



V-TWIN TALES

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Opportunity to Renew Your Chapter Membership

Each year our Chapter members are allowed to renew their membership early for the next year at a savings of \$4. On October 1, 2016 members could renew their membership for 2017 for \$20 and begin collecting signatures on the “white card” for additional points for the Corpus Christi Harley-Davidson Customer Loyalty Program. This option only applies to current 2016 members and is available until December 31, 2016 after which time the membership price returns to \$24 per year.



Who makes plans for a weeklong trip on the bike? Not the Gabbert's!

By Sherrie Gabbert

It was that time of year for us and we were looking forward to a trip on the bike heading to North Carolina to ride the infamous Dragon with David & Sandra Landry. Weather, however, had other plans for us. Due to the massive amounts of rain that would have been dumped on us from the start, we changed directions and headed for South Dakota by way of New Mexico, Colorado and Wyoming.

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Our first day we rode 751 miles to try and get out of TX and only made it to Amarillo because of course we had to hit the POI's that were in our general vicinity. We made it into Colorado where we rode up Pike's Peak and it was a cool 42 degrees at the top. The clouds were being sucked over the side of the mountain by a storm that had impressive lightning dancing all around us. The next day, still in Colorado, we went to the Cliff Dwellings and Garden of the Gods in Manitou Springs. Next stop was Steamboat Springs, Colorado and while in route we ended up being slammed by a rain storm with what the guys thought to be straight line winds. I ain't scared! YES I WAS!

Next we made our way to Custer, South Dakota where we would spend two days so we could travel the Needles Highway, go to Crazy Horse, Mount Rushmore and take a long strolling ride through the Wildlife Loop in Custer State Park, which if you go here go early or you risk seeing not a single animal which is what happened to us. Being only a short distance away from Sturgis we made the trip there to cruise Main Street.

It was time to go home and South we went through Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma which was nothing to really speak of except long, straight, hot stretches of highway and trying to not breath all the way across Kansas because of the cattle feed yards!

Texas was just as hot as we expected it to be and we even picked up the last 2 POI's to be finished with all 40! Leaving at dark thirty the next day we timed our last leg to meet the Corpus Christi HOG Chapter lunch ride in Floresville at the Trail Riders Steakhouse and then made our way home.

All in all it was a great trip and we can't wait to do it again! #liveyourlegend



Dr. James T. "Jim" Clark

12/2/1943 – 9/1/2015

In Loving Remembrance of a Wonderful Man

One year ago on September 1st we lost a good man, fellow biker and Corpus Christi H.O.G. member. He is gone but not forgotten and his legacy will live on forever in each of us. Every time we ride down a road regardless of where it is located, it is very likely that Jim preceded us on that same road. No one person enjoyed the thrill of "The Ride" more than Jim. His passion for motorcycling & what H.O.G. offers was unmatched. His 950,000 miles on Harley-Davidson Motorcycles is a testament to that fact. He truly believed that "It is all about the Ride". Rest in peace my friend.

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

For the fourth year the Corpus Christi H.O.G. Chapter offered a Points of Interest (POI) Challenge for our members put together by Bryan Gabbert. This year there are 40 different points scattered all over the state. The purpose of the contest was to give our members a chance to get out and ride to areas of the state that they may not have visited in the past.

Those participating this year were Bryan & Sherrie Gabbert each with 40 points, Louis Kubala with 40 points, Richard Smith with 40 points, Rickey & Connie Thielen each with 40 points, Renato Perez with 23 points and Bill Wilson with 12 points.

Those with 25 or more points were entered into a drawing for three gift cards from CCHD. Rickey Thielen won the \$100 CCHD gift card, Louis Kubala won the \$250 CCHD gift card and Bryan Gabbert won the \$500 CCHD gift card. All those participating received the earned Rider Reward points at CCHD.

Many thanks go to Preston Douglass and CCHD for their continued support of our Chapter events.



H.O.G. Night at the Hooks

On July 9th we had an evening ride to Whataburger field to watch the Corpus Christi Hooks and Frisco Roughriders play ball. It was a warm evening but as the sun went down the temperatures were helped by the breeze making it more than a great evening. The game in itself is pretty entertaining, but the constant antics of the mascot, tricycle races, kiss cams, tee shirts being launched via an air gun and more keep the crowd on their toes not to mention the foul balls! It was a very good game but the Hooks lost 5-4 with Frisco coming back late in the game. Attendance was 5,817 for the evening.

We had four bikes, 1 cage, 7 members and one guest make the ride and we also took advantage of the free motorcycle parking courtesy of the Edwards Law Firm.

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



Fredericksburg Horse Racing Overnight Ride

On Saturday, August 13th fourteen members and guests on seven bikes left CCHD on a Saturday morning before the shop opened destined for the horse races in Fredericksburg. Julian Gaona led the ride up IH-37 to George West then up to Jourdanton to Texas 173. This route took us to Bandera where we had lunch at the Old Spanish Trail Restaurant (OST). We rain through some rain between Jourdanton and Hondo but dried out pretty well before reaching Bandera.

After lunch we rode into Fredericksburg on Texas 16 arriving at the Gillespie County Fairgrounds for some live Quarter Horse racing including pari-mutuel betting all on a Class 3 track. The 2016 thoroughbred racing season included races on July 2-3, July 16-17, Aug 13-14 and Aug 27-28 as well as special races, trials, and futurities. The fairground is home of the oldest, continuous County Fair in Texas which began in 1881. The current location on Texas 16 is the fourth location used over the years and is administered by the Gillespie County Fair & Festivals Association (GCFFA). This year marks their 128th year of operation.

After winning some money and donating some money (losses) some of us headed to the Blanco County Inn in Blanco to check in for the evening and others stopped by Luckenbach to see if Willie Nelson was in town. You can always find a cold beer and a photo opportunity at the post office/souvenir shop/beer joint. There is always someone playing a guitar either around behind the post office or at the dance hall on any given day.

On Sunday morning we rode to the Hacienda El Charro Restaurant in Blanco for some food before heading home. Unfortunately it was a wet ride back to Corpus Christi hitting some heavy rain South of San Antonio but it still couldn't dampen the fun we had on the ride.

Primary Officer's Election

Each year we are tasked to elect the people that will lead the Chapter for the next year. The Primary Officer's Election is your opportunity to put in place those individuals that are responsible for the safe keeping of the Chapter legacy. Over the past years we have been fortunate to have unselfish members who stepped up to the plate and did their best.

The next Primary Officers Election will take place on November 7 at our usual meeting place at the Silverado

Smokehouse with the meeting starting at 7 pm. The four positions up for election are Director, Assistant Director, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Chapter cannot function without the help of all the Discretionary Officer positions, which are appointed by the Primary Officers including our sponsor Preston Douglass. Those positions include Activities Officer, Chaplain, Editor, Head Road Captain, Historian, Ladies of Harley (LOH), Membership Officer, Safety Officer and Webmaster.

2015 ABC's of Touring Results Correction

The results of the 2015 ABC's of Touring were included in the 2nd Quarter edition of the V-Twin Tales. Inadvertently omitted from the recognition was James "Eric" Thomas who had 67 points. Congratulations to Eric for his achievement.



Corpus Christi H.O.G. Mileage Contest

The 2nd Quarter of the local H.O.G. Jim Clark Memorial Quarterly Mileage Contest had 18 participants and was won by Rickey & Connie Thielen with 12,431 miles as announced by Head Road Captain David Benoist at our August Chapter meeting. Rickey & Connie received the 2nd Quarter Mileage Contest patch and a shirt from Preston Douglass and CCHD. The runners up were Bryan & Sherrie Gabbert with 10,472 miles, Louis Kubala with 9,918 miles, Sabas Cavazos with 8,879 miles, Renato Perez with 7,292 miles, Eric Thomas with 6,457 miles, Santos Juarez III with 5,156 miles, Richard Smith with 5,065 miles, Stephen & Melody Williams, Sr. with 4,632, Julian & Diana Gaona with 4,344 miles, Marshall Lester with 3,243 miles, Chad Hammer with 2,644 miles, David Benoist with 2,162 miles, Dan Robinson with 1,883 miles, Cyndi Robinson with 1,641 miles, John & Julie Lackey with 1,443, Stephen Williams, Jr. with 562 miles and Bill Wilson with 183 miles.

Stephen & Melody Williams, Sr. won the consolation drawing for the runners up and received a shirt from Preston Douglass and CCHD.

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

Thanks to all who participated and congratulations to Rickey & Connie Thielen for their high mileage for the 2nd quarter and to Stephen & Melody Williams, Sr. as the consolation drawing winners.

Chapter Ride Policy Reminder

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



Happy Birthday and Many More.....

October

- 5 Carl Sitzler
- 6 Jim McKibben
- 7 Carolyn Bundy
- 9 Mark Gattis
- 11 Rick Lyon
- 12 Marshall Lester
- 18 David Benoist
- 26 Dora Fitzgerald
Dennis Lugg
- 27 Tom Estes
- 28 John Mathewson
- 31 Bob Sollars

November

- 3 Robert Gonzalez
- 4 Cyndi Robinson
- 7 Larry Narvaez
- 17 Richard Smith
- 21 Linda Benavides
- 23 Janie Juarez
- 24 Louis Kubala

December

- 2 Peggy Benoist
Daniel Bundy
- 8 Bryan Gabbert
- 13 Robert Braghini-Bosarge
- 14 Sherrie Gabbert
- 26 Marcos Dominguez
- 31 Susie Conerly



Happy Wedding Anniversary

October

- 1 Dean & Judy Smith
- 3 Richard & Gloria Smith
- 6 Daniel & Mary Alice Barrientez
- 7 Corey & Catherine Stein
- 10 Jay & Susie Conerly
- 13 David & Sandra Landry
- 24 Robert & Christina Gonzalez

November

- 3 Kerry & Charon Goodman
- 15 Bobbie & Nancy Graves
- 22 Mike & Sandy Quintanilla
- 27 John & Dora Fitzgerald

December

- 29 Randy & Lynnne Gantz

Welcome New Members:

Robert Braghini-Bosarge and Joshua Forsberg

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

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

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Louis's Trip to Alaska

By Louis Kubala

I was going to use a title like "North to Alaska", but I did not want to plagiarize the John Wayne movie title. I have probably been planning this trip for, off-and-on, about the last 15 yrs. Sometimes I did not have money, but had the time; sometimes, I did not have the time, but had the money; but most of the time, I did not have the time or the money. But in 2015, the stars fell in line and I had a little time and a little money and was able to make the trip.

I left the parking lot of the Portland Whataburger, after eating my usual Breakfast-on-a-Bun breakfast, which is my usual routine before beginning a road-trip, about 7:00 a.m. Saturday morning, June 27 and rode 630 miles to Dumas, Texas, about 30 miles north of Amarillo, Texas. So I rode 11½ hours, 630 miles, and I'm still in Texas!!

I planned to zig-zag around a little to hit as many states as I thought I had time to do to be able get as many HOG ABC points as possible. On the way to Bellingham, Washington, I got Oklahoma, Kansas, New Mexico, Colorado, Nebraska, Wyoming, Utah, Nevada, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. The ferry was leaving Bellingham, Washington to Alaska on July 3 so I wanted to make sure I was on the boat and I did not feel I had time to make Arizona and California for this trip. I did arrive in Bellingham, after 5 days, on Wednesday July 1, so I had time to relax a little.

The ferry left from Bellingham, Washington to Haines, Alaska on July 3 at 6:00 p.m. and I wanted to make sure I was on the boat so I arrived about 5 hours early. I was told where they wanted the motorcycles to park and that is where I went. One other biker was already there, but by the end of the day there were about 25 other motorcyclists ready to board the ferry for the trip to Alaska.

If you plan to make this trip on the ferry, it is recommended to bring your own tie-down straps for your motorcycle. The ferry is not responsible to provide tie-downs for your motorcycle to the floor of the ferry. Everybody is responsible for their own motorcycle.

There was one couple from England. They had their motorcycles shipped from England to Chile, South America and they rode around South America, Central America, Mexico, and Western USA and were now on the ferry to Alaska and were planning to tour Canada and Eastern USA before arriving in Georgia, USA and shipping their motorcycles back to England. They had already been away from home for about 18 months at this time and were planning on their whole trip to last about 25 months. Now that's a road trip!

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There were a couple of other motorcyclists that had been on the road for several weeks or months already and were still going on for more weeks or months. I envied them. I was just on the road for one week at that time. There were about 6 other bikers from Washington State that have made this ferry trip several times before or have made an overland trip to Alaska several times before but they just wanted to make the trip again because they just wanted to. This must be nice for them. But for me from South Texas, I just wanted to go to Alaska one time and this was that trip.

For the ferry, you pay a separate price for yourself, another charge for your motorcycle, and another charge if you want a cabin on the ferry. You can camp on the deck of the ferry or sleep on the chairs they provide, but the cabins are much better. I would recommend the cabins. The cabins have separate bathrooms and showers, but no TV. There is no Wi-Fi on the boat, but I did notice some having access to the Internet by other means.

If you decide to camp on the deck of the ferry, then bring some duct-tape, which they recommend. They suggest this because the deck is made of steel and you would not be able to get your tent pegs in the steel. There were several tents set up on the two decks that provided tent access on this trip that I was on and they had duct-tape on their tents.

After leaving Bellingham, Washington, the boat goes on what is called the Inland Passage. There are many islands lining the mainland shore of the Canadian/Alaskan shore and the ferry maneuvers among the islands. The water is smooth. The scenery is beautiful! Because the islands impede the impact of the waves of the Pacific Ocean, the Inland Passage is like a trip on a lake. I thought I was on a ferry ride from Aransas Pass to Port Aransas during this trip. There was just a couple of times that islands did not block the force of the Pacific, mainly due to major rivers coming into the ocean from the east, but the ship captain would announce these transitions prior to arriving and for you to be prepared for a more bouncy trip, but they did not last long.

After leaving Bellingham, you go into Canadian waters eventually. The ferry travels one and a half days before arriving at the first American port which is Ketchikan, Alaska. The boat docked for a few hours to allow for some passengers to disembark and for others to embark. Other stops along the way are Wrangell, Petersburg, and Juneau. Juneau is the capital of Alaska, but the only access to the city is by water or by air. There is no access to Juneau by a road.

The ferry had a fantastic restaurant that had a great menu and all was good. The restaurant was only open for certain hours for the three meals but the ferry also had a snack bar that was open 24 hours except for a couple of hours that they were closed for cleaning. The snack bar could satisfy your munchies during the other hours that the restaurant was closed. Just a note – there is a small sign on each table in the restaurant that says that tipping is not allowed because the waiters and waitresses are employees of the Alaskan Highway Department since the ferries are part of the Alaskan Highway System and they are not allowed to accept tips.

As mentioned before, the scenery is beautiful! The islands start building up to mountains just from the shoreline and the tree-line starts right at the water's edge with the tall trees. I saw many bald eagles, otters, and sea lions on the trip. A few times we got a glimpse of a few whales. You could see the whales spouting a couple of times and then you would see them dive down and you would then see their tails go up and then submerge. Amazing! They did not jump in the air like they show on TV. There are a few Native villages along the way and the captain would announce them. There are also a few lighthouses along the way because sometimes the Passage does narrow down.

My ferry trip ended at Haines, Alaska. This is the first port from Bellingham that has a road that could go to the rest of Alaska. The ferry then continues on to another port, Skagway, before turning around and heading back to Bellingham. Skagway is another port that has a road that would go to the rest of Alaska. I spent the

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night in Haines because the trip to Fairbanks would take all day and I wanted to just start in the morning. On the way to Fairbanks, 690 miles away, I got ABCs for the state of Alaska, Canadian provinces British Columbia and Yukon, and the country Canada.

I rode around Fairbanks for about four days. I visited the Harley shop and had a front tire replaced. I also visited the Denali National Park to see the tallest mountain in North America at 20,320 ft. I saw a part of the Alaskan pipeline that goes mostly overland in Alaska and a part of it is not far from Fairbanks. I visited the University of Alaska at Fairbanks museum and before entering the main section, there is a stuffed Brown bear standing on its hind legs, standing about 12 ft. tall. The story is that in Alaska, the human is not the top of the food chain. That's probably why I was asked by a few people if I carry bear-spray on the motorcycle, a form of pepper-spray for bears. I did not, but started to wonder if I should get some because bears love meals-on-wheels. I did not have a problem though with any bears. I did see some deer, a caribou, 6 moose, and a black bear near the sides of the roads in Alaska.

I then rode back to Haines, Alaska on a Sunday to be sure I would be on the ferry that left on Monday afternoon. The ferry left on Monday evening but encountered a problem with one of the engines. It would not stay on. The ferry has two engines, but the captain explained they could make it back to Bellingham on one engine, but did not want to take the chance because if they lost the second engine the ferry would not have a means to control itself and may get stranded. So we docked in Juneau for about three days for the serviceman to be flown to Juneau, the cause determined, and then the part shipped to Juneau to make the repairs. It turned out to be some kind of sensor that went bad and had to be replaced.

Once we landed in Bellingham, I started to head east in northern Washington. I have a son that lives in Madison, Wisconsin and I was headed that way to visit before heading south. So I got the ABCs for the North Cascades National Park and Glacier National Park, states Idaho and Montana, and Canadian Provinces Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Ontario. I also got states Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin before arriving in Madison, Wisconsin for the visit.

Wisconsin is a beautiful countryside to ride around in. While there, I got the ABCs for the Harley museum in Milwaukee, an awesome museum, and worth two ABC points. I also got ABCs for the HD Home Office in Milwaukee on Juneau Avenue and for the factory site at the Pilgrim Road operations site in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, which is not far from Milwaukee.

After visiting in Wisconsin, I started to head south. I got ABCs for states Iowa and Missouri. I also saw the factory in Kansas City, Missouri for another ABC point. I then headed for Xenia, Illinois for the X-city point on the ABC sheet. The other points are ABC state points for Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, and Louisiana.

So I finally arrived back in my driveway at about 6:30 p.m. on Sunday August 2. So after 35 days, travelling 11,944 miles, getting 28 states and 6 Canadian provinces, I was home. AN AWESOME TRIP!!!



Change Is Good

By Todd “Thor” Robinson, H.O.G. Regional Manager

Just over 33 years ago, the Official Riding Club” of Harley-Davidson was born. At the inception of the Harley Owners Group the focus was bringing together the passionate and brand loyal riders of Harley-Davidsons. The concept was born to get people out riding and having fun. To bring together dealers and their best customers, to bond with the motor company and most important to ride and have fun with each other.

So it’s not shocking that when looking back we maybe could have done a couple things better. When we introduced the Harley Owners Group we took care to talk to the other MCs, rider groups etc. to make sure we showed the proper respect to the riding community. We created a historic logo, using an agreed upon 2 patch look. We took great care in naming our chapters, working with dealers and the communities involved. We protected our logos to make sure that everyone would know who we are and what we stand for...with one exception...the CHEVRON

The upper chevron was never protected by us. The thought was that the shape was not distinct enough to protect and the wording inside was different in each one so no common thread to protect. For years this was not an issue; however over the past several years there have been a number of H.O.G. wanna be clubs starting up. Many of these are former chapter members who for whatever reason have left the chapter and are representing themselves as chapters. Some are national members who portray themselves as chapters; some are just people out there to deceive the public.

In our efforts to stop this trend and to be customer lead, yes we listen to you; we finally found a simple solution to the issue. We have created a new chevron that can be and is protected by our trademark.



The addition of the Bar and Shield to the chevron means that we can now enforce the entire 2 patch we proudly wear. This will help with everyone, biker and non, to easily identify who is a legit chapter and who is not. It will more easily allow us to go after those who are not legit chapters and those who misrepresent the Harley Owners Group.

This is a first step in many things that we will be unveiling in the upcoming year that will help your chapter grow, that will help your chapter get back to what we were founded for to ride the best damn motorcycles in the world and have fun doing it.

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

Top 20 Chapter Ride/Meeting Participation through 9/30/16

Marshall Lester	(1)	Raul Guzman	(13)
Bryan Gabbert	(2)	Linda Benavides	(T14)
Sherrie Gabbert	(3)	Peggy Benoist	(T14)
Eric Thomas	(4)	Dan Robinson	(T14)
Rickey Thielen	(5)	Cyndi Robinson	(15)
John Mathewson	(6)	Marie Powell	(16)
Connie Thielen	(7)	Mike Powell	(17)
Sid Blalack	(8)	Louis Kubala	(18)
David Benoist	(T9)	Daniel Barrientez	(T19)
Diana Gaona	(T9)	Jim Jessen	(T19)
Julian Gaona	(10)	Rebecca Madison	(T19)
Earl Koester	(11)	Frank Poland	(20)
Richard Smith	(12)		



National H.O.G. Mileage Recognition

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

Many of our local members participate in this program. The following are members who have attained an award milestone since the 1st quarter 2016 V-Twin newsletter was published. Those listed below are only those who turned in their mileages at Corpus Christi Harley-Davidson. If you mailed yours directly to Milwaukee or recorded the mileage at another dealership, you will not be listed. If we missed you for any reason, we apologize.

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

Sabas Cavazos, Jr.	60,000 Miles	Chad Hammer	60,000 Miles
Bryan Gabbert	60,000 Miles	David Landry	80,000 Miles
Sherrie Gabbert	60,000 Miles	David Landry	100,000 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 113 members as of September 30, 2016. Please remember to maintain your National H.O.G. membership, which must be kept current, to be a Corpus Christi H.O.G. Chapter member. An expired membership at the National H.O.G. level automatically terminates local chapter membership.

Article VI of the HOG Charter relating to Membership states:

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



Treasurer's Report

Cyndi Robinson, Chapter Treasurer reports that as of the September bank statement, the current chapter bank account balance is \$811.21.



Christmas Party

The annual Chapter Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 16, 2016 at the Corpus Christi Police Officers Association (CCPOA) hall which is the same location as last year. More details on the event along with menu and RSVP dates will be sent out as the date draws closer. Mark your calendar for a great event.

H.O.G.® RALLIES!

By Tim Budzien, Director H.O.G.® and Membership Programs

RIDE BIGGER! HAVE MORE FUN! The rally season is here, and this year brings some fantastic opportunities to enjoy great riding experiences with other H.O.G.® members.

It all kicked off March 31 with the Louisiana H.O.G. rally and continues with The Brew City Experience; Rollin on the River; the Pacific Northwest rally, Iron Adventure Run, Back to the Bay, History in the Hills, and the Open Road West—just to name a few. If you want a cross-border experience, there are rallies in Canada and Mexico, as well. And new for this year, some of the rallies will have the Harley-Davidson demo experience! Please visit hog.com for a full list of rallies.

In all, there are more than 30 H.O.G. rallies planned for 2016 in the US. And, while rallies offer great fun and riding, they also present a challenge as a number of these rallies share the same dates. For example, in June there are five rallies on the same weekend. This forces members to choose between rallies, or sometimes opt out of attending altogether. When you add the additional opportunities for members to participate in Chapter rides, overnight rides, dealer events, and other non-H.O.G. events, you can see there's a lot of competition for members' free time.

For some time now our rally attendees have asked us to consider a more regional approach, meaning fewer and larger rallies. We put this concept to the test over the last few of years with significant success. One example is in the Pacific Northwest, where the Washington, Idaho and Oregon rallies were combined. The net result was an 80% increase in attendance, significantly more miles ridden, and increased attendee satisfaction.

In light of this, we are evolving both our rallies and the rally proposal process to facilitate more regional H.O.G. rallies. We're confident that H.O.G. members will like both the approach and the execution of rallies as we move forward. Please see JT's article on page 4 for more information.

But for now, keep in mind that pre-registration is open for 2016 rallies; don't miss out on the fun!

See you on the Road!



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 (2015):

- 3rd quarter mileage contest won by Louis Kubala with 14,607 miles and Sabas Cavazos won the consolation drawing
- Chapter Meeting at Silverado Smokehouse on 8/3 with 37 members in attendance.

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- Jim Clark passed away on September 1 after a motorcycle accident west of Kerrville. Richard Smith and Jim had left that morning for a trip that was to take them into eastern Canada and back.
- Rides for Jim Clark to the YO Ranch Branding Iron Restaurant in Kerrville to meet Jim Clark's daughter on 9/18 (24 bikes and 28 riders) & Lunch Rides to the Butter Churn in Aransas Pass (40 bikes, numerous cars and ~75 people) for a Jim Clark Memorial lunch
- New member noted in the 3rd Qtr. V-Twin Tales newsletter was Tim Seaman.
- National Mileage Program awards during the quarter were earned by Gary Burks 1,000 Miles, Leticia Perez 1,000 Miles, Sylvia Rodriguez 1,000 Miles, Timothy Seaman 1,000 Miles, Gary Burks 5,000 Miles, Leticia Perez 5,000 Miles, Sylvia Rodriguez 5,000, Gary Burks 10,000 Miles, Diana Gaona 10,000 Miles, Julian Gaona 10,000 Miles, Sylvia Rodriguez 10,000 Miles, Gary Burks 25,000 Miles, Renato Perez 25,000 Miles, Sylvia Rodriguez 25,000 Miles, Jim Clark 950,000 Miles.

Five Years Ago (2011):

- 3rd quarter mileage contest won by Rickey & Connie Thielen with 14,119 miles and Randy Towns won the consolation drawing.
- Chapter Meeting on 8/1/11 at Silverado Smokehouse with 40 in attendance. Peggy Benoist won the charity drawing (The Ark) and Randy Hicks won the 50/50 drawing for \$69.50.
- LOH Wildflower ride to Fredericksburg in September with 18 members and guests with rides to the Longhorn Caverns & Marble Falls. Breakfast ride to the Double D in Comfort before the return to Corpus Christi on Sunday.
- New members noted in the 3rd quarter V-Twin Tales were Roylene Babb, Thomas Brown, Noel Hernandez, Amelia Kennedy, Steve Kennedy, Laura McLaughlin, Steve McLaughlin and Greg Ritchey

Ten Years Ago (2006):

- 3rd quarter mileage contest won by Jim Clark with 20,428 miles and Dave Ruhlin won the consolation drawing
- New discount program for CCHD takes effect. Members as of 6/30/06 are grandfathered for remainder of the year. 5% with white card and 10% after gaining five signatures and trading in for a green card.
- Road Captain Training at CCHD on 7/22 with seventeen members in attendance. Training conducted by Head Road Captain Rickey Thielen.
- Members who qualified for National HOG Mileage Program awards in the first six months of 2006 were Dave & Pam Martin with 10,000 miles, Greg Sanderson with 10,000 miles, Jerry Olivarez with 40,000 miles, John Cringole with 40,000 miles, Macon Scarborough with 40,000 miles, Bob Lopez with 60,000 miles and Andy Felkner with 80,000 miles.
- Jim Clark reaches 500,000 HOG Mileage Program miles.
- HOG Chapter meeting on 8/7 with 50 in attendance.
- Andy & Glenda Felkner attend National HOG "Wild West" Rally in Montana.
- Overnight Hill Country ride from 9/29 to 10/1 attended by Andy & Glenda Felkner and Michael & Stacy Rivere.
- 3rd quarter ride overachievers listed in the V-Twin Tales newsletter were Andy Felkner, Glenda Felkner, Dave Martin, Pam Martin, Raul Guzman, Linda Benavides, Scott Duncan, John Cringole, Geri Cringole, and Jim Clark.
- Preston Douglass announces H-D changes as noted at the Summer Dealers Meeting of the introduction of the new 96 Cubic Inch Twin Cam Engine, Six Speed Transmission, and fuel injection on all models including Sportsters for 2007.
- National HOG Mileage participants noted in the 3rd quarter V-Twin Newsletter was Dave & Pam Martin - 10,000 miles, Greg Sanderson - 10,000 miles, Jerry Olivarez - 40,000 miles, John Cringole -

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40,000 miles, Macon Scarborough - 40,000 miles, Bob Lopez - 60,000 miles, and Andy Felkner - 80,000 miles

Fifteen Years Ago (2001):

- 3rd quarter mileage contest won by Steve Hayes with 7,224 miles
- Chapter meeting held at New Wine Fellowship Church on 7/7 with lunch ride to La Bahia in Goliad after the meeting.
- Chapter meeting held at New Wine Fellowship Church on 8/4.
- Iron Butt ride to Galveston on 8/18
- Preston announces location of new Shop at SPID and Old Brownsville Rd at Chapter meeting on 9/8 with lunch ride to Big Fisherman in Rockport.
- Chapter member Louis Tomsu makes run from Nuevo Laredo, Mexico to Emerson, Canada in 22 hours and 17 minutes with a total of 1,708 miles and then back in 23 hours and 21 minutes.
- Chapter ride to Arkansas State H.O.G. Rally in Hot Springs on 9/20-23

Twenty Years Ago (1996):

- 3rd quarter mileage contest won by Ron Schlimmer with 7,787 miles
- Chapter meeting at Ancient Mariner on 7/1
- H.O.G. Call-out machine Debuts

A Look Ahead

These are some of the upcoming non-H.O.G. events around the country that you might be interested in.

Corpus Christi Bikefest	Corpus Christi, TX	Oct 7-9
Biketoberfest	Daytona Beach, FL	Oct 13th - 16th
Panama City Beach Rally	Panama City Beach, FL	Oct 18-23
Thunder Beach Autumn Rally	Panama City, FL	Oct 19th - 23rd
Lone Star Rally	Galveston, TX	Nov 3rd - 6th

All dates are subject to change, check before making plans. Not all of the events listed will have chapter rides to them. They are listed as a courtesy to you. Some events are open to the general public, and are not sponsored or endorsed by H.O.G.

Visit Preston Douglass' new Laredo Harley-Davidson Shop





Chapter Meeting Minutes

Corpus Christi H.O.G. Chapter - #5020
Chapter Meeting @ Silverado Smokehouse
Monday, August 1, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Dan Robinson, Chapter Director, with 36 members in attendance.

Dan welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if everyone had signed in. He asked if there were any new members in attendance and David Hilarides introduced himself saying that he rode a 2012 Street Glide.

Jerry Olivarez, Chaplain, gave the opening prayer.

Dan asked if there were any guests in attendance and there were none.

Rickey Thielen said that the Chapter currently had 111 members which included two that he picked up at the shop before the meeting. He read a thank you note from the Coastal Bend Troop Support for our members donations of cash saying the money helped get the supplies needed for the troops. He then read the member birthdays and anniversaries for August and September.

Cyndi Robinson, Treasurer, reported that as of June 6 the bank balance was \$1,788.27 with income of \$65.00 and expenses of \$478.16 for a June ending balance of \$1,375.11. In July there was income of \$24.00 from dues and expenses of 766.40 for a current balance of \$632.71.

David Benoist, Head Road Captain, said that the nice part about going on our rides is being a Road Captain. Julian Gaona has taken the Road Captain training and led the required number of rides to be considered for and has been accepted as a Chapter Road Captain. David then presented Julian with his Road Captain patch.

David then announced the results of the 2nd Quarter Jim Clark Memorial Mileage Contest that had 18 members turn in their mileage. Rickey & Connie Thielen had the high mileage for the quarter at 12,431 miles, was presented with the 2nd quarter patch and will receive a tee shirt from Preston Douglass. The runners up were Bryan & Sherrie Gabbert with 10,472 miles, Louis Kubala with 9,918 miles, Sabas Cavazos, Jr. with 8,879 miles, Renato Perez with 7,292 miles, Eric Thomas with 6,457 miles, Santos Juarez III with 5,156 miles, Richard Smith with 5,065 miles, Stephen & Melody Williams, Sr. with 4,632 miles, Julian & Diana Gaona with 4,344 miles, Marshall Lester with 3,243 miles, Chad Hammer with 2,644 miles, David Benoist with 2,162

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miles, Dan Robinson with 1,883 miles, Cyndi Robinson with 1,641 miles, John & Julie Lackey with 1,443 miles, Stephen Williams, Jr. with 562 miles and Bill Wilson with 183 miles. Total mileage for the 2nd quarter was 88,407 miles and with the 1st quarter mileage of 82,633 miles the members on record have recorded 171,040 miles for the year.

David then conducted the runners up drawing for the 2nd Quarter Jim Clark Memorial Mileage Contest and the winner was Stephen & Melody Williams, Sr. who will receive a tee shirt from Preston Douglass and CCHD.

Sherrie Gabbert, Activities Officer, said:

- The Chapter Christmas Party will have a Fiesta Theme. She needs donations of decorations and door prizes. The date is in December and will be held at the CCPOA hall like last year.
- August 13th is the Fredericksburg ride to the horse races which will be a one night stay. The Blanco County Inn still has rooms available. She needs someone to step up and lead/sweep the ride.
- September 3rd is the Mystery Ride which will be 128 miles. She needs someone to step up and lead/sweep the ride.
- September 24th is the lunch ride to the Blessing Hotel Café in Blessing. This is a cash only place so plan accordingly.
- The monthly Wednesday night dinner rides are now leaving CCHD at 7:00pm instead of 6:00 pm. This is due to the heat and too much traffic a 6:00pm.
- October 28th is the ride to Leakey leaving on a Friday to ride the Three Sisters and returning on Sunday. The Leakey Inn is a biker friendly place and they still have rooms available.
- October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and if anyone has a recommendation for a ride let her know, but the last weekend is out due to the Leakey ride.

Sherrie brought up that the Sunday morning breakfast ride has always left the Shell Station in Portland at 8:30am. There have been times that due to the length of the ride and getting served put us eating at close to 11:00am which is not breakfast but is closer to lunch. She proposed moving the departure time to 7:30am. Marie Powell questioned why we need to continue meeting in Portland as compared to moving it to CCHD. After some discussion the Shell Station in Portland will continue to be the meeting place. Julian Gaona recommended that we make a step change to 8:00am and see how that works out. Julian went on to say if we still feel at that point we need to move the departure time back, we can go to 7:30am. A show of hands was requested for moving the departure time to 8:00am and the suggestion was confirmed. Sherrie will send out a note about the new departure time for the Sunday morning breakfast rides will be 8:00am.

Sherrie said that the POI Challenge consisted of 40 points North-South-East & West in Texas. She tried to make it interesting and also challenging. Preston Douglass has continued to support this activity with gift cards and Rider Reward points. Those participating this year were Bryan & Sherrie Gabbert each with 40 points, Louis Kubala with 40 points, Richard Smith with 40 points, Rickey & Connie Thielen each with 40 points, Renato Perez with 23 points and Bill Wilson with 12 points. Others participated but did not turn in their photos. Those with 25 or more point were entered into a drawing for three gift cards from CCHD. Rickey Thielen won the \$100 gift card, Louis Kubala won the \$250 gift card and Bryan Gabbert won the \$500 gift card. All those participating will also receive the earned Rider Reward points at CCHD. Sherrie thanked Preston again for his continued support.

Sherrie said that she has been asked if we plan to do another POI Challenge this year and she said that she is considering another mini one later in the year when the weather cools down. It will not have the Rider Reward or gift card awards, but she is thinking about a participation patch for those that take part.

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Linda Benavides asked if the Christmas Party with a Fiesta Theme will have Mexican food and the answer was yes.

Preston Douglass, Sponsor, said he didn't have anything new to share.

Linda Benavides said that we used to have an October or November Gamblers Run and would like to see if we can add something like this to the calendar to go to Coushatta or Lake Charles.

Dan Robison asked if anyone wanted to share their ride experiences. Sabas Cavazos said that he had ridden the Smokey Mountains and the Dragon areas in North Carolina coming back from the ride to DC for Rolling Thunder. He said the area is very beautiful.

Richard Smith talked about his trip to the H-D Museum in Milwaukee where he met some riders from Puerto Rico. The museum is a pin stop this year and he received a nice pin. From there he went around the bottom side of Lake Michigan through Chicago up to Quebec City, Quebec, Canada where the French Canadians don't speak too much English. He went to the H.O.G. rally in Saguenay, Quebec. People there had 3 questions for him and that was "You rode that thing from Texas?", "You are going where?" and "How old are you again"? The sons of the owner at the H-D shop there set him up with a shirt, pin, rally ticket and hotel along with being very nice. He has met a lot of people who believe that riding motorcycles 7,000 miles is a big deal. He said he lost his key fob so the bike wouldn't start. He called a wrecker through H.O.G. Roadside Assistance but got the bike started when the wrecker arrived. He adds additional roadside coverage to the basic H.O.G. benefit and has unlimited usage along with \$1000 worth of expenses if broke down for a covered repair. He ran into a bad storm in Houston and recommends keeping a wiper like can be found at the service stations in your pocket to wipe your visor or shield. Make sure to always check your bike and tires.

Jim Jessen said he was from Chicago and had gone to the H-D Museum three times. There is always something new to see on each visit. Jim said that if you have a chance to go more than once please do so. He talked about a touring bike that H-D sent around the country to allow H-D employees to sign with a paint pen. There are over 9,000 signatures on that bike which is on display. The admission to the museum is free to H.O.G. members.

Julian Gaona said that AAA will do the same as the H.O.G. roadside assistance.

Richard Smith said that the Canadian H.O.G. Rally logo included blue berries. Many years ago they had large forest fires. After the forests returned blue berries began growing and has become a big industry in the area.

The Chapter charity drawing was won by Rickey Thielen and he will receive a gift from Preston Douglass and CCHD.

The Chapter donation drawing brought in \$113.00 and was won by Rebecca Madison who received \$62.50.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM. Thanks to all those in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,
Rickey Thielen – Secretary

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

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