

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

Calientegram - March 24, 2024

CALIENTE H.O.G. RIDE CALENDAR:

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

For all Rides, you are required to be there 15 minutes prior to KSU (Kick Stands Up) so that you can get signed in and attend the pre-ride briefing.

To all chapter members this is a reminder that your quarterly bike mileage update is due now. Please get your mileage off your bikes to Rick Hudson, as soon as possible. Thank you, Towne

RIDES & EVENTS

March 29 - April 2, 2024 - Rally - Spring Heat in AZ H.O.G. Touring Rally - - Irvine CA

March 30, 2024 (Saturday) - Easter Egg Hunt & Fundraiser - Need all hands on deck to help make this a successful fundraiser. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Egg Hunt registration 10-11, Egg Hunt by age 11:30-12:30.

April 6, 2024 (Saturday) - Meeting/Social

9:00 Road Captains Meeting

10:30 - Meeting/Social

11:30 - LOH Upcoming Event. Derrick from Caliente Service will give a short tutorial for the ladies about information you should know on how to maintain your bike. We invite all of the ladies to join us. After the tutorial, we will head out to Sandia's Mexican Restaurant and Fruiteria on Callaghan. All members are invited to join us for lunch. KSU for lunch is estimated to be at 12:15ish depending on when the tutorial is finished. Hope you can make it!!!

April 14, 2024 (Sunday) - Ride

April 27, 2024 (Saturday) - Ride

Odds and Ends

The Chapter will periodically set up First Aid / CPR training and we just had one this last Saturday. The Chapter sets this up for the Road Captains but any space available slots are set aside for other Chapter members who desire to get this training. Providing basic life saving F/A and perhaps CPR are those things we hope we NEVER have to call upon but

rather than being one of those mindless morons who pull out a cell phone to "tape" a tragic event, we feel it is important to roll up our sleeves to lend a hand. Being part of the answer vice being part of the problem seems to challenge many in our society today so kudos go out to those who attended the training and special thanks to David Algarin for setting this up. As stated earlier, the F/A CPR training is targeted for the Road Captains as on a ride, the RC team, specifically the Sweep, will be the first one off their bike to start handling the situation should one occur. The initial actions taken immediately after an accident might make a difference between life or death as we wait for dedicated medical personnel to arrive. The Caliente RC team goes to great lengths to mitigate risk in the planning and execution of a ride which all happens behind the scenes. Bottom Line, it is more than one person wearing a road guard vest in the front and another in the rear. 99+% of the time, the rides we conduct go off without a hitch and thus as a rider participant, that is all we see. Personally, I, like most of you, take great strides to make myself a better, more knowledgeable rider and to ensure my equipment is in the best possible shape but we are all held hostage to "Murphy in a cage" and other "Aw Crap" situations which sometimes arise. So, I also take the Advanced Rider's Course every few years to brush up on my skills and to erase any bad habits I might have picked up. Feel free to ask me or any of the Road Captains what we do in setting up a ride and how the Road Captain program works here...you might be surprised and yet pleased to know that we do our best to stay proficient and keep everyone safe. In this vein, LOH has asked Derrick, the Service Manager at Caliente, to do a class for our lady riders (and lady backseaters), to go over maintenance (T-CLOCS comes to mind) and other things motorcycle related in an atmosphere where there is no such thing as a dumb question. If you have an issue on your mind, you can rest assured one of the other lady riders has it on her mind as well. Guys, encourage your better halves to take some time to attend this and as a reminder, this is a ladies ONLY event. Check the Calientegram for details. I am hoping Derrick will show them how to wash a bike as perhaps I can get my spouse to clean her own... Well, one never knows. Again, hats off to the folks who took the class and hats off to David for making this all happen. Regards, F2

What a Beautiful Spring Day for a short, 172 mile motorcycle adventure!
Eleven Caliente HOG Chapter riders, on 6 Trikes & 1 Bike, left The Dealership at 09:00 with a clear sunny sky and 59° temperature.

Towne led the ride with Tony "cracking a whip" of encouragement to move out briskly. We made our way West, through Castroville to Hondo and then North through Bandera and stopped for gas. The 'Thunder in the Hills' motorcycle rally was in Full Throttle, so lots of thirsty bikes (and bikers) were refueling at the same time; reminded me of Sturgis Rally stops.

We continued North through Medina. The canyon curves and the TX Hill Country climbs and switchbacks gave us their anticipated thrills, with lots of other riders out enjoying the fresh air and rumble of their engines as well. The fields were FULL of Color; blue, yellow,

violet, pink & orange, (Blue Bonnets, Mexican Hats, Prairie Verbena, Indian Paintbrush, Mexican Firewheels). I just Love riding this time of year!

We bisected Kerrville and arrived at our destination by 11:30, The Empty Cross. What a beautiful and serene public display of the Christian faith. Our Chapter has been up there before, but this was my first time. Visible from interstate 10, The Cross sits atop one of the highest ridges around Kerrville. You have to go there, if you haven't already.

After our walk around The Cross and group photo, we had lunch at "China Town" restaurant in Kerrville. The food was your usual Chinese cuisine and it was tasty and filling, if just for a few hours. The service was prompt and friendly. The manager and part-owner doubled as our waitress-server. I highly recommend giving them a try next time you are up that way. Our ride back to Caliente H-D took us along the upper Guadalupe River (several Longhorn Cattle displaying 8 foot spreads), past Camp Verde (and a large herd of Bison), around Bandera (Yes, you can take backroads and avoid the usual Saturday Cowboy Capitol traffic jam!) and through Helotes; flowers everywhere along the route.

So, after 5.5 hours of Wind, Spiritual and Culinary Therapy we arrived safely back to San Antonio. It was much warmer, 76° and the Latin American Motorcycle Association event was still going strong. CPR and First Aid training was in full swing. Parking was tight.

Hey, it was indeed a Great Ride & Great Day was had by all!

Ride Safe!

Towne, RC

On a cool cloudy morning, 11 riders on 6 trikes and 1 bike headed up to see the cross and memorial park in Kerrville. We then had a fantastic lunch at the China Town Chinese restaurant (worth return trips!) and return thru Bandera. A few tapped out after lunch to return via IH-10 and this dude used the nice weather to see the bluebonnets up along the Willow City Loop north of Fredericksburg. It was a great riding day, especially when the sun came out after lunch. There were many events going on Saturday - many thanks to all who came out for a nice ride. Towne led a great ride and I filled in for Lou as sweep. Tony

Ride and Seek Challenge (2024)

Challenges (3) will be announced each month during the Chapter Social meetings.

February Challenge:

- Pic @ favorite watering hole (drinking establishments) no motorcycle pic needed for safety.
- Pic @ Enchanted Rock sign with motorcycle
- Pic with loved one or special person in your life (valentines day theme).

Pic due date is 03/31. Brad Hoisington

Email pictures to brad.v.hoisington@outlook.com

Future Dates

**June 1, 2024 (Saturday) - Picnic at Towne's Lakewood Estates Subdivision Pavilion
(Same place as last year)**

Cajun Country H.O.G. Rally - 11-13Apr24 - Scott LA - Tony will be leading this ride. If you are interested in attending the Cajun Rally at Lafayette, LA, 10-14 April - register thru HOG early. Registration closes on 13 March. This one is very popular! I have our planned hotel location and area rides info. https://members.harley-davidson.com/HOG/HDMN_Rally_Details?PublicAccess=true&rallyId=a1W5b00001PPFauEAH&site=a0dj0000006mPzAAAU&sfdcIFrameOrigin=null

Southwest H.O.G. Rally - 25-27Apr24 - Yuma AZ

Tour of Valor H.O.G. Touring Rally - 15-24May24 - Pensacola FL

Rally up Laconia H.O.G. Touring Rally - 03-07Jun24 - Columbus OH

Great Lakes H.O.G. Rally - 06-08Jun24 - Chippewa Falls WI

The Last Frontier H.O.G. Rally - 20-23 Jun24 - Palmer AK

Iron Adventure H.O.G. Rally - 11-13Jul24 - Jay Peak VT

East Meets West H.O.G. Posse Ride - 18Aug-02Sep24 - North Hampton NH

Wild and Wonderful H.O.G. Rally - 21-24Aug24 - Charleston WV

Rocky Mountain H.O.G. Rally - 05-07Sep24 - Grand Junction CO

Texas Independence H.O.G. Touring Rally - 14-19Oct24 - Tyler TX

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Diane "Strapless" Pittman

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