

Lone Star Voyager Courthouse Grand Tour 2009 rules

The object is to take a picture of your motorcycle in front of county or parrish courthouses whose county names start with the letters in the phrase "Lone Star Voyagers". That's a total of 16 different courthouses in 16 different counties including 2 each beginning with the letters O, E, S, A, & R. To encourage some travel, there will be point multipliers for pics that are greater distance from your home. If the courthouse is 0-100 miles away it's worth one point, 101-200 miles 2 points, 201-300 miles 3 points, 301-400 miles 4 points, & 401 miles or greater, 5 points. Shortest distance measured via mapping software. That makes a maximum possible score of 80 (that is 5x16). Although you don't have to be in the picture, in order to prove that you took the picture during the contest period, there must be visible in the picture your bike and a white sheet of paper (like the back of this instruction sheet or something like that). Make sure that the county & state names are legible in the picture- this may require that the picture be made in front of some sort of lawn sign at the courthouse instead of the actual front of the building, you'll need to be creative. In the case of the lawn sign, go ahead & submit a picture of the actual courthouse also- most of these buildings are beautiful. The contest starts April 23, the first day of the 2009 LSV Hill Country Tour in Junction, TX. and ends Sept 22, 2009, with prizes awarded at the LSV Voyage Home in October at Paris, TX. That gives you 5 months. By Sept 22, your pictures (either a picture CD, SD memory card, or prints) must have been received by the judges (that's me). **DO NOT** e-mail the pictures. When submitting your pictures, try to include a couple of unique pictures of something that you saw on the trip- not necessarily a unique courthouse. These, for a slideshow during the awards ceremony at LSV Voyage Home in Paris, TX. in Oct 2009. You need not be present to win.

The entry fee is \$10. There will be an "I-took-part-in-it" certificate for all participants and cash prizes for the top 3 winners (\$25-\$20-\$15). The remainder of the entry money will be given to Salvation Army in Austin, TX. The distance points are only used as a tie-breaker. To be eligible to win, you must have all 16 pictures. A second tie-breaker will be earliest postmark date received by the judges. Please include with your pictures a document that lists name of the county (& state) and travel distance from your home for each of your pics. In questionable distance measurement, the judges will finally determine the distance (ie was it really 401 miles or just 400?)

Your \$10 entry fee as well as eventually, your pictures, need to go to:

Richard Baxter
LSV Grand Tour
256 Chaparral Dr
Liberty Hill, TX 78642

Along with your snail mail address, please include your email address so I can e-mail you a receipt for your entry. Your certificate will come later via snail mail. To get your pics back after the contest, please include a suitable SASE, or pick them up at Voyage Home in Paris in Oct.

Good luck & safe riding.

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