

Chapter Christmas Party Caps Successful Year



It is hard to believe that 2021 is auickly comina to an end. By year's end, as a member of what I believe is the best H.O.G. Chapter in Texas, you will have had a chance to participate in over 60 rides, four great charity

events, three weekend trips, and dozens of social gatherings (Chapter- and dealership-sponsored.)

However, my favorite event is always the Chapter's Christmas Party. It is a chance to celebrate the holidays with incredible people who enjoy having a good time almost as much as they enjoy riding the best motorcycle in the world.

Each year, we try to make the party better than the year before. We do listen carefully to our member's suggestions and make changes accordingly. With that in mind, this year we are starting the party earlier (5 PM), reducing the party agenda/awards, and your Assistant Director Thomas Moore has come up with a plan to speed up the raffle drawings. All of this is designed to leave us with more time for dancing socializing and celebrating.

We are returning to Juergen's Hall this year which is right off Hwy 290. This venue has a great rustic charm with plenty of space to have fun. Unfortunately, Harris County is making major changes to its venues starting in 2022 which includes an earlier closing time, higher costs, and much more stringent rules. This has forced us to look elsewhere for our 2022 Christmas Party.

Thus, this will be the last year we get to celebrity in Juergen's Hall.

Whether you are a long-time member or a first-year member, I encourage you to join us on December 4 for six hours of fun. friendship, and holiday spirit. And,



if that isn't enough to get you to join us, consider that there will be a large array of cool raffle and door prizes that could be yours.

So, mark your calendars, keep an eye on the eblasts for ticket information, and join us for Christmas Cheer. After the last two years, we all need to participate in something joyful.

RICHARD ASHER — DIRECTOR & ROAD CAPTAIN

ON THE COVER: Houston AREA #1 H.O.G. Chapter Photographer Dusty Moore and her parents, Bubba and Candee Safford, ride through one of the national forests traveled by Chapter members on the Dam Long Ride on September 25. Seventeen Chapter members logged more than 400 miles on the all-day ride, traversed three east Texas dams, and rode some twisty roads in Louisiana.

Photo credit: Dusty Moore

To view more photos from the "Dam Long Ride" and all Houston AREA #1 H.O.G. Chapter rides and events, access the Houston AREA #1 H.O.G. Chapter web site at area1hog.com and select the Galleries tab.

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Changes and Improvements to the Harley-Davidson App



How many of us who use the Harley-Davidson app have had to call an audible and miss a waypoint? Or, when navigating a saved route, we didn't open the app and start the route before leaving the original starting place. We are plagued with the NAV voice constantly telling us to u-turn and go back; not anymore! While riding the Marble Falls Chapter rides I noticed something was different about the app. There is a button that looks like a fast forward button (>>I) at the lower left-hand

corner of the screen (refer to graphic, at right). When you press it, it will delete a waypoint, starting with the first one missed.

The screen will change (*refer to graphic, below right*) and it will show you a map and which waypoint is being deleted. You have the option to cancel if you choose. If you have missed more than one, just keep pressing the button until it catches up.

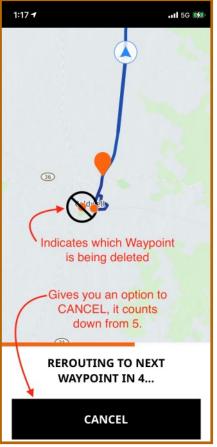
If you have an idea of the route and want to deviate while riding to avoid traffic, weather, gravel road, or whatever, you can press the button to delete the next waypoint and it may offer a different route to the next waypoint.

In a worst-case scenario, if a ride isn't going as planned, it can be ended and restarted. If it does recognize where you are and tells you to go back, just press the >>I button.

DANIEL "LAMBCHOP" PROTZ — ROAD CAPTAIN







You Don't Have to be a Rocket Scientist Ride — July 18, 2021





















One of the Best Families a Person Can Have



As the deadline for the Chapter FallNewsletter approaches, and I sit here trying to come up with a topic, I keep coming back to the same topic... FAMILY.

Better put...the BEST family anybody could ask for. If you find yourself at a crossroads in life and you don't know which way to turn, always turn toward your family.

I grew up in a very proud and tight-lipped family. I can count on one hand how many times I heard the words "I love you." It was simply something we never said in our house. Some of you may be thinking that it must have been the worst home to grow up in.

The truth is, I had an awesome childhood. It was not an abusive environment. We always had food on the table, and we worked for everything we had. My parents moved us from Chicago to Michigan when I was 11 years old. Dad had a dream of opening a hunting and fishing sporting goods store. My brother and I were extremely happy about this decision. My parents bought an old rundown bait and tackle store and the dream had become a reality.

As with most family-run businesses, the ENTIRE family was expected to work there. I remember making .65 cents/hour and was paid weekly. This put about 20 bucks in my pocket each week. Not bad for an 11 year-old. We had guns and we had every type of fishing pole and gear imaginable. But, we had to buy our own stuff.

By the time I turned 18, I was well-prepared to enter adulthood and I joined the U.S. Army. No "I love you" came when I boarded the bus. None came in my weekly letters from home. But, none was expected. I knew how everyone felt. I didn't need to hear the words, because I knew.

When Jan and I joined the Chapter, we developed relationships and friendships with a totally new kind of family. I quickly noticed that "this type of family" was what I had been missing my whole life. When "I love you" is said between members in the Chapter, I can honestly say that I

feel every bit of that love. This Chapter has given so much love to Jan and me, and I am honored to call everybody family.

The point of my article: If you're ever feeling down or unloved, take a look at the people around you. You will see and feel the love that this Chapter has for its fellow members. We have a group of people that will do anything for its fellow family members. This the BEST family a man could ask for.

STEVE "RAIN MAN" TRAPP — SAFETY OFFICER & ROAD CAPTAIN

My favorite Chapter memory that demonstrates how much of a family we are at Houston AREA #1 H.O.G. goes back to October 2018. I had to have

a major 9-hour surgery and Steve attended the Chapter meeting alone because I was not feeling up to going.

Much to our surprise the Chapter family had gotten



together and given us over \$1000 for Uber Eats from the goodness of their hearts. They knew I would not be able to cook for awhile and got this done without us knowing. I know we will never forget this act of kindness and family.

We love our Harley family as much as our real family and would do anything to help out any Chapter member. This is the kind of thing you get when you become a member of the Houston AREA #1 H.O.G. Chapter. It's a love and family you won't find anywhere else. Here I am almost 3 years later still in this fight to live and I have had so many Chapter family members stand behind me, pray for me, and even take me to my appointments if Steve cannot. They will never know what this means to me.

My fight is daily now and I need a bone marrow transplant to live and there have been so many people in the Chapter that have asked how to get tested. No matter what happens I will always remember this family I have now and if you have any doubts on joining please just do it. You will gain a whole new group of family and friends. I love you all my Chapter members!

JAN TRAPP — WEBMASTER

Wet Butts and Bug Guts—Help is on the Way



I just got back from another weeklona riding trip with Mistie. This time, instead of writing another fivepage article about the trip. I thought I would just highlight two simple items that really make things

easier when you are traveling and riding every day.

An issue that arises daily when you get up to ride is the dew, rain, or other layer of moisture that accumulates on the bike. I carry a couple towels so that I can wipe things off, but that does not always work. I happen to have a seat made out of this nice, perforated material. It looks good and it performs well, but it also allows moisture into the foam underneath.

When you sit on the seat after it's been soaking up the moisture, you end up squishing that out of the foam and wicking it back up into your pants and you have a wet butt all day. What I have found that really works well is a seat cover.

Cover the bike seat overnight and pull it off in the morning and you have a dry seat to start each day! I use the Mustang Rain Cover for Seats with Driver Backrests. You can search for that in Amazon and find what I'm talking about. For about



\$30-35 you get a cover that stretches over the seat and the backrest and keeps it dry. There are plenty of options available that will accommodate your seating configuration. The guy I was parked next to in Arkansas this past weekend happened to have a four-piece kit that included separate

covers for each of his backrests, his front, and his rear seat. Whatever you need, there is a cover out there for you. My seat cover folds up so small I can store it in the pocket of the fairing of my 2020 Road Glide Special if I need to.

The second item relates to cleaning off bug spatter. No matter where you ride in the country, part of the riding experience is dealing with bug guts all over the bike.

When I travel, I like to work on cleaning some of those bugs off when I'm getting the bike ready the next morning. In one of my saddlebags, I slide

a bottle of Harley-Davidson Bug Remover and some microfiber cloths behind my luggage. The Bug Remover is a great product, and is water activated. Like hydrogen peroxide, it breaks down the proteins in the bugs to allow them to wipe right off (or spray off with a hose).

When you are looking at wiping all that moisture off the bike in the morning, why not

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put it to good use! Spray on some Bug Remover over all that water, give it a minute or two and then wipe everything off. Almost all the bugs will just wipe right off the bike when you do this.

I tend to pack several of the microfiber cloths and if one gets really dirty, I just toss it since I buy

them in bulk. You could also pack a zip lock baggie and put your wet cloths in that when you are done. You can just get that same cloth back out and use it again.

I hope these hints help you to get out there on



the road and experience all that our great country has available for us to see and do. LET'S RIDE!

STEVE "PHROGG" KOINM — DEPUTY BOSS ROAD CAPTAIN

Ride For Kids—September 12, 2021





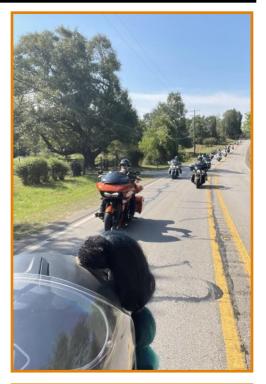




















Houston AREA #1 H.O.G. Chapter Mileage Challenge

Encouraging Chapter Members To Ride A Lot!

Members reporting mileage this quarter: <u>68</u>
Total miles ridden for this quarter: <u>175,955</u>

Total miles reported: 188,704

Total miles reported Year-to-Date: **550,656**

2021 - 3rd Quarter Mileage Report

These riders have earned bragging rights as the Highest Mileage Riders for the quarter!



Matt "Tex" Gallien Jr. 15555 miles



Daniel Protz 9278 miles



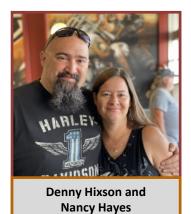
Jo Protz 8741 miles

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Anthony Fuller	7098	Dirk Kretschman	2115	Mike Slocum	569
Steve Koinm	6771	Maynard Chance	2023	Kathleen Plumley	558
DeWayne Milligan	6607	Mickey Litherland	1887	Dennis Fuller	551
Ulan Thacker	6391	Teresa Alcantara	1774	Susan Lingenfelter	378
Phillip Gonzalez	6181	Doug Huber	1738	Steve Plumley	278
Mistie Koinm	5151	Gina Deer	1703	Rachael de Vries	94
Joanne Thacker	4756	Phillip Springer	1616	Daniel Barrios	61
Peter Pesola	4555	John Watson	1569	Ted Griffin	37
Jim Shinabarger	4141	Ted de Vries	1554		
Manual Peña	4134	Tina Watson	1536	Multiple quarters:	
Brandon Smith	4079	Daniel Johnson	1464	Rick Beckham	7116
Joe Tessitore	3719	Anthony Collier	1415		
Jill Benge	3346	Janice Miller	1284	Passengers:	
José Ramirez	3342	Mike O'Reagan	1240	LeeAnn Bottoms	3658
Dusty Moore	3243	John Benham	1177	Lynette Tyson	2630
Thomas Moore	3079	Ron Raborn	1175	Donna Moody	2375
David Calvert	2940	Sam Goertz	1167	Yolanda Stafford	2269
Walt Barnett	2907	Richard Lackey	960	Brat Peña	1200
Mike Tyson	2630	Tim Foxworthy	867	Kimberly Collier	827
David Stafford	2269	Mark Wilson	850	Jan Trapp	709
Rick Glass	2226	Richard Delgado	827	Debra Fuller	551
Wayne Miller	2215	Margaret Wilson	779	Libby Springer	286
Steven Wagner	2141	Steven Trapp	709		

New Faces Around Houston AREA #1 H.O.G.

If you see any of these folks on a ride, at a meeting, or any other gathering, say "howdy" and introduce yourself. You never know when or where a new friendship may be waiting to happen. Many Houston AREA #1 H.O.G. Chapter members came to their first Chapter event not knowing a single member and now they have a large family of trusted friends. You can read several of their stories on the pages of this newsletter.















My Houston AREA #1 H.O.G. Family



I've written articles in the past about the Houston AREA #1 H.O.G. Chapter being family to John and me. Here's a quick recap and reason 5,000,001 for your consideration.

John and I moved to Houston in January 2014. He already knew his coworkers, but I didn't know anyone. I started working about three months after our move as a traveling general manager. I didn't form any real bonds with coworkers as I spent most of my time by myself. I was seriously depressed that I had no real friends here and cried

many a time to John about it.

We traded a boat we owned for a 2009 Harley-Davidson Road King, which was completely my idea. We didn't buy the motorcycle from Mancuso, so we didn't really understand how the H.O.G. Chapter

talked about joining but never pulled the trigger until we ran into the group on a plan B lunch one Saturday. We joined the next month, and it was the best thing we could have ever done for meeting people.



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I could present a ton of examples about the true friendship we've found in the Chapter, but I will go with the most recent.

As many of you know, John and I bought property and embarked on the journey of building

a house. That process was extended way longer than it should have been thanks to Rona, and we were in our RV for 18 months. It took its toll on me.

When our closing date was officially announced, it was leading into Labor Day Weekend and we couldn't get movers for



the weekend. Steve Koinm and Ted and Rachael de Vries helped us move the contents of one of our storage units which included our bed and sofa so I could sleep in my real bed!

If you know me, I hate to ask anyone for help, especially something as grueling as moving, so this was much appreciated. The next day Dusty and Thomas came over to offer any help they could. Thomas installed our outdoor ceiling fans and Dusty helped me unpack. They were a tremendous help knocking out things on our list.

Reach out to fellow Chapter members: vou never know who might become a great friend!

TINA "TEENER" WATSON — L.O.H. DIRECTOR



My Favorite Chapter Memories....So Far



As I wrap up my 4th year as Chapter Editor (only two issues left, thank you Jesus!!), I look back on a lot of great rides, fun trips, and awesome experiences. I've met a lot of truly nice people, many of whom have become my family. I know a lot of you can probably

share similar experiences from the rides you have experienced with this Chapter.

It is hard for me to think back on a single ride, social, or party and not feel a big smile come across my face. I have so many great experiences with so many good friends. In this article, I will highlight two of my favorite Chapter memories from the four years that I have been Chapter Editor.

HOT and SWEET PANTS

This experience taught me to be very careful about what I say and who I say it around! I think this event happened on the 2018 Twisted Turkey Ride over the Thanksgiving Weekend in the Kerrville area.

The weather was beautiful, cold enough early in the day that leathers were required, but warming



as the day wore on. One afternoon, I made the mistake of saying "damn, these pants are hot" within earshot of Susan Lingenfelter. On the same ride, the bees were out in swarms in the

Texas Hill Country. For some reason, they had a particular fascination with Thomas Moore. They swarmed him wherever we went.

We stopped for lunch at the Bent Rim in Leakey and Thomas was more popular than the soft drink cans or food lying around. We stopped at a river crossing and the bees preferred Thomas over the water or flowers. We stopped for gas and the bees rushed Thomas. That must have been some sweet cologne or deodorant that Thomas

was wearing! The whole time this bee orgy was going on, Susan's mind was working on a patch for Thomas.

At a Chapter meeting a month or two later, I was called up to the front of the room to receive a custom patch and explain exactly how "hot" my pants had gotten on that ride. I don't remember how hot my pants had been, but my face was hot as I accepted my patch!

At the same time that I was called up to accept my hot pants patch, Thomas was summoned to the front of the room to be presented with a

"Sweet Pants" patch. I don't know which patch Susan was inspired to come up with first. I do remember that Thomas and I did a pretty good job of curbing our enthusiasm.



SEEN THIS SHIRT BEFORE?

The event for this memory occurred at one of the Chapter monthly meetings during the summer of 2019. Director David Stafford and Asst. Director Richard Asher failed to consult each other and wore the same shirt to the meeting. As it turned out, the identical shirt was still for sale at Mancuso Harley-Davidson Crossroads and was hanging on the rack inside the MotorClothes Department.

Immediately before it was my turn to speak at the meeting as Chapter Editor, I ran into the MotorClothes Department, explained the situation

to the department manager, and asked if I could borrow the shirt and wear it into the meeting to play a joke on David and Richard.

As I strolled down the aisle in the identical

black/white plaid shirt, I mentioned how "I had gotten a great deal on this new shirt and they threw in a bowl of soup."

Richard and the Chapter meeting crowd broke up laughing. Skooter Dave, in typical deadpan fashion, threw up the one-finger salute, which I took as the ultimate sign of approval.

These are just a couple of the many great memories I have of the last four years of Houston AREA #1 H.O.G. Chapter.

DAVID CALVERT – EDITOR & DEPUTY BOSS ROAD CAPTAIN

Everybody's Going Somewhere!



Riders are Good for a Helping Hand



I mentioned in an earlier article several reasons for owning a Harley-Davidson motorcycle. Among them were tradition, camaraderie, and image.

So what image does the Harley rider conjure up in most people's minds? For many it is a rough, vulgar, leather-clad renegade. For others it is a dude dressed up in a "motorcycle suit" who rides from bar to bar. In both cases that character is typically a male.

Both views have some validity, but this is not the image people who actually ride Harley-Davidson motorcycles have of their fellow riders. What do we see that others may not see? The first thing is that not all of our riders are men and the second is that we actually ride for the joy of riding and camaraderie.

Harley riders are very quick to volunteer both their time and money to support local charities as well as their fellow riders. I was recently at a local merchant when a couple pulled in as I was getting

ready to leave.
The man was a rider and as usually happens when bikers meet we started talking motorcycles.

When his wife reminded us that they had errands to run, I got ready to leave and



noticed that they were getting ready to remove a large item from the back of their truck. I asked if they needed help with the Item. The man then turned to his wife and commented, "see, that is what Harley riders are like. They will always offer to help."

I would like to think that his comment pretty much sums up the Harley image.

RICK GLASS — MERCHANDISING

Life as a Chapter Officer is Rewarding

Over the past year I have had the privilege of serving as a Houston AREA #1 H.O.G. Chapter Officer. My role as Merchandising Officer has been an enjoyable eye-opener. So what do Chapter Officers actually do?

Our primary duty is service to the Chapter to make Chapter membership enjoyable and stressfree. There is a lot that goes on behind the curtains to make this happen.

Officers actually do more than just show up at the monthly meeting and bend your ears for an hour. Our job at the meeting is to highlight the items we have spent

many hours working on. A few examples include organizing Chapter events, coordinating events with the sponsoring dealership, setting up rides, tending to ride logistics, arranging volunteers for Chapter/dealership events, and letting you know when new Chapter merchandise arrives.

The monthly meetings and eblast are our primary means of communication with Chapter Members. My job is probably one of the easiest but I still find myself spending quite a bit of time at our Mancuso Crossroads working to restock our

Chapter merchandise inventory.

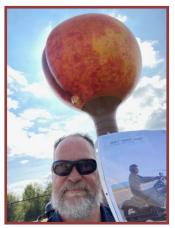
The pandemic threw many wrenches into the works with our supplier which resulted in monthslong delays in being able to order merchandise. The time I spend on Chapter business is much less the many other Officers, often in excess of 10 hours a week for some of them.

Why do we do all of this? Very

simple, we have a desire to see the Chapter be a successful and an enjoyable place for our members to gather and enjoy our shared interest in Harley-Davidson motorcycles.

RICK GLASS — MERCHANDISING

Roadside Attractions are Always Better with an Attractive Road Glide



I have already written several articles about how much I love to travel on my Harley-Davidson 2020 Road Glide Special. For me, an important part of that touring mentality is that arriving at the destination is not the goal, it is about travelling along the way to that destination. What could be a three-hour car ride

can easily be stretched into an eight-hour motorcycle adventure.

That means hours on the road and plenty of stops to allow that to happen because even my iron butt needs to stop every now and then. And if you are going to stop, you might as well make it somewhere interesting along the way.

When I put routes together, I am always looking for an interesting place where we can stop as we go, somewhere to get a great photo with some roadside attraction. Whether that is a cool water tower, a mural, the world's largest pecan, or some roadside item, I am looking for great places to take a photo of my bike and make that roadside attraction even more attractive with the addition of the bike.

On some of the recent trips we have taken, we have stopped for photos at the following locations (and I do get photos with Mistie's trike, too).

◆ Texas' Eiffel Tower in Paris:



 Big Blue Whale on Route 66 in Catoosa, Oklahoma:



 Easter Island statues and Stonehenge at Stonehenge II in Hunt, Texas:



Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Missouri:



Sturgis water tower in Sturgis, Mississippi:



While you are on your travels, stop for interesting photos and let us see where you have been!

STEVE "PHROGG" KOINM — DEPUTY BOSS ROAD CAPTAIN

People Standing Around Looking Good!





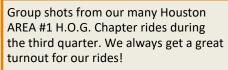


























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