

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

Calientegram – November 12, 2023

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.

RIDES & EVENTS

November 18, 2023 (Saturday) – Wedding for our members Ken Green and Terri Davidson at 1 p.m. Lytle First Baptist Church, 18627 N Prairie St, Lytle, TX. Reception follows in the hall. RSVP to Ken **210-264-2887**.

November 25, 2023 (Saturday) – KSU 10:00 a.m., LRC Katy, SRC Lou. Ride to Mavericks in Floresville.

December 2, 2023 (Saturday) – Meeting/Social

9:00 Road Captains Meeting

10:30 – Meeting/Social

Last chance to buy your Christmas Party Tickets \$20 each – If you would like to attend this event and did not have an opportunity to buy one at our last meeting, please send me a text and let me know you would like to attend. I can take a payment over the phone in the evenings. Thanks, Diane – 210-260-0607.

December 9, 2023 (Saturday) – Christmas Party 6:00 p.m. We will decorate the hall before the event – at 4 p.m.

Leon Valley Conference Center, Cost is \$20 per person. We will serve ham, turkey, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, corn, stuffing, and cranberry sauce. Tamales will be served later in the evening with chips and salsa. We will have sodas, water, and iced tea with the meal. BYOB and bring a dessert to share. We will also have our annual White Elephant gift exchange for those interested. \$20 limit.

December 15, 2023 (Friday) – LOH Sock Exchange Event. **All members are welcome to this event.** It will be held at the Knapp's home, 9547 Fall Pass St., SA 78251, starting at 6:30 p.m. BYOB, Sodas will be provided. Please bring an appetizer to share. The sock exchange will be for all members. To participate, purchase a new pair of holiday or specialty socks. Spend \$15-20 to fill the socks with whatever you think someone else will like. The event starts at 6:30pm, but the exchange will take place at around 8:00pm. The sock exchange of course is optional. Hope to see everyone there!!!

December 15-17 (Friday to Sunday) and December 21-24, 2023 (Thursday – Sunday) - Christmas Wrapping at Caliente

December 23, 2023 – (Saturday) Ride – more details to follow.

Do you have any ideas for places to visit or interesting bike routes??? E-mail me or give me a call. We're open to suggestions. Also, if you are interested in becoming a Road Captain and are curious about what that entails, ask me or any of our other fine RCs. We'll be happy to take you on board! Ride Safely!

Towne

Ride cancellations, postponements, destination and KSU changes will be posted in a Calientegram or Chapter Members can text me. Towne Besel, CCSA, Head Road Captain, Cell: (210) 373-4788

Odds and Ends

Ride and Seek Challenge - is officially over. Please submit your final pictures to Bobbi at director@calientehog.com

Happy Veterans Day to all the Veterans in our group – Thank you for your Service. If you had your photo taken by Eric, he will be at our next social to hand out the Vets portraits to them.

On Friday morning, we headed out of Castroville with 3 trikes, 1 bike, and one car. Other than the gas pumps at the Rudy's in Del Rio acting squirrely, we really didn't have many issues on day one as we rode into Alpine. The weather was goofy for most of the trip. It was like riding in a cloud as there was this low hanging haze/fog/drizzle that enveloped us for most of the whole time. Dan and Margie had family in the area, so we parted ways with them once we hit Alpine. However, we got together in the evenings to talk about the day's activities. Starting off day 2, Tony lost a bet about how many unmarked white JoeB Bus Line buses we would see so he had to get up early and brush the snow off our bikes on Saturday morning in 37 degree temperatures. Brad was so excited with the snow that he did donuts on the Travelodge front lawn. Impressive... We then scooted out to Ft. Davis and the Davis Mountains. The trees were in full color...not New England like but would definitely give Los Maples a run for the money. From Ft. Davis, we headed up to the observatory. It was always misty and foggy but at about the 5,000 ft mark in altitude, we really hit the thick soupy stuff. The visitor's center was at 6,200 ft so it was pretty thick at that point. After leaving the visitor's center, we came down the opposite side of the mountain heading towards Balmorhea. We suddenly broke through the clouds and were rewarded with magnificent sunshine views of the entire valley reaching mostly to the west. This lasted all of about 5 minutes as following the road which curved to the east and we soon went back into the dark foggy misty depths of hell. After refueling in Balmorhea, we headed back towards Ft Davis and visited the Ft Davis National Historic Site. The Park staff have done a great job in restoring the old Army Fort and there was a lot to see and read about. Every trip has drama and ours occurred here as Towne's trike decided not

to start. Tony came to the rescue with his porta battery, and we were back in business. We then headed towards Marfa and had lunch at the local DQ. With all of us being Veterans vice veterinarians, DQ gave us all a free Blizzard. Kudos and mucho thanks to the Marfa DQ for doing this for the Veterans. From there, we headed out to the Prada shoe outlet in Valentine TX (population 73 - in your best Hee Haw voice say "Salute"). Brad wanted to buy some shoes for his wife for Christmas. So, he asked us for advice as to what size shoes do most women wear and we told him around a 13 or 13.5. However, the staff was so busy we never saw them and decided to leave. Brad then told us he would go to Ollies and find something... Stopped at the Marfa Lights location only to see...nothing.

So today, Sunday morning, it is time to head back to SA. It is in the mid 40's as we hop on Hwy 90. A quick shout out to Penny's Diner for taking care of us the entire time. Hitting Del Rio, we again have issues at Rudy's gas pumps. In all the years we have hit Rudy's in Del Rio, have their pumps ever worked right? Down the road a bit and we hit the Border Patrol Inspection station and waited in line behind groups of people. We finally get up to the Inspector and in my best Chinese voice I tell the inspector that I have a Tour Pak of cash for Hunter for his counseling expertise. He understands and lets me pass. As I shift into 1st, I tell him that there are several illegal Americans behind me, and he pulls over Towne and Tony. They flip a coin and Tony's bike is searched, only to find a few Playboy magazines from the 70's. However, Towne was strip searched - full body cavity style. He mentions later he hasn't had an experience like that since his alien abduction back in 1983 or so. Several running deer across the highway episodes later, we arrived back in San Antonio having covered around 950 miles for the weekend.

Ok, did I embellish a tad - meh, maybe. However, this was a great trip with great Chapter Members who thoroughly enjoyed each other's company. We breezed through the cool temps and misty/foggy conditions and had a blast and that is the point of what we do as a Chapter. Make it a point in the new year to get out with the Chapter and create your own great times. The road is calling... F2

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Save the Date

Date to be determined – Our Safety Officer, David Algarin, will be hosting a First Aid and CPR class soon, hopefully at the dealership. Please text him 210-771-3933 and let him know if you are interested. Cost should be minimal.

The LOH meet your bike night will be rescheduled at a future date.

Standard Staples

Join the Stack Team App - new way to advise folks of ride changes, cancellations or general news about the Caliente HOG Chapter that needs to generally be gotten out quickly.

When you pull up the app, put your email address and join. It will then have you search for the CCSA #2013 and you can ask to join. An Admin will approve you.

iOS: <https://www.teamapp.com/ios-app>

Android: <https://www.teamapp.com/android-app>

If you'd prefer the website version, please click
here: https://ccsa2013.teamapp.com?_webpage=v1

How to earn tickets? Traditionally we have kept track of your participation in all events during the year and you could earn tickets for prizes at the Christmas Party. This year we will also have a picnic and you will have the opportunity to use your tickets for both events.

How can you earn tickets?

Every Chapter meeting and ride you participate in earns you a ticket.

Every hour you help with a Chapter fundraiser earns you a ticket.

Road Captains earn an extra ticket every time they lead or sweep a Chapter ride.

Tickets earned December - May give you chances to win awesome prizes at the Chapter picnic.

Tickets earned June - November give you chances to win fantastic prizes at the Chapter Christmas party.

Card Punch –for free K service

Attend Chapter or Dealership ride - 1 punch

Attend Chapter or Dealership event, ie. Social or Bike night - 1 punch

Work a Chapter or Dealership event - 1 punch for minimum 2 hours.

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Diane "Strapless" P.

Secretary

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