



# GRUENE TRAILS



NEWSLETTER  
JULY - AUGUST  
2011

## MILES IN MAY

### May New Members

- Jack and Robin Cruz
- Joel Freeman
- Justin Matthews
- Rick Matthews
- Gerardo Rivera
- Arthur Wright

The month started out with the Meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup> with the following drawing winners:

- Birthday – Shawn Krogstad
- New Member – Karen Johnson
- Sign In – Justin Matthews
- 50/50 – Roy Zertuche

Following the meeting we took a ride up toward Fredericksburg to Alamo Springs Café.

### Fundraising Drops \$350 To the Chapter's Bottom Line

On May 14<sup>th</sup>, volunteers from the HOG chapter arrived at the dealership at 7am and started assembling over 200 breakfast tacos to be sold before the Ride for the Troops. Everyone worked together and we had all of the tacos rolled in foil quickly. We sold out of tacos within a couple of hours and had collected a nice sum for the HOG Chapter. We could not have done this without the help of ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS! THANK YOU!!

*Big Thanks to Marta, Lynda and John who were up hours before the other volunteers cooking the eggs, bacon and sausage for the tacos.*

### Twisted Sister Overnight Trip Never A Dull Moment!

It was a great turnout for the Twisted Sister overnight trip the weekend of May 20<sup>th</sup>. Even though rain threatened, it turned out to be a beautiful weekend!

**There is some great video on the website from the ride – THANKS MIKE BURCHAM! If you need access to Members Only section of the website; email [secretary@gruenehog.com](mailto:secretary@gruenehog.com)**

Sadly, no one got a picture of the most talked about part of the trip – Mike McFall's bike drop with the assist of Paulie and a loose handlebar grip. Those pictures could be worth some real money to the right people....come on, no one got a picture?! DARN!



**Joe  
Congratulations  
On Your  
Retirement!  
More Time to Ride!**



*Stay Connected and Up To Date  
on Events/Rides - join the  
Gruene HOG Facebook Group!*

## JUNE'S JOURNEYS

### June New Members

**Scott Powell  
William Schulte  
Gary Clarke**

Paulie did a great job leading the meeting in place of director, Mike McFalls. Montana handed out patches and pins to all the members for the Dealership's 5-year anniversary.

### Meeting Winners:

50/50 – Robert Bacon  
New Member – Joel Freeman  
Birthday – Ron Novak  
Sign In – Bill Tompkins

### Brown Bag Ride Event

On Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, Joe Gonzales led 15 bikes to Max Starcke Park in Seguin for a brown bag picnic. It was a really scenic ride through the back roads past Kingsbury and then into the park.

Melinda who had the drink coolers in her car met us at the park. She surprised us with extra snacks, sandwiches and fruit for everyone!

*Thanks Mama Melinda  
for All of Us Who Enjoyed  
the Extra Snacks!*

### This Month's Rides

**June 4** – The chapter rode to Honey Creek in Spring Branch

**June 5** – John Kohler did his Rocker Ride to the Chrome Cactus in Johnson City.

**June 12** – The chapter did a ride to Blanco to have breakfast. There was also a little festival going on across the street that we made a short visit and to a leather store.

**June 15 and June 23** – the chapter rode to Texas Roadhouse for dinner in San Marcos. The ribs were FANTASTIC.



**Great Idea Marta!!**

### Breakfast Taco Fundraiser

Marta suggested we try something new and it really paid off - \$350 in funds for the club to be exact! She had a great idea to sell breakfast tacos before the Ride for the Troops.

Not only did we sell out in record time, but it also turned out to be quick and easy. Thanks for the GREAT IDEA!



**Congratulations Mike and Elizabeth!**

### Tied the Knot

On June 18<sup>th</sup> Mike and Elizabeth were married at New Braunfels Bible Church.

They are a special couple and we all wish them a lifetime of happiness!

Pictures are posted on Facebook  
Gruene Harley Group



## July Events

### July 2

Chapter Meeting & Burger Run  
10% Member Discount at Dealer

### July 4

GHD Event - 4<sup>th</sup> of July Party

### July 9

HOG Lake Party  
Mike Burcham's House  
110 Kingsbury, Canyon Lake, TX

### July 10

Chapter Ride to Wimberley Cafe

### July 13

Chapter Ride – Burger Run Winner

### July 16

Social – Happy Cow  
Belt Sander Races at 3pm  
AND  
GHD Event – Ride in Movie  
“Harlistas”  
Starts at 8pm

### July 20

Dinner Ride to Clear Springs Café

### July 23

Chapter Ride – Snow BBQ, Lexington

### July 28

Dinner Ride to Burger Run Winner

## WHERE WE ARE GOING

### August Events

#### August 6

Chapter Meeting & Ride  
10% Member Discount at Dealer  
AND

New Rider Orientation  
AND

GHD Event – Customer  
Appreciation Day  
AND

GHD Event - Premier Combat  
Group MMA Cage Fights at  
Cowboys Dancehall

#### August 13

GHD Event – End of Summer  
Block Party

#### August 17

Dinner Ride to La Pasadita

#### August 20

Chapter Ride – Lucky Sailor  
Oyster Bar  
AND

Chapter Social – Happy Cow  
3pm for Belt Sander Races  
AND

GHD Event – For the Love of  
Kids and Harleys KJ-97 Heart  
String Concert with Josh Abbott at  
Cowboys Dancehall

#### August 19 – 21

GHD Event – Tax Free Weekend

### September Events

#### September 3

Chapter Meeting & Ride  
10% Member Discount at Dealer  
AND  
GHD Event – Labor Day Block Party

#### September 9 – 11

NON-HOG EVENT  
Ride to Corpus Christi

#### September 13

GHD Event – For the Love of Kids and  
Harleys Golf Tournament  
at Canyon Creek

#### September 17

Chapter Ride – Painted Churches

#### September 20

GHD Event – For the Love of Kids and  
Harleys Gala with Rodney Adkins

#### September 21

Dinner Ride – La Tortillita

#### September 24

Chapter Ride – Bent Rim Grill

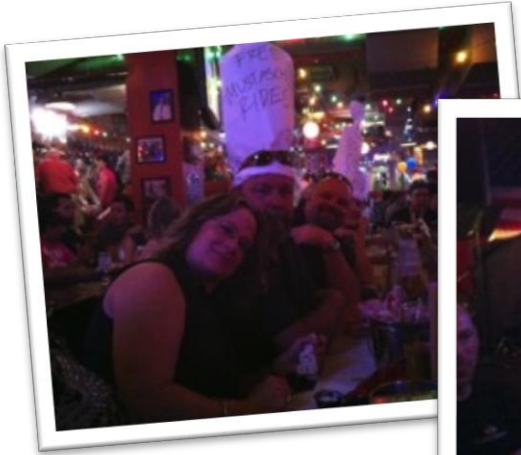
### *Specific Ride Details*

*can be found on*

*Ride Schedule at*

*[www.gruenehog.com](http://www.gruenehog.com)*

REMEMBERING PAST EVENTS



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# KNOW THE FACTS ABOUT ORGAN DONATION

Every **13 minutes**, a new name is added to the national transplant waiting list. Every day, **17 people** die waiting for a life-saving organ transplant.

There is a critical shortage of organs, tissues and eyes available for donation. There are more than **96,000 patients** in the United States awaiting transplantation—more than **7,000** are Texans.

The Glenda Dawson Donate Life – Texas Registry is the official state organ, tissue and eye donor registry.

Historically, while signing a donor card and placing the "donor" sticker on your driver license served as an important symbol of your intent, it did not place you on any official list or registry.

In 2005, Texas joined 40 other states in the country by creating its own state donor registry. Registering to become an organ, tissue and eye donor helps ensure your wishes will be carried out after you die. You have the power to donate life.

Sign up today to become an organ, tissue and eye donor. Your generosity can save up to eight lives through organ donation and enhance another 50 through tissue donation.

## Questions and Answers:

### **What is the difference between an organ donor and a tissue donor?**

Organ donors donate their major vital organs: heart, kidneys, pancreas, lungs, liver and intestines. Tissue donors donate their tissue, which includes corneas, skin, bone, heart valves and tendons.

### **Who can be a donor?**

Anyone can indicate their intent to donate. There is no age limit to register to be a donor. Any donor under the age of 18 must have parental or guardian consent to be a donor.

### **Can I designate what I want to donate?**

Yes, you may indicate which organs and tissues you wish to donate.

### **Would my family incur any costs or receive any payment related to my donation?**

No. The donor family is never billed for expenses related to donation. Also, the donor family is not paid for any donations, as this would be a violation of federal and state laws.

[www.donatelifetexas.org](http://www.donatelifetexas.org)

# Reviews and Tips from HOG Members

## TIP - NEVER MISS OR FORGET A TURN

By HOG Member John Kohler

You spend hours planning the perfect route. Some of you may have even taken the time to print out a map or load it into your GPS. But Maps and GPS are hard to read when you are trying to concentrate the road conditions and traffic surroundings. With all of the things you have to be aware of, even the best riders have missed a turn or two.

I saw another rider one trip with some writing on his windshield and asked him what that was about. He told me that he uses dry erase markers to write the route on his windshield so his directions are “up front” and visible.



Since learning about this tip, I have used it on several rides even though I have a GPS on my bike. I have learned a few things about using dry erase markers on your windshield that I want to pass along to my fellow HOG members:

- Be sure to try the marker in a small area **FIRST**. Not all markers wipe off easily. Also, wipe off when finished with the ride to avoid any “stains”.
- **STAY AWAY FROM BLACK MARKERS** – for the above reason.
- A red marker shows up the best, but blue is a close second choice.

## Harley Davidson Extended Service Plan

~ By HOG Member Lynda Kohler

In May, we were on our annual 2,700-mile motorcycle trip. The group included seven responsible riders whose motorcycles had been serviced before the ride. However, even good planning and taking care of bike maintenance did not prevent one of the riders in our group from having mechanical problems at the second day’s stop.

First thing in the morning we all headed to the Harley dealership thinking we would be back on the road in a few hours. They had some good news and some bad news. The good news was that it could be fixed. The bad news was that the part would not be delivered for one to two days. While she was not able to finish the ride, all of her expenses were covered in the Harley Davidson Extended Service Plan (ESP). She was able to enjoy her free nights stay by the pool without worrying about the expenses until her bike was ready to make the trip back home. Hopefully she will never has to use it again, but we were all glad to hear that the ESP paid off.

For more information regarding the Harley-Davidson Extended Service Plan, see Todd Barrow or Trevor Bird at Gruene Harley.

**Do you have a tip to share or a motorcycle product you really like?**

**Email Lynda at [editor@gruenehog.com](mailto:editor@gruenehog.com) and it will be included in the next newsletter**

**Don't worry about “writing” the article; Lynda will help you with that! We just need your tips and suggestions!**

# GRUENE HARLEY DAVIDSON

YOU'RE INVITED!

4TH OF JULY  
FIREWORK VIEWING  
PARTY!

MONDAY, JULY 4TH  
8:30PM

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**END OF SUMMER BLOCK PARTY**

**SATURDAY, AUG. 13TH  
NOON - 4PM**

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**TAX FREE WEEKEND**

**AUGUST 19TH - 21ST**

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THAT QUALIFY FOR TAX FREE WEEKEND.



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## ***WE WANT YOUR INPUT!***

### **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](mailto: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**

**Email: [ridecaptain@gruenehog.com](mailto:ridecaptain@gruenehog.com)**

### **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?

**Contact Joe Gonzales, Membership**

**Email: [membership@gruenehog.com](mailto:membership@gruenehog.com)**