



# **GRUENE TRAILS**

## **CHAPTER NEWS LETTER**

### **MAY 2013 CHAPTER#2062**



In the past couple of months some of your officers went to Harley Officers Training or H.O.T. Some went to Dallas and behaved, but some went to Milwaukee and did not. Jon, Walter and Matt went out and got semi matching tats. They all represent our love of Harley Davidson's but also show our individuality, just like our bikes. In Milwaukee there were about 37 different countries represented which was very cool. Were all different in our own way (some really different). Somehow were all the same at heart. No matter where were from. **START THE RUMBLE! FEEL THE THUNDER!**



**IF YOU READ YOUR HOG MAGAZINE YOU'RE FAMILIAR WITH THE TSUNAMI BIKE. TO SEE IT IN PERSON AT THE HARLEY MUSEUM IN MILWAUKEE WAS UNREAL. IT'S ON DISPLAY IN BASICALLY THE CONDITION THEY FOUND IT IN. SAND AND ALL.**



NUNS AND HARLEYS ? WHO KNEW ! GOOD JOB TO THOSE THAT SHOWED UP TO SUPPORT THEIR EFFORT.

## HOG TALES BY MATT GARDNER

3 am would come early ,but my Electra Glide was packed and ready. Everything checked and rechecked. Joe and I had planed an Iron Butt ride for the first leg of our journey to California so we needed to get an early start. In case you didn't know, an Iron Butt ride is 1000 miles in less than 24 hours. We met up at 4am, gassed up the bikes and after a quick prayer headed out on a cold dark drizzly Tuesday morning. By the time we hit the Fort Davis area blue skies opened up and we had to start thinning out the layers to cool down. Strong head and cross winds persisted all the way through Texas, New Mexico and Arizona but the roads were good and we didn't encounter much traffic except through El Paso and Tucson. We of course made the obligatory stops at Barnett's HD in El Paso and a few other Harley stores along the way. We stopped about every 120 miles to stretch our legs, gas up and grab an occasional snack and water. The desert landscape was flat and mostly desolate other than cactus and random rock formations. Large mountains filled the horizon making for a spectacular sunset. IH 8 at night was not my favorite part of the ride as I was getting jumpy and couldn't see well through the accumulation of splattered insects on my windshield. ( even though I cleaned it many times) We finally rolled into Gila Bend Arizona 8:45 mountain time, that's 1041 miles in 16 hours and 45 minutes.

We met two new friends at the hotel entrance admiring my Harley so I was compelled to introduce them to Jesus. Ok it was a baby rattlesnake and a coral snake which I dispatched promptly. After a thorough inspection of our room we got a good night sleep and woke to the worst "continental" breakfast we both had ever seen. Luckily McDonald's was close by. Wednesday was beautiful, still a little breezy but not bad except going through the mountain passes in California where I almost got blown off the road. We shot down to San Diego to Mission Beach and the Harbor to do the tourist thing. Then went to a In & Out burger joint for lunch. We even made it an hour early to our destination of Old Town Temecula for the start of our Black Sheep leadership summit. It was an awesome time of fellowship and learning for the next two days. Friday night we took a side trip on the Ortega Highway through the mountains into San Juan Capistrano. Did I mention Californians drive like maniacs? Joe, the constant rebel pulled his bike on the sidewalk in front of the Mission for a photo op, causing a few jaws to drop. After a nice meal at a restaurant on the harbor at Danas Point we went back through the mountains to our guest home. We were back by 9 pm to get packed up and try and get some sleep.

5 am would come early.

To be continued.



Barnetts in El Paso



our new friends



Joe and I at Gila Bend



on the border !



Mission beach



In & Out Burgers



Old Town Temecula Ca.



View from Ortega Hwy.

## The little things. Product review

As you know it's usually the little things that make a big difference on any ride. This month I installed a "Cruise Mate Throttle Assist" that I purchased from Gruene HD. My bike isn't equipped with cruise control and decided to give it a shot. I can tell you what! it made ALL the difference on that long ride. It's much simpler to operate than the standard knob under the throttle especially with gloves on and still able to back it off as needed. The throttle assembly is disassembled and factory parts removed, the hole drilled larger and threads added so you can install a whole different part. Unless you are a mechanic or very mechanically inclined I recommend taking it to a professional, after all this is your throttle we are talking about. With a simple flick of the thumb you can apply or release the mechanism, allowing to you relax your grip a while. (disclaimer , never remove your hands from the handlebars) It sells for about 50\$

I would post pictures of the installed unit but my bike is currently in another state, that's another story.

MY APOLOGIES BUT DUE TO SOME TECHNICAL DIFFUCULTIES PICTURES FROM THE MEETING WILL BE IN NEXT MONTHS NEWSLETTER

THE EDITOR.



# COMING UP AT GRUENE HARLEY DAVIDSON

**JAVELINA HARLEY-DAVIDSON**  **110TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY**



**JACKYL**

AS SEEN ON  
**POLE THROTTLE SALOON**

**BIKINI CONTEST \* STUNT SHOWS \* BIKE SHOW \* POLE DANCING \* LIVE MUSIC**

**SAT. MAY 25TH**

- DOORS OPEN AT 11AM -  
- TICKETS ONLY \$5 -  
- PURCHASE TICKETS AT [WWW.APEXTICKETING.COM](http://WWW.APEXTICKETING.COM) -  
- JESSE JAMES BOURBON OUTLAW BAR -  
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**SATURDAY, JUNE 15TH**  
**LOUD PIPES CONTEST**

\*LOUD PIPES CONTEST AT 11AM  
 \*LUNCH AND LIVE MUSIC FROM NOON - 2PM  
 \*GIVEAWAYS FROM 11AM - 2PM

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**SATURDAY, JUNE 1ST**

\*FOOD  
 \*CLASSIC CARS  
 \*ADULT DRINKS  
 \*AND MORE!

**SINCERELY ELVIS,**  
 ELVIS IMPERSONATOR: 2PM - 4PM

**THE GEORGES**  
 4:30PM - 7PM

**LUCKY 7 YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

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**BIKE NIGHT**  
 EVERY 1ST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH  
 AT RIVER ROAD ICE HOUSE

**JUNE 6TH**  
**7PM-9PM**

\*DRINK SPECIALS  
 \*GIVEAWAYS  
 \*LIVE MUSIC  
 \*FOOD BY:  
 WHERE'S THAT TRUCK

RIVER ROAD ICE HOUSE IS LOCATED AT  
 1791 HUECO SPRINGS LOOP RD IN NEW BRAUNFELS

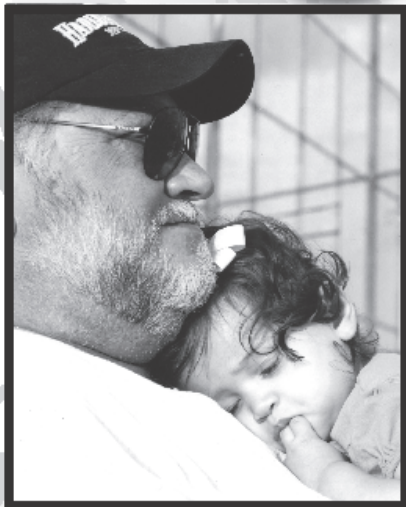
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**BIKER DOWN**

**BENEFIT FOR**

**LYLE SCHOTT**



9:00 - 10:30 A.M. REGISTRATION FOR FUN RUN

1:00 P.M. LAST BIKE IN

12:00 P.M. MUSIC BEGINS AND FOOD AVAILABLE

2:00 P.M. FUN RUN RESULTS

2:30 P.M. 50/50 AND DRAWINGS END

FUN RUN: \$20 FOR A RIDER /

\$35 FOR RIDER AND PASSENGER (MEAL INCLUDED)

FOOD: \$7 PER PLATE

**WHISKEY**  
**RODEO**

**LIVE**

**LOCATION: GRUENE HARLEY-DAVIDSON**

**DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH, 2013**