

# GRUENE TRAILS



## GRUENE HOG NEWSLETTER JUNE 2012

### Texas State HOG Rally 2012



DOES ANYONE KNOW WHERE WE ARE ?



MADE IT !



LOOK WERE TWINS !



YEE HAW !



THIS AINT NOTHING LIKE MY HARLEY !



WHAT HAPPENS AT THE STOCK YARDS.....



STATE HOG RALLY RIDERS



NEW MEMBERS

SANDY CLINTON, DALE PARISH, DAVE GAERTNER,  
DANNY VARELLA , JULIAN AND SHERRY MARDOCK



MIKE MCFALLS NEW ROAD  
NAME "DRAG A BAG"



DANE GETS HIS CAPTAINS  
BARS



NEIL GETS HIS ROAD CAPTAIN  
PATCH

### Quick tips from our Safety Officer Richard Marhofer "Playing it Cool"

Taking proper measures when riding in the heat is not just about staying comfortable, it's about staying safe. The bottom line is *stay hydrated!* And it's better to be covered than uncovered when riding in high temperatures. Other tips include wearing a wet bandana around your neck or under your helmet to help draw heat away from your body. Re soak it with cool water at every opportunity. Sometimes its best to plan your riding to avoid the heat. Get up early and pile on the miles before the sun has a chance to heat things up too much.



## New Braunfels to Sedona

In 2009, HOG Magazine ran an article on Sedona, Arizona that inspired me to schedule a road trip.

Originally, Rick and I planned on traveling through on our way to the Arizona HOG rally but with some gentle persuasion from a few new members, we rethought the trip for later during the month of June, 2010 so we could travel with our new friends, John and Lynda Kohler.

Leaving on a Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, we made Van Horn, TX the first day, Globe, AZ the second day, Williams, AZ for days 3 and 4 so we could take in a day ride to the Grand Canyon, through Sedona to Jerome, AZ the 5<sup>th</sup> night, Socorro, NM on day 6, Snyder, TX on day 7, then home.

The Grand Canyon was, well, grand. It never ceases to amaze me how God came up with such a bizarre sculpture. Sedona with its red cliffs and rock formations was amazing. The town itself is a typical tourist trap so we didn't spend a lot of time there.

The outstanding dealership of our trip for service was Superstition in Apache Junction (suburb of Phoenix), AZ, where they switched out a tire for Rick in record time and had us back into the 118 degree heat. FYI, watch your GPS setting going through Phoenix. Shortest route means light to light to stop sign to light. Bad. Very bad.

As we came out of Phoenix and got closer to Flagstaff, the temperature dropped about 30 degrees. After a quick stop at Grand Canyon Harley Davidson in Bellemont, we went across the parking lot to the Route 66 Roadhouse Bar and Grill. We discovered Shock Top beer on draft. Yea, baby. The Bar and Grill features different cuts of beef that you can select and grill yourself over an open flame or have them grill it for you. We didn't try the steaks but they looked good.

We had a short 30 mile ride on up the road to Williams, AZ. Pleasant surprise of the trip was the Canyon Motel and RV Park in Williams. Google it and you'll be intrigued. We stayed in stone cabins but they also had converted boxcars into hotel suites that could sleep quite a few people. We heard some metric riders complaining about the ambiance of the grounds but we thought they were nuts. It was quant, fun and comfortable. To top it off, the campground had a large patio with a gi-normous gas grill. We cooked our own dinner and drank our adult beverages out under the stars. Williams is a great little town with friendly people and a café that has pie that could rival the Bluebonnet Café.

The last very notable stop was Jerome. It's an old copper mining town built into the side of a mountain full of hippies that will tell you the town is haunted. The Conner Hotel was homey with comfortable beds. We had the town to ourselves after the crowds left at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. We ate a delicious dinner at an Italian restaurant where our waitress was a city councilman who gave us an earful of Jerome politics. Then, we went to a bar with no cover charge and listened to a guitar player that kept us thoroughly entertained and vice versa. All of this within walking distance of our hotel.

Next time Arizona has their HOG Rally in Williams, mark your calendar. We're going.

**By Marta Roberts Gruene HOG Assistant Director**

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## UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

IN CASE YOU'VE BEEN LIVING UNDER A ROCK, THE TWISTED SISTERS RIDE IS THIS WEEKEND. JUNE 8, 9 AND 10

IF YOU AREN'T GOING THERE, THE SUNSHINE KIDS RIDE IS SATURDAY JUNE 9  
FRIDAY NIGHT JUNE 22 IS A TAILGATE PARTY AT THE DEALERSHIP. BYO...  
AND YES THERE WILL BE A PORTA POTTÝ ! ( OFF LIMITS TO SHAWN)  
CHECK THE CALENDAR FOR MORE DETAILS AND ACTIVITIES.

ADVANCE NOTICE ! THE FIRST WEEKEND IN OCTOBER, MATT GARDNER AND WALTER GRIER WILL BE LEADING A RIDE TO ALBUQUERQUE NEW MEXICO TO WATCH THE BALLON FESTIVAL. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN COMING ALONG PLEASE CONTACT MATT AT [RTRBFSHN@AOL.COM](mailto:RTRBFSHN@AOL.COM) SO WE CAN MAKE PLANS.

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