

CALIENTE HOG #2013

Calientegram - 20October19

CALIENTE HOG RIDE CALENDAR:

27Oct - Blessing of the Bikes KSU 0830 - In the past this was held in Del Rio. They will leave Caliente by 0830 and ride to Helotes TX. There will be a celebration mass then the blessing of the bikes. Afterwards, they will return to Caliente for a gathering with food and drinks. They will provide more details on exact location the day of the ride.

31Oct - Riders head to Galveston for the Lone Star Rally. Inputs I have had for the Lone Star Rally has a group leaving out of Caliente at 08:30 Thursday morning. Am told that they are going I-10 most of the way. They will actually going into Galveston as the majority of this group is going to relive their days coming out of a hippie commune as they rented a house. Actually sounds like fun... They got a great rate on the place, although it seems like there was a triple homicide axe murder / body part harvesting episode there back at the turn of the 19th century... Something about doors opening and closing and sudden cold drafts but I am sure it is just bad insulation. First nite there is over Halloween but I doubt that has any play...

The second group will leave Caliente about 30 minutes later and will be heading to a hotel/motel complex between Galveston and Houston. Lori and I will be in that group as after having Francine running around my house this weekend, that was scary enough. We will start off on I-10 but will bounce off at Alt 90 and come in that way. Got a great rate at a place called the Bates Motel.

Feel free to join either group. I currently have zero input on anyone leaving on Friday. If I get anymore input, I will put it out to the group.

10Nov (Sunday) Ride - LRC Towne and SRC Chris Williams. More details to follow.

23Nov (Saturday) Ride - LRC F2, SRC Dave L. More details to follow.

EVENTS:

26Oct - Caliente Halloween Bash. Free candy and snow cones all day. Costume Contest and prizes for Adults and Kids. See Caliente Website for more details.

7Nov - Thursday Bike Night at Whiskey Tree on Bandera Road, 7-9.

**9Nov - This is a week later than normal due to the Lone Star Rally
- 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
- **Fundraiser** - We will **NOT** have a fundraiser this month due to other activities at the dealership.

ODDS and ENDS

Saw a number of you this weekend. The Dealership thanks you for your support. Two sets of dealership rides that did well. Francine had 40 bikes on its ride on Saturday. Francine, before it left this morning, wanted to throw out a special thumbs up to Rudy and Margie as they pulled sweep. Last words heard before they volunteered to do this was, "heck, 45 or so miles, what could possibly go wrong and it get us as far away as possible from that creature leading the ride..." Well, you can tell by the background music, you know what came next... Coming back in on Potranco, a bike in the formation suddenly died. One of those "CLICK - all systems off" kind of deals. Coasting over to the side of road, Rudy and Margie pulled off with them. They worked awhile to get the bike running but no joy. Timing is always key here and when we got the call to send the truck, one was getting Pizza for the crew and the other was on another run bringing in another broken bike. The truck finally got there but by then, Rudy needed a shave and Margie had 3 more grandchildren. Above and beyond guys - Francine and myself extend a huge thumbs up! Another thumbs up goes out to Cici who cooked all the hamburger meat herself. The hamburger wok I spoke of early on I guess didn't make it here from Hong Kong so Cici took it upon herself to make this happen. Awesome!

Sunday's ride can be summed up as the "Ed Rommine - catch me if you can ride". 30 or so bikes on that one. It inadvertently turned into about 3 rides in one so everyone got their money's worth. By the time we hit Castroville, it looked like Typhoon Francine was about to hit but it never actually rained but the heavy, shall we say "mist", was with us for almost the entire ride! Great turnout for Raul's family who rode with us. I thank everyone who participated. Noteworthy that a significant number of Caliente employees current and past came out to honor Raul.

The cooler weather seems to be coming. Take a look at your leathers and colder weather riding clothes.

Lastly, next time you see Liz at the Dealership, give her a big thumbs up. I was told, but don't recall her actual title, but the bottom line is that she has taken over many of Vikki's duties who has moved on to another job. Along these lines, I want to extend a "great job" to Johnny and Casey for making this weekend what it was. Took a lot of effort to herd all those cats. *F2 Frank Knapp Director, CCSA*

SAVE THE DATE - December 14th will be annual Christmas Party - Tickets will be sold at the next meeting. \$20 per person. We will have food, fun and fellowship. The location will be in Leon Valley.

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Diane "Strapless" Pittman

Secretary

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