



# V-TWIN TALES

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

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## Chapter Christmas Party

The annual Chapter Christmas Party was held on Friday, December 15, 2017 at the Corpus Christi Police Officers Association (CCPOA) hall, which is the same location as last year, from 6:30 PM to 10:00 PM. The party was attended by 24 members and 6 guests.

The menu at the party was a turkey and dressing meal provided from Bill Millers BBQ. We would like to thank Sherrie and Bryan Gabbert, Cyndi Robinson and Connie Thielen for setting up and getting the hall decorated for the event. The table center pieces that were given away at the end of the party were put together by Connie and Sherrie.

During the party the Corpus Christi H.O.G. chapter recognized the top 25 ride participants for 2017. Leading this group was our one and only Marshall Lester with 91 rides that he went on throughout the year. Bryan Gabbert, the 2017 Assistant Director, thanked the primary and discretionary officers for their help this past year.

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Bryan also thanked the Road Captains stating that the chapter rides quite a lot and our Road Captains get us to each destination safely.

We would like to thank Preston Douglass for the various Harley items that he donated for our drawings. At this year's party we gave Nini Thomas a plaque for wearing the ugliest sweater. Thank you everyone making it a success. As always it was a great party and we look forward to next year!



## **2018 Primary Officers**

The Primary Officers Election meeting was held Monday, November 6, 2017, at the Silverado Smokehouse for the purpose of electing the 2018 Primary Officers. Each year in November the Chapter elects the four Primary Officers that will lead the Chapter for the next year. After conducting regular business Bryan Gabbert was nominated and elected Director, Dan Robinson was nominated and elected Assistant Director, Cyndi Robinson was nominated and elected Treasurer and Rickey Thielen was nominated and elected Secretary.

The Discretionary Officers positions are appointed by the Primary Officers each year.

## **2018 Chapter Discretionary Officers Announced**

The Discretionary Officers are those that are appointed by the Primary Officers and the Chapter Sponsor, Preston Douglass. The following are your Discretionary Officers for 2018. Thanks to each and every one for stepping up to the challenge, because without their help we could not continue to enjoy the Chapter as we know it.

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

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

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



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

The 3rd Quarter Jim Clark Memorial Mileage Contest had 12 members turn in their mileage and was won by Louis Kubala with 12,550 miles. Louis received the 3rd Quarter Mileage Contest patch and a shirt from Preston Douglass and CCHD. The runners up for the 3rd Quarter Mileage Contest were Sabas Cavazos with 7,879 miles, Rickey & Connie Thielen with 7,078 miles, John Fitzgerald with 6,027 miles, Richard Smith with 5,192 miles, Santos Juarez with 4,477 miles, John & Julie Lackey with 3,781 miles, Bryan & Sherrie Gabbert with 3,574 miles, Marshall Lester with 2,720 miles, Eric Thomas with 1,873 miles, David Benoist with 1,735 miles and Corey Stein with 769 miles. Totals for the quarter were 57,655 miles.

Eric Thomas 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 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and to Eric Thomas as the consolation drawing winner.

**Happy New Year – Let's Ride & Have Fun in 2018!**





## Central H.O.G. Rally

The Central H.O.G. Rally was held October 5-7, 2017 in Ardmore, Oklahoma at the Ardmore Convention Center. The theme of this year's rally was "Island Time". It was advertised as being about having carefree days of riding, hanging out with your H.O.G. family and besides *Don't Worry – Be Happy* because *it's 5 o'clock* – in Ardmore. Those attending were encouraged to explore the area, meet new friends, catch up with old friends, and have the best riding adventures.

Ardmore is located on Interstate 35 on the southern side of the beautiful Arbuckle Mountains. Ardmore was built by entrepreneurs filled with dreams and the drive to make them reality. The city offers art and architecture, coffeehouse and craft beer, lakes and shakes, ritz and rodeo, quaint and quirky – you can find it all here in the place where eastern Oklahoma ingenuity meets western Oklahoma independence.

J.D. Spohn, the City Manager of Ardmore, welcomed all riders and as a fellow Harley rider he assured those attending the rally that he was aware the city offered pristine outdoor recreational activities, arts and culture. Ardmore is listed as one of the 50 Best Towns in America and was twice named an All-American City.

Corpus Christi H.O.G. members making the rally included Louis Kubala and Rickey & Connie Thielen.

The Rally offered ride skills instruction to get some help and learn how to handle your bike better along with making tighter turns. Those taking part were encouraged to compete for awards no matter their skill level. There was the Chapter Challenge where members brought an 8 x 10 picture in a stand-up frame of a ride or unique destination. Rally attendees would vote on their favorite photo and the winning Chapter would take home the award along with bragging rights. Bling It Up was an opportunity to bling up bandana's, flip flops, vests or anything else with the Rally supplying the supplies. The H-D Demo Fleet was on site for those that wanted to test ride 2018 Harley-Davidson motorcycles. There was also Name That Tune for an opportunity to have some fun with fellow H.O.G. members to see who could name the tune first.

As with all rallies there were plenty of destinations to ride and many guided rides. The guided rides included Historic Fort Washita which was a former US Military post established in 1842 by General (former President) Zachary Taylor to protect the citizens from plain Indians, the Nokona Ball Glove Factory located in Nocona, Texas known for Nocona boots and for having the only American made baseball glove factory, Sipokni West which was an old West Movie set complete with shops, general store, jail and saloon/restaurant (nearby was the Chickasaw Cultural Center and Gene Autry Museum). There was a guided ride to Fat Bully's that was a unique

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little burger bar nestled in a wooded area off the beaten path for lunch, Turner Falls that features a 77-foot tall falls and also includes a castle built by a college professor in the 1930's and zip line, Lake Murray Loop which is a 40 mile ride around Lake Murray which included a stop at Tucker's Tower, and a ride to Texoma H-D for some free BBQ and music at the dealership. Self guided rides included the Hill with a Thrill ride to take in some Oklahoma and Texas scenery.

Other activities during the rally included Mainopoly on Main Street, ILL Conduct Stunts, bike games on Friday, and the parade on Saturday afternoon. The evening entertainment included the Bamboo Boat Steel Drum Band on Thursday, The Klocks on Friday and Knievel's Daredevils.

The rally committee did a great job putting on a rally that had something for everyone. The weather was great and the turnout was very good.



## Run to the Hills

For the first time in many years the Chapter had a ride to the Big Bend National Park. Why Big Bend you might ask? Well, the park is 1,252 square miles or 801,163 acres in size. It is a wonderful place with a little for everyone to explore. It has desert, mountains, the Rio Grande River, a canyon with sheer sides, fossils, old mining equipment, a tunnel, an opportunity to cross the river into Mexico and much more. It sounds like a big place but it actually ranks 15<sup>th</sup> in size when compared to the other National Parks in the United States. The first five largest are located in Alaska with Wrangell-St. Elias National Park & Preserve being the largest at 13,175,901 acres.

On Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, a group consisting of Harry Parnell & Belinda Canales, Bryan & Sherrie Gabbert, Louis Kubala, guest Mike Holohon, Eric & Nini Thomas and Jesse & Cindy Yabarra left Corpus Christi. Rickey & Connie Thielen joined the group as they passed by Mathis and Renato Perez joined the group in Jourdanton. The group was led by Road Captain Eric Thomas and swept by Road Captain Bryan Gabbert.

After a gas stop in Devine we made it into Del Rio for another gas stop and had lunch at Hot BBQ before heading on toward Alpine. After another gas stop in Sanderson we made it to Alpine and checked into our respective hotels. It was a good but cool day for the 500 mile ride with us meeting the cold front along the way. Many of us went to Penny's Diner in Alpine for an evening meal before turning in for the evening.

The next morning we awoke to a temperature of 27 degrees. We decided to wait until it warmed up into the 40's and then headed to Big Bend with Road Captain Rickey Thielen leading and Road Captain Bryan Gabbert

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sweeping. Making it into Terlingua after about 80 miles we decided to top off our gas tanks before heading into the park and it had been a very cold ride. Having got such a late start would limit the group to how much of the huge park that we could visit so, after paying the entrance fee we headed for the Chisos Mountain Basin and the Chisos Mountains Lodge Restaurant and Patio for lunch. After climbing up into the basin negotiating the twisty, tight curves road we arrived in the parking lot. The restaurant overlooks the basin lodging and has a good view of the “window” looking down over the Chihuahuan Desert below.

After lunch we went back down to the desert floor to ride to the Santa Elena Canyon complete with sheer 1500 foot cliffs. We stopped in at the historic Castolon Store about for a short break before heading to the canyon. The Rio Grande River turns and heads through the very narrow Santa Elena Canyon. We walked down to the river and viewed the massive rock cliffs making up the opening. By this time it was getting late and we still had to ride back to Alpine before dark. We topped off with gas again at Terlingua before heading back to the hotel. It was just after dark when we arrived back in Alpine and some of us headed to get something to eat before it got too late. It was also getting quite cold again.

The next morning the temperature was back down in the low 30's. We had decided to leave at 8 AM for the ride back to Corpus Christi. Louis Kubala had already left. Eric & Nini along with guest Mike wanted to waiting until 9 or 10 to allow time for the temperatures to warm up a bit. The rest of us left at 8 AM with Bryan Gabbert leading and Rickey Thielen sweeping. When we left Alpine, the temperatures ranged from 35 to 37 degrees for the first 50 miles and then began slowing warming up. We stopped in Sanderson to fill up with gas and take a few minutes to thaw out before heading on to Del Rio for lunch and then home.

It was a fun, although very cold, weekend taking in some of the finest West Texas scenery. Thanks to all those that went and made this ride another memorable Chapter event?





## Southeast H.O.G. Rally

The Southeast H.O.G. Rally was held Tuesday, October 31 through Saturday, November 4 on Pensacola Beach, Florida. The rally site was at the host hotel which was the Hilton Pensacola Beach. The rally was longer than the typical H.O.G. rally occurring over five days instead of the usual three days. Corpus Christi H.O.G. members attending were Louis Kubala and Rickey & Connie Thielen.

According to Todd “Thor” Robinson, Regional H.O.G. Manager, the goal of the weekend was to provide a rally packed with opportunities of riding and having fun. The rally team had put the rally together rally to ensure members would have the opportunity to ride through the beautiful Southeast. It was also the chance to spend some time with fellow H.O.G. members from around the country and the world. Riding the best motorcycles in the world has always been the focus of H.O.G. and always will be. Ride and Have Fun is more than just a mantra, it is our lifestyle. The Motor Company and those of us at H.O.G. work hard each day to ensure that the passion and dedication of our members is never forgotten. That the ride is what matters, the ride and finding fun in everyday we spend on the back of our Harley-Davidsons.

The rally committee work diligently with the local H.O.G. Chapters including the Northwest Florida Chapter, Emerald Coast Florida Chapter, Panama City Beach Florida Chapter, Mobile Alabama Chapter, Dothan Alabama Chapter to get the best rides lined up for everyone to explore the Northwest Florida and Southern Alabama countryside promoting the event as a riding rally.

The Run to the Rally 2017 was a chance to take pictures of up to 27 POI’s located in Mississippi, Alabama and all over Florida. All pictures of the member’s bike and the POI needed to be turned in at the rally site by 5:00 PM on Friday for chances to win a \$500, \$250 or a \$100 gift card. For getting a picture of each POI members were given a ticket to be entered into the drawing. It only took one to be entered, but chances would increase with each additional entry.

The schedule on Tuesday, October 31 was light for the early birds who arrived. Registration opened at 3:00 PM and there was an Early Bird Party at the Casino Beach Bar and Grill. The Tabacco Road Band was the evening entertainment and there was a Halloween Costume contest with prizes provided by Pensacola Harley-Davidson.

On Wednesday, November 1, there was a guided ride to the nearby Pensacola Naval Air Station to enjoy touring the Naval Air Station Museum and view the Blue Angels practice for their upcoming November shows

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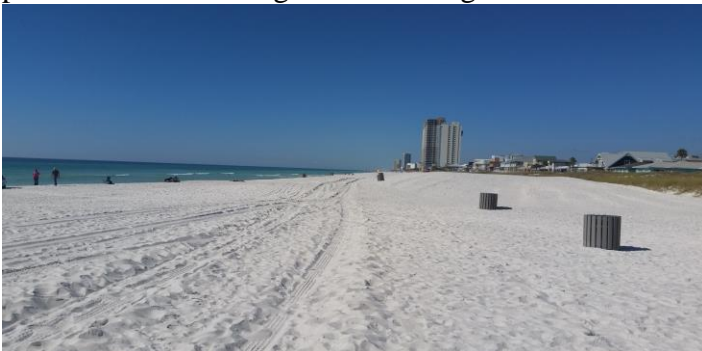
in Florida including a meet and greet with the pilots. There was also a guided ride to Miramar Beach along with the many self-guided rides that were available. The H-D Demo trailer was at Pensacola Harley-Davidson for entire weekend. The kick off party was at the Seville Quarter in the historical district of Pensacola, Florida. There were live music, food and drink specials involving seven rooms of fun under one roof available to all attending. The rally even furnished trolleys from the Casino Beach parking lot to downtown and back from 5:00 PM until 10:30 PM.

On Thursday, November 2, guided rides included the Lighthouse Park Ride to Port St. Joe which was an all-day ride along the panhandle of Florida stopping for lunch at Toucan's Tiki Bar in Mexico City, Florida before continuing on to the Lighthouse Park and then returning via a different route. There was the scenic ride to Eglin AFB and a tour of the Armament Museum before heading to Emerald Coast Harley-Davidson for a luncheon provided by the dealership along with door prizes provided by the Emerald Coast Convention & Visitor's Bureau. Another guided ride was an afternoon ride thru the Blackwater State Forest with all its twists and turns returning to Pensacola H-D. The evening party was held at Flounders Chowder House know for its fabulous food and drink specials with live music provided by Déjà Vu out of Chicago, Illinois.

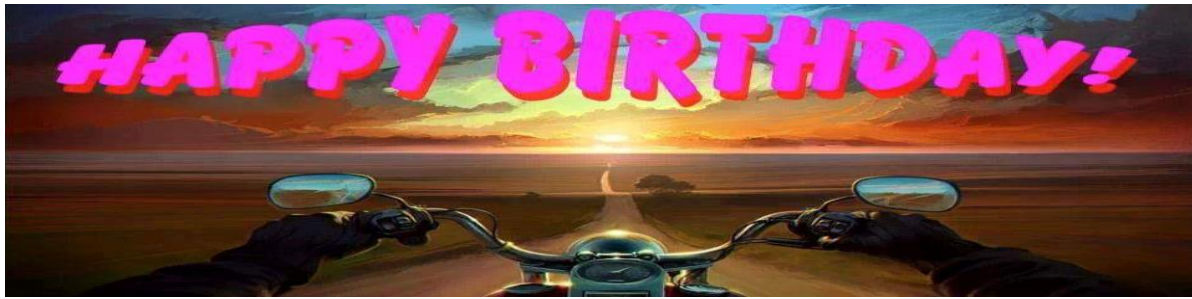
On Friday, November 3, the day started off with a free breakfast provided at Pensacola H-D and put on by the Ladies of Harley from the Pensacola Chapter for Life H.O.G. members consisting of pancakes, sausage, hash brown casserole, orange juice and coffee. The guided rides were to the Battleship Alabama and then to Mobile Bay Harley-Davidson for a luncheon provided by the dealership, to Panama City Harley-Davidson led by the H.O.G. Chapter out of Panama City to see their dealership and enjoy a cookout provided by the dealership and an afternoon ride through the back roads of the Florida Western Panhandle. The Adam Holbrook Thrill Show showing off his incredible motorcycle stunts was put on at the Casino Beach parking lot during the early evening and was also repeated on Saturday. The evening entertainment was held at Bamboo Willie's Beachside Bar on Pensacola Beach known for their great food and drink specials with the Mustang Sally Band performing on center stage.

On Saturday, November 4, the last day of the rally staging for the Parade of Flags began staging at Pensacola Harley-Davidson at 7:30 AM and the parade began at 10:00 AM ending up on Pensacola Beach in the parking lot of Casino Beach after crossing both causeways. There were no guided rides on Saturday but those that wanted could self-ride any of the previous days guided rides along with self guided rides to Mobile Bay H-D, ride to Dothan, Alabama H-D via backroads, to the Emerald Coast H-D, Panama City H-D, Barber's Marina & Flora-Bama ride, Britten Hill in Alabama ride, East River Bar-D-Que ride, Hog Breath Saloon, Veterans Memorial Park ride, Lambert's Café ride, J Rogers Bar-B-Que ride, Jalisco's Mexican Restaurant ride to Alabama, Webb's BBQ to Alabama ride, Malbus Plantation in Alabama ride, Lulu Lunch ride, Stagecoach Café ride, Mana Lou's ride and Red Eagle & Fort Mims in Alabama ride. The evening closing rally ceremonies took place at the Casino Beach Bar & Grill with live music provided by Déjà Vu.

The folks in Florida did an outstanding job putting on a rally that focused on riding, provided many ride possibilities whether guided or self-guided in an area known for their blinding white sandy beaches.







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

### January

11 Chad Hammer  
 13 Diana Gaona  
 17 Corey Stein  
 20 Santos Juarez III  
 23 Sid Blalack  
 24 Jerry Olivarez  
 25 Leticia Perez

### February

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

### March

1 Debora Sibert  
 4 Randy Gantz  
 5 Connie Thielen  
 12 Earl Koester  
 15 Mary Alice Barrientez  
 19 David Landry  
 Joe Vera  
 20 David Hilarides  
 Bobby Mendez  
 22 Frank Poland  
 26 Eric Thomas  
 27 Renato Perez  
 31 Sabas Cavazos, Jr.



## Happy Wedding Anniversary

### January

14 Benson & Christine Tuttle  
 18 Richard & Nora Martinez

### February

None

### March

24 Julian & Diana Gaona

## Welcome New Members:

Billy Fultz, Blaine Lee, Larry Stroker, James Taylor, Cathleen Taylor, Andres "Andy" Villarreal

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



**Top 20 Chapter Ride/Meeting Participation through 12/31/17  
140 Total Rides/Events for the Year**

Marshall Lester	1st or 67.9%	Julian Gaona	T-14th or 22.9%
Sid Blalack	2 <sup>nd</sup> or 48.6%	Cyndi Robinson	T-14th or 22.9%
Bryan Gabbert	3 <sup>rd</sup> or 44.3%	Diana Gaona	15th or 22.1%
Sherrie Gabbert	4 <sup>th</sup> or 42.9%	John Mathewson	T-16th or 17.1%
Rickey Thielen	5 <sup>th</sup> or 40.7%	Eustacio Saucedo	T-16th or 17.1%
David Benoist	6 <sup>th</sup> or 38.6%	Sabas Cavazos	T-17th or 15.7%
Eric Thomas	7 <sup>th</sup> or 37.9%	Alma Villarreal	T-17th or 15.7%
Raul Guzman	8 <sup>th</sup> or 36.4%	Carl Sitzler	T-18th or 12.1%
Linda Benavides	9 <sup>th</sup> or 35.7%	Cheryl Sitzler	T-18th or 12.1%
Peggy Benoist	10 <sup>th</sup> or 32.9%	John Lackey	19th or 10.7%
Connie Thielen	11 <sup>th</sup> or 31.4%	Belinda Canales	T-20th or 10.0%
Richard Smith	12 <sup>th</sup> or 29.3%	Harry Pearrell	T-20th or 10.0%
Louis Kubala	T-13 <sup>th</sup> or 23.6%	Marie Powell	T-20th or 10.0%
Dan Robinson	T-13 <sup>th</sup> or 23.6%	Michael Powell	T-20th or 10.0%



## National H.O.G. Mileage Recognition

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

Many of our local members participate in this program. The following are members who have attained an award milestone since the 3rd quarter 2017 V-Twin newsletter was published. Members listed below are only those who turned in their mileages at Corpus Christi Harley-Davidson. If you 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

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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.

Belinda Canales	1,000 Miles	Harry Pearrell	10,000 Miles
Harry Pearrell	5,000 Miles	Renato Perez	60,000 Miles
Belinda Canales	10,000 Miles		

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



## **SAFETY CORNER**

**by Eric Thomas, Chapter Safety Officer**

Well, looks like WINTER has made its presence known a little early this year, therefor this Safety Corner will address suggestions and tips to optimize your prospects for having a fun and SAFE ride during our South Texas winter.

1. Protect yourself and passenger from the cold wind / wind-chill as much as possible – Your windshield is your primary protection. If your bike doesn't have one, consider adding a detachable one, at least for the winter. If your bike does have one, consider replacing it with a larger one for the winter. If your bike does not have lower fairings but do have an engine guard, consider adding slip-on "soft lowers", or temporary engine guard mounted panels. Other options include heated grips, seats, or seat cushions.
2. Warm Clothing and protective gear – You can stay warm and comfortable by properly layering you clothing and gear. Start with a quality winter base layer; it keeps the warmth next to the skin. Next an insulating middle layer, then a waterproof outer layer. Replace your normal ventilated riding gloves with winter/leather gloves. Consider a heated suit, vest, and gloves. Also ensure your boots are good quality and waterproof.
3. Bike prep – Thorough TCLOC checks are always important, but especially in winter. Give extra attention to tires and battery. Due to our constantly changing temperature swings here, tire pressure can change dramatically. Check them much more frequently during the winter. And the cold can be especially tough on your battery.
4. Stay safe – Be rested. Proper rest is always very important for a safe ride. Try to get a good night's sleep prior to a ride, particularly a long ride. Stay hydrated. Hydration is also always important, not just during the summer. It's amazing how much you can sweat when you are all bundled up. And often you don't even notice it because it is absorbed by insulating layers. Stay visible. Often visibility is reduced in winter weather. Use your lights, wear reflective/hi-vis colors, and adjust spacing distance in the staggered formation based on road conditions and weather.

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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.



## Secretary Report – Rickey Thielen

The Corpus Christi H.O.G. Chapter membership count was 110 members as of December 31, 2017. Please remember to maintain your National H.O.G. membership, which must be kept current, to be a Corpus Christi H.O.G. Chapter member. An expired membership at the National H.O.G. level automatically terminates local chapter membership.

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

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



## Treasurer's Report

Cyndi Robinson, Chapter Treasurer, reports that the October bank balance was \$3,171.31 plus income of \$2,040.50 including yet to be ordered Chapter T-shirts minus Christmas Party and expenses of \$2,517.69 giving the Chapter a bank balance of \$2,694.12 at the end of December.

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# Road Captain Roundup

Each year our Chapter has well in excess of 100 rides for our member to get out to Ride & Have Fun with fellow H.O.G. members. Our rides range in length from 5 miles to 200+ miles, single destination rides, over-night rides, breakfast rides, lunch rides and dinner rides. We don't have mandatory or compulsory rides so everyone gets to show up and participate when their time and opportunity is best.

At practically every ride there will be a Road Captain and that is our goal. There are isolated instances, when the weather is really bad, for some other reason or someone just feels the need for a ride when the weather is really bad, that there might not be a Road Captain available but this is very rare.

Our dedicated Road Captains are there to provide you with the opportunity to take an enjoyable ride to some destination. Taking on that responsibility is not lost of these individuals. We all ride by ourselves and some members ride a lot, but leading a group of riders changes the way we ride and think. Now instead of only being responsible only for yourself you are constantly having to think about the safety of many others, what obstacles are coming up, where is my next turn so we don't have to take the entire group around the block, does this road turn into gravel, in some cases where are we going to stop to fuel up and the list goes on and on. If you enjoy a ride you just took, take a moment to thank your Road Captain and Sweep for getting you to the destination safely.

The following is a list of our Road Captains and the rides they led/swept during the past year in 2017. This list only includes Chapter Road Captains and will not reflect rides led by those other than official Road Captains.

	<u>Rides as Road Captain</u>	<u>Rides as Sweep</u>
David Benoist	12	21
Sid Blalack	21	11
Bryan Gabbert	11	20
Julian Gaona	5	4
Raul Guzman	8	4
John Lackey	2	2
Cyndi Robinson	0	1
Dan Robinson	2	4
Richard Smith	15	2
Carl Sitzler	1	2
Rickey Thielen	23	8
Eric Thomas	13	11

A great big thanks goes out to all of these Road Captains for taking on this additional responsibility for the past year. We are looking forward to another great riding year.





## A Look in the Rear View Mirror

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

### One Year Ago (2016):

- 4th quarter mileage contest won by Bryan & Sherrie Gabbert with 5,400 miles and Rickey Thielen won the consolation drawing
- Chapter Meeting at the Silverado Smokehouse on 10/3 with 34 members in attendance.
- Three Sister's Weekend in Leakey attended by Sid Blalack, Bryan & Sherrie Gabbert, Julian & Diana Gaona, John & Julie Lackey, Frank Poland & Carol Courville, Dan & Cyndi Robinson and Rickey & Connie Thielen. Breakfast on Sunday 10/30 at the Mill Creek Café in Leakey before heading home.
- Primary Officer's Election Meeting at the Silverado Smokehouse on 11/7 with 37 members in attendance. 2017 officers elected are Daniel Barrientez – Director, Bryan Gabbert – Assistant Director, Rickey Thielen – Secretary and Cyndi Robinson – Treasurer.
- Chapter members assist with CCHD Demo rides on 11/18-19.
- Breakfast ride to Golden Corral and then to the Toys for Tots parade on a cold & very wet day on 12/4 with six members.
- Chapter Christmas Party held at CCPOA on 12/14.
- New members noted in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter V-Twins Tales were LeRoy Bates, Brenda Duncan, Michael Ladd, Bobby Mendez, Janie Mendez, Ray Reyes, Michael Riggins and Catherine Stein.
- Members noted in the 4th Quarter V-Twin Tales for the HOG Mileage Recognition Program were Diana Gaona 25,000 Miles, Julian Gaona 25,000 Miles, Frank Poland 25,000 Miles, Alma Villarreal 60,000 Miles

### Five Years Ago (2012):

- 4th quarter mileage contest won by Dennis Lugg with 5,531 miles and Rick Lyon won the consolation drawing.
- Chapter Meeting on 10/1 with 45 in attendance.
- Primary Officers Election meeting was held 11/5 at Silverado Smokehouse with 35 in attendance. Billy Fultz was elected as Director, Dennis Lugg elected Asst. Director, Rickey Thielen elected Secretary and Cyndi Robinson was elected Treasurer.
- Annual Christmas party at Corpus Christi Police Officer's Association hall with 43 members and 9 guests in attendance. Preston Douglass presented appreciation plaque by the chapter.
- New members noted in the 4th quarter V-Twin Tales were Bill Bernhagen, Mark Bradsher, Brandi Brown, Fancy Flores, Ronald LeBoeuf, Mike Mills and Paul Vosloh.

### Ten Years Ago (2007):

- 4th quarter mileage contest won by Greg Sanderson with 8,704 miles and Mike Erskine won the consolation drawing.
- Chapter meeting at the Silverado Smokehouse on 10/1 with 42 in attendance.

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- 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Big Bend National Park and Alpine ride on 10/3 to 10/7 attended by 10 people. Those attending were Bill Chabot, Jim Clark, Victor Haro, Steve & Beverly Montuori, Gary McClusky, Mike & Maggie Ross, Carl Sitzler and a guest.
- SPI Bike Fest at South Padre Island on 10/12-10/14.
- Lunch on base and tour of Naval Station Ingleside/USS Warrior arranged by Chapter member Command Master Chief J.D. McKinney III and assisted by National H.O.G. member Master Chief Walter Wyatt on 10/27 with 17 members.
- Chapter Primary Officers Elections held at Brewster's Street Ice House on 11/5 with 33 in attendance.
- Annual Toys for Tots ride on 12/3 from Texas A&M Campus to Concrete Street after Breakfast at Golden Corral. The ride was attended by 53 members and guests and about 12 sport bikers from Nightriders.
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- Members who qualified for National HOG Mileage Program awards in the last six months of 2007 were Gerald Fulcher, Tony McCormick and Carl Sitzler with 10,000 miles and Greg Sanderson with 40,000 miles.
- Chapter falls short of 1,000,000 miles in "Million Mile Challenge" accumulating 575,000 miles collectively during 2007.

#### **Fifteen Years Ago (2002):**

- 4th quarter mileage contest won by Rey Salinas with 6,464 miles.
- Chapter meeting held at Joe's Crab Shack on the bay front on 10/1 with 30 people in attendance.
- New Shop for Corpus Christi Harley-Davidson opens at 502 South Padre Island Drive.
- Chapter ride to SPI Bike Fest on 10/10-13.
- Thunder by the Bay Rally (Corpus Christi Biker Rally) debuts on 10/19 at Concrete Street.
- Primary Officer's Election held at Corpus Christi Harley-Davidson 11/5 with 60 people in attendance.
- Chapter Ride to Garner State Park at Thanksgiving.
- Toys for Tots with 38 for breakfast and many more on the Run on 12/1.
- Chapter Christmas Party at the Airport Holiday Inn with over 80 members and their guests on 12/13.

#### **Twenty Years Ago (1997):**

- 4th quarter mileage contest won by George Swank.
- Chapter meeting at Down Under Restaurant on North Beach on 10/6.
- Ride to Port Aransas National Wildlife Refuge on 10/18.
- Chapter ride to SPI on 10/23-26.
- Chapter meeting at Darryl's Steakhouse on 11/3.
- Chapter meeting at Crystal's Confectionery on 12/1. Voted to raise Chapter dues from \$12 to \$25.
- Night Parade at La Posada in Kingsville with 15 bikes.
- Benefit Ride to Shoreline Rehab center, Taft on 12/13 and Christmas Party afterward at Sturgis.



# RIDE 365



The more H.O.G. members get out and ride, the more adventures, fun and camaraderie they experience. Now H.O.G. members and chapters have even more reasons to ride with the all-new Ride 365 mileage program, launching January 1, 2018.

In addition to the Lifetime Mileage Recognition program, Ride 365 will offer Annual Mileage Recognition and a Chapter Challenge. H.O.G. members will earn annual recognition and rewards based on their mileage tracked from January 1 to December 31. Rewards include certificates, badges, special patches and more.

The Chapter Challenge measures the aggregate total mileage of chapter members for the calendar year. Chapters will be recognized in two categories: highest total mileage and highest average mileage per member. Each region will have a winner in each category, earning a plaque and a pizza party hosted by a H.O.G. Regional Manager. A national champion will be named in each Chapter Challenge category and earn a patch, plaque and recognition in H.O.G. Magazine and at the Harley-Davidson Museum.

H.O.G. members are encouraged to have their odometer mileage validated at a Harley-Davidson dealership after the first of the year 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!



## 2018 H.O.G. Rally Schedule

National H.O.G. has announced the rally schedule for 2018. The schedule includes regular H.O.G. rallies based in one location with special activities and day rides on scenic roads to nearby places of interest (3), touring rallies which are multi-day rides that go from place to place, typically stopping overnight at a different town or city each day (5) and HOG 35<sup>th</sup>/115 H-D Anniversary Rides Home (4) these rides celebrate the 115<sup>TH</sup> anniversary of H-D and the 35<sup>TH</sup> anniversary of H.O.G. and each ends in Milwaukee for the big celebration.

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### H.O.G. Rallies:

1. Great Smokey Mountains HOG Rally in Maryville, TN from May 29<sup>th</sup> to June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018
2. Southwest HOG Rally in Albuquerque, NM from June 21 to 23, 2018
3. Iron Adventure of New England in Newry, ME from August 2 to 4, 2018

### Touring H.O.G. Rallies:

1. SOCAL Highlight H.O.G. Rally starting in Los Angeles, CA. then to Palm Springs then to San Diego from March 1 to 4, 2018
2. The Blues–Trail of Honor H.O.G. Rally starting in New Orleans then to Natchez, MS. then to Jackson, MS. from May 17 to 20, 2018
3. Yellowstone & Beartooth H.O.G. Rally starting in Billings, MT to Gardiner, MT then to Jackson, WY then to Cody, WY and back to Billings, MT. from June 14 to 18, 2018
4. Rainforests, Rivers & Volcanoes H.O.G. Rally starting in Seattle, WA then to Port Angeles, WA then to Winthrop, WA then to Leavenworth, WA and then back to Seattle, WA from July 18 to 22, 2018.
5. Colorado & Black Canton of the Gunnison H.O.G. Rally starting in Denver, Co then to Glenwood Springs, Co then to Gunnison, Co from September 19 to 22, 2018.

### Anniversary Rides Home to Milwaukee:

1. Northwest Ride Home starting in Seattle, WA on August 21 through August 29
2. Southwest Ride Home starting in San Diego, CA on August 21 through August 29
3. Northeast Ride Home starting in Portland, ME on August 23 through August 29
4. Southeast Ride Home starting in Fort Lauderdale, FL on August 24 through August 29
5. H.O.G. 35<sup>th</sup>/115<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally in Milwaukee, WI from August 29<sup>th</sup> through September 2, 2018



## **Toys for Tots**

The 33rd Annual Toys for Tots was held on December 3, 2017 on a day that turned out to be a beautiful morning and afternoon. We gathered at the Sunoco station at the corner of Old Brownsville Road and SPID, which is our usual Sunday morning breakfast ride meeting location. This group left for a ride to the Golden Corral on SPID in Corpus Christi. All had a nice breakfast at Golden Corral with time to visit and talk.

After breakfast the group proceeded to the Texas A&M University Corpus Christi Campus to their parking lot to stage. The parade took the usual route down Ocean Drive and the Corpus Christi Police Department did a very good job at blocking the intersections. We all arrived safely at Concrete Street to drop off the toys to the

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Marines to be distributed to area children before Christmas.

There was food available for an additional \$5 along with drinks available from the Concrete Street concession area. The turnout was very good for this important event, which was started in 1947, supporting the U. S. Marine Corps in their mission to deliver toys to the area children

## **Which Membership is Right for Me?**

Full Membership - Open to anyone who OWNS a Harley-Davidson® motorcycle, provides the full range of H.O.G. benefits.

Associate Membership - Designed for friends and family of the owner sponsored by a Full member.

Life Membership - This option is available to both Full and Associate members. Join once and you're in for life!

## **Chapter Membership Renewal**

The Corpus Christi Harley Owners Group annual memberships run the calendar year January through December. Many of our members have taken the option to renew their membership for 2018 early. If you have not renewed for 2018, please do so soon with the receptionist at CCHD. On January 31, 2018 those that have not renewed will be removed from our e-mail distribution lists. We don't want to leave anyone behind, but a current membership is required to be a Corpus Christi H.O.G member along with a current National H.O.G. membership.



## **Chapter Meeting Minutes - October 2, 2017**

Corpus Christi H.O.G. Chapter - #5020  
Chapter Meeting @ Silverado Smokehouse  
Monday, October 2, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Bryan Gabbert, Chapter Assistant Director, with 28 members in attendance. Daniel Barrientez, Director, was unable to attend. Bryan welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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Jerry Olivarez, Chaplain, blessed the meeting with a prayer. He also mentioned the Las Vegas tragedy and asked for everyone to keep those affected in their thoughts. He also said that Peggy Benoist was having shoulder issues and Cyndi Robison has had back surgery and asked to keep them in our thoughts too.

Bryan asked everyone to make sure they had signed in. He asked if anyone needed Chapter Charity or Chapter Donation drawing tickets. Bryan asked if we had any new members or guests. Billy Fultz and his wife Claudia were in attendance. Billy was our Chapter Director in 2011 and 2012 before moving to the Hill County.

Bryan thanked all the volunteers for the shop demo ride help and mentioned Sid Blalack, Corey Stein, Richard Smith and Julian Gaona. Curtis the new CCHD Sales Manager did a good job with the event and the shop sold some new bikes.

Bryan said that next month is the Primary Officers Election Meeting if anyone has aspirations of helping to lead the Chapter.

Rickey Thielen, Secretary, said that the Chapter had 102 members at the start of the meeting. He then read the member birthdays and anniversaries for October and the first part of November.

Bryan mentioned that early Chapter membership renewal opened on October 1st and to see Rickey if you would like to renew after the meeting.

Cyndi Robinson, Treasurer, said that the August balance as of the meeting that month was \$2,363.81. With August deposits of \$763.50 the ending August balance was \$3,127.31. With a September deposits of \$44.00 the ending September balance was \$3,171.31. She made an October deposit on the 3rd for a current balance of \$3,251.31.

David Benoist, Head Road Captain, announced the results of the 3rd Quarter 2017, Jim Clark Memorial Mileage Contest that had 12 participants. Louis Kubala took the top mileage with 12,550 miles. Louis received the 3rd Quarter Mileage Contest patch and a shirt from Preston Douglass and CCHD. David announced that the runners up for the 3rd Quarter Mileage Contest were Sabas Cavazos with 7,879 miles, Rickey & Connie Thielen with 7,078 miles, John Fitzgerald with 6,027 miles, Richard Smith with 5,192 miles, Santos Juarez with 4,477 miles, John & Julie Lackey with 3,781 miles, Bryan & Sherrie Gabbert with 3,574 miles, Marshall Lester with 2,720 miles, Eric Thomas with 1,873 miles, David Benoist with 1,735 miles and Corey Stein with 769 miles. Totals for the quarter were 57,655 miles.

David conducted the drawing for the 3rd Quarter 2017, Jim Clark Memorial Mileage Contest runners up and Eric Thomas won a shirt from Preston Douglass and CCHD.

David said that next year there would also be recognition on the total yearly mileage.

Sherrie Gabbert, Activities Officer, said that:

- The 4th quarter calendars went out last night and asked if everyone got them.
- The Toys for Tots parade is always on the 1st Sunday in December, but she can't find any information on the event as of today.
- If you have any questions about shop events, please call Michelle as they can change.
- The Big Bend overnight trip is the last weekend in October and Eric Thomas and Bryan Gabbert will be the Road Captains. If you want to make a reservation, the Maverick Inn may still have some rooms but other hotels are also available in Alpine.
- On November 17 & 18 the H-D Demo truck will be at CCHD and they will need volunteers. Friday is

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- usually a light day with Saturday being the heaviest ride day.
- The Chapter Christmas Party is 12/15 on a Friday and we will have a traditional turkey dinner. There will be a \$10 RSVP and that can be returned to you or you can donate it to our Chapter Charity. The CCPOA hall will be open at 6:00 pm and the dinner will be at 7:00 pm. Still working on the catering company but the price to the Chapter per plate will be \$7-\$10. We will go with whoever has the best rate.
  - Membership renewal for 2018 has started.
  - The tee shirt quilt will be at the Christmas Party and will be between a full and queen size. She is still undecided on how to market the quilt whether it will be auctioned or sold outright.
  - She is always looking for places for lunch rides. The breakfast ride this past weekend was to San Juan 3 in Aransas Pass. Their other two restaurants are not open due to damage from Harvey, but she is still checking those areas that were affected as we would like to support those that are open. If you have a place that you like to eat, please let her know.

Preston Douglass, our Sponsor, said that Curtis was not asking for help recently, but found out that he did need the help. Thanks to everyone who helped with the shop demo rides. He has not seen as big of a change in a bike as with the new Road King Special since the big change with the Touring bikes. There are whole new Softail lines that have been totally redesigned. Some 45 people went through looking at the bikes and are more than the typical Friday with the Demo Trailer. The October 28th Halloween Pumpkin Party will have pumpkin carving with a \$300 prize, which has been a hit at Laredo H-D, along with food and a band. He also mentioned a Veterans Parade.

Preston asked everyone to think about the new Primary Officers for the 115th anniversary next year. There will be organized rides leaving San Diego, CA. heading to Milwaukee, WI. for the 115th anniversary party. They will ride through the Texas panhandle and ride as a group to Milwaukee following the old Route 66 path. For this upcoming celebration they are not giving stores blocks of rooms as has been done in the past. If you are going get your rooms reserved soon. At the last rally it was really hard to get rooms in Milwaukee.

Bryan said that Daniel wanted to remind everyone of the “We Got Your Six” event for the kids on Sunday 10/29. He also said that the Chapter shirt order only has 7 signed up so far and needs 24 to place the minimum order.

The Chapter charity drawing, which brought in \$59.69 for the Charity, was won by Peggy Benoist and she will receive a gift from Preston Douglass and CCHD.

The Chapter donation drawing brought in \$92 and was won by Louis Kubala who received \$46.

Richard Smith said that the Jim Clark Run for the Cross Memorial Ride was a good one. He said that Jim was H-D from his feet to his head. He was part of our family and we will make this a yearly ride. The group ate at Mamacita’s in Kerrville and they were great. Thanks to everyone who participated and those who were unable to attend but remembered Jim.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM. Thanks to all those in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rickey Thielen – Secretary

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



## Primary Officer Election Meeting

Corpus Christi H.O.G. Chapter - #5020  
Primary Officers Election Meeting @ Silverado Smokehouse  
Monday, November 6, 2017

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

Jerry Olivarez, Chaplain, gave the opening prayer.

Bryan welcomed everyone to the Primary Officers Election meeting and asked if everyone had signed in. He then said that one of our members asked if we would start doing the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of our meetings and so the pledge 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 said that Chapter membership renewals were also being taken throughout the meeting and could also be done at the shop for \$20 through the end of December and that there was also a T-shirt order form for those still wanting to order a T-shirt and that we needed 17 more shirts ordered for the order to be submitted. Bryan also had all the vets stand and be recognized in honor of Veteran's Day this week for a round of applause. Bryan also recognized those that went on the Big Bend trip for their willingness to ride in the cold weather and that in Scouts we would have received a Polar Bear Patch for camping in a tent in the below freezing temps. He said that we didn't have patches, but he wanted to recognize those that went and named the participants. Bryan then told the Chapter that our Secretary, Rickey Thielen, was out of town and that he & Connie were coming in from the Florida Southeast H.O.G. rally and stopped to visit family but had contacted Rickey and told them to enjoy their visit and not hurry in "we got it". He then read the member birthdays and anniversaries for November and December.

Cyndi Robinson, Treasurer, reported the starting Chapter bank balance as of October 2, 2017 was \$3251.31 with income of \$246.00 from dues/Chapter Donations less expenses of \$94.28 for supplies leaving a balance of \$3,403.03. On November 6 there was a \$127.00 deposit, plus an additional \$136.00 collected at meeting and from money brought by Sherrie from shop for a current balance as of the meeting of \$3,666.03. Cyndi stated that there is an expense for the latest newsletter, but she is not sure what that is and will be explained at the next

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meeting. Bryan stated that, from his understanding, that this is the most amounts our Chapter account has had in several years.

David Benoist, Head Road Captain, said that the H-D Demo rides will be at CCHD on 11/17 & 11/18. He could use some more help from the members to put on these rides. We are there to help Preston sell motorcycles. On 11/18, which is the Saturday before Thanksgiving, he is riding to the King Ranch Breakfast leaving from the Whataburger by CCHD at 6:30 am and should be back by 9:30 am. The breakfast is inexpensive and quite the treat for those that want to go. He likes to go early to be able to get in and out. He said that the group should be back in plenty of time for the Demo rides at the shop.

Sherrie Gabbert, Activities Officer, said that on 12/3 will be the Toys for Tots ride meeting at the Sunoco station at Old Brownsville Road and SPID leaving at 8:00 am for the Golden Corral for breakfast before moving on to the parade staging area at TAMU-CC. The group will parade style down Ocean Drive, according to Jerry's knowledge from the Coalition meeting he attended. There is a little concern regarding the lane switches in front of Spohn Hospital and for our members to be mindful of that and that she is not sure if there will be escorts or not. The parade will end at Concrete Street where the Marine's will be on hand and they ask for an unwrapped toy and a \$5 donation if you want the BBQ lunch. She also said that CCHD is honoring our veterans at the shop on Saturday 11/11 with a party at the shop and that there will be a dinner ride to Rudy's BBQ on SPID leaving from the shop at 6pm. If you have any ideas for future rides please let her know. Sherrie talked about the Christmas Party and that dinner will be a turkey/dressing dinner. Work still needs to be done for the decorations but they are already decided upon and will be taken care of easily. She said that there will be an RSVP list set up at the receptionist desk at the shop and that it is \$10 per member and \$25 per non-member and that you do have the option to have your member fee reimbursed or you may leave it with the Chapter. Watch your emails for further information.

Preston Douglass, Sponsor, was not present and the meeting turned to the time to conduct the Primary Officer's Elections. Bryan told the Chapter that he had been contacted by Daniel and that he would not be at the meeting and that he also would not be in the running for Director due to personal reasons. Bryan thanked this year's officers for a great year of leadership.

Bryan used the format used for prior elections and started with the Director. He will take nominations and there was no need for a second motion on each person. If more than two are nominated, and they must agree to take the nomination.

Nominations for Director were then opened. Eric Thomas nominated Bryan Gabbert. Bryan accepted the nomination. Sabas Cavazos, Jr. nominated Renato Perez. Renato accepted the nomination. Ballots were handed out, marked, picked up and counted by Linda Benavides and Catherine Stein. Bryan Gabbert was elected Director.

Bryan asked for nominations for Assistant Director. Cyndi Robinson nominated Dan Robinson and he accepted the nomination. David Benoist nominated Eric Thomas and Eric accepted the nomination. Ballots were handed out, marked, picked up and counted. Dan Robinson was elected Assistant Director.

Bryan asked for nominations for Secretary. Bryan then stated that he had spoken with Rickey Thielen and Rickey was still willing to continue as Secretary. With no other nominations Bryan said that Rickey was elected Secretary.

Bryan asked for nominations for Treasurer. Bryan said that he had talked with Cyndi Robinson and she said that she would run again and nominated Cyndi Robinson, which she accepted. With no other nominations

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Bryan said that Cyndi was elected Treasurer.

Bryan thanked all the Discretionary Officer positions that are appointed by the Primary Officers including Activities, Photographer, Safety, Head Road Captain and more.

The Chapter charity drawing for The ARK was won by Gary Sibert and will receive a gift from Preston Douglass and CCHD.

The Chapter donation drawing brought in \$121.00 and was won by Chad Hammer who received \$60.50.

Bryan asked if everyone was in agreement in keeping the Pledge of Allegiance at each meeting and everyone agreed and if there were any other item to discuss. It was discussed to keep The ARK as our charity next year but there is rumor that it will be closing so the charity for next year was tabled until the next Chapter meeting in February.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM. Thanks to all those in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sherrie Gabbert – Activities/LOH Officer

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