

Caliente Chapter San Antonio (CCSA) - CALIENTE H.O.G. #2013

Calientegram - 1 November 2020

CALIENTE H.O.G. RIDE CALENDAR:

Caliente H.O.G. sponsored rides are a Closed Event

5 November (Thursday) Ride to Galveston. HRC Tony Williams. KSU 1030 from Caliente (Unofficial Ride). Breakfast at Denny's near Caliente before KSU for those interested. When the Rally was cancelled, we also cancelled it as an Official Caliente H.O.G. Chapter ride as most folks who were going backed out. However, we subsequently found out that a number of folks already had approved vacation time from work and hotel/motel reservations so they decided to go anyway. So it became an unofficial ride that we promoted to our Chapter Members.

Travel via Alt 90 from Seguin to RT 6 Santa Fe then 646 to League City.

Gas and Lunch in Eagle Lake at 1300

Arrive Hampton League City at 1600 (check in time)

Several options for weekend: ride to Angleton, visit NASA visitor center, visit Houston H-D (Mitch), check out unofficial rally vendors at campground.

Return Sunday same route. KSU TBD.

11 November (Wednesday) - Possible Veteran's Day themed ride to one of the local Veteran's Day events. MTF as many of these events are on the bubble due to Pandemic issues.

15 November (Sunday) - BT LRC, Tony SRC. KSU 1000. Brunch in Bandera

28 November (Saturday) - David LRC - Jack SRC Christmas in Comfort, KSU 1000. CHRISTMAS IN COMFORT ride Fun day in Comfort. Lunch in Comfort

<https://www.comfortchamber.com/events/christmas-in-comfort/>

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13 December (Sunday) - Mitch LRC, Tony SRC TBD

19 December (Saturday) - Roy Maas Dealership sponsored ride. KSU 1000

27 December (Sunday) - Jack LRC, Tony SRC

EVENTS:

Note the next meeting will be on the 2nd Saturday.

14 November - Chapter Social 10:30 am - Caliente Dealership
- **Road Captain Meeting - 9:00 am - Caliente Training Room**
- **New Member Orientation - 9:30 am - Caliente Training Room**
- **LOH Meeting - 10:00 am outside in meeting area**
- **Fundraiser - Please plan on helping.**

3 December - Possible Bike Night at Caliente

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12 December - Save the date for our Annual Christmas Party at 6 p.m.
Decorating at 9 am. Cost is \$20 per person and we will have tickets available next month. Catering by Grady's BBQ - turkey, ham, green beans, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, rolls and tea. Bring a dessert to share if you so desire. BYOB - set ups will be provided - coke, diet coke, sprite/7-up, ice, limes, etc. Tamales will also be served. Our DJ will be Tony from Caliente. Bring a white elephant (new) gift for our VOLUNTARY gift exchange, \$20 value.

18 December - 24December - Gift wrapping at Caliente.

ODDS AND ENDS...

Six riders came out to ride on Saturday. Had a nice ride out to Cowboys and then out to Javelina. Both dealerships were good sports for our "Trick or Treat" antics and we received candy at Cowboys and donuts at Javelina. From there, we made our way back to Caliente in plenty of time for the festivities there. Looks like Caliente had a decent turnout of kids and those young at heart wearing all sorts of costumes. The staff got into it as well as many of the floor staff played up the holiday with a variety of costumes.

I appreciate Towne stepping up and providing sweep duties for the ride. For those who were not aware of it, I-10 heading west (at least as far as Javelina) appears to

be pretty much completed and the highway was in excellent shape. Hopefully TX DOT and the contractors can get the mess in front of Caliente completed sometime soon. On another note, we made our final payment for the Christmas Party so we are full speed ahead at this point. In closing, we have had some awesome weather so don't hesitate to get out and ride and I hope to see you folks zipping along on two or three wheels.

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Frank Knapp

Director, CCSA

As many of you know and follow, when COVID hit, there have been a number of events that occurred. This ran the gamut of almost hysteric panic of shutting everything down to the other extreme of folks thinking and doing "whatever...". This variance occurred at all levels of our society to include the scientific community and unfortunately became a political flashpoint that a number of our "leaders" have tried to exploit at the expense of all of us. As a Chapter and in direct consultation with the Dealership, we made the best decisions we could based on the information we had at that time and to be within local government compliance. Since most of our Chapter members are a tad over 20 years old, out of the preponderance for safety, it was decided to cancel a number of rides and other Chapter social activities. I have no doubt that we did the right thing for our Chapter then and stand by these decisions today. To Monday morning QB this would be useless and since I have heard of no Chapter members catching COVID due to contact with other Chapter members, our Chapter Leadership actions have so far been vindicated.

As the scientific community stayed divided on what steps we should take, we had a number of riders who figured out that by riding, we were automatically social distancing and if we followed the other contact rules when stopped, (like wearing a mask if within 6' of others) the risks are no more higher than with any other social contact you do day to day.

So some of our more enterprising members started an unofficial ride portal so for those who still wanted to get out of the house and ride, they could get out with others who also thought along those lines. This initiative was open to all riders be they riding Harleys, Hondas, BMWs, etc... Word slowly passed and more and more

folks went out riding to include a significant number of our own Chapter members. Once I found out about it (I don't follow any social media), I asked the folks that started it to not compete with ANY Chapter activities once we started getting back together again. This was enthusiastically accepted as this had already been discussed at their level as a condition on setting up this portal. Up until now, there has been no conflict. I got word yesterday that I have to assume a mistake was made and an unofficial ride was scheduled that competes with an upcoming scheduled Chapter Ride. The ride planner (a Chapter Member) was asked to move their unofficial ride and I offered to meet them halfway and make this an official Chapter Ride that would go out after our November Chapter Meeting. Two birds, one stone. More to follow once details are worked out.

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