



Gruene Trails



NEWS LETTER APRIL 2012



If you aren't here for April's chapter meeting on Saturday the 7th, you're at the wrong place ! New Braunfels VFW
600 Peace ave. 10:00 am

Thanks to everyone who showed up for The Casting For a Cure fundraiser. HOG members made up about two thirds of participating riders. Way to go guys !

Thanks to our dealer for loaning Rick Roberts a bike so he could ride in the fundraiser while his was having minor surgery. Things didn't go as planned but the guys at Gruene always go the extra mile !



Tailgate party Friday April 13th

**HOG roast anyone?
Saturday April 14th
check your calendar for details**



Coming up at Gruene Harley Davidson

GOTTSPEED RACING NHRA LAUNCH PARTY
SATURDAY, APRIL 21ST

JOIN OUR NHRA PRO STOCK MOTORCYCLE TEAM AS THEY KICK OFF THE 2012 NHRA RACING SEASON.

- *FOOD, BEER AND MUSIC BEGINNING AT NOON
- *UNVEILING OF THE 2012 GOTTSPEED RACING PRO STOCK MOTORCYCLE AT 2PM
- *AT 2PM GOTTSPEED RACING WILL RAFFLE OFF 2 WEEKEND PASSES TO THE NHRA O'REILLY SPRING NATIONALS IN HOUSTON.
- *AUTOGRAPHS FROM GOTTSPEED RACING RIDER, MICHAEL RAY FROM 3PM - 4PM.





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HER WILD DAYS ARE JUST GETTING STARTED

Join the Ladies of Harley as we ride out to the Shade Tree Ride meet at Gruene H-D at 10:30am, kickstarts up at 11am, and we end at the Shade Tree at noon. To register, call Jennifer at 850-624-2475.

Ride will be led by our very own
 Jill McClure
 *Women's Ride

 Known Harley Lawdier
 at 10:30am, kickstarts up at 11am, and we end at the Shade Tree at noon.

SUNDAY, MAY 6TH





Road Tales

Our recent trip to Daytona went off without a hitch. Despite the rain we battled for the first day and a half, we enjoyed the sunshine, camaraderie, and craziness of the Daytona rally, finished off by two days in The Big Easy.

As is always the case, we got great treatment by restaurants and hotels across the country and people waved and gave us the thumbs-up all the way up Interstate 10.

I can't help but reflect back on how totally different motorcycling cross-country is now compared to 30 years ago. In Dallas in the late 70's and early 80's, I rode around on an old Triumph chopper I bought at a pawn shop for \$300.00. It was chopped out and rode like a jackhammer. I had befriended some very rowdy independents who rode a variety of mismatched bikes. Needless to say, there was always a chase truck following behind us, not matter how near or far we rode.

One weekend we got the idea of doing an overnighter in Turner Falls, Oklahoma. Off we went, resolved to make our destination. After we crossed the Oklahoma line, I guess word spread ahead of us that "biker's are a comin'". Literally every gas stop we tried to make was closed with blinds drawn. Nobody home at 2:00 in the afternoon on a Saturday afternoon in June? Cars were parked out front. I felt like Billy the Kid without a gun.

Yes, times have really changed.

Marta Maley Roberts



Coming up Sunday April 8th Gruene HOG second annual Easter Sunrise Service. At the first parking area at Canyon lake Dam Outlook Park. This is right where you can walk across the dam. We plan to start at 8:00 am

Why No Bottom Rockers ?

In the U.S. the abbreviation "MC" or the wearing of a bottom rocker can have special social meaning. It is often used to designate territory. It is reserved for the "MC" community and its members to designate affiliation to those mutually recognized in the "MC" world. The vests and jackets of people wearing lower rockers may become objects needed by "prospects" of other (three patch) motorcycle clubs as a requirement for membership. Since the very early days there has been an agreement between H.O.G and many other motorcycle clubs that as long as we do not authorize use of lower rockers, our vests and jackets will not be removed from our members. Norscot, our chapter patch supplier, does not and will not, supply lower rockers. And Harley Owners Group wont authorize a chevron to go below the large H.O.G patch. This is true even if the 3rd rocker is not designated a territory and merely a nickname or club name. The use of a lower rocker violates the long lasting agreement that H.O.G. has had with the motorcycle club community. Remember its not only you that you affect by wearing a lower rocker but all of your brother and sisters in H.O.G. Wearing a lower rocker conflicts with the trademark license granted with the Charter. Please follow the Charter and respect the above agreement to avoid putting yourself in conflict with those clubs that wear lower rockers. Wear the H.O.G logo and your chapter chevron proudly... don't wear a lower rocker. (reproduced from H.O.G. Chapter Officer News)

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GOT NEWS ?

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

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Got Activities?

- Have a great restaurant idea for a Chapter Dinner Ride?
- Have you been somewhere FUN recently?
Know of a new band or venue?

Contact Lynda Kohler, Activities Director

Email: activities@gruenehog.com

Let's Ride!

- Interested in being a Ride Captain?
 - If you have over 2 years of riding experience and have attended an experienced rider's course – You are ready to start on your path to becoming a Road Captain!
- Have an idea for a scenic ride or fun festival for Chapter Ride destination?

Contact Paul Hopson, Head Ride Captain

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Invite Your Friends!

- Your friends DON'T have to be chapter members to ride with us! We always welcome safe group riders to come along – they simply sign a liability waiver and we are ready to go. They can see why you like riding with Gruene HOG and maybe even join the group!

Need Membership Information?

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MORE DETAILS – WWW.GRUENEHOG.COM