

CALIENTE HOG #2013

Calientegram – 02Sep18

Had a great ride go out earlier today. I think the final tally was 11 bikes and 14 folks but I may be off by one or two. I do know we had 4 guests ride with us. Breakfast was awesome and the motorcycle museum seems to have been a crowd pleaser. Jack and Dave did a great job getting everyone back and forth. Kudos gentlemen.

CALENDAR

Sep 4 – Officer Meeting – 6:00 pm – Caliente Training Room

Sep 8 - Chapter Social 10:30 am – Caliente Dealership

- **Road Captain Meeting** - 8:30 am – Caliente Training Room
- **New Member Orientation** - 9:30 am - Caliente Training Room – a short ride will take place right after orientation with LRC - Lynda Deyo, our Assistant Director, for those new members wanting to get a trial run on what they talked about during orientation and what to expect in riding with a group. (weather and/or construction permitting)
- **Fundraiser** – Caliente Dealership - 11:00 am – 4:00 pm – Volunteers needed to help with our Chapter fundraiser.

Sep 15 - Chapter Ride - KSU 08:00 LRC: F1 SRC: Lynda. Ride is going out to the TX Dragon (Lake Travis area). Lunch will be whatever (quasi fresh) road kill F1 sees or a restaurant that he will settle on should small animal sushi not be available.

Sep 22 – Joint activity with the USAF Pararescue (PJ) Rodeo/Reunion. Ride scheduled to Shiner TX. KSU: 09:00 LRC: F2. We should be able to tour the brewery and spend a few minutes in their gift shop. We will hit Gonzales on the way back for lunch and gas.

UPCOMING RALLIES AND EVENTS:

Sep 26-29 – BBB Motorcycle Rally – Fayetteville Arkansas – Open Event - Of note, this Rally is relatively close by and like the Lone Star Rally, it is free admission. Well worth a long weekend.

Oct 5-8 – Big Bend Trip KSU: TBD LRC: F1 SRC: Lynda

Oct 13 – Chapter Social 09:00 – Caliente Dealership (We are starting 90 minutes early due to Demo Days). More information will be coming.

Oct 13-14 - Demo Days

DON'T FORGET: Volunteering, attending meetings (Social, RC meetings & Officers meetings), participating on chapter rides, will get you tickets for chances to get great prizes at the HOG Christmas Party.

Group Riding reminders/tips – In group riding, it is important to keep your position within the formation. The intent is to safely enjoy the ride. Nothing enjoyable about folks who are too close to each other as all it takes is a moment of distraction, a small animal and your day is ruined as your avenue of escape (i.e. maneuvering room) will not register in time for you to take the correct action. If you are so close that you are white knuckling the grips and area concentrating so hard to keep your position, you won't be able to enjoy the ride. Ok, you are a great rider but it may not be appreciated by the other riders if you seem to be 6-12 inches behind their rear wheel. Conversely, if you lolly-gag too far back, cars start getting goofy as they see an opening for them to change lanes into. Or, in this day of modern technology, you are so far back that the traffic light reads that no one is there and so it starts

the cycle of lights. You will make it through but all your fellow riders behind you get stuck at the red light and the formation is now split in two. Proper positioning makes it safer for all riders and makes for a great ride. Along these lines, it also shows a level of respect for others on the road. The Road Captains brief this at every safety brief by talking about a several second interval and riding in at staggered formation. By staying aware of your positioning, you also limit the extensive “slinky effect” that those in the middle and rear of the formation have to endure as the offender speeds up and then not paying attention, falls back thus repeating this cycle throughout the ride.

As you know, one of our Chapter members hit the pavement a few days back. He has a plate that was placed into his wrist, a few screws and some gorilla tape wrapped around everything to keep everything tight and ready to go. Airport TSA folks don’t like him now... Ok, maybe no tape but the procedure seems to have gone well. Of course he “torqued” every muscle and joint in his body and thus is pretty sore as one might imagine. As you also know, we have a couple of Chapter members who fighting cancer and they seem to be holding their own and are fighting back. Keep kicking it – all of you! Lastly, Eva lost her mom last week. There will be a celebration of life to honor this great lady in the near future and when I get further details, I will pass it on. I ask that you keep all these folks in your thoughts.

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