

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

Calientegram – October 20, 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.

#### RIDES & EVENTS

October 26, 2024 (Saturday) – 2 Events – 1<sup>st</sup> Event - Trunk or Treat 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. (decorate bikes and pass out candy to kids). They will open the covered parking area to accommodate all bikes and trikes. Costume Contest – Register by 1 p.m. and winners announced at 3.

October 26, 2024 (Saturday) – 2 Events – 2<sup>nd</sup> Event - Progressive Dinner, KSU 4:00 p.m. If you have never been, you are in for a treat. We will leave the dealership at 4 p.m. and head to Bobbi's for Appetizers. Next Stop is F2 (Frank) and Lori's for dinner. Last stop will be at Abby and Arturo's for dessert. If you did not already RSVP for you event, it is not officially closed.

October 31, 2024 (Thursday) – Halloween Bike Night at Chunky's, 4602 Callaghan Rd. 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

October 31 – November 3, 2024 (Thursday – Sunday) – Ride to Lone Star Rally. Only 1 Ride to my knowledge leaving Thursday October 31, 2024, KSU 0830. LRC Tony, SRC Towne. Heading to League City. Hampton Inn League City, 281-614-5437. Candlewood Suites is immediately adjacent. Make reservations early.

November 9 – 11, 2024 (Saturday – Monday) - KSU 8:00 a.m. LRC Tony, SRC F2. HOG Coins Ride to Alamogordo, NM.

November 10, 2024 (Sunday) – KSU to be determined, LRU Lou, SRC Jack. 3 sisters ride.

November 16, 2024 (Saturday) Meeting/Social – PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN THE DATE.

9:00 Road Captains Meeting

10:30 – Meeting/Social – Following our meeting we will have the annual Caliente Employee Appreciation Lunch – We will need folks to sign up to make chili for a chili cookoff among the HOG Members, bring sides and desserts. This is always a great time to visit with the employees and fellow HOG Members. Send me an email if you would like to make some chili, bring sides (cornbread, crackers, cheese, onions, etc) or bring a dessert. [secretary@calientehog.com](mailto:secretary@calientehog.com) So far we have 4 chili's, 2 cornbread, a few desserts, onions, cheese and sour cream.

We will also still be selling tickets for our Christmas Party \$20 per member, singles can bring a guest also \$20. If you will not be able to attend this event and would like to attend, please let me know and we can do a cc payment over the phone. Text Diane

November 22, 2024 (Friday) – VIP Event at Caliente. Details to follow.

November 23, 2024 (Saturday) – Ride – KSU to be determined. LRC Kevin, SRC Jack. Ride to Shifters in Pleasanton.

November 29 & 30, 2024 – Wrapping at Caliente. Black Friday and Saturday. Noon – close. We will have a sign up at the next meeting.

### Odds and Ends

Thanks to everyone that helped with the Fundraiser on Saturday. It was a very successful event. We ran out of food and made over \$600 for the Chapter. Diane

For all of you who whine about us never having any overnight trips, you missed an excellent ride. First though, kudo's to the mechanic that replaced the clutch and did the service on my Road Glide. Ran like a top and brought back memories on how comfortable that bike is. Thought about a new bike at one time but not now. Sorry Rick. Anyway, left Caliente right on KSU under dark skies and hit heavy misting at about the 151/90 interchange. Lasted for all about a minute however it stayed cloudy up to our first gas stop. At this point, I was reeducated that small pebbles act just like ball bearings. As I was backing the bike up into a parking spot, gravity came to call when my right foot went airborne. However, having 3 amigos to help pick the bike up made it a little less painful even as I took a bite of some humble pie. About this time, Zorro mentioned that he was hungry.

The trip went through some excellent countryside and there were a number of J.R. Ewing type ranches and homes to salivate over. Went by the Bastrop Buc-ee's where you could smell something cooking. At one of the lights, Zorro mentioned that he was getting really hungry. Going thru Bastrop, it was nice to see the trees coming back. Back in Sep/Oct of 2011, a huge fire ripped through the area. The HOG Chapter did a tour of the area not long after they reopened the roads. The area looked similar to pictures of what occurred at Mt Saint Helens back in 1980 or so. Going past Bastrop, one starts seeing more and more pine trees which is kind of neat coming from the San Antonio area of scrub oak and mountain cedar. Zorro mentioned he sure would like some BBQ.

The ride was a learning experience as well. Tony found out that the emergency brake on the TriGlide will stop you from double digit MPH to a full stop. Interesting. Rudy found out that you can still maneuver despite having locked up his ABS brakes. After changing his underwear, we proceeded.

We went through Madisonville. They were celebrating their 23 rd annual mushroom festival. The sheer number of food booths and craft booths went from one end of the town to the other. A lot of people all having fun. I think we should pencil this in for next year. By Google Maps, it is only a tad over 200 miles away. Zorro about came unglued with all the smells coming from all the food. Had to remind him we were eating at a buffet when we got to Center TX.

As you ride through rural Texas, you will go through a number of small towns. Each town is unique but one thing they have in common is that most have small cemeteries that service the area. Several cemeteries with odd names caught my attention. The first one was "New Prospect Cemetery". I know that a number of church groups have riding clubs but didn't know that they were so drastic with new members who don't cut the mustard when trying to get into their riding club. Glad I am a part of H.O.G..

The next one I saw was "New Hope Cemetery". Hmmm, new hope for whom... exactly? Would assume folks who go there are, shall we be blunt... dead? I would understand the name of "No Hope Cemetery" or "Out of Hope Cemetery" but I will leave it at that. If I was a Muslim, I suppose I would have 72 virgins waiting for me on the other side and that might be "New Hope"...but all I have to look forward to is a pine box. Being Christian, looking into the afterlife,

my luck would have me dealing with 72 mother-in-laws of all descriptions for all eternity despite having only one wife. I am doomed.

Last but definitely not least. Drove by "Immaculate Conception Cemetery". Say WHAAAATTT?? Almost fell off the bike. One has to wonder if this cemetery is owned by Madonna or perhaps a deviant religious sect. When in college, I decided to not join any

Fraternities, so I didn't have to undergo any initiations such as spending the night in a cemetery or other such extremes. However, my spouse did join a Sorority in college. Perhaps she had to do something akin to spending a night in Charlie Brown's pumpkin patch waiting for the "Great Pumpkin". I will have to ask... Better yet, why don't you ask her and let me know. Anyway, in the spirit of Halloween, the thoughts of a "couple" venturing into the cemetery at night to do whatever, brings up an episode of Jason from Friday the 13th or Freddy Kruger from Nightmare on Caliente Street... Hey baby, after smooching on King Tut's sarcophagus under a full moon, let's hide behind the hanging chainsaws in that shed shall we...

Anyway, the ride to and from Center TX was awesome. The roads were in excellent shape and the weather was outstanding. Take a moment to look up "International Boundary Texas" and read up on what this marker is all about. The fact that it is still there is pretty amazing as well. Zorro wanted to skin an alligator we saw nearby saying it would make a good purse for his wife and that alligator sushi was excellent. Tony and Rudy took a few moments to talk him out of it. In closing this narrative on this overnight ride, we did end up at the buffet in Center. After his 23rd trip to the food bar, the waitress came up to Zorro and said "Hey bub, the sign says "buffet" not all day". "You eat shrimp like a killer whale". I now must wonder if the rumor is true about the demise of Red Lobster being due to Zorro visiting during their "all - you - can - eat" shrimp promotion... Oh well I digress.

Our next overnight ride will be to LSR which we do every year. Hope to see you participate. Lastly, we have another overnight ride coming up (Alamogordo) but this one will be long and arduous even if the wx is perfect. For those who want to test yourself, this ride will be for you. Make sure you bring a pillow for your butt. Progressive Dinner Ride is just around the corner. If you didn't sign up to participate, well you are just wrong and you will miss a free meal, great company, and an overall awesome evening. See you on the road. Regards, F2

ATTN HOG members who are Veterans!!

Eric, the photographer who did the Veteran's Day photos last year is having another go this year. He is doing the project again to honor his parents and all veterans.

He will be setting up a display every Sunday at Caliente from 1 til 4. At your convenience, stop by to chat with him, answer a few questions, and have your photo taken. There is no cost. Last year, all those who participated received a copy of their photo.

Let's help him make this project a success!

I have a few extra t-shirts available for \$30 each. We have 2 different colors available - charcoal with white writing and a light gray with black writing. First come, first served. Send me an email and what size you need if you are interested.

Picture Time! For those with pictures of rides, events, meetings, etc., please feel free to email the Caliente Hog Webmaster at [webmaster@calientehog.com](mailto:webmaster@calientehog.com).

When sending in pictures, please specify the date and the event (for example, HOG ride to Luckenbach, or Caliente Harley Swap Meet).

No children may be in the photo or background. Be mindful of your surroundings. Kevin

Future Dates

December 7, 2024 (Saturday) December Social

December 8, 2024 (Sunday) – Ride

December 14, 2024 (Saturday) Christmas Party

December 20, 2024 (Friday) LOH Sock Exchange

December 28, 2024 (Saturday) – Ride

Also will firm up dates for the Gift Wrapping at Caliente.

Ride and Seek Challenge (2024)

All photos need to be emailed to Brad and texted to Abby

See all the details at: <https://www.calientehog.com/>

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Diane "Strapless" P.

Secretary

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