

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

Calientegram – December 29, 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.

Renewal Time – I have attached the 2025 Application for your convenience. The date on the app cannot be prior to 1/1/25. The renewal price remains \$25 a year. Take a moment to print it out and if you are going on the ride on 1/1/25, you can bring it with you, otherwise we will have some of the applications available at our 1st meeting of the year. Just a reminder you need to be up to date on your National HOG membership. If you have any questions, please let Katy or I know. Thanks, Diane

January 1, 2024 (Thursday) – Blessing of the Bikes at Javelina, KSU 10:00 a.m.

January 4, 2024 (Saturday) – Meeting/Social/Fundraiser, and Blessing of the Bikes at Caliente.

9:00 Road Captains Meeting

10:30 – Meeting/Social

11:00 or so – Fundraiser and Blessing of the Bikes – please help with this event.

January 12, 2024 (Sunday) – Ride – LRC F2, SRC Brad. More details to come

January 25, 2024 (Saturday) – Ride – LRC Tony, SRC Jack. More details to come

Odds and Ends

If you haven't heard yet I just want to bring everybody up to date on the ride yesterday. It started out fine till we got just outside of San Antonio it started to rain roads were a little slippery due to oil dropping from cars and no heavy rain to wash it away. When we got to the intersection 87 & FM 1628 we stopped for the light, there was a non-member (signed the waiver) thank god for our road captain LRC Tony, Mitch our roaming road captain and SRC Jack doing their Duty. Steve (some may know him) tried to take off from the light, his bike got out from underneath him he went down pretty hard. We were at the right place at the right time a fire truck was at the side street waiting for the light we did not have to call 911 they pulled right in front and took over care of Steve immediately. While several members tended to other duties i.e. start paperwork, pick up parts and give first responders all info needed. The China Grove police and Bexar County Sheriff's office was promptly on scene to assist. They transported Steve to BAMC. F2 called Rick and we were able to get his bike brought back to Caliente. Thanks, Rick, for getting that taken care of. I want to thank F2 and Lori for going to pick Steve's wife up and taking her to the hospital. We heard late yesterday afternoon that Steve is home nothing to serious bumps, bruises and a concussion. F2 said he was more mad about them cutting off his jacket than anything. I would like to thank everyone on the ride yesterday and stopping and being patient. A good amount continued on, others of us stayed back to tend to business. And yes, I had to take Katy out to lunch since we did not get out to Mickey's. A big shout out to Frank, Tony, Mitch and Jack for all their

road captain expertise. Well done everyone! All the best to everyone for a safe and happy New Years!
Lou Neuman

25 Dec 24 - Christmas ride to Dao's Chinese, Corpus Christi. Mitch and Tony had some company on this year's 3rd annual "Curmudgeon Run" to Corpus for authentic Chinese food. This year had 4 trikes, 2 bikes, and 7 riders (not all curmudgeons) on an unseasonably warm ride in partly cloudy skies. On top of the great weather, there was almost no traffic whatsoever - Bonus! Not sure riding gets much better than that. Hoping the Chapter continues this ride for future Christmas Days so our folks (and their bikes) don't sit home alone by doing what brings us all joy. 360 mile round trip.

Don't forget to submit your end-of-year odometer readings in to Rick Hudson to collect your points = gift card from HOG National.

- Tony W.

28 Dec 24 - HOG Ride to Aransas Pass. We had a big turnout for this after-Christmas ride this year. Ten trikes, four bikes, and 18 riders turned out for a promising ride under cloudy skies and very warm temps. A light rain started after KSU and continued through LaVernia. Since it hasn't rained in a while, the road surfaces got slick and we had one bike rider go down at the intersection with Stuart Rd in Sayers. It was all hands-on deck to help the rider and emergency responders. 5 trikes and 1 bike (6 riders) returned to SA after the rider was taken to the hospital and the bike towed back to Caliente. 9 bikes/trikes continued the ride to Aransas Pass under cloudy but not rainy conditions.

By the time we reached Victoria H-D, the skies got better, the temp soared to 87°F and the ride to Mickey's went according to plan. Lunch was fantastic as usual. Glad we got there an hour before closing! To return more quickly, most riders returned via Ih-37. Three trikes and one bike returned via US 181. Turned out to be a long day, arriving at Caliente at 1930. 370 miles round trip. Special thanks to all who helped our fallen comrade and made sure everything turned out as best it could.

The incident brings up a few safety points we all should consider:

1. Make an effort to ride periodically to keep your riding skills sharp, esp. those who are on 2 wheels.
2. Take extra caution on wet pavements, especially at the early onset of mist and rain after a long dry spell. Oils, coolant, and other drippings get suspended on the friction surface of the pavements. Road markings like stop lines at intersections, crosswalks, and direction arrows get slicker than bare ice (I remember dropping my Nomad on a wet, freshly painted turn arrow in a low speed turn and still bear the scars to remind me). Ride slower, brake earlier, and watch for hazards like markings and puddles in your line of travel.
3. Check your tires and replace them when worn. If the sipes (rain grooves) no longer cross over the centerline of the tire, that tire's ability to channel water away from the contact patch will be compromised.
4. Reference Derrick's briefing at our recent social: Change your brake fluids no longer than every TWO (2) years! Brake fluid attracts moisture and severely impacts your ability to stop. Change fluids sooner if you ride in the rain. If you have ABS brakes, that moisture gets pushed toward the ABS unit in the calipers and corrodes them such that they no longer function as intended. This was mentioned in an H-D Service Bulletin. Although Caliente service checks moisture content in fluids during our K services, it's the owner's responsibility to tell them to change fluids (per your owner's manual). Fluid changes are not automatically performed.

Ride safe y'all! Tony W.

Picture Time! For those with pictures of rides, events, meetings, etc., please feel free to email the Caliente Hog Webmaster at 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

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Diane "Strapless" P.

Secretary

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