



# Gruene HOG Newsletter

## July/August 2014



Jon presented Neil Scirone his Head Road Captain Rocker. Neil is already working hard to make sure our Road Captains are doing a great job for the Chapter!!



Joe received his Road Captain Patch and Dane, Wade & Scott received their Wings.



## TCLOCK

continued by  
Matt Gardner  
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T-CLOCK is a mnemonic developed by the [Motorcycle Safety Foundation](#) for assisting you in doing a comprehensive pre-ride (or a pre-purchase) inspection of a motorcycle. It is easily memorized and very useful. The individual letters stand for the specific areas to check: Tires, Controls, Lights, Oil, Chassis, Kickstand

We've covered Tires and Controls, now on to Lights. Include the whole electrical system in your pre-check. Check the battery for damage or leaks, is it secured properly? Check the terminals for corrosion and make sure they are tight. The use of a battery "maintainer" is a good idea to keep it up to charge and help it last longer. Check the wiring for chafing or exposed wires, making sure it is routed correctly as not to cause interference with any other controls such as steering. Check lenses for clarity and cracks. A dirty or deteriorated lens will dramatically reduce the effectiveness. Many new lighting systems are available including LED and HID to make them even brighter. Harley-Davidson offers some, as well as aftermarket brands, but be sure it won't interfere with the integrity of the system. Electronics are getting more and more complicated and may not be compatible with aftermarket add-ons. Don't forget the aim of the lights. Make sure the turn signals and brake lights are working. Along the same lines, make sure your windshield and/or helmet face shield is clean. Reflections from other light sources on a dirty windshield is also a hazard. I realize most of this is common sense but if we get in a hurry to get out and ride, sometimes the little things can be big things later.



## Hamburger Hunt



**A few weeks ago, Mike led a ride, "Hamburger Hunt", to some choice burger joints around town. Everyone on the ride voted for the best burger and Freiheit Country Store was the clear winner!! Here, the manager, Charles, received the coveted "Best Burger" award from Mike.**

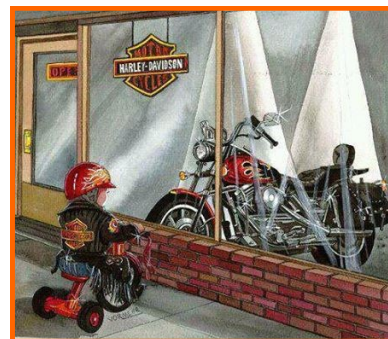




## Milestones

by Matt Gardner

Do you remember your first ride on a Harley? The thrill of the wind in your face, maybe your crazy uncle or friend gave it a hand-full of throttle and scared the crap out of you. Then, after a few years of saving, you finally got that beat up piece of junk but it was yours. That first ride around Canyon Lake really seemed like an accomplishment. Then you met some new friends that really loved to ride and you started going places. That first ride to Leahey really wore you out but what a day!! Your first time at a local rally, then to an out of town rally - ROT, Lone Star, Daytona, the mecca Sturgis ? The first time leading a ride somewhere with a bunch of bikes following you, probably couldn't get the smile off your face each time you looked in the mirror behind you.



Did you get  
your Road  
Captain patch  
and then your  
bars?

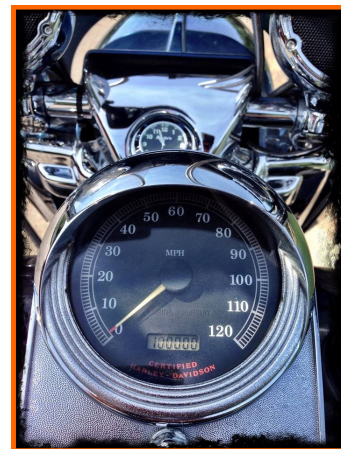


Was your milestone  
when you rode the Tail  
of the Dragon?



Or a beautiful sunrise on one of  
your many thousand mile plus  
Iron Butt rides!!

Then, the next thing you know, you hit 100,000 miles!! Or should I say, your first 100,000 miles. Whatever you consider a milestone, it's YOUR milestone. Don't let anyone take that away from you! Whether it's a ride around New Braunfels or around the country, one thing is certain, milestones are made of memories, not maybes!!





# Road ID



I hope you never need it, but if you do I hope you have it!

Please allow me to introduce you to **Road ID**. This is a necklace or bracelet that can speak for you if you cannot speak for yourself. It gives EMTs or Police important personal information if you are in an accident and cannot tell them yourself.

- You can list the year you were born, thus giving them your exact age.
- You can list medical information, such as allergies or special conditions.
- You can list family & friends name and phone numbers so emergency services can contact them immediately and inform them of your condition.

Please go to [www.roadid.com](http://www.roadid.com) and check it out for yourself. There are several different styles and they are very affordable.

I feel very strongly about this and even wear mine when I go on a car trip by myself. My family also appreciates me wearing this, as they know they will get contacted faster in case of an emergency.

Thank You! Delisa Gardner



## CONGRATS!!

to our Gruene HOG Members on their recent purchases



John & Carmen  
Ferguson



Mike & Alma  
Burcham



Joe Glenn



Carlos Villanueva  
& Meredith Amos



Matt & Delisa  
Gardner



Rick & Marta  
Roberts



# Upcoming Dates to Remember

Sept. 13 <sup>th</sup>	My15 Open House / Tent Event @ GHD
Sept. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter Ride to Luckenback
Sept. 19 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup>	Black Sheep Rally in Grandbury, TX
Sept. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Family Fun Day / Infotainment Seminar @ GHD
Sept. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Dinner Ride to Hooters in Selma, TX
Sept. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Comal County Parade
Sept. 27 <sup>th</sup>	Pancakes for Pups / For the Love of Kids & Harleys Fun Run
Sept. 27 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter Ride to Presidio La Bahia in Goliad, TX
Sept. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Memorial Ride for Lewis Thompson to Alamo Springs Café
Oct. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Road Captain's Meeting @ GHD Riding Academy Room
Oct. 4 <sup>th</sup>	General Membership Meeting @ The Watering Hole Saloon
Oct. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting Ride for Seguin Motorcycle Police Officer



As always, check the latest Ride Schedule for specifics and updates. When going on a Chapter Ride, arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the departure time for the Safety Briefing and always have a full tank of gas and an empty bladder!!



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