



## Newsletter #5, June-July 2003

Since our inception in February of 2003, we've had a monthly newsletter to keep us all abreast of LSV happenings. We thought that we'd try a bimonthly edition this time, so this edition is for the two month period instead of just one. Thank you all for your contributions & patience. Hopefully I caught all the typos. -Richard Baxter

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Those of you that were at Broken Bow know that Mike is on leave of absence from work and has been restricted from riding by his doctor. I talked with him when I returned from BB on Sunday and he's feeling slightly better. He and Cheré will try to be with us in Canton. We all hope they can make it. Mike, we are all pullin' for you. A lot of prayers have been said, I assure you. God Bless..... -Barry Baker

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From the desk of the VP..(june).....

A great time was had by all at the 33rd annual Austin Road Riders Assn rally in Burnet during Memorial Day weekend. By my count, 15 members of the LSV were in attendance. Jimmie Loyd, Sandi & I were in our campers while most of the members were in tents and MC trailers. Jimmie was already camped out when we arrived on Thursday, a day earlier than expected.

I met 4 members for the first time. I saw a Voyager in the grassy area across from my camp spot and went over to prospect only to find out that Wayne/Priscilla Luetkenhoelter, from Lampasas, were already members. Wayne promptly showed me his LSV membership card after a search of his wallet. Wayne and I exchanged new information about the years the 1300 was made. He has 2 at home if I remember correctly in addition to the XII he brought to the rally.

Brenda Herring pointed out to me Jeff and Kathy Bongfeldt, from Irving, during the bike show. I hurried across the square lawn and introduced myself to them. We had a very nice chat. I thought they were new members but found out their membership number was in the 40's. Y'all can't hide like that! All of these "new" members were very nice people. Which reminds me of the other members that were there. I still have yet to meet an LSV member that I can't get along with.....well..... look for the other 'story' from me in the newsletter!

The poker run was normal, someone else won. But the countryside ride was super. Park Road #4 just south of Burnet is awesome. If you're ever in that area take it. But watch out for the first rollercoaster type down grade, it will take your breath away. Jimmie did a great job leading our group of LSV members, there were two groups of 5-6, through the run. Jimmie maintained a safety factor by having 2 smaller groups. Thanks Jimmie!

Next the bike show.....Jimmie won almost \$90 and got 1st place ...OK, enough said, next!

Before we went to the light show, Sandi & I wandered over to Vic Corbo's campsite and were surprised to be invited to the best peach cobbler tasted to date. Will (Wilkerson), I hope that's your last name and I apologize as I'm still learning, made it in an iron pot over a fire, semi buried I understand. Actually I'm not quite sure how he does it but rest assured that the next event we are at I'm looking up where Will is camped!!

The light show was really pretty, according to Sandi. The first two trikes were lighted to the max, maybe not as good as Homer's though. (Seeing all those lights made me think of our member to the North). A Harley show bike won. Very impressive bike, but I thought a bike that was actually ridden should win. I felt that Joe Mason felt the same way even though he didn't come right out and say it.

The rally ended on Sunday, I'm leaving a LOT out, with most of us packing up in the rain. I think those heading north rode home in the rain, however, I drove out of the rain just south of Marble Falls. Of course I was soaked anyway but it was nice not to have to ride the 100 mile home in the rain.

Can't wait until the next gathering.

-Barry & Sandi

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What I have called the Gruene River Run -Barry's little get-together ride in May, was a bona fide success. It involved riding the River Road along the Guadalupe River with a final lunch gathering in the village of Gruene - an historic little tourista town on the edge of New Braunfels, TX. The weather was kinda blah - gray & threatening to rain all day although we never had to suit up.

On Saturday, May 3, eight of us on 5 bikes met at the IH35 exit to Canyon Dam & rode straight to the dam where we stopped for a little sight seeing. The heavy fog dimmed our view of the lake but created an eerie vista in and of itself. From there we traveled the River Road - a winding path along the Guadalupe River back to Gruene. Most of the major damage from a recent flood of the river had been cleaned up & rebuilt but there was still enough damage to see that there'd been a bad flood. In spite of the almost-bad weather, there were a lot of visitor (tubers) along the river - a bountiful bevy of bikinied beauties to be beheld. One young man standing in the middle of the road made the almost-serious mistake of thinking that I'd be looking at him instead of the girls & I might of hit him if SWMBO hadn't goosed me in the ribs in a timely manner.

As we made our final approach into Gruene, a pickup almost hit Paul but he was able to evade -I was right behind him & it was pretty scary.

We had a nice lunch at a nice place - the Grist Mill Restaurant & then Cindy & I had to go. I understand that there was a post-lunch trip to a New Braunfels bakery. Sorry I missed that.

-R.Baxter

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## LSV SWEEP ARRA BIKE SHOW

(This article is rated 'R')

OK, here is where you find out about true sportmanship and the competitive spirit. Jimmie & I have a true brotherhood relationship. However, we both are fearcely competitive. Mike knows this!



Jimmie will admit freely that he is not a good loser.....however....I am! Nothing does my heart so good as to see a poor, lonely, lost soul, decrepit, sad, individual (like Jimmie) do well. It's about time that the down trodden, neglected, little people get a break. Those poor people

with white facial hair (only on the face because the hair has left the upper regions!) need a chance to shine. I was so proud of Jimmie as he accepted the much larger trophy for first place (compared to mine much smaller..although much more tastful looking trophy).



I want everyone in the club to know that I apologize for the comment that I had made to Jimmie earlier about having chicken legs, they are tanner than mine too! I do know that an individual such as myself, tall, handsome,

saucy, sophisticated, educated, adored by hundreds of men & women alike, must contain certain thoughts daily. I was not able to control myself, during as well as after judging, and engaged in a lively debate with Jimmie



about the weaknesses of his machine. As my magnificent motorcycle stood proudly next to Jimmie's, I could tell the judges did not have a difficult time with their decision, so I talked to them afterwards and asked for sympathy on the older model. I also slipped them a 'fin' apiece so Jimmie would not be heart broken and could then be awarded the 1st place prize.



I must also admit that there is not a word of truth to this article except that I am glad to have Jimmie as a friend and wish him good health and good luck (until next time!).

-B. Baker

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Cindy & I celebrated Father's day by making a breakfast run to Marble Falls & the Blue Bonnet Cafe. Avoiding the big roads, as usual, we took FM1431 heading into what we knew was a rain storm. About 10 to 12 miles out of Marble Falls we hit light rain that continued into the restaurant parking lot but the windshield held it back & it never was bad enough to get out the rain suits. We got there about 9:30 -well before the church goers began to appear and we still had to wait in line. Every time that I stand in line for breakfast at one of these must-do restaurants, I remember that it's just breakfast & nearly any professional cook can handle ham & eggs & at that point I always swear that I'll never stand in line for breakfast again (but I always do). It was, as always, a great ride.-R. Baxter

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New guy for June: Wayne Noble got cornered by Barry at the ARRA Rally in Burnet last month & for a moment was the latest addition to the LSV membership! He rides an '88 XII , and has a co-pilot, Jo Ann, who says she is permanently attached. Wayne is '69 yrs young and has been riding over 50 yrs. Jo Ann, much younger, has only been riding 25 yrs & they've logged over 500,000 miles together. They're also members of the Austin Roadriders and have been for 18 yrs.

Welcome Wayne & Jo Ann.

Two new guys for late June (let's say July- that's 1.5 new members per month):

Bob Grifton, rgripton@hotmail.com of Abilene Texas.

& Hank Scally [praisebass@juno.com](mailto:praisebass@juno.com) <mailto:praisebass@juno.com> Albuquerque:

Hank claims to own a Voyager but is currently riding a Honda 750. I'm not sure about Bob's ride. Welcome to both you folks too. They're all now on our roster & hopefully receiving this newsletter.

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LSV Treasurers Report

Beg balance	\$456.46
Fund raiser	321.00
Shirts purchased	340.00
Postage,Supplies,	66.18
Donations bought	
Sale of shirts and caps	226.00
and 3 new members	
Balance as of June 30th	\$612.28

Shirts and Caps

for sale \$14.00 ea. sizes Med thru XLg:

1-Med.

6-Lg.

3-Xlg.

\$15.00ea. size 2X

1-2X

2- Caps \$13.00

Add \$2.00 shipping- contact Cheré Shoemaker

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Saturday, June 28, 2003

Broken Bow

Talimena Dr., 2nd half , West end

Hwy 259 to Hwy 63 to Talihina, Hwy 271 to Hwy 1 and back to hwy 259.

163 +/- wonderful miles

Stop 1. Gas Station-JFK Memorial. Almost had a 3 bike pile up trying to leave the parking lot on Friday, watch out!! Off we go. Harry blocks for us on his trike, Good OLE Harry. Trikes are good.

Stop 2. Winding Stair Visitor Center. Dennis spotted 2 prospects and forgot what was going on. Thanks for reminding me. Off we go again. Now, I know why they call it Winding Stair. On, and On! Are we going to make it up. Twist and turn. Around and down. Sign says steep grades and 180 degree turns, are they kidding. No Way. Don't place a bet on it, you will lose.

Neck breaker scenery. Trying to see everything. Look left, look right. Twist, turn. Up-Down. Did you see that? Mountains, Lakes, Mist in the distance. Twist, turn.

Stop 3. Panorama Vista. Man they didn't lie about that. You can see forever. Took pictures of group, well almost! It was Ladies first. Men last. Those prospects showed up again. Great views! Beautiful! Wonderful! Dennis says mount up. Ah Man!

Off we go. Twist, turn up down! Man did you see that?

Dennis is going so slow. Why is he going so slow? Dennis go faster! We are going to slow on those down, down, down hill runs.

The signs said watch out for fallen rock, was he a Indian Chief, steep grades, 180 degree turns. Hey wasn't that truck there yesterday. Wonder if he burnt out his brakes?

Oh well, we are back to 259. Saw Three Sticks Monument. I grew up in Oklahoma and didn't know it was there. Think it means Earth, Wind & Fire.

Stop for Lunch at Saddle Gap. What a joke. 1.5 hr. 3 beers, salad and hamburger & \$17 later. Wasn't Dennis' fault. Oh Well. Finally back to the cabins.

Now its time for Supper.

Good job Emily.

Great Stories Will.

Hey Dennis great rides. Lets do it again.

See everybody next time.

Glad I'm a passenger, thanks John, I don't need that trike.

-Brenda Herring

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From The Desk Of The VP...(july).....

What a great time we had in Broken Bow! We need to send a thank you to Dennis and Emily and the ARV for a super event. As the LSV grows, I hope we can maintain the level of commitment for these events as our parent club has. We've had good teachers and mentors.

There were over 50 people in attendance with about 36 bikes. I believe 6 states were represented: Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas, Kansas & Iowa. Yes, I said IOWA! About 730 miles from Broken Bow. I didn't catch their names but they did deserve the prize for the longest ride.

Jimmie and I met up in Tyler and drove, in the rain, for about 75 miles. From then on the weather couldn't have been better. All total, I put about 1100 miles for the weekend on my '03. That means I got over 12,500 on it now, Dave.

The first ride on Friday began after lunch and took us through about 160 miles of gorgeous Oklahoma mountains and scenery. Yeah, I said mountains! We returned to eat and have some good old fashion tire kickin'. There were two rides on Saturday led by Emily, in the van, and Dennis (who I heard has just changed his first diaper up in Wisconsin). Emily's navigator was Will W. Emily's ride was about 100 miles and include stops at a logging museum and River Bend State Park. Dennis went a different route, about 150 miles. Both rides met around 1pm at the Saddle Gap restaurant on Hwy 259 where we had lunch....well, at least some of us.....and gathered for two pictures. One for the ARV and one for the LSV. We returned to the HQ and had some more tire kickin' and a dominoes tournament?! Around 8pm the LSV had a short meeting followed by an historical presentation by Will Wilkerson on Native American culture. Will wore some traditional beads with horse hair trimmings on a leather jacket and carried a 50 caliber black powder rifle with tomahawk plus knife. It was great and we learned a bunch from him. We are fortunate to have Will in our club.

We left on Sunday morning and returned to New Braunfels about 8:30 pm. I should also mention that we had to stop in Austin to change a flat tire on the fifth wheel. I also feel lucky to have a partner that can drive like Sandi! A couple times she had to tell me to "get going or get out of the way".

Can't wait until next time.

More From Me.....

Thought I'd break this into two parts. Hopefully it makes it easier for Richard Baxter who is now doing the newsletter. Thanks Richard.

The LSV members in attendance thought April '04 in Kerrville would be good and we hope to have some camping/scouting trips planned for September and October this year to plan rides. If anyone is interested, please contact me or Jimmie.

Also, we hope to hook up with the ARV in a joint event in October '04 in Eastern Texas. Jimmie suggested we coordinate it with another event at the time in that area. More later.

We had two new members join us in Broken Bow: Wayne Noble, from Austin, and Bob Grifton, from Abilene. It's great to see us growing! Write a hello to them if you have a chance.

Dave DLS is looking into patches for us. When we know more we'll let you know.

One last thing.....Sandi and I will be gone for a month to help my mother in Las Vegas. She has been ill and my brother needs some rest time. I'll be back around the 2nd week in August. We are planning an LSV meeting for August or September so watch the web site for details.

Speaking of Las Vegas....I've hooked up with 2 AVA members through the internet who have plans to take me for rides out there! I challenge any LSV member to schedule a ride in my absence with at least a group of three. Any takers??

-Barry

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