary Phipps, Charles Saverline.

### **Fifteen Years Ago (2003):**

- Primary officers were Jim Clark – Director, Rey Salinas – Assistant Director, John Cringole – Secretary, Cynthia Vargas – Treasurer. Discretionary Officers were Andy & Glenda Felkner – Activities Officer, Bob Harris - Chaplain, Louis Kubala - Editor, None – Historian, Dave Cook - Safety Officer, Rickey Thielen - Head Road Captain, Dora Martinez & Jackie Felix – LOH Officer, William Smith - New Member Officer, Gary Garrett - Photographer and Al Vargas – Webmaster.
- 1st quarter mileage contest won by Rickey & Connie Thielen with 7,212 miles.
- Hair of the Dog Ride / Jimmy Carlock Poker run on 1/1.
- Chapter meeting held at Joe's Crab Shack on Corpus Christi bay front on 2/3
- Chapter ride to St. Valentine's Day Massacre in Boerne on 2/14-16 with 15 bikes
- New member Pamphlet is created in February
- Check for \$1200 presented to Halo Flight from Chapter donations in 2002
- Chapter ride to Louisiana H.O.G. Rally in Shreveport with 25 members. Crawfish party at Brent and

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- Frances Tyl's house.
- Wildflower Ride to Cuero with 28 bikes

### **Twenty Years Ago (1998):**

- Primary officers were George Swank – Director, Nippy Hamrick – Assistant Director, Gary Gainan – Secretary, Danielle Wiley – Treasurer. Discretionary Officers were Mike Musick – Activities Officer, Bob Harris - Chaplain, Jim Clark - Editor, Lambert Cantu - Safety Officer, Dick Hines - Head Road Captain, Kathy Einhaus & A'Lana Welch – LOH Officer.
- 1st quarter mileage contest won by Jim Clark with 6,584 miles.
- Dues changed to \$24 due to meet H.O.G. guidelines at chapter meeting at Daryl's Steak House on 1/5.
- New Year's Day Ride to Goliad with 18 bikes
- Chapter meeting at Woodies (old Elmos) on 2/2. HOG line moved to the shop.
- Chapter Run to the Travelling Wall in Ingleside with over 60 bikes on 2/7
- Ride to Old Market Days in Gruene on 2/21-22.
- LOH meets at Coffee Cover on 3/1 with 10 ladies and 10 men.
- Chapter meeting at Silverado at Five Points on 3/2
- Group ride to Louisiana State HOG Rally in Baton Rouge on 3/13-15 led by Dick Hines. Fifteen members seen at rally.
- Run to Rattlesnake Races in San Patricio on 3/21. Lunch run to Chente's in Alice on 3/28
- Easter Benefit Ride to Shoreline Rehab center, Taft on 3/29

## **Chapter Meeting Minutes from February 5, 2018**

Corpus Christi H.O.G. Chapter - #5020  
 Chapter Meeting @ Silverado Smokehouse  
 Monday, February 5, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Bryan Gabbert, Chapter Director, with 35 members in attendance.

Bryan welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if everyone had signed in. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Bryan asked if anyone needed Chapter Donation tickets or needed a ticket for the Chapter charity drawing and that the tickets would be available throughout the meeting.

Bryan asked for any new or visiting members to tell us about themselves and to make sure they signed in and that we would be picking/voting on our charity for this year. Bryan also reminded everyone about the new 365 program, what it's all about and to make sure to sign up and continue to turn in their mileage to Michelle or Melissa at CCHD.

Dan Robinson, Assistant Director, was asked if he had anything to talk about and he did not.

Bryan went into reading the report that Rickey Thielen, Secretary, usually gives as Rickey had to work and was not able to get away for the meeting. We currently have 75 members in our chapter. February and March birthdays and anniversaries were read.

Cyndi Robinson, Treasurer, reported the starting Chapter bank balance as of November 2017 was brought over in the amount of \$3,211.43 with a deposit of \$1,714.50 with an ending balance of \$4,925.93 November 30,

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2017 with a balance of \$4,740.88 due to a check that did not clear. December Christmas expenses were \$2,352.04 for party, decorations and gift cards. No December deposits. Expenses coming into the new year of 2018 were \$2,388.84 which brought our balance to \$0.00. January deposits of \$670.00, \$144.00 deposit to be made on 2/6/18 which will bring the February ending balance to \$814.00.

David Benoist, Head Road Captain, announced that Louis Kubala had the high miles for the last quarter of 2017 with 13,485 miles. Rickey Thielen was second with 7,600 miles and third was Bryan Gabbert with 6,164 miles and the next 11 members who submitted mileage. The entire 2017 mileage for our chapter was 232,000 miles.

Sherrie Gabbert, Activities/LOH Officer, said that the first quarter calendar was out and everyone should have it and asked for some recommendations for lunch rides or destination rides that she can add to the next quarter calendar with nicer riding weather coming up. She reminded the members about an upcoming dinner ride and that Snapka's Bike Night was this Friday. Sherrie let the members know that Chapter t-shirt order was in and they could pick up their t-shirt before leaving the meeting and that the t-shirt quilt was FINALLY done! It was on display for those in attendance to look at it. She let the members know that she will be selling raffle tickets at \$10 per ticket, they were already printed and ready for sale if anyone wanted to purchase one. She is not going to ask the members to sell tickets but if they would like to check out a book of tickets they may do so and that she will periodically be at the shop to sell tickets during shop events and that it will be a shop wide raffle. The drawing will be during Harley Happy Hour on April 27 at the CC Harley shop, winner will be notified by phone if not in attendance. First quarter calendar was sent out with no shop events as there was no shop calendar at the time and the calendars are considered "living" calendars and are subject to change with cancellations or additions that will be sent out via chapter email. Sherrie told the members that there are new events on the shop calendar and to check with the receptionist for more information on those events. The POI Chapter challenge was also announced and members were told to be on the lookout in their email for the rules and the list of POI's.

Preston Douglass, Sponsor, talked about the Steak Night in Bandera and the new shop events especially that Harley Happy Hour will be on the last Friday of every month during Daylight Savings Time, bike nights are coming around as well as food truck events and a few other events they are going to try out. Polar Bear Poker Run will be on February 24 and the Anniversary party on March 10 during the factory demo rides on March 9-10. Preston announced the Tougher than Harvey raffle, which is a Fatboy that Harley Davidson has donated for him to raffle off for hurricane relief. He has the bike now. Tickets are for sale for \$10 per ticket on-line for now and physical tickets will be on sale soon and the raffle will take place the end of April or May. If chapter members will commit to sell tickets then you will be given Rider Reward points as an incentive for you to sell the tickets. All proceeds will be given to local charities to help with hurricane relief. Preston also reminded everyone about their current Rider Reward points expiring at the end of February. Linda announced that the Coastal Bend Visitor Bureau has a van that can be parked to announce "open for business" type events if wanted. Rides for the 115th were discussed but Preston thinks the ride from San Diego will come through Amarillo or Oklahoma City and that would be the ride to meet up with if wanting to ride in with one of the Harley Rides Home for the anniversary events.

Richard Smith reminded everyone to check the tires on their bikes regularly if not daily since the temperatures here changes so radically which affects the tires. Also to make sure that the brake fluid is changed, especially if you have not had it checked/changed in the last year.

It was decided to keep The ARK as our charity next year as the rumor that it will be closing was just rumor and they are not closing their doors so therefore would still appreciate the donations.

The Chapter charity drawing was won by Claudia Bradley-Fultz and will receive a gift from Preston Douglass

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and CCHD.

The Chapter donation drawing brought in \$113.00 and was won by Connie Thielen who received \$56.50.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM. Thanks to all those in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sherrie Gabbert – Activities/LOH Officer

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