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We're the **Lone Star Voyagers Motorcycle Club**, a chartered 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. Our ride calendar is established at a business meeting that is held at a fall meeting, 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](mailto:barrybaker24@sbcglobal.net), 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.....

Man has time flown by! I got a nasty reminder from Richard that I hadn't written this yet. See he does like to read my stuff! (haha)

The **AVA rally** is just around the corner (in 20 days or so) and I'm really getting excited. I haven't been to a National rally in 2 years since it was in Durango. There are over 20 of us going to Bowling Green in two main groups that will meet in Texarkana. This is the closest the national rally will probably ever get to Texas so if you're sitting on the fence, thinking about going, **GO!!** There's info on web site about what routes the groups are going. Basically they will leave from the San Antonio / Austin area and the Liberty area (north and east of Houston). There are a number of rooms already reserved for us when we meet in Texarkana and also in our last stop in Jacksonville, TN. As usual, most of the LSVers are camping. Get a hold of Barry if you want to travel with us northbound on I-35 or John if you're leaving from the Houston area.

Most of you know by now that there will a **change in the LSV leadership** at the VH in LaGrange this year. We have been 'in charge' for 5 years and need a break. There are so many talented people in the LSV that this change should be healthy for the club. I have always been a big proponent of involving as many members as possible in order to tap into this talent. The membership committee formed at HCT includes all the present officers and Mike Shoemaker and Bruce Fowler . The committee has come up with a list of elected candidates. This is by no means a definitive list and other names can be added. The list of elected position candidates is:

President.....Richard Baxter
Vice President.....John Herring
Sec/ Treas.....Sandra Judge

The following are appointed positions:

Road Captain.....Dave Schani
Web Master.....Rod Westphal
Chaplain.....Allen Boethel
Newsletter editor.....John Herring

Again, there may be additions to this list but these people have agreed to run for office. I know we all appreciate these people stepping forward. Who else is interested? Just contact a nominating committee member.

The **Voyage Home** is the second business meeting of the year. This year on the agenda is the election of officers. If you feel there needs to be a change made in the LSV Mission Statement, you need to make a written submission to an officer (Barry, Richard or Brenda) and we will see that it gets on a ballot. (We need it in time to publish it for membership consideration prior to VH - say, by the last newsletter prior to VH) Also for VH, I hear that there will be some eating! Hippi and Brenda are the co-coordinators for VH and you know it's gonna be good. Check out the registration form on the web site (page 7 here on snail mail copies) and remember that part of the registration will be a stuffed animal to be used by DPS Officers who have contact with small children in difficult situations. We are arranging for an officer to be present for the Saturday evening presentation.

I had a **unique opportunity** to meet Barry Thompson a couple weeks ago. I refer to him as B2.....a designation that started back before the beginning of the LSV with all the Cindy's that were around. It just occurred to me that Sandra Judge is actually S2. Oh, OK, there aren't really enough Barry's or Sandra's to warrant numbering them but it's still fun!

That's about all for now. See y'all at Bowling Green!

MusicMan

LSV Prez

Treasury Report thru May 08

Beg. Balance	\$862.05
Income	30.00
Expenses	<u>0.00</u>
End. Balance	\$892.05

Brenda Herring

LSV Sect./Treas.

THE SAFETY CORNER

Summer is here to stay for awhile, that is a fact Jack! It's HOT, so I recommend that all stay as cool as you can and when you are out working in the yard or on the bike or even riding that you drink a lot of fluids. Just make sure that it's not all beer!

Here is a little advice I get from via email from Jim Ford, operator of "The Riders Workshop". It is good advice, so read and let it soak in.

See you down the road so;

Ride Safe And Wear Your Safety Gear! You Won't Need It Until You Do!

RSAWYSG! YWNIUYD!

John Herring, LSV Safety Officer

On Riding Smooth

There are many good reasons to learn to ride a motorcycle smoothly. Consider safety.

In order to continuously ride a motorcycle safely, a rider must learn to broaden his vision outside his helmet visor to see effectively. This is accomplished by first developing the habit of continuously placing your focus on the road's Vanishing Point (VP,) which is that point where the road literally disappears from view. This usually gives you the most distance, and the most time to calmly and smoothly react to whatever requires your attention in front of you.

Clearing The View

Once we've developed the habit of continuously seeking out the Vanishing Point (VP), the next

step is developing the habit of "Clearing the View." The View is defined as everything we can see in front and to the side of us between the VP and our motorcycle. For example the View consists of the road pavement, the road shoulders, the road landscape, road traffic, driveways, streets, alleys and intersections along the road. Again, the View is everything in your sight between the VP and our eyeballs.

By "Clearing the View," we take responsibility of assessing everything in the View with safety in mind. Develop the habit of continuously judging the details of everything we see in front of us that could possibly be a hazard. Only then do we proceed with any enthusiasm. Clearing the View is a habit; it becomes a constant study.

On a straight road, the VP is far away so the View opens up far out ahead of us. We have more time to assess this View. It's easier to Clear the View on a straight road.

As we travel a curvier road, the VP gets closer in and the View shrinks in size. As a road gets tighter with more concentrated curves, the VP gets even closer and the View shrinks even more. In tight curves, since the VP is very close, the View approaches faster and faster. Assessing the View becomes more difficult. Whenever the View becomes difficult to assess, slow down!

See you in Third Gear,
Jim Ford
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The Rider's Workshop

LSV 2008 Calendar

Date	Event	Place	Hosts
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 21-23	International bike show	Houston	
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.

Richard's Wridings & Ritings

As you can see from the size of the newsletter, not much happening since Hill Country Tour. This is that lull-before-the-storm (AVA national) period of time. Prez' article will give you a clue as to what's coming on that. I'm going but SugarBeet's staying home. For those who don't have internet access, there's a blank copy of the 2 page AVA registration form on the 5th & 6th pages of the snail mail version of this newsletter. The fee is \$55 now, instead of the pre-registration \$45 mentioned in the form.

I haven't ridden much lately - too hot. I did hook the trailer to the bike & go to Lowe's for some plumbing supplies the other day. Worked pretty good & got 40 mpg. I'm sure Jeff Foxworthy will hear about this.

I changed my fork fluid for the first time ever & it was **almost** a smooth, easy, quick job but I unknowingly dropped the spacer collar off the front axle, so upon reassembly, I couldn't torque the axle nut till I got the spacer back on, which required removing the front wheel again, which required (for some reason) both sets of brake pads falling out onto the ground, which took at least 1/2 hour to re-place. Sometimes this DIY stuff works & sometimes...

On a recent motorcycle weekend in Mena, AR, I visited with Smooth Foot (JD) & he briefed me on "The Hub" (The Hub, Harrison, Ar [previously DogPatch USA] <http://www.hubinfo.com/>). Chip had

asked (back when gas was \$3 per gallon) the club to consider a loong weekend gathering (besides to & from time, we need to ride at least two, probably 3 days while we are there) out of state & headquarter at The Hub while we explored really good biking roads in all directions from there. They have motel rooms and campground facilities and are VERY motorcycle-oriented. It's about 650 miles (interstate thru Dallas & Little Rock) one-way from my house - a loong one day to get there. Chip suggested the fall of the year for this journey. Think about it, whether you or anyone would be interested, & we'll put it on the table for the calendars consideration at VH.