

CALIENTE HOG #2013

Calientegram – 04Nov18

For those who missed it, the Lone Star Rally did not disappoint. Weather was outstanding and we had a pretty decent turnout coming out of the Chapter. Not sure what we will do for next year however I will state to all that staying 20 miles away was absolutely a non-issue. Great hotels, reasonable prices, and then only a hop, skip and a jump to Galveston. Am thinking the dates will be almost the same for 2019 but we will see. Even coming home was nice and relaxing. Got sprinkled on early in the ride but from there, clear sailing. F1's group got a late start to Galveston as Lynda's bike had some gremlins but they made it down without any other major snafus. Tony Williams did an excellent job leading my group down and back for the folks I had the pleasure to ride with this weekend.

If any of you want to take another step forward and be a part of the leadership of the Chapter, contact me at Director@calientehog.com . I would like to have some feedback sometime in the next few weeks on what some of you might want to do. I have had some decent input and am just about ready to go final with everything. However, shoot me a note if you get the itch. Last time I will put this out for this year.

Officer meeting Monday, 05Nov18.

RIDE CALENDAR

11 Nov – We will be going to Brooks City-Base to attend the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War 1 where they will be unveiling a monument. It will be held at Hanger 9 from 9:30 – 10:30. Following the ride we will cruise over to 54th St Bar & Grill who will be having free entrees up to \$12 for veterans with proof of service. Nothing like a causal, in-town easy ride on a Sunday combined with a chance to honor and remember those who fought for us to make your day. KSU will be 8:30 am as we want to make sure we get a seat. F1 has the lead on this ride with Towne being his sweep. Both of these guys are retired military veterans and we are honored to have them lead the way.

24 Nov – Details coming

02 Dec – Details coming

15 Dec – Details coming

EVENTS:

10 Nov - Chapter Social 10:30 am – Caliente Dealership – The preordered nametags are in.

- **Road Captain Meeting** - 8:30 am – Caliente Training Room
- **New Member Orientation** - 9:30 am - Caliente Training Room – Lynda will try to conduct a short ride for those attending the orientations to reinforce the topics discussed during the orientation - weather permitting.
- **Fundraiser** – Caliente Dealership - 11:00 am – 4:00 pm – Volunteers needed to help with our Chapter fundraiser

17 Nov – Annual Chapter Pre-Thanksgiving Pot Luck. Details and sign-up sheet(s) at the Nov Social. I need some help here to make this happen.

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8 Dec –Christmas Party! Leon Valley. Details and Tickets will be available at the upcoming Chapter Socials. I believe we are looking at \$20 per person. This is an adult function. If you are a single member of our Chapter, you can bring an adult guest. Diane, our Membership Officer, is the POC. Her email is membership@calientehog.com if you have any questions. In a few weeks, we will be looking to ID some folks (volunteers) who will help set up the site the morning of with decorations. We are normally in and out within an hour or so to do the set up.

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 – When riding in a group, it is pretty important to keep up (pace) with the person ahead of you. Yes, I, along with the other Road Captains brief to “ride your own ride” but not to the point where one falls back far enough to create a separate group. The big issues are numerous. We share the road with our unlucky misguided brothers and sisters who are doomed to ride with 4 (or more) wheels. They will make goofy moves to suddenly pass, pull out, or change lanes in front of someone (because they are impatient or frustrated) and now we have a vehicle in the middle of our formation. On top of that, we at times end up leaving folks cut off at a red light because we take too long to get through an intersection mainly because we are too strung out. On the highways with little to no traffic, by all means stretch it out a tad and relax, but there are times one needs to close it up a bit to keep the group intact. This is a general observation brought out to me by members left stranded at intersections and by comments coming from my Road Captains. Safety is key and will never be compromised but a little road situational awareness goes a long way.

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