



Newsletter Vol. 6. #1 Jan-Feb 2008

We're the **Lone Star Voyagers Motorcycle Club**, a charter club of the **American Voyager Association**, and are looking for new members. The club focuses on Kawasaki Voyager owners but welcomes all makes and models of bikes. Dues are only \$7.50 / year for one up riding or \$15 / year for two and are due in January. For an application, if there's not one at the back of this newsletter, there's one on our web site at LoneStarVoyagers.org. Our Secretary - Treasurer Brenda Herring will accept dues and applications at 325 C.R. 130 Liberty, TX 77575, (936/336-2840).

We are a family riding club with activities scheduled nearly every month. We are also a fun club with no attendance or participation requirements. You are not required to be an AVA member. We are headquartered in Liberty, TX. Our ride calendar is established at a business meeting that is held at a fall meeting, **There's updates on the calendar see the red font info articles**. Normally we plan to host at least 2 camp-in weekends each year. We feature this bimonthly newsletter where articles are submitted by members, & a web site (LoneStarVoyagers.org). If you are interested you can contact **Barry Baker**, in New Braunfels (830) 627-3926), barrybaker24@sbcglobal.net, **Richard Baxter**, in Liberty Hill (512-515-0133), ribaxter@peoplepc.com, or **Brenda**, brendalsv@gmail.com for more information. Hope you can join us. **(additions in this color are by the newsletter editor)**

From The Desk Of The Prez.....

Happy New Year Everyone! This is gonna be a **great year** for the LSV. We have a record number registered (again) for the SFR in Big Bend. The HCT will be our birthday bash and the LSV will be the largest Voyager chapter in attendance at the AVA Rally in Bowling Green, KY.

But first, as I was thinking about this article, I thought about what was **the most important thing** about the LSV. I'm slow but I figured it out. It's the people!! I truly believe that's why the LSV has been so successful. The camaraderie, friendship and fellowship are bonding characteristics that have brought our membership in early February to 56, at least at the time of this writing. So, I will begin each Prez Desk with something about our members.

The newest NewV's are **Robert/Ann Singleton** from Jarrell, TX which is near Liberty Hill which is where our second in command lives, Speedball (Richard). Both towns are 60 - 70 miles northwest of Austin. They ride a 2000 Voyager. I hope we can get to know them at a gathering this year.

There has been an **addition to the 2008 calendar**. It is a ride hosted by Dennis Ray. I believe you will be meeting at the IHOP at I-35 & Hwy 123 in Seguin at 9am. Check the web calendar for more details. If anyone else is interested in hosting a ride, just let an officer know and we'll get it on the calendar.

I hear from John & Brenda that the **SFR is gonna be well attended**. At the time of this printing, there are 17 registered. Most are tenting. We are staying at the Big Bend Motor Inn in Terlingua (800-848-2363) which has both camping and rooms. John has some good routes scheduled for us. Of course we're all gonna have a good time!

As of this printing the **2008 Hill Country Tour** has more registered than ever before this early! There are 19 registered **(27 by the time Brendal reminded me to get the newsletter out)**,

15 are tenting and 3 are staying in a motel. If you wanna camp, call Miller Creek Campground (Johnson City) at 830-868-2655. Let them know you are with the LSV. If you wanna have more luxurious accommodations, the motels are: The Johnson City Inn (Best Western) at 830-868-4044 or the Blanco Country Inn at 830-833-4502. Also let the motels know you are with the LSV.

Dave has got some good rides for us. Most meals will be eaten out except for one meal the night of the business meeting. Remember the first 30 registered will receive a ride pin. This is also an AVA regional so there will be AWESOME door prizes.

Registrants will also receive a commemorative CD of pictures of the first 5 years of the LSV. There are pictures of most gatherings and I have tried to use as many pictures member pictures as I could. I managed to get all the pics on one CD!

I am still hoping that the LSV will have the **largest membership at the AVA Rally** in Bowling Green, KY. I am not one to want to have large numbers (yeah, right!), but I feel it important at this time. The new Voyager will be revealed (I hope) and it would be great for us to be well represented. The last count I took totaled in the neighborhood of 30 LSVers going to BGK. I would like to see if we can top the 40 mark. This is probably the closest the AVA Rally will ever be to Texas so it is a convenient trip for us. The info is on the AVA web site and there is a link from the LSV site. The rally is July 8 - 10, 2008. See ya' there!!

Y'all ride Careful and Safe

MusicMan

LSV Prez

My oldest son died when he was 15 from 3 ant bites to his wrist & top of his hand.

Now that I have your attention, I will also tell you that the Lord gave him back to me.

He was at Scout camp serving on staff for junior leadership training for other scouts.

When he was younger he would get big welts from mosquito bites the size of silver dollars. The doctor said not to worry, that's not all that uncommon in children.

We had it on his medical records about his allergy but had never experienced anything so severe. He made it about 50-75 feet to the camp nurse, told her he'd been bitten. She turned to get some "benadryl", turn back to him & he was dead on the floor. His heart stopped, his breathing stopped, gone....clinically dead.

Scouts being scouts & always prepared, some of them started CPR, another called for an ambulance.

Camp is about 18 miles south of Amarillo & 15 miles north of Canyon, Texas. Time was critical. He was loaded up in a pick up & driven towards Canyon. The ambulance was being led by the Highway Patrol. He expired again in the back of the truck. They got him going again & met the ambulance, he expired once more in the ambulance & the medical staff in the ambulance used their "super charger" and jump started him.

I made the 80 some-odd mile trip from home to Canyon in about 45 minutes.

When we got there he was sitting up in bed & was his typical 15 years of age, he was hungry & wanted a Double qtr pounder with cheese, super sized.

I was more than willing to get it for him to say the least.

Why am I telling this? Well to make a point, to make you think.

It was a matter of about 3 to 4 minutes from the time my son was bitten to the time he died. They were 15 miles either direction from emergency medical help. That's 20 to 30 minutes round trip for an ambulance to get there, pick him up & return to hospital.

I suspect that there are AVA members out there who are allergic to wasps, yellow jackets &

the sort. So I'd like to pose these questions to you as "food for thought"

If you are allergic;

Do you carry an "epi-pen" or equivalent?

Do you carry emergency medical information (medic alert bracelet or necklace)?

If you carry an epi-pen, does someone with you know where it is kept & how to use it?

I thank the Lord every day for giving my son back to me.

But his mother & I both learned a very valuable lesson that day that could have ended a lot worse.

The riding season is rapidly approaching for a lot of the country. If you fall into this category of having an insect allergy, PLEASE make the necessary arrangements to counter any incident of this nature.

May God bless you, look over you & protect each and every one of you.

Rick Londagin

Stinnett, Texas

Lone Star Voyagers

Treasury Report thru Jan 08

Beginning Balance	\$741.76
Income	317.00
Expenses	<u>839.32</u>
Ending Balance	\$219.44

If you wonder about the big \$ outgo this time, we just replenished the club shirt supply

Brenda Herring

LSV Sect./Treas.

Blessing of the Bikes, January 1st, 2008

It was a beautiful 37 degrees when I left New Braunfels for Canyon Lake. I was headed for a friend's house, Walt Sparkman, who had painted my saddle bag lid and grip weights the day before. We installed the lids and left to join the others. I had arranged for Jimbo to take a group from the RV Park to the meeting place, a Valero station.

Walt, who rides a beautiful 2008 HD Ultra Classic, rode with me to the Valero station where Buddy, DS, Richard were warming up in the station. About 15 minutes, later Jimbo shows up with 3 others in tow: Harry, Mike and Duane. They grab some coffee and we all saddle up to head to the Blessing. I took the lead (and we DIDN'T get lost with Richard sort of in the middle as a tail gunner.

There were about 200 bikes already there and we waited in line to register and get our attendance pin. While waiting in line a familiar face comes out of the crowd. It was Dennis from Seguin! He had missed our group leaving from New Braunfels. After registering, we looked over the assortment of bikes. The invocation began and then the CMA (Christian Motorcyclists Assn) members gathered small groups of attendees for blessings.

The 10 of us left around 11:30 to eat at the Shade Tree. Jimbo and his group left us at 46 and Walt rode with us to the restaurant and continued on home for some family business. Dennis, DS, Buddy, Richard and I had some great food before departing. If y'all come down for the next SCI/CO, I'll take you there!

DS, Buddy and Richard headed north on 281 while Dennis and I turned east on 306 and headed for home. It was a great day with great people. The next Blessing will be in San Antonio on 1 January.....2009. I'll be riding my 2009 Voyager I'm gonna win in Bowling Green at the AVA National Rally.

As Always,
MusicMan

LSV 2008 Calendar

Date	Place	Hosts
Feb 23	Seguin (leave from IHOP TX123 @ IH10 @ 9 AM)	Dennis Ray
March 27-29	Spring Fun Run with Enchanted Voyagers	Herrings
April 17-20	Hill Country Tour*, Blanco County	Baker/Schani
May 24	Liberty Cookout	Herrings
July 8-10	AVA Rally Bowling Green, Ky	American Voyager assn
Sept 18 – 20	SCI/CO New Braunfels	Baker
Oct. ??	Voyage Home* La Grange	Boethels
Nov	Intl bike show?	
Jan 1, 2009	Blessing Of The Bikes San Antonio	CMA

*This is one of 2 camp-in/ride-ins that include our two business meetings each year.

The Safety Corner

Over the past several months, I have (for once) gotten into the good habit of waking each morning, stumbling to the basement and mounting my treadmill. I've been consistent too. What's helped is being plugged into my iPod. I'm getting in shape for the 2006 riding season. Recently, I have been listening to the Frank Sinatra Songbook. Whether you like his music or not is not my point. Personally, I came up listening to 1960's and '70's pop/rock from the Beatles, Bruce, to Bon Jovi. Then Sinatra, a vocalist from my parent's generation (b. 1915), blasts on my scene. What a discovery! Early in his career he was nicknamed "The Voice" and clearly, what distinguishes Sinatra was how tightly he controlled a song. In this, he was a master—the Chairman of the Board.

Sinatra's mastery is showcased through his vocal phrasing. Whether it be on a drumbeat, a bass beat, or an abrupt note change, his voice, as they say, turns on a dime. Anyway, as the sweat started pouring, I came up with this analogy: Let's ride our motorcycles like Sinatra sang a song.

First, choose a road like Sinatra chose a song. Choose quality roads. Frank Sinatra didn't sing just any song. He sang The Great American Songbook. Songs written by Johnny Mercer, Cole Porter, Irving Berlin, and the Gershwin brothers have stood the test of time.

The top big bands of the day put these songs to music as well. Frank fronted the likes of the Tommy Dorsey, Count Basie, Billy May, and Nelson Riddle orchestras. Sinatra admired and respected these guys (no synthesizers here.) Their music has power and inspiration. So develop your own "road book." Read maps or fire up your GPS and choose roads of equivalent power and inspiration for you.

Frank sang a wide variety of music. Most of it swung. Seek out the same. Seek out roads with speed changes and concentrated curves, both sweeping and tight. Seek out roads with elevation change. They're out there

Then set about learning a road like Frank Sinatra learned a song. Often the song would become his own. Who else sings "Strangers in the Night"?

He came to own a song by learning its musical score cold. As such, learn to see a road cold. Ride it repeatedly, focusing deeply on its details. Figure out what makes a road distinctive. Know what's beyond the next curve—and the next—before you get there. Soon you'll be seeing roads like never before.

Once Sinatra perfectly understood where a song was going, he'd drive his voice down it like never before. Here's a key: by first timing his breath, he could then control his voice to precisely match or play off the music as the song swung and swerved along. Once we've seen a road to perfection, let's ride our motorcycles down it like never before. After all, we know where we're going too.

Here's another key: learn to control your speed like Sinatra controlled his voice. The secret is in watching your tachometer and by controlling your engine. Control your engine by selecting the right gear to continuously keep your motorcycle in the middle to top half of the powerband. (High RPMs are better than low RPMs.) Develop the habit of shifting gears often. You can then precisely control speed with the slight twists of your throttle wrist. (Throttle movement of a eighth of an inch is common.) Learn this skill.

Now, as Chairman of Your Road, your motorcycle will sing beautifully from hill to valley and around every curve. Soon you'll be, as they say, turning on a dime.

Riding Like Sinatra
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Okay, now that you have read Jim's article about "Riding Like Sinatra" think about it for a while. Then think about the benefits of riding a favorite road with this attitude. It makes a whole lot of sense to me. How about you?

I get to visit our Texas Hill Country and ride its beautiful roads, if I'm lucky, about twice a year and I would like to ride there much more. But I will take what I can get, and try to enjoy them as much as I can. I just think about what it would be like to be blessed with roads like that a lot closer than a whole days ride from my home. Some of our LSV members are blessed with having those beautiful roads in their own back yards. They are very lucky people in my opinion.

Let's all take note of our favorite riding roads and share them with each other on our forum. By favorite I mean the favorite road that you ride the most and know all the bumps and turns like Sinatra knew his songs. And some day you will be able to share riding your favorite road with your club members.

You all Ride Safe And Wear Your Safety Gear! Because You Will Not Need It Until You Do!
John Herring, LSV Safety Officer
Liberty, TX

Voyage Home 2008 planning stage has advanced

As per the updated calendar in this issue, VH will be in the La Grange area this fall and be hosted by Old Hippie & young Hippette Boethel. More details to follow. -SpeedBall

Richard's Ritings & Wridings

To give John Herring that heady feeling that only comes when a Safety Officer believes that someone actually read his safety article (from last newsletter), I have taken a clue from not only John, but also from Russ Bagley & started wearing a safety vest over my black leather ride jacket. I have ridden with neither John nor Russ during this cooler weather that requires the BIG jacket, so I thought I'd mention it here & get brownie points from maybe one of them. My summer mesh jacket is bright yellow so I won't be wearing the vest with it.

With a membership that has fluctuated from a peak of about 80 at the end of '07 to already back up to 50 plus, I figure that we've got members that haven't seen the club's mission statement & thought it would be apropos to print it again. It follows in the last portion of this column. Remember that the **red font** indicates changes that were made from the previous version of this MS. Note that in the last paragraph of section 4, officer terms/ elections are covered. Our 2 year officer terms are up this year & we'll have 2009-10 officer elections at the

08 Voyage Home ridein.

Also, note that if you are receiving a snail mail copy of this newsletter, the last page is a registration form for Hill Country Tour (HCT) 2008. The next-to-last page is yet another opportunity for you to renew your membership with the LSV. MM (that stands for Music Man, not Motor Mouth) didn't have the opportunity to read Rick Londagin's article prior to publication & comment like I know that he would have, so I'll cover that. Read it & heed it. It brought tears to my eyes -look up heartwrenching in the encyclopedia & this story is there.

At HCT we're gonna have a bikewrenching session - probably on Friday afternoon. We're planning to change the fork oil on Roger's bike & maybe simulate a brake & clutch fluid change on my bike. If anyone has the magic wrench for adjusting steering bearings, please bring it with you to HCT- we might do that too. Anyone can help or sidewalk-supervise.
-richard SpeedBall Baxter

LSV – Mission Statement (rev 10/06)

Club Organization- Although still a loosely organized riding club, some a mission statement needs to be generated for organization purposes. The following was adopted at the LSV business meeting Oct 23, 2004:

1. **The official name shall be: Lone Star Voyagers.** It is a family riding club which focuses on the Kawasaki Voyager but accepts & welcomes membership from riders on all makes and models. The club will sponsor 2 ride in/ camp in weekends per year, usually the Hill Country Tour (April) and the Voyage Home (October). Other rides may be scheduled each month throughout the state. We are a chartered affiliate of the American Voyager Association. Members are not required to be members of the AVA, but membership is highly recommended. There are no membership requirements except dues must be paid yearly. There will be a business meeting at each of the 2 scheduled ride-in/camp-in weekends.
2. In order to maintain AVA affiliation, there must be at least 5 members and a **newsletter** that is published at least bimonthly.
3. **Dues** in the amount of \$ 7.50, each member, will be paid each January. Any new members who join after October will have the following years dues included and not have to pay additional dues for that year.
4. a. **Elected Officers** shall comprise the board of officers and include the following with indicated responsibilities:
President.....shall be responsible in overseeing all club activities, give direction of the club, and run all business meetings with an established agenda.
Vice President.....shall take over the duties of the president in his/her absence.
Secretary/Treasurer.....will take notes at all meetings and keep track of the treasury and membership applications.
4. b. **Non-elected Officials** including
Newsletter Editor...shall be responsible for publishing and distributing the LSV newsletter by organizing and collecting articles from the membership as well as other appropriate sources.
Safety Officer.....shall be responsible for encouraging the following of all safety protocol including but not limited to publishing safety articles in the newsletter, encourage the following of all rules of the road and informing members of safety procedures as needed. This person will work closely at **ride-ins** with the road captain.
Road Captain.....Will be in charge of organizing or approving ride routes with the host. He/she will also cooperate with the safety officer with safety concerns. This person will work closely with the safety officer.
Officers are leaders of the LSV and required to show responsible riding, following all applicable laws and as well as common courtesy of the road. The president will be a member of the American Voyager Association. The LSV club will pay the full amount of the president's yearly AVA dues. All terms are for 2 years with **an election at the end of each term**.
5. A. Any motions made at the business meeting must be passed by a majority of the attending body of LSV members to be adopted by the club.
B. Any motion involving revision of this Mission Statement must be presented to the LSV membership at least one month in advance of the business meeting (usually via the LSV newsletter).

Officers Meeting

What a great weekend to ride! I started out from New Braunfels around 10 AM and the temp was in the low 40's. By the time I got to Liberty, it was 76!

Traveling down I-10 sure is convenient but I would much rather have ridden a scenic route.....which is what I did on the way home.....I followed DS! We headed north to/through Liberty, Conroe, Montgomery, Navasota, etc. The best road was Texas Scenic 390. What an awesome road. If you get a chance to ride it, do so.

Oh yeah, the meeting....

....John met me at the gate, shook my hand and let me in. Dave was already there, on the porch with a Coors in hand. Not wanting to be out done I also found a cold can and joined him. The meeting started shortly after and discussion was wild. We talked about the food Brenda was making, we talked about DS sleeping on the couch because he wanted to be as far away from my snoring as possible, we talked about John's bike and we talked about my bike, we talked about the different types of libations John & Brenda had.....?...oops... we also talked about SFR, HCT, the cookout, VH and the possibility of a volunteer for HCT 2009!! Hang on but I'm on the process of arranging a pig roast for HCT. More on that later.

Now for the important stuff. John cooked what amounted to 2 chickens and 6 sausages on the grill while Brenda made beans, potatoes and a strawberry cake. It was AWESOME. We finished eating and retired to the living room where we watched the Bud Shoot out and some Super X races from Anaheim, CA. Then we tried the routing capabilities of Brenda's new Garmin. After trying various adult concoctions we decided to head to bed.

It stays good! Breakfast was also very delicious. Sausage patties, biscuits, scrambled eggs and hash browns with OJ and coffee. Man can Brenda cook!! That's what it's like being an officer.....good times, good food with good people. That's it for the meeting. We worked very hard for you as you can tell. There was a Kodak moment with DS as the object of interest but alas, I forgot my digital! I'll hafta tell y'all about it.

BTW, I missed the meeting.

MusicMan, LSV Prez

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Membership Application

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Date _____

Primary Driver: Rider (co-pilot):

Last Name: _____ Last Name: _____

First Name: _____ (M) (F) First Name: _____ (M) (F)

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Primary Drivers Address:

(Street/P.O. Box)

(City/State/Zip)

(_____) _____

(Home Phone Number) (_____) _____

(Cell Phone Number) (_____) _____

(E-mail Address) _____

Year/Make/Model of Motorcycle: _____

Birthdays: Pilot _____ Co-Pilot: _____ Anniversary: _____

For newsletter and internet announcements, may we publish:

All Information (); Name Only (); Name/Addy/Phone Only (); Name/Address Only (); Name/Addy/Ph/E-mail Only ()

Please indicate any assistance you would be able to give fellow LSV members:

Pick Up Truck (); Bike Trailer (); Tools (); Tent Area (); Tools (); Local Info ()

Send Application and Membership fee (\$7.50 each) to: **Brenda Herring**

LSV Treasurer
325 Cty Rd 130
Liberty, TX 77575

I/We, the undersigned, agree not to hold the AVA-LSV, it's officers, agents, members, or anyone connected with AVA-LSV functions responsible for any accidents, injury or personal loss before during or after attending any get together, rally, activity or event.

Primary Signature: _____ Co-Pilot Signature _____

