



NEWSLETTER

HOUSTON AREA #1 H.O.G. CHAPTER

SPRING 2026

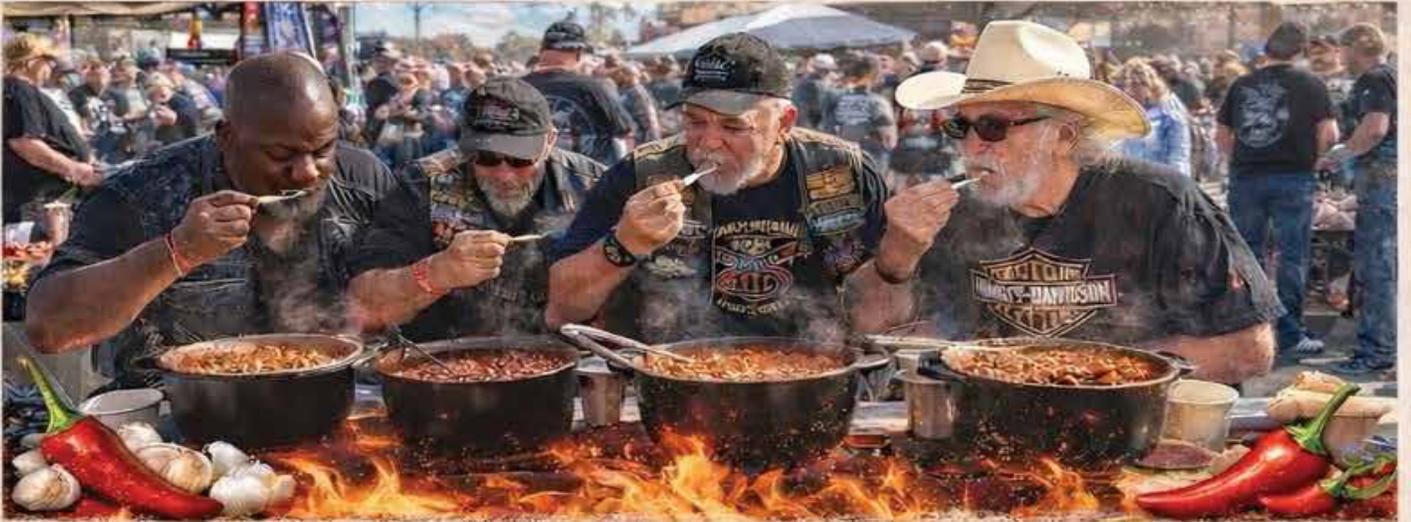


H.O.G. Chapter #5255 Houston AREA #1 is Sponsored by Mancuso Harley-Davidson

MANCUSO CROSSROADS

19th Annual Chili Cook-Off

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH
NOON to 4 PM



Join us for one of our most anticipated events of the year – the 19th Annual Chili Cook-Off at Mancuso Harley-Davidson Crossroads on Saturday, February 28th, from Noon to 4 PM.

Cash Prizes & Fun for the Whole Family!

Calling All Chili Cookers & Vendors

Cook teams and vendors are invited to compete and participate for a \$25 entry fee.

Cash Prizes: 1st - \$300

2nd - \$150

3rd - \$100

For Our Guests (\$5)

- Chili samples
- One token to vote for People's Choice Chili

Event Highlights:

- Award Winning Chili
- Guest Judges
- Free Beer (21+ | Drink Responsibly)
- Bounce house & games for the entire family

Questions?

For cook team or vendor questions, please email:

✉ taylor.Brown@mancusohd.com



MANCUSO HARLEY-DAVIDSON™ CROSSROADS

12710 Crossroads Park Drive | Houston, TX 77065

281-970-9700

www.mancusocrossroads.com

GENERAL MANAGER

Paul Dodenhoff.....paul.dodenhoff@mancuso-hd.com

GENERAL SALES MANAGER

Justin Meyers.....justin.meyers@mancuso-hd.com

SALES MANAGER

Tyler Bogle.....tyler.bogle@mancuso-hd.com

F&I MANAGER

Michael Catter..... michael.catter@mancuso-hd.com

SERVICE MANAGER

Kristen Richards.....kristen.richards@mancuso-hd.com

MOTORCLOTHES MANAGER

Mary Morales..... mary.morales@mancuso-hd.com

CUSTOMER SERVICE/ RIDER EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Keith Rovell.....keith.rovell@mancuso-hd.com

MARKETING MANAGER

Taylor Brown..... taylor.brown@mancuso-hd.com

SALES

Max Baronaske..... maximillian.baronaske@mancuso-hd.com

Sal Cenicacelaya..... saul.cenicacelaya@mancuso-hd.com

Jordan McDavis.....jordan.davis@mancuso-hd.com

Honor Sorrentino..... honor.sorrentino@mancuso-hd.com

Noah Crawford.....noah.crawford@mancuso-hd.com

Mark McCormack..... mark.mccormack@mancuso-hd.com

Alex Cruz.....alejandro.cruztorrens@mancuso-hd.com

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

2 Mancuso Crossroads Events

4 2026 Officers

5 Director's Note

6 Say "Hello" to Our New Officers

7 Director's Challenge 2025

8 2025 Fourth Quarter
Mileage Report

9 2025 Year-End Mileage Report

10 Ride For Kids

11 Volunteering is Important and Fun

11 Save These Dates

12 Revving up for Adventure:
The Upcoming Riding Season with
Houston AREA #1 H.O.G.

13 Meet Our Newest Chapter
Members

14 Sturgis 2025 85th Anniversary
Thanks for the Memories (Part 2)

On The Cover: Waiting is the hardest thing
to do when you just want to ride!

Photo by Lynette Tyson

The Houston AREA #1 H.O.G. newsletter is published quarterly for its members. We encourage all members to send articles and photos to be published.

Please email your articles and high-resolution jpg photos to editorhoustonarea1@gmail.com by the newsletter deadline for the upcoming issue.

The newsletter deadline for:

Summer 2026 Issue is March 30

Fall 2026 Issue is June 26

Winter 2026 Issue is September 28



HOUSTON AREA #1 H.O.G. CHAPTER



John Watson
DIRECTOR



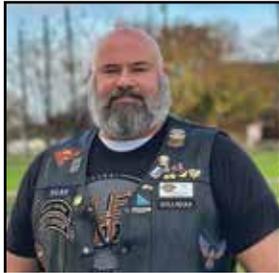
Steve Koinm
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR



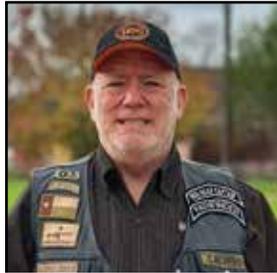
Mike Tyson
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR



Sheri Eagles
SECRETARY



Ted de Vries
TREASURER



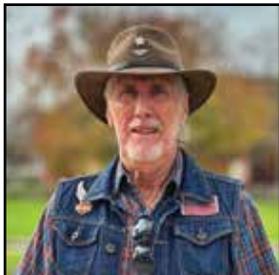
David Calvert
BOSS ROAD CAPTAIN



José Ramirez
DEPUTY BOSS ROAD CAPTAIN



Richard Asher
DEPUTY BOSS ROAD CAPTAIN



Mickey Litherland
SAFETY



Paula Inman
MEMBERSHIP



Justine Wilkerson
ACTIVITIES



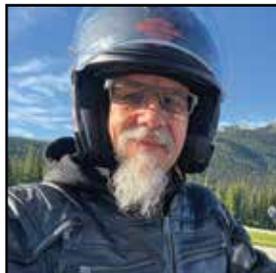
Karla Richardson
VOLUNTEERS



Susan Lingenfelter
LADIES OF HARLEY (L.O.H.)



Melinda Stavinoha
ASSISTANT L.O.H.



Randall Wade
MERCHANDISING



Dennis (Mac) McHenry
SOCIAL MEDIA/
WEBMASTER



Lynette Tyson
PHOTOGRAGHER



Donna Calvert
EDITOR

2026 OFFICERS

Director's Note



Chapter Members' Yearly Points Earn Discount at Mancuso Crossroads

As we enter the new year, I want to remind everyone, especially our newer members, about the discount opportunity Mancuso Crossroads offers to our Chapter members. Every Chapter member who earns 26 points by

December 31, 2026, will receive a 10% discount on Motorclothes and parts purchases made in 2027.

Members receive 1 point for every Chapter meeting they attend, 2 points for every Chapter ride, and 3 points for every two hours of volunteering at Mancuso events. The points add up quickly and most members find it easy to earn 26 points in a year. We had 72 members earn 26+ points in 2025 to qualify for their 10% discount in 2026. Please note, the program is designed so that the points you earn **in the current calendar year** go towards your reward for the **next calendar year**.

Mancuso points are also used in the Chapter's mileage program. Each quarter, we put the names of all eligible members who have reported their mileage in a bucket, then we draw three names for \$50 gift cards. In addition, at the end of the year, we also award cash prizes to the three members with the most miles ridden in that year. To be eligible for the gift card drawings and year-end cash prizes, a member must earn 3 points per quarter (a total of 12 points a year.) That means a member just needs

to attend one Chapter meeting and one Chapter ride a quarter to qualify for the drawings. Even simpler, just volunteer for two hours each quarter which will give you the 3 points that you need.

It is very important that everybody understands, I am the one that determines who is on the list based on a member's participation points the previous year. If you are not on the discount list **DO NOT** address this with the Mancuso employee directly. Please reach out to me and we will work together to resolve the discrepancy.

If you would like to know how many points you earn as the year progresses, email me at director@area1hog.com. If you have any questions about this program, please feel free to email me or simply pull me aside.

*See you on the road,
John Watson, Director,
Houston Area #1 HOG Chapter*

DNA MAVENS
FORENSIC SERVICES

LAW PRACTITIONERS...

DNA Expert Testimony & Case Reviews

These plus other services provided by our Mavens who have over 40 years of combined DNA experience...

"Let us help you!"

Contact Us Today
832-910-8289
info@dnamavens.com
dnamavens.com

FISH

WINDOW CLEANING®

BRIGHTEN YOUR WORLD

Commercial & Residential

Call for a **FREE** On-Site Estimate!
(281) 550-9444
www.fishwindowcleaning.com/2843

Say “Hello” To Our New Officers

Melinda Stavinoha



Hi everyone! I'm excited to introduce myself as a new Officer of the Chapter and to be serving as your Assistant Ladies of Harley to Susan Lingenfelter.

I have been riding with Mickey Litherland as a passenger for over four years now and truly love the Harley lifestyle and the amazing friendships. I really enjoy the travel and seeing new places with the

wind in your hair — it's such a great experience!

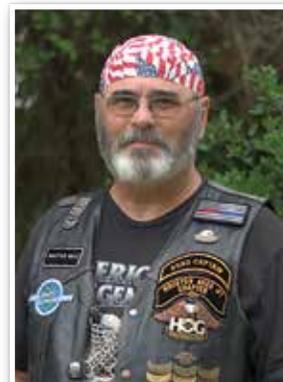
Being part of the Chapter means a lot to me and I thought it was time I got more involved. I'm honored to support the Ladies of Harley to create a welcoming, fun, and connected community.

In my downtime I love spending time with family and friends and also reading, quilting, and woodwork. I enjoy creating new things and find it very relaxing and meaningful and at the same time sharing them with others.

I'm looking forward to getting to know every one even better, supporting our LOH, and riding alongside all of you on many great adventures ahead. I'm grateful to be here and proud to be part of such an incredible Chapter.

*Melinda Stavinoha,
Assistant Ladies of Harley*

Dennis (Mac) McHenry



Howdy, I'm Dennis “Master Mac” McHenry, the new Houston AREA #1 H.O.G. Chapter Webmaster and Social Media Officer. I've been riding cruisers for 31 years and a member of H.O.G. for 11. I joined the Houston AREA #1 Chapter in January 2024 and am a Road Captain. I have held leadership positions in several other riding clubs in the past and hope that my

experience will help with our club.

Personally, I'm a native Texan, born in Beaumont and raised in Deer Park, having lived in the Houston area all my life. I attended San Jacinto College and the University of Houston studying Chemical Engineering and Computer Science. I've been married to my wife Laura (*Precious Cargo*) for 42 years; have two girls and three grandchildren. I've held various positions in IT for 44 years prior to my retirement, most notably in Network Engineering and Project Management. I have worked for the IT majors EDS, HP, and IBM.

My road name “Master Mac” comes from being heavily involved in martial arts for the past 50 years. My primary arts were TangSooDo/TaeKwonDo (Korean Karate), HaiDong GumDo (Korean Swordsmanship), and HapKiDo, among several others. I've slowed down due to some back and hip issues, but continue to take it easy now doing Tai Chi Chuan.

I look forward to helping this chapter continue to be an enjoyable riding and social experience.

*Dennis (Mac) McHenry,
Webmaster/Social Media and Road Captain*

ALL THINGS PRINTED

Full-Service Printing **4** Less

Flyers - Brochures - Signage - Business Cards
Envelopes - Pocket Folders - Note Pads
Catalogs - Post Cards - Banners - Newsletters
Booklets & Much More

☎ 281-989-6445
✉ Asnj3@aol.com

To learn more about Houston AREA #1 scan, like, and follow the links below!



Website



Facebook

Director's Challenge 2025



Our first Director's Challenge is in the books! John, Steve, and I would like to thank everyone who participated, especially the 20 people who completed the challenge and received their coins.



Congratulations to Paula Inman, Daniel Protz, Jo Protz, Kathleen Plumley, Paul Kent, Earl Hamilton, Sheri Eagles, Danny Buck, Kurt Demenge, José Ramirez, Bill Cline, Karla Garrett, Mistie Koinm, Steve Koinm, Ted de Vries, Rachael de Vries, Kristen Richards, Dusty Richards, Lynette Tyson, and Mike Tyson.

We look forward to more people completing the challenge for 2026. Steve has some great destinations picked out. Besides earning miles for the chapter, we hope that this experience helps build camaraderie and create some great memories on two wheels.

We want to see our Chapter rack up the miles to compete with our fellow H.O.G. chapters in the region and nationally. But most of all, we want you to have fun doing it! John, Steve, and I want to see every one of our members out riding and enjoying their bikes, knocking out miles and seeing cool things along the way.

Details for the 2026 challenge can be found on the Houston AREA #1 H.O.G. Chapter website (www.area1hog.com) under the Ride Challenges section.

If you have any questions, please see me, and I will be happy to talk with you about the challenge.

Now get on those HOGS and ride!

*Mike Tyson,
Assistant Director/Road Captain*

Houston AREA #1 H.O.G. Director's Challenge 2026

- Obtain a clear picture of you holding the Director's Picture from the guide found on our website in front of all six challenge locations by December 15, 2026.
- Turn in your mileage at Mancuso Crossroads for HOG Ride 365 at least once each quarter.



A custom 2026 Chapter Challenge Coin will be presented to those who complete all the requirements of the challenge at the January 2027 Chapter Meeting.

Photo submissions should be sent to asstdirector1@Area1HOG.com.

HOUSTON AREA #1 H.O.G. CHAPTER 2025 FOURTH QUARTER MILEAGE REPORT



Encouraging Chapter Members To Ride A Lot!

Members Reporting Mileage This Quarter 62

Total Miles Ridden For The Quarter 158,242

Ken Baird..... 3852	Earl Hamilton..... 2602	Peter Pesola1893
Daniel Barrios.....156	Stephen Haworth 4269	David Plachy..... 533
Ronald Bernier1109	Timothy Hill1243	Steve Plumley..... 1008
Steve Bosser..... 703	Kristie Hill.....1243	Kathleen Plumley 995
Matthew Britt..... 1613	Douglas Huber1256	Jo Protz 5909
Daniel Buck2158	Paula Inman 4300	Daniel Protz.....6768
Jeremy Cale 2358	Hal Jarrell 3115	José Ramirez2974
Cynthia Cale 945	Paul Kent7195	Johnny Rodriquez1654
Maynard Chance 2792	Karl Kincheon.....5561	James Shinabarger.....1250
William Cline 6385	Mistie Koinm 3545	Laurel Sorensen 240
Doug Coffey..... 680	Steve Koinm 7118	Michael Tyson.....2376
Larry Daze1681	Dirk Kretschman716	Lynette Tyson 2550
Kurt Demenge.....5612	Richard Lackey 4088	Randall Wade4810
Ted de Vries 1819	Joseph Lewis..... 962	John Watson667
Rachael de Vries.....1153	Mickey Litherland..... 4254	Tina Watson 495
Karen Dixon1969	Dennis McHenry..... 3659	Cindy Wertz 830
Shari Eagles.....1910	Janice Miller1827	Craig Wertz 1042
Tim Foxworthy 3664	Wayne Miller 3071	Justine Wilkerson.....4510
Timothy Fritch.....1778	Dewayne Milligan.....841	Summer Willow Wilkerson.... 3037
Karla Garrett 3453	Robert Osterhage 6333	Kyle Zapf 395
Richard Glass..... 96	Michael Peled.....1222	

HOUSTON AREA #1 H.O.G. CHAPTER 2025 YEAR-END MILEAGE REPORT

Members reporting mileage in 2025 76

Total miles reported in 2025 657,334

These riders have earned bragging rights as the Highest Mileage Riders for 2025!



PAUL KENT
33,514 miles



DANIEL PROTZ
33,460 miles



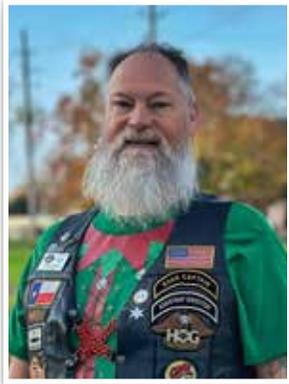
STEVE KOINM
31,778 miles

Jo Protz.....	26,959	Mickey Litherland	8249	Maynard Chance.....	3274
Mistie Koinm.....	25,175	Karla Garrett.....	7308	Tina Watson	2823
Karl Kincheon	24,866	Michael Peled	7175	Jean Luc Poupard	2625
Randall Wade.....	22,183	Randy McCorkhill	7167	Conroy Whitely.....	2350
Jeremy Cale	21,046	Douglas Huber.....	6919	Dewayne Milligan	2155
Lynette Tyson.....	19,742	Larry Daze.....	6522	Ronald Bernier	1932
Michael Tyson	19,035	Joseph Lewis	6413	Steve Plumley	1894
Ken Baird	18,655	Richard Lackey.....	6354	Peter Pesola.....	1893
Paula Inman.....	16,871	Wayne Miller.....	6040	Alex Cruz.....	1888
Daniel Buck	15,783	Cynthia Cale.....	5708	Timothy Hill.....	1831
Justine Wilkerson	15,346	Karen Dixon	5483	Kristie Hill	1831
Dennis McHenry	15,183	Phuong Mai.....	5319	Kyle Zapf.....	1767
Shari Eagles	15,058	Steve Bosser	5299	Laurel Sorensen	1564
William Cline	14,572	John Watson	5216	Sakine Toptas.....	1442
Stephen Haworth	12,752	Hal Jarrell.....	4726	Dirk Kretschman.....	1421
Summer Willow Wilkerson	11,991	Kathleen Plumley.....	4630	Matt Gallien	1344
José Ramirez.....	11,771	Tim Foxworthy.....	4468	James Shinabarger	1250
Johnny Rodriguez.....	11,368	Janice Miller.....	4415	James Dollar	1050
Matthew Britt	10,764	Rachael de Vries	4009	Cindy Wertz.....	830
David Plachy	10,693	Doug Coffey	4006	Jim Homminga.....	765
Earl Hamilton	10,687	Timothy Fritch.....	3996	Susan Lingenfelter.....	454
Robert Osterhage	10,298	Jamie Jackson.....	3724	Mark Perry	299
Kurt Demenge	9343	Daniel Barrios	3598	Richard Glass	256
Craig Wertz.....	8924	William Yargo.....	3580		
Ted de Vries	8908	Leanne Yargo.....	3347		



**Pediatric
Brain Tumor**
FOUNDATION

**Ride
for Kids**



You may have heard the term RFK ride thrown around at a Houston AREA #1 Chapter meeting or event. I just wanted to clarify what RFK is and why we spend the year fundraising for them. RFK is short for Ride for Kids. This is an annual motorcycle ride that is done nationwide to help raise funds for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. This is our chosen

charity for Houston AREA #1. Events like the Fun Run and different raffles are all done to help build up our donation that we provide at the annual ride.

But why this charity? I can only provide you with my own personal experiences here. My childhood friend (from 5th grade) and I eventually went off to college together as roommates. When we graduated and got married, he had a beautiful daughter named Lyra. But a few years later, she developed a pediatric brain tumor. Can you imagine being a young parent and hearing those words from the doctor that your child has a brain tumor? No parent should hear that; no child should go through that. Lyra lived a full life until the age of 12 when her fight ended. At that point, I also lost my friend Jeff into a dark hole for the next 10+ years before another common friend coaxed him back out and into the light.

About this same time a friend from church had her daughter come to her complaining about her head hurting. When her mom looks at her, she sees that her daughter's eyeball looks like it's about to pop out of its socket. At four years old, that family got to hear the same words — their child has a brain tumor.

Shortly thereafter I joined up with Houston AREA #1 and we are doing work for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation and Ride for Kids. Janet and Ronnie Lunsford were leading the charge throughout the motorcycle community in Houston and calling all bikers to action. Through them I met 4-year-old Nova Baker and her mom Bobbie. When Jeff and Lyra were going through their struggle, I was states away and did not get to see what was happening or talk to the family about the struggle. With Nova, it was very different. She came to Chapter meetings;

her mom spoke to us about what happened. I got to hear and see the pain that the family felt. At the same time there was hope, genuine hope from them because they had connected with RFK and the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. The work that was being done was making a real difference in their lives.

Going to my first RFK ride I was able to see and meet some of the other Stars. These kids that been through this cancer and come out the other side thanks to the research that was being done. The Stars, their families, and the doctors had hope and GAVE hope thanks to the kindness, compassion, and giving of others. Though we lost our “Super Nova” on July 30, 2024 at the age of 9 years old, she lived life and fought until the end. After her death she was able to donate her brain tissue for research to help understand the cancer and make sure that no other kids had to deal with this.

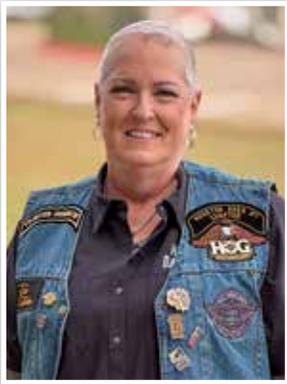
This is why we participate in the Ride for Kids every year. To continue to give these kids and families hope, to keep searching for cures, and to let them know they are loved. Ride for Kids Houston will be on **May 17, 2026**. We will gather up for breakfast and ride out to the event as we have in the past to line up and lead this ride. But in the meantime, we will be doing a lot of fundraising between the beginning of the year and the ride. The basic \$40 entrance fee for the ride is appreciated but we need to do more than that. We will be looking for ways for you to participate, for you to involve your friends, and for ways to get matching funds from your employers.

It is all in fun, but the team that does the most fundraising each year gets to lead the ride. That has been Houston AREA #1 H.O.G. for many years and we plan to continue that tradition! The Slingshots have been pushing us in the past several years and they have a national event scheduled right before the ride. Because we did not have the ride last September, as it moved to May, the Slingshots had the opportunity to hold their big event *twice* before this ride meaning we have a bigger hill to climb than usual.

Personally, I want to thank all the folks in this Chapter for all the support they have given RFK over the years. I look forward to continuing that tradition until the cures are found and none of these kids and their families have to go through this again.

*Steve Koinm,
Assistant Director/Road Captain*

Volunteering is Important and Fun!



As Volunteer Coordinator for the Houston AREA #1 H.O.G. Chapter, I would like to explain why volunteering is an important part of this organization and how you can become Volunteer of the Year.

- We participate in several events that rely on the participation of volunteers. These events could not be successful without our volunteers.
- It is a good way to meet other H.O.G. members and the employees of the Mancuso Harley-Davidson Crossroads dealership.
- For every 2 hours that you volunteer, you earn 3 points. If you earn 26 points by the end of year, you will receive a 10% discount at the dealership to use the following year.
- You can volunteer for as many events and shifts available at each event.
- If you are a new temporary member working towards a permanent member, one of the boxes on your member card is to volunteer at one of our events.
- The more you volunteer and earn points is the way to earn the Volunteer of the Year award.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding volunteering please don't hesitate to contact me. My email address is blakkbetty25@gmail.com

I hope to see you all volunteering at upcoming events in 2026!

*Karla Garrett,
Volunteer Coordinator*



Save These Dates!

HERE IS WHAT'S COMING UP AT HOUSTON AREA #1:

- February 7 Chapter Meeting
- February 28 Chili Cookoff
- March 7 Chapter Meeting
- March 20-21 Demo Days
- March 27-29 Victoria/Goliad Weekend Trip
- April 4 Chapter Meeting
- April 18 Dam Long Ride
- April 25 Crossroads BBQ Cookoff
- May 2 Chapter Meeting
- May 9 Painted Churches Ride
- May 16 Ride For Kids
- May 23-25 Mineral Wells Weekend Trip

Come Ride with Us!

NATALITA'S
MEXICAN RESTAURANT

\$5 OFF \$20 or More Purchase

Limit one coupon per table. Dine-in only.
Alcohol not included. OFFER EXPIRES 04.30.2026

**17470 Northwest Fwy.
Houston TX 77040**

713.937.6559 • Fax 713.896.4863

OPEN: M-TH 11AM-9:30PM, F-SAT 11AM-10PM, SUN 11AM-9PM

Revving Up for Adventure: The Upcoming Riding Season with Houston AREA #1 H.O.G.



Excitement, Camaraderie, and Road Trips Await in 2026

It's a new year, which means members of the Houston AREA #1 Harley Owners Group (H.O.G.) Chapter are eagerly anticipating another thrilling riding season. Each year, the Chapter plans a variety of rides, events, and social gatherings that bring together Chapter members.

We opened 2026 with our annual Polar Bear Ride to the Blue Iguana in Magnolia. The restaurant was only 9 miles away from the starting point, but in true AREA #1 tradition we planned a route that was 80 miles long. We had 45 bikes and 50 people show up for this ride, one of our biggest turnouts in Chapter history. Members also had a chance to order a commemorative patch to display on their vests or jackets.

Also in January, we also completed rides to Magnolia, Bellville, and Marquez, averaging 23 riders per trip, riding many new roads and visiting restaurants and towns we had not previously visited.

Our AREA #1 Chapter is committed to organizing one group ride for every weekend. These rides vary in length and destination and are intended for all riders, new and existing, to reconnect, meet fellow riders, and share stories from past adventures. The rides usually conclude at a regional restaurant where we share a meal and start or strengthen relationships with other Chapter members.

Some of the rides you can look forward to over the next four months include:

- **February** – Fire Ant Brewery in Tomball, Feed Barn in Bryan, Kenney Store;
- **March** – Cochran Store and Bever's Kitchen in Chappell Hill;
- **April** – Yankee's Tavern in Carlos, Burton Steakhouse, Dam Long Ride throughout east Texas and the National Forests in the area;
- **May** – Painted Churches ride in South Central Texas;

This is just a partial list of the rides and events we have scheduled for the first half of 2026, and as you can tell, our rides vary in distance, location, and Texas geographical region.

We will conduct a ride planning meeting on March 18 to plan the Chapter rides for the remainder of 2026. If you have a location or ride theme that you'd like to see us plan, we'd be happy to hear from you. Forward your ideas to Boss RC David Calvert or Deputy Boss RCs José Ramirez or Richard Asher.





Beyond the regular rides, the Chapter is planning several special events. A mini-rally is in the planning stages for the weekend of March 28-29. We are planning to join the Corpus Christi, McAllen, Greune, and Victoria H.O.G. Chapters in Victoria for the weekend. We'll ride out to Goliad and visit the Presidio La Bahia, the site of the Fannin Massacre during the Texas Revolution, and watch a historical recreation of the battle.

We will also visit the Mission Espiritu Santo, and we look forward to visiting some of the Victoria-area restaurants. One of the venues we are eager to return to is Victoria's Pump House Restaurant and Bar. Their food is awesome!

Other special trips in the planning stages include a trip to Mineral Wells over the Memorial Day Weekend and a group outing to Lake Conroe for the Labor Day Weekend. If you have an idea for a great getaway ride, please let us know...we'd love to explore the possibilities of a new adventure.

Interested in joining the fun? You are welcome to join us on one of our weekly rides, meet the group, and learn more about us. All Harley-Davidson owners are eligible at no cost, and we value the experiences and qualities that each member brings.

Prospective members are always welcome! You can attend one of our Chapter meetings the first Saturday of each month. Meetings are held at Mancuso Crossroads Harley-Davidson and begin at 9:30 a.m. (October through May) or 10:30 a.m. (June through September).

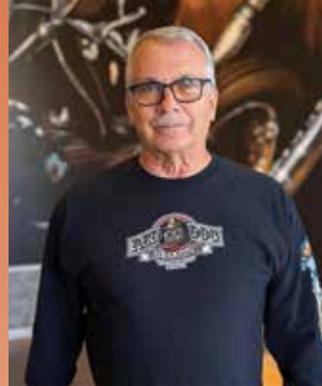
If you are interested in viewing our riding calendar, go to <https://www.area1hog.com/calendar>. Click the "Calendar" tab at the top of the page to display the current month's rides and events.

With a packed calendar and a community of enthusiastic riders, the upcoming season promises excitement, adventure, and plenty of memories. Whether you're looking to explore new roads, improve your riding skills, or simply enjoy the company of fellow Harley fans, our H.O.G. Chapter is ready to hit the road and make this season unforgettable. Stay tuned for updates, mark your calendars, and get ready to ride!

*David Calvert,
Boss Road Captain*

MEET OUR NEWEST CHAPTER MEMBERS

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.



MARC JONES



JULIE KEYSER



HONOR SORRENTINO



ANTOINETTE &
THOMAS CHORBA

*Welcome to the Family,
We're Happy You
are Here!*



Sturgis 2025 85th Anniversary

“THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES!”

Submitted by Chapter Member, Johnny Rodriguez

PART 2 OF AN EPIC STORY!



Day 9, 7/30 Wednesday

We got up and left around 8 a.m. We rode Iron Mountain Road (U.S. Route 16A), a 17-mile scenic byway in the Black Hills of South Dakota that connects Custer State Park to Mount Rushmore. Built in the 1930s, this unique road features 314 curves,

14 switchbacks, three one-lane tunnels designed to frame views of Mount Rushmore, along with distinctive “pigtail” bridges that loop over themselves. This road features many beautiful views!

Next, we took the Custer State Park Wildlife Scenic route. We spotted bison, white-tailed deer, pronghorn deer, mule deer, prairie dogs, and stunning rock formations.

From there, we rode the Needles Highway, a scenic 14-mile road within Custer State Park, known for its “needle-like” granite spires and tunnels. The highway features stunning mountain and forest scenery. Words and pictures don’t do it justice -- it’s an in-person must see!

After leaving Needles Highway, we headed to the The Crazy Horse Memorial monument, under construction in the Black Hills of South Dakota. This massive rock sculpture depicts the Oglala Lakota warrior Crazy Horse on his horse, pointing to his tribal lands. Sculptor Korczak Ziolkowski began the privately-funded project in 1948. The memorial aims to honor Native American cultures, traditions, and living heritage. After a full day of riding, we decided to call it an early night and went to have supper at a nearby restaurant, the Powder House Lodge. This was our daily eating venue since it was five minutes from our cabin – and I recommend it. It featured great food, great service, and great prices! After dinner we headed back to the cabin to rest, have a few beers, talk, and plan our next day.

Day 10, 7/31 Thursday We got up early about 7 a.m., but it was raining so we had to wait for it to stop. We didn’t feel it would be a good idea to get out in rain on these curvy roads. The rain finally stopped around 8 a.m. so we headed back to Powder House Lodge for their breakfast. Wow, they offered huge servings! All I ordered was pancakes and sausage, but I couldn’t finish my pancakes, they were huge!

By the time we finished breakfast, the roads were dry and the skies were clear. We took off at about 9:30 a.m. and headed to Devils Tower National Monument in Wyoming. It is America’s first

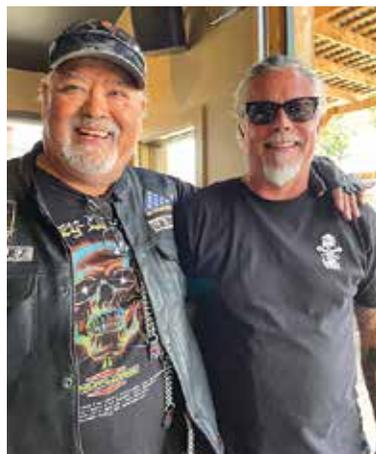
National Monument: a sacred landmark to Native American tribes, and a unique geological formation of igneous rock rising 867 feet above the prairie. Known by Native American tribes as Bear Lodge, the tower’s official name was a mistranslation from the 1870s. These were all interesting facts I learned. After riding all day, we headed back to Powder House Lodge. I had a big ribeye steak. Paul had the Bison ribs. The steak and ribs were great! We retired early again so we could head out to Sturgis the next morning.

Day 11, 8/1 Friday We got up early, but it was very foggy. We waited a while, then decided to head out to Sturgis. It was still foggy and we even got a few rain drops,

but nothing to worry about. We got to Sturgis and rode down Main Street. It was crazy how many bikes were parked



there! We headed to Full Throttle Saloon. I didn’t know it wasn’t in town, so we had to ride out about 10 miles to get there. WOW, what a huge place! We walked in, sat at a bar and I ordered a few beers. I heard people complaining about prices. Paul and I didn’t eat at Sturgis, all our meals were away from there and very reasonable. Even the beer was reasonable – \$7 per beer at Full Throttle wasn’t bad! After a couple of hours, we left and headed back to Sturgis and stopped and got a couple of T-shirts. After getting our shirts, we were heading back to our cabin. I saw Gas Monkey Sturgis Garage, so we pulled in. The parking lot was full, but we found two spots



right in front! We went in and had a few beers – again, \$7 beers – not bad. While we’re sitting there, after a few drinks, Paul leaves to use the bio facilities. I’m sitting there people-watching, and Richard Rawlings, the owner of the Gas Monkey Garage, walks up. I yell at him, and he comes over and we take a picture together. I told him, “You’re taller than you look on TV!” He says, “Right!”

Anyway, I thought that was pretty cool to meet him. After a while, we decide to head back to our cabin to pack for an early start back home.

Day 12, 8/2 Saturday We get up and leave around 7:30 a.m., headed south. We wore our hoodies cause it was in the mid 40's when we left. We wore them until we crossed back into Colorado. We stopped once for lunch – all of our other stops were for fuel and drinks. As we got closer to Lamar, Colorado, where we were going to spend the night, it got cloudy and cool with dark clouds in front of us. As we took off after our last fuel stop, I asked God to please keep us dry. I kept talking to Him, and at one point, when our road was heading right at the storms, I asked Him again to please keep us dry. Some may not believe, but I believe that prayers are very powerful! Right after I asked Him to please keep us dry for the second time, the storm clouds in front of us parted and we rode right through them. As soon as we passed through them, I looked back in my mirror and the clouds closed back together! I motioned for Paul to look back and we both pointed up to God! He was with us! We made it to Lamar dry. I had been asking for Him to keep us dry. We checked in to the same motel we had stayed at on our way up. The lady remembered us and made the comment that she was glad I had my bike fixed! After checking in, we had to ride to get something for supper. Once again, the clouds were dark and it was windy and looked like it was about to pour down,. Once again, I asked Him to keep us dry until we got something to eat. We went and ate, and as we walked out, it got very windy and a few raindrops were falling. I asked Him to wait till we got back to our room. As soon as we got into our room, it started pouring and rained all night! So yes, I believe in prayers. What a Great God we serve!

Day 13, 8/3 Sunday We got up early and left around 8:30 a.m., heading south, stopping only for fuel and drinks. We made it to Amarillo and stopped at the Big Tex restaurant. Paul had never been there so we had already talked about stopping there on our way back. I had a big ribeye steak and Paul had a chicken-fried steak.

We left Amarillo and headed to Denton. We only stopped for fuel and drinks. We made it to Denton around 9 p.m. Paul went to his house and I headed to my friend Dusty's house in Hickory Creek. I pulled in at 9:30 p.m. and unloaded my bike. I was spending the week with Dusty so I could see the Old Buzzards.

SIXTH PROBLEM

I had another problem with my bike. When I rode in to Dusty's garage, I was having trouble down shifting. I thought nothing of it. We got up Monday morning to go to American Eagle Harley-Davidson in Corinth to meet some friends. As I pulled out, Dusty saw oil under my bike! I was not happy, so I took it to American Eagle for them to check. They told me that I had very little oil in my engine and my primary was overfilled. They couldn't look into it unless they tore my engine open, and it might take up to two weeks to find and fix the issue. There might also be additional down time waiting for parts! They filled all three holes with fluids and told me to bring it back Saturday and they would check it again. I took it back Saturday, still full of oil, but I was having trouble shifting. Here's where three more *angels* helped me.



Steve and Mistie Koinm told me they'd drive up to Denton with a trailer that *Tim Fritch* let us borrow to get me home.

Day 14, 8/10 Sunday Dusty and I met Wayne Kule for breakfast at Old West. We visited and then headed back to Dusty's house to wait for Steve and Mistie. They arrived around 1 p.m. We loaded Miss Money Pit on the trailer, strapped her down, and took off for home in Hockley.

We got back to my house around 6 p.m. We unloaded my bike and I rode it into my garage and waited for Mancuso to pick it up on Tuesday 8/12. I was supposed to get it back by 9/3.

This was an absolutely memorable first trip to Sturgis. We had a great time, even with all my breakdowns. I still put over 3,200 miles on my bike riding through Texas, Colorado, Nebraska, Wyoming, South Dakota, and Oklahoma. I also carried my best friend's ashes with me and at every stop we made, I left some of David's ashes at each place we had talked about going to. David's son, Justin, gave me a small urn with David's ashes so he will always ride with me. It was also a great honor to be asked to do this for David's family. Like I said earlier, God put *angels* in my life during this trip. He also made sure we were protected every time I broke down. On my breakdown in Cheyenne, WY, we were headed into a huge storm; on my breakdown in Campo, CO, He got me to that shop; on my breakdown in Lamar, CO, He sent angels (Jeff, Kara, Mark, Brandon) to help me; on my breakdown in Torrington, WY, He sent another angel (Mark) to help me. When I needed help to get Miss Money Pit home to Hockley, He sent more angels (Steve, Mistie, and Tim) to help me. So yes, I believe that prayers are powerful! This trip sealed that for me!

I know this is a long wrap-up and some may roll their eyes, but for me, it was a great trip with two of my best friends, Paul Manuel and David Bristol, by my side!

Until next year, Sturgis!

David, even though you weren't there physically, you were in my heart and I left some of you at our designated areas we talked about visiting together! Love and miss you brother!

Thank you to those that followed my epic trip,

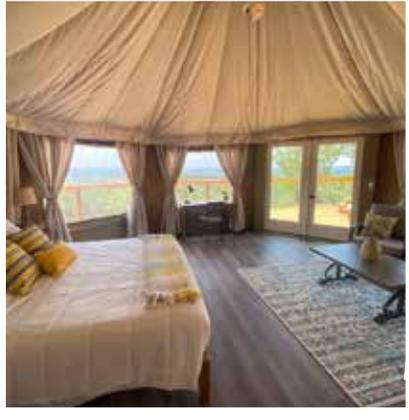
Much love going y'all's way!

*Thanks be to God,
Johnny Rodriguez, David Bristol, Paul Manuel and Miss Money Pit,
and all my Angels that were sent to help me!*

ON THE ROCKS Glamping Resort

Marble Falls, Texas

FOLLOW US ON: 



ROMANTIC WEEKEND GETAWAY

Relax and unwind in the Texas
Hill country.

Special Features:

- Outdoor soaking tub
- Private deck-breathtaking views
- King size bed
- Kitchenette
- Sitting area and desk

Book Now www.glampingontherocks.com



SCAN FOR
MY INFORMATION



HERE FOR ALL YOUR REAL ESTATE NEEDS
SUZANNE BAZEMORE | REALTOR® ASSOCIATE
281.814.9439

**Better
Homes
and Gardens.**
REAL ESTATE

**GARY
GREENE**