



# Gruene Chapter Newsletter

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## Six Words That Could Change Your Life



from a Blog by Curt Carter

When was the last time you seriously thought about life and how you want to live it? At the beginning of every year, many of us make a list of resolutions and then quickly forget them. Sure, we have great intentions of losing weight, quitting smoking, staying fit, riding more, or spending less money, but sadly only 8% of us keep the resolutions we make. Why is that? Maybe we'd be more successful if we didn't put so much pressure on ourselves by waiting for some ball to drop in Times Square before getting started. We shouldn't wait on a "new" year or some arbitrary date on a calendar to begin making incremental changes in our lives. We should commit to making those changes in the moment and work on implementing them one-step at a time, one-day at a time. Unfortunately, sometimes our outlook on life and our mental framework holds us back. So where does that leave us? We need a NEW outlook.

While riding back from a bike blessing on New Year's Day, I had an epiphany. In moment of quiet solitude, I realized that life could be simpler and I could set myself up for success by embracing the ideals behind six small but powerful words...**Live Free, Ride Hard, Be Happy**. These words are powerful because they can transform your outlook on life and give you a new lens with which to view the world. Think about it for a moment...

### Live Free

Living free means having the ability to choose your own path and living with the consequences of your choices. You are responsible for yourself...you decide who you want to be, where you want to go, and how you want to get there. You must hold yourself accountable for your successes and failures. When something doesn't turn out the way you planned, don't blame someone else. It is not your father's, your mother's, your sister's, your brother's, your spouse's, and certainly not your government's fault...or responsibility. When you abdicate responsibility for your life to someone or something else, you are no longer truly free. Cherish your freedom!



### Ride Hard

Riding hard means riding your motorcycle and living life with balls-to-the-wall gusto. It requires focus, determination, and perseverance. When the road gets long, you can't be distracted by the unimportant. You have to dig-deep and give your best effort mile after mile. Never give-up!



# Six Words That Could Change Your Life...continued

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## **Be Happy**

Being happy means having a good attitude and looking for the positive. In today's world that can be difficult, but it's a choice that you can make. Being happy is a frame of mind. Frown less and smile more. Build lasting friendships and be optimistic about life. When thrown into a room full of horseshit and a shovel, look for the pony. Remember, happiness is a choice. Be happy!



So, what did you resolve to do this year? If you're like most, chances are you've already given up (I hope that isn't the case), but, if your struggling with change try looking at life through a different lens. Harness the transformative power of...**Live Free. Ride Hard. Be Happy.**

## *Bringing in the New Year*

**2014** started out with a Blessing of the Bikes at GHD. It was a great day with good weather, music, coffee, pastries, a word from Steve, from Chariots of Light Ministry, and a ride to the Shade Tree for lunch. Or maybe it was an early dinner when some of us got our food. LOL Always good time spent with fellow HOGs.



## *Meet our New Members*



At the new meeting, we met new members Eric Wrana, Claudia Bradley- Fultz, Billy Fultz, Meredith Amos Stinson and Mike Uchniat.



## 2nd Annual Men's Winter Twisted Sisters Ride & Campout



The Second Annual Men's Winter Twisted Sisters Ride and Campout was awesome! The weather couldn't have been better. We camped at Garner (should be Gardner) State Park.



We ate, rode, enjoyed campfires, ate some more and rode the World Famous Twisted Sisters.



We had the road to ourselves, except for a Sportster hating Javalina that decided to go after Curt.



The Javalina didn't survive the encounter. Fortunately, Curt kept it upright but did get a bit bruised. Unfortunately, his bike only had neutral and first gear. He was a great sport (get it, "sport") and got on the back of Walters bike to continue the ride. And apparently, Walter does not smell like a "lawyer cowboy." We enjoyed a shrimp boil for dinner and more campfire stories.



Next years camp out is already being planed, so men, keep the third weekend in January 2015 open!



# Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Feb 12<sup>th</sup> Memorial for Bobby Bacon @ Sunset Funeral Home  
Feb 13<sup>th</sup> Funeral Service for Bobby Bacon (Ride Info on Ride Schedule)  
Feb 15<sup>th</sup> Chapter Ride to Hamilton Pool Nature Preserve  
Feb 20<sup>th</sup> Women's Jumpstart Party @ Gruene Harley  
Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> Cowboy Mardi Gras  
Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> Chapter Ride to Ramsey's Restaurant  
March 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter Meeting @ Herbert's Taco Hut

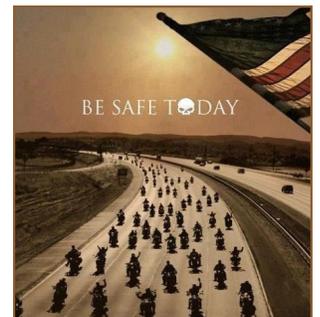
**WOMEN'S JUMPSTART PARTY!**  
*Thursday February 20th*  
6:50 - 8:50pm  
*Fun - Friends - Fashion Show*  
*refreshments provided*  
**GRUENE HARLEY-DAVIDSON**  
1288 loop 557 \* New Braunfels, TX \* 78150



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As always, check the latest Ride Schedule for specifics and updates. When going on a Chapter Ride, **arrive 15 minutes prior to departure time** for Safety Briefing and make sure you have a full tank!!



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