



Gruene HOG Newsletter

The Official Newsletter of the Gruene Harley Owners Group (Chapter 2062)

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The Directors Cut

Merry Christmas

We are ending another successful year of fun and safe riding. 2009 is shaping up to be even better. Here are some of the planned changes and opportunities.

- Super Bowl Mixer □ This will be Super Bowl day at Doug and Karen Stolz
- New Member / New Owner Orientations □ These will continued be scheduled once a quarter
- Birthdays Bash - Be looking for date, place and time. Once a month
- Mini Meetings □ These will be abbreviate meetings the Wed of the dinner ride at 5:45. The first will be Jan 21st at 5:45 at GHDTwisted Sister Ride / Quarterly overnight rides. Our first over night ride will be to Kerrville April 17 or 24th (Haven□ t nailed the date down yet)
- Themed Meetings □ Once a quarter we will have a regular meeting with a □ Theme□ . The first will be April 11th . The Theme will be □ Come on Down!□ a game show theme. We will have a game show with prizes.
- Beginners Riders Edge - For a GCHOG member or their spouse \$100 discount (Mike Brown - Jan 10th Membership / Renewal Ride -- GHD will give a 10% for all who show up to ride and 1. Have already renewed or 2. join for the first time. □ 10 on the 10th□ GCHOG Mileage Program This will closely mirror HOG's mileage program
- 1. Must use the Official HOG Mileage Program form (Forms are at our GCHOG corner at the dealer)
- 2. Bring forms to each meeting
- 3. Top 3 most miles for that month (not accumulative) will be eligible for a drawing.
- 4. End of the year - The rider with the most miles will receive a prize. The top five miles after that (2nd thru 5th) will be eligible for a drawing.
- 6. This will be at either our last meeting in December or Christmas Party
- 7. Subject to change by GC-HOG or GHDABCs of Touring, Gruene Style

New for the New Year

GCHOG will have a year long scavenger hunt that will mirror the HOG ABCs of Touring but with a Gruene HOG twist. In a nut shell you will try to collect as many "points" as possible using a camera. 1. Must be a GCHOG member in good standing 2. The member and their bike must be in each picture and must be clearly recognizable 3. Bring printed pictures to each meeting 4. Top 3 most points for that month (not accumulative) will be eligible for a drawing. 5. End of the year - The rider with the most points will receive a prize. The top five points after that (2nd thru 5th) will be eligible for a drawing. 6. This will be at either our last meeting in December or Christmas Party 7. Subject to change by GCHOG or GHD 8. You may use the GCHOG ABC form or the HOG ABC form. (Just know they are different and not everything for GCHOG ABC counts toward HOG ABC and Not all of HOG ABC counts toward GCHOG) Here's how it works: Keep a camera with your bike. Then, you can earn points by submitting photographs of you and your Harley® in front of designated signs and stops.. The idea is to visit cities with as many different letters of the alphabet as possible (beginning letter). Other ways to earn points: State line markers, attending State, National, or International Rallies, visiting national parks or forests, official Harley-Davidson facilities (Dealers, factories, museums, etc.), county court houses, state capitol. Participants must be a current GCHOG member and must be for one person only. If a full and an associate member both wish to enter, each must submit separate forms (Please see #8) with separate photos. Only prints on photo paper will be accepted. however, only photos printed on paper will be considered and the participant and their bike must be clearly recognizable. A

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Entries MUST include an official 2008 ABCs form (Please see #8), available at your local dealer, onmembers.hog.com, or by contacting the H.O.G. office. GCHOG forms will be available on the web, at meetings, or at the dealer. (Please see #8) ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS MUST BE INCLUDED IN EACH PHOTO SUBMITTED:

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An "official sign" is:

- A government building WITH the name of the city/village/town/, such as a post office or police station. City limit signs are ok.
- An authorized [Harley-Davidson dealership](#) may be used to designate a city. However, the first letter of the actual city where the dealer is located is the letter for which you will be credited. (For example: a photo of "Harley-Davidson of Charlotte" would give you credit for the letter "M" because that dealership is located in Matthews, NC.) Photos in front of H-D® dealers must have the name of the dealership appear in the photo, and the name of the city and state written on the back of the photo.
- A sign posted by a government body, which lies WITHIN the boundaries of the place it identifies. (Mileage markers or directional signs are not allowed.)

The name of the dealership, village, city, town, state, country, etc. MUST appear legibly on the "official sign" in the photo to receive points. Any illegible photos will not receive points.

You must ride your Harley-Davidson or Buell motorcycle ([H.O.G.® Fly & Ride](#) or [Harley-Davidson® Authorized Rentals](#) motorcycles are acceptable). Photos with motorcycles on trailers are not eligible.

Rally photos as listed below MUST clearly show you (the entrant) and an official rally banner or a National H.O.G. staff member*:

Photos must qualify as outlined above to be eligible for points. Points are awarded as follows:

" One point for each city, village, town, township, or municipality sign from A-Z. Limit one point per letter (maximum of 26

" One point for each county court house.

" One point for each state. The name of the state (or abbreviation equivalent) MUST appear on the sign (maximum of

" One point for each state capital

" One point for each historical marker.

" One point for a National Forest sign. The name as well as "National Forest" MUST appear on the sign (maximum of 1 point).

" One point for a U.S. National Park sign or a Provincial Park sign in Canada. The name as well as "National" or "Provincial

One point for each of the following Harley-Davidson corporate facilities: Juneau Avenue and Capitol Drive in Milwaukee, WI; Tomahawk, WI; York, PA; Kansas City, MO; Buell in East Troy, WI (maximum of 6 points

One point for the Harley-Davidson Museum in Milwaukee, WI (maximum of 1 point).

One point for each Harley-Davidson Dealership. (If using an HD dealer to identify a city, a separate photo must be submitted to be given credit for the dealership).

" Two points for the 2009 National HOG Rally

" Two points for each 2008 National H.O.G. Rally outside of the U.S. as published in *Hog Tales*.*

" One point for each 2008 U.S. State or Canadian Provincial/Regional H.O.G. Rally published as a "State Rally" or

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... and finally, let's not forget the reason for the season. Christmas is about the celebrating of the birth of Jesus, giving to others, and spreading good cheer. I wish each and every one of you a Merry, Harley, Christmas.Ride and Have FunMike



Upcoming HOG Events



December Events



Sat, Dec 20, 2008	9:00am	HOG Gift Wrapping	GHD	Gruene Harley-Davidson	h r s
	- 5:00pm			1288 Loop 337, New Braunfels	
				(830) 624-2473	
Sun, Dec 21, 2008	10:00am	HOG Gift Wrapping	GHD	Gruene Harley-Davidson	7 h r s
	- 5:00pm			1288 Loop 337, New Braunfels	
				(830) 624-2473	
Sun, Dec 21, 2008	1:00pm	Canyon Lake Loop	GHD	Cooper's Old Time Pit Bar-B-Que	2 1/4 h r s
				1125 Loop 337, New Braunfels	
				(830) 627-0627	
Wed, Dec 31, 2008	5:00pm	New Years Eve Party	N/A	Circle 7 - Ron & Gay Robles	N / A
		NON-HOG Event		14180 FM 466, Seguin (830)379-4470	

Remember to arrive 15 minutes early, fueled, and ready to go.

January Events

Sat, Jan 10, 2009	9:30am	RC Meeting	VFW	VFW Post 7110 □	½ hr	N/A	N/A	N/A	VF
				600 Peace Ave, New Braunfels					
				(830) 624-2473					
Sat, Jan 10, 2009	10:30am	Chapter Meet-	VFW	VFW Post 7110 □	1½ hrs	N/A	N/A	N/A	VF
				600 Peace Ave, New Braunfels					
				(830) 624-2473					
Sat, Jan 10, 2009	12:00pm	Chapter Meeting Ride	VFW	Membership Drive Ride			Joe Gonzales	Russ Martin	
				Renew your membership for 2009					
Sun, Jan 11,	1:00pm	Chapter Ride	GHD	Blake's Cafe	½ hr	12	Robert Little	Frank Hillis	ma
				9216 FM 725, McQueeney,					
				(830) 557-6335 □					
Sat, Jan 17, 2009	11:00am	Chapter Ride	GHD	Floore's Country Store	2 hrs	51	John Garbelotti	Mike Brown	FCS
				14464 Old Bandera Rd, Helotes					
				(210) 695-8827					
Wed, Jan 21,	5:45pm	Mini-Meeting	GHD	Gruene Harley-Davidson	½ hr	N/A	N/A	N/A	GH
				1288 Loop 337, New Braunfels					
				(830) 624-2473					
Wed, Jan 21,	6:30pm	Dinner Ride	GHD	Specks Shrimp House	5 mins	2	Cindy Clements	Jerry Clement	ma
				263 Loop 337, New Braunfels					
				(830) 625-3331					
Sat, Jan 24, 2009	10:00am	Chapter Ride	GHD	Shade Tree Saloon & Grill	¾ hr	30	Howard Armstrong	Jerry Clements	ma
				13430 Hwy 281, Spring Branch					
				830-885-5550					
Sat, Jan 31, 2009	9:30am	Chapter Ride	GHD	Billy Gene's Restaurant	2½ hrs	90	Richard Marhofer	Walter Vincent	ma p
				1489 Junction Highway, Kerrville					
				(830) 895-7377					

Wassailfest 2008

Winners again 2 years in a row!!!



Be Safe, Have Fun

(December 2008)

From GHOG Safety Officer, Darryl Taylor

Seems like we waited a long time this year for the temperatures to move towards the lower end of the thermometer. Then, as my favorite chef Emeril Lagasse says, “BAM!” It got cold. Well, maybe not cold to some folks who are from much colder places than south Texas, but pretty chilly for many of us. Although winter does not officially begin until December 21 this year, for most of us it is here and time to get ready for cold weather riding.

For most of the year the weather report goes something like this. Local weather guy says, “It is currently hot and dry outside and we plan for that continue until it rains.” However in the fall things really start to change. Over the past several weeks our weather has acted like it’s on a roller coaster. It has been pretty common for us to experience 20 to 40 degree temperature swings on any given day. Add to that cold front wind and an occasional shower and you can have some very interesting days on the road.

Getting ready and staying prepared for cold and changing weather is as important for safe riding as being prepared for our often brutally hot months. You can ride safely and comfortably in cold weather if you are prepared. If you are not prepared however, you can get yourself into trouble.

Here are a couple of things that will help you stay safe and more comfortable in the colder months.

Although most of us are online weather junkies, it is good to up your addiction to weather watching during the fall and winter. Staying tuned into the local weather can help you prepare the right clothing, gear, and routes.

Also, it is good to understand how the cold can affect you and your ability to safely operate your bike. If your body temperature drops because you are not dressed out in a way that holds in body heat you run the risk of experiencing hypothermia. Hypothermia can result from exposure to really cold temperatures or dampness. What makes hypothermia so dangerous for bikers is that often times the symptoms aren’t noticed until it’s too late. Mild hypothermia can cause stumbling, changes in motor coordination, stiff or numbs hands, missing gears, wobbly stops, and slight shivering. If you experience any of these symptoms, pull over immediately and warm up as best you can.

Dressing for the weather may seem obvious, but when it is sunny and 78 degrees in the afternoon it may be hard to picture temperatures dropping to below 50 with drizzle after sunset. Dress in layers or take additional layers in the saddle bags to put on later. Chaps can make a huge difference in adding warmth to your lower body. Gloves are a must, and if you can afford them heated gloves are super. Another great, albeit pricey, layer you can add is Under Armor – Cold Gear. My kids' entire soccer team swears by it.

Other gear to consider not just for warmth but also safety is head gear. Since most of your body heat escapes from your head, covering your head is important. A full faced helmet will hold heat in and protect your face much better than a half helmet or open-faced. If you wear a half helmet wear a thermal face mask to protect against wind-burn. Also, wearing a bandana around the neck or wearing a neck sleeve will help keep your upper body warm. I've found face masks and neck sleeves at local sporting goods stores for less than \$10 each and it's definitely worth it.

Finally be sure to drink plenty of warm liquids, try to stay hydrated, and avoid alcohol until after the ride.

We're in for a few months of unpredictable, colder weather. I predict there will be also be some spectacular riding days. Being prepared and taking some proactive steps can enable us all to enjoy safe riding all winter long. Now let's ride!

On a slightly different note, have a Merry Christmas and a safe Happy New Year.

Be safe, have fun.



2008 Toy Run!!!

