



## Newsletter Vol. 7. #4 July-Aug 2009

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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](http://LoneStarVoyagers.org). Our Secretary - Treasurer Sandra Judge will accept dues and applications at RR1 Box 162A, Mooreland, OK. 73852. (580)994-2411.

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 members submit articles, & our web site is ([LoneStarVoyagers.org](http://LoneStarVoyagers.org)).

If you are interested you can contact our President, **Richard Baxter**, in Liberty Hill (512-515-0133), [richadntexas@dishmail.net](mailto:richadntexas@dishmail.net), or our Vice President, John Herring, in Liberty, TX. (936-336-2840) [voyagerjohn@gmail.com](mailto:voyagerjohn@gmail.com) or our Sec/Tres **Sandra Judge**, [jjudge@pldi.net](mailto:jjudge@pldi.net) for more information. Hope you can join us.

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### Richard's Ritings & Wridings

#### Fayetteville

On fairly short notice (about 2 weeks in the planning), LSV just had a brunch ride. Fayetteville, TX, pop 261 is home to Orsak's Restaurant & we gathered there this morning (8/8) at midmorning for a choice of breakfast or lunch. Relatively near Houston, we had a really good turnout. 23 LSV members & guests plus with Hippie's direction, we combined with the La Grange local group of about 10-12 riders putting about 35 bikers in the group dining room. All the food was great. The ride down (2 hours for me) was mercifully partly cloudy as was the return trip keeping the temps down in the mid ninetys but I was awfully glad I had a cool vest.

We've gotten into kind of a rut of not having monthly gatherings because Texas is so big that nearly any deal we do requires an overnight. I think that this ride went over very well & I hope that you are all (like me) already plotting the next one. We're doing it again on Saturday, Sept 19 - maybe a little further north. As soon as a time & place are established, I'm going to email the club and snail mail the non-wired members. We're looking at the Bryan area this time.

#### Voyage Home

-I hope that Russ & Gabi get some more info to John by newsletter deadline but in case they don't, I'll share what I know. The motel of choice is the Days Inn and the 2nd motel is the Budget Inn. The Days Inn is a little nicer & a little more expensive than the Budget but I don't know the rates yet. Phone for the Days Inn at 2650 N. Main, Paris is 903/784-8164 and the phone for the Budget Inn at 2501 N. Main, Paris, is 903/785-9700. Both these motels are at the intersection of US271 (main street) and US82 at the north edge of Paris. The campground is US Corps of Engineers Lake Pat Mayse West area A. I think that the entrance is on the north side of the lake about 2.5 miles west on FM197 from the intersection of FM197 & FM906. I do not have a phone number for reservations. We'll have the registration form on line at the website in a couple of weeks and it'll be in the next newsletter, which will have to be before VH huh?

-SpeedBall, aka (Richard)

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#### **Treasurer Report:**

Report for June & July.

In June there were 3 deposits made, one for the sale of LSV shirts, 2 for memberships, one renewal, and one new.

The month of June was a time of tragedy for our club with the loss of Clyde Semar. We were able to give Chong his wife, who was injured badly from the accident, some needed help of \$300 for medical expenses from our "down rider" fund.

In July we had another new member join so our balance as of right now is:

Down Riders Fund	"0"
Bank Account	\$823.67

## Secretary Note:

When we meet in October for the Voyage Home, I would like to get all members to fill out a new application to make sure that all information we have is correct and also be able to get a correct head count for our club roster.

Thank You

Sandra Judge

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## The Safety Corner:

### Hot Weather Riding

The title may not necessarily be correct here.  
It could be "Dry weather riding", or even Hot times with Mother Nature.

I was relaxing in my Lab's lazy boy recliner (he was outside chasing the squirrels) thumbing through the June/July issue of Ride Texas when I read the editor's column title,

Welcome to our water issue.

However you look at summer time riding, the need to rehydrate your body is a very important step in a safe & successful road trip. As enjoyable as a "cold one" is, a beer IS NOT proper rehydration. In fact alcohol causes more water loss which can be particularly dangerous not just from the alcohol but from the absorption of water in your body. Now that last statement is not a medical textbook description, but in essence that is what happens when your body has lost water from sweating or evaporation & you try to replace the water with a beer, or 2, or 3. After which point, you need to park the bike. Alcohol absorbs water, thus more water loss from your blood stream

If you wear protective gear (jacket, chaps, riding suits) or whatever your choice is, you no doubt know when you stop how instantly hot you get in your gear. You start to sweat a little bit. When your ride resumes the cooling effect the air causes on your body from the sweat sure feels good. You just lost some water. You probably won't feel dehydrated at first, but you lost some valuable moisture from your body.

If all you wear is that all in trusting & comfy do-rag, a t-shirt & blue jeans, the very minute you take off you begin to lose valuable moisture. The hot sun, the wind, it's sucking the water right out of you. If you think about it, after a day of riding, that is why you seem so much thirstier.

Rehydrate your body with water, coffee, tea, "Gatorade", "PowerAde" or whatever. But fore go the beer until you get something else in your system.

A few words about Gatorade & the equivalent.....

They are rather high in sodium, a needed nutrient for your body but not good for people on sodium restricted diets. It's been suggested by a few medical groups & some so-called medical experts, that you should not consume Gatorade or the equivalent unless you first discuss it with your doctor. Supposedly, that's one of the reasons pro sports teams have a "team physician". So he can monitor a player's physical condition during the consumption of these types of drinks.

I can't prove or disprove that philosophy & will admit to consuming quite a few quarts of that in my time without any ill-effects.

Some signs of dehydration are:

Dry, chapped lips

Dry mouth with a sense of thick tongue

Dark yellow to orange urine (the darker it is the more dehydrated you are)

The persistent licking of the lips & swallowing

The onset of muscle spasms & cramps (usually associated with extensive physical activities)

If there is no rehydration of the body done (& this is typical of a wilderness survival setting), the blood gets so thick from the loss of water that the heart just can't pump it

This, I'm sure is not nor has never been a problem with a biker, but it's real & does happen.

The best way to avoid dehydration problems while riding is to stop every 150 miles or so to take a break & guzzle some water. You can be a better judge of distance you can go.

Maybe it's every time you stop for gas. Whatever the timeline is you use to rehydrate, be responsible to yourself, your family, your brother & sister riders & other motorists by sticking with water, Gatorade, PowerAde, tea or equivalent during the ride Leave the alcohol out of the picture until the bike is parked for the day & then partake responsibly.

Until next time;

Fuel-m up, rev-em up & enjoy the open road.

Rick Londagin

## Ride Reports

**Sturgis**, what can I say.....well, I know that a lot of you have been there and know that you will always see something different no matter how many times you have gone.

The trip up began on Monday the 3rd of August. A friend of mine went with me, Terry Clark. Terry had never been to a large rally as he has only begun riding last year. He was not expecting such a large crowd of people much less all the motorcycles. We stayed in a campground called the TeePee Campground just east of Rapid City. The first night we had a very bad thunderstorm with all the fireworks, lighting, thunder, high winds and hard rain. During the night the was so strong it blew over both motorcycles, Mean Green was okay, but Terry's new Honda Goldwing landed on his tent stake and punched a hole in the front fairing, he was not a happy camper! Skies cleared for Wednesday, I rode into Sturgis, but Terry decided he would stay at camp and dry out all his things since the rain had blown in about an inch of water. Had a good day seeing all the strange sites and got back to camp and found Terry had bought a new tent and was ready for dinner and a ride out to Mt. Rushmore. Wed. night, rained again, but not bad storms. Thursday we both rode into Sturgis and got some striping done on Mean Green and Terry bought some chrome for his Goldwing. Rained again Thursday night, got up early Friday morning and headed back to OK. I enjoyed my trip, but I like it better when mama goes with me. I am getting ready for my next trip cross country from coast to coast, hope to get it in before VH, then I can tell you about it in person.

Jim Judge

### August Eatery Ride

It wasn't all that warm when I left New Braunfels at 7:30am. I decided to take the long way and ride some roads I hadn't been on before. I set 2 destination points and a via point for the ride LaGrange. It actually worked!

I first headed north on I-35 to San Marcos to exit on Hwy 142, then highway 20 to Red Rock and Rockne where I picked up Loop 535. This took me to Rosanke and finally Smithville where I road Hwy 71 to LaGrange. When I pulled into the Texas One Stop at the corner of 71 & 159 I had ridden 140 miles.

Hippi, Speakeasy, Don S and a couple others were already there. Others from the 'Hippi Group' arrived shortly along with Pathfinder. In about 15 minutes we left for Fayetteville with Hippi in the lead. There were a bunch of bikes in the square when we arrived.

Was I surprised when I entered the restaurant! New faces all over. Yes, Ken/Yong, Dave/Sheila, Viejo, Speedball, Gary/Roxie were there, but a huge contingent of new folks from Houston. I apologize for not remembering your names, I have CRS. I need to make sure next month I get a chance to talk to you and know you better. There were about 35 of us there. I really am looking forward to next months eatery ride!

After eating we all looked at bikes and told stories about those not there. (I even called RR to find out where he was: did he get lost on the way?) It had gotten considerably warmer by now so Gary/Roxie & I road back to Seguin together on I-35. We were going to back track my original route but it got too late and hot.

It was a great day with great friends. I'm looking forward to the next ride.

MusicMan

### **From David Lawson**

You can put in a BIG thank you to our President. Richard did a great job starting the idea & guiding us to Orsaks. We need more of these to help encompass all LSV membership. I know everyone will not be able to attend all the meet & eats but its a great way to promote membership & camaraderie. It was great to meet some members we haven't met before & see others that we know. I didn't know that Kawasaki made a White Voyager but Dells was a beautiful sight to see. It gives others a chance to see a MC group that loves to ride & EAT. Thanks again Richard

### **From the Arkansas Ozarks to the Colorado Rockies To the Capitan Mts. of southern New Mexico**

By Rick Londagin, LSV Safety Officer

The original plan was two of us were going to ride the Ozarks, but reality set in.....this is July!!

The plan was then changed to ride through the San Juan Mts. of northern New Mexico into the Rockies via Durango, Silverton, loop around to South Fork, maybe up to Lake City & meet up with 2 more gents. The next & final plan change was that 4 of us were riding to Ruidoso New Mexico (actually to Alto).

Four members of the Texas Panhandle "Wildless Hogs" took off Sunday morning. The group consisted of me on my Gold Wing, Brad Barton on his Ultra Classic, Alan Bonner on his BMW, & Bob Bass on his Royal Star.

We left Borger @ 7 AM, rode through Amarillo on to Hereford, the feedlot capitol of the world. I came to a sudden realization that if burgers & steaks cooking on the grill smelled like that, I'd be a vegetarian....couldn't get the bike to run near fast enough to get out of that odor...thought I was going to puke breakfast up. On down the road we stopped in Roswell & spent some time on break at the local Harley, Honda, Suzuki, Kawasaki dealership. I wanted to buy an "alien t-shirt" but all they rode were Harley's, so I passed on that.....maybe I should have bought one anyway. It might have changed my luck.

We arrived in Alto mid-afternoon. Brad was kind enough to make his cabin available for us to stay at. Alan & Bob rode to the grocery store to pick up some grub & while there Bob got an emergency phone call, so he had to head back home next morning. His aunt (102 yrs young had passed away). After breakfast the next morning we rode from the cabin to the highway to see him off.

The next day we rode 12 miles up to Ski Apache in hopes of catching a lift up to the top, but all lifts were being worked on so that was out.

From there we rode over to Cloudcroft for lunch & got some information about The Buckhorn Tavern & Grill in San Antonio, N.M. The information we got turned out to be bogus. The Buckhorn was shown on national TV as putting on the #1 green chili cheeseburgers in America (Bobby Flay's Throwdown show). The man we got the information from said the place we wanted was The Owl Tavern & Grill in San Antonio.

I got to see my first casino while on this trip. They had these machines set up with all sorts of lights, bells & whistles that "solicited donations" from the patrons. You inserted your choice of denomination & got to pull on this arm that spun some rollers around & showed different pictures. Some say that if these pictures matched in a certain fashion, you won, what I don't know. I just had to take their word on that. I donated \$5.00 to their cause.

The next day took us by White Sands. After a stop there we rode on into San Antonio going through the Valley of Fires Nat'l. Rec. Area

We found The Owl, went in, ordered up & spoke with the waitress. She said the Buckhorn was just up the road a half a block & that their burgers were bigger....OOPS!

We ate, paid & walked out the door.....sure enough; there it was....The Buckhorn.

Being the bunch of "Wildless Hogs" that we were & already full we decided to go for it & try the world famous Buckhorn green chili cheese burger. It was really good, but after already have eaten one at the other place, I can't give an honest opinion....it was like "OK, it's another burger".

Our Motto on this trip was.....Ride to Eat & Eat to Ride.....sort of like what the Lone Star Voyagers & the Enchanted Voyagers lay fame to.

I was more than stuffed when I left there. I'm not sure if it was not buying the alien t-shirt that jinxed me or the extra burger that caused it, but on the trip back to the cabin the Wing started having major problems.

After all the starts & stops, tearing the bike down to check fuel pump, fuel filter, we took off again, & experienced more stops & starts. Finally got the bike into Carrizozo where Rocket Rod made arrangements with Roland Caster to come help me out. Mr. & Mrs. Caster were kind enough to let me park bike there until I could get a plan together to get it picked up.

I can honestly say the passenger seat on a Harley Ultra Classic is rather comfortable, but my feet sure tingled when I climbed off it after 25 miles.

So right now after talking with a car mechanic & a motorcycle mechanic I've been able to eliminate the coils & now have it down to a vacuum leak or a weak fuel pump or possibly the low angle kill switch that is causing this session of problems. Time to start reading and trouble shooting!

The internet is a wonderfully vast source of information. I found that there are a whole bunch of folks that have experienced the exact same symptoms & everyone had the same problem.....a weak/bad fuel pump. First thing I did was the vacuum test on the "auto fuel valve" my mechanic told me about.

The results were good on that. Next I did the pump flow test that Clymer's mentions in their book with not so good results. OK, that's easy enough to fix, the pump is in the tank right under the seat. Time to shop for a pump.....Holy Moly!!!! \$300 to \$350 for a pump!!!!

I hated to have to go to my CEO/CFO with this one. So I took to the internet one more time. I found a lot more palatable solution to my dilemma for just under \$100 for all the parts & pieces. When my next days off came around I went at it, got the pump in, test rode like crazy & am happy to say all is going well.

We're smiling again, Rene Ann is happy & we're back on the road enjoying the bittersweet taste of bug guts splattering through the windscreen vent.....not really, just wanted to throw that in there about the bug guts.

The trip was cut short due to mechanical problems, but I did get to see some new & interesting sites.

However the best part of the trip was that nobody went down, we all parked our rides & walked away.....some of us...or at least one of us almost got to do a lot of walking.

With that said, let me close by saying that although those solo rides let you really spend time contemplating the scenery that you see & enjoying what God made, but it's best to ride with someone in the event there are problems.

Rick L.

## **AVA in Santa Fe**

My original plan was to leave about 6:00am but I awoke early and after laying in bed for a while, decided to leave earlier. I pulled out of the driveway about 5:30am. I knew I needed to be on the lookout for deer at this time of day, so the three I saw before leaving the subdivision were an unnecessary reminder. By the time I got to Brownwood I saw a few more but didn't have any incidents. The temperature started out about 81 degrees and actually dropped a few degrees before the sun came up. Eventually, the temperature started to climb; by the time I made Abilene, it was in the low 90s and it was 95 in Lubbock. Fortunately the temperature stabilized at that temperature for a while. When I reached Fort Sumner NM, it hadn't changed much but I decided it was time to put on the bandanna like neck wrap that holds water. This kept me comfortable for a while as it dried out, it lost its effect. Around Santa Rosa, the temperature was about 99 - not really comfortable but tolerable. Cruising west on I40, I passed a bike pulling a trailer and waved to the rider and passenger as I went by. I later learned it was Jim and Sandra Judge. I was originally considering taking a scenic diversion up New Mexico highway 3 to I25 but by the time I reached it, I was hot and eager to get to the campground in Espanola so I continued on to US285 and took it north to I25. At Santa Fe, I again got on US 285 to Espanola. I got into Espanola about 6pm CDT. According to the RT's odometer, I had traveled 708 miles since leaving Austin. Rod, Bud Pacotti, and Bob and Dorothy were already there and set up. I got set up and then went to get some supper well as some beverages and ice. The rest of the evening was spent "tire kicking".

Monday, I took a ride north on US 84. This is one of my favorite rides as it climbs out of the high desert through the white and red colored sandstone bluffs around Ghost Ranch and then up into the mountains. I back tracked south from Chama to Tierra Amarillo and headed east on US 64. This road has some great mountain scenery until Tres Piedres where the transition back to high desert is surprisingly quick.

Tuesday I rode sweep for Rod's ride. I can't say much about the ride down I25 to Bernalillo but the mountain scenery on NM 4 and the visit to the Bradberry museum in Los Alamos were nice.

Wednesday, I again rode sweep. This time for a ride Bud led to Taos via some New Mexico secondary highways through some very small towns. We stopped for a while to view the Rio Grande gorge before heading back to Santa Fe.

I was on my own Thursday. Most of the Rally goers had had their fill of guided tours - I guess the routes Rod layed out had worn them out. I went north on 84 and explored Echo Amphitheater, a natural amphitheater in the side of a sandstone cliff. I backtracked south and then wandered east to some scenic backroads in the mountains before heading back to Espanola. That evening at the AVA dinner, I won a Voyager clock and a Kawasaki luggage bag. Just what every BMW rider needs.

My original plan had been to stay in Santa Fe until Saturday and then head back to Austin. Since everyone else was leaving Friday, I made arrangements with Rod to ride with him to Alamogordo and overnight there, "camping" on his floor. The ride down to Alamogordo was much more scenic than I had anticipated especially the area around Corona and Carrizozo. The ride home the next day would only save me about 1-1/2 hours but I got to see some different scenery in a part of New Mexico I hadn't seen before. It's been jokingly said that Rod doesn't really have a job or a family and just rides all the time but I can testify to the family. Besides Cindy and her mother, the house was filled with kids and grandkids.

The following morning I headed east through Cloudcroft. The temperature kept dropping as I climbed higher. Initially the cool air felt good but when it got down to 51, I decided it was time to turn on the heat. The heated seat and grips felt good but I knew that hours later I'd be wishing for those temperatures. Somewhere around Brady I got a reading of 104 on the RT's air temperature indicator. After about 11 hours and over 600 Miles of riding, I pulled back into my driveway. Total mileage for the trip was 2600+ miles.

Dave Shani

## **AVA - Co-Pilot point of view**

What a fantastic week I had in Santa Fe. The AVA Rally is about so much more than the rides and food, (yes I said food). You get a chance to see places you have only read about, and even if you have been there by car, it is a totally different view on a bike with a group of friends. You also get a chance to see old friends that you met at previous rallies, meet face to face with riders you have met on line, and a great opportunity to make new ones. Okay the food was great too.

The camaraderie of the motorcycle world is like nothing else you have experienced. There are no strangers nor does it matter what brand of bike you ride. We are like one big extended family.

We had a great showing of LSV members and had a great ride together on the first day. We sat together at all the provided meals, as best we could, and 2 of our members earned great honors. Rod EARNED the Member of the year trophy and James Curren cleaned up with nearly every category he entered. You guys did good. Richard and I could not find our club flag before we left, we have now, and so I took some Texas flags. What a great idea for our AVA group picture and our LSV group picture, for us to be waving the flags so everyone would know who we were. The plan was great right up to the point where I forgot the flags and left them in our hotel room. None the less we know who we are in the big picture and of course our club picture.

I want to thank all of the contributors and volunteers that made this a great success and to all of the LSV members that made the trip. Hope to see everyone at the Voyage Home in Oct.  
Cindy B. aka "C<sub>2</sub>" or "SugarBeet"

## **To Santa Fe part 1-**

Not much drama there. We Harleyed the bike. Dumped the girls at the kennel & left L. Hill at 9:15 Monday, Interstating it when we could. Arrived at the hotel at 9:30 Texas time - 12h 15m. Noticed at stateline that there is a 20-30 cent greater tax on NM fuel than on TX fuel. Filled up in TX. Both the car and later the bike, got just as good mpg with 86 octane/ Ethanol-laced gas as with the ordinary stuff.

Jim M. was in the parking lot at our arrival so while I kicked tires with him & Ohio Fred, SugarBeet checked us in. Weather was cool & dry - nice!

Tuesday morn, we had the good sense to follow Jim & Del to registration (since they knew the way). It only took about 3 or 4 round trips before I felt I could navigate from hotel to hotel on purpose. Registration was the usual controlled chaos. Said hi to a few, got the bag (no- I will not touch that one) & an \$8 Bowling Green shirt & signed up for a RR/DS guided ride. We went almost to Albuquerque on the big road then north following the Jemez River thru the cool of the Jemez Mts. & to Los Alamos & loped on back to S.Fe. One of our rest stops was a roadside Kodak op with what appeared to be a gigantic (& historic) lava flow including a cute little waterfall that reeked of sulfur. We also stopped to overlook the Valles Caldera National Preserve - a very large (10 or 12 miles square - not square miles) game preserve. By the time we got there, it was a little too warm to see any game. As a mater of fact, I didn't see much of any wildlife in NM except crows. SBeet saw a total of 3 deer over three days, but not me. They mostly have Mule deer, which aren't as stupid as Texas Whitetail, so they avoid the pavement. This yields no roadkill to speak of, so there are no buzzards in NM either.

The post 9/11 hoops to get into & out of Los Alamos weren't bad - but I don't think that guard would have let us pass had we not uncovered our helmet-shielded faces. A little lunch in Los Alamos & on back to S. Fe, not in time for Carl Leo's Tues. lecture, but in time for the welcome banquet. The hotel food was better than I expected.

## **Santa Fe part 2**

On Tuesday, I had signed up for a very early Wed. ride. Wednesday, we arose at 5:30 (as usual while in NM) & I decided to go take some courthouse pictures instead. Co-pilot was staying home that day anyway. I went to the hq hotel to scratch my name off the ride roster but at 6:30, there was no one to let me in the AVA room. Returned to my hotel & hoped that I could get word to them that I was canceled but it didn't happen. I took off South on I25 at 6:45ish. Hit Albuquerque at 7:30ish & did slow down a bit, but traffic moved really well thru town. My first stop was Los Lunas, Valencia County - one county south of Albuquerque. After breakfast, I was in the McD parking lot suiting up when Dave L called to see why I wasn't at the staging area for the 8 a.m. ride. Got the Valencia picture, back onto I25 south to Socorro, the next county. also the name of the county seat. Easy pics. NM has an office titled "County Manager" and that proved to be the one to give permission to park a bike on the sidewalk at the courthouse at all 3 counties. By now, I've got about 160-170 miles on the tank & I'm going to go north on I25 about halfway back to Los Lunas, then East on US 60. I planned to get fuel at the US60 exit off I25. No gas at the US60, although I could've probably easily backtracked to downtown Bernardo from this intersection.

East of I25, US60 is a lonely, desert highway. Mountain Air, NM (boy that sounds like a big town huh?) promised to be 39 miles east. I knew that I could make it but when the low fuel light started getting brighter & brighter, it was somewhat bothersome. The first business that I came to in Mountainair was a gas station - sweet. It took 5.4 gallons to fill the tank. There was a sign at the door that said "Please remove your helmet before you come inside". I'd already unsuited so I was in compliance - but that made me wonder what that sign was about. Because it reeked of prior armed robbery via motorcycle, I chose not to ask the attendant. Back on the bike & a little more eastward then north to Estancia, county seat of Torrance County, NM. Another County Manager & two different deputy sheriffs noting my bike on the sidewalk, & I was done. Back to Santa Fe, pick up SugarBeet & to Bert's Burger Bowl for a famous(?) Green Chile Cheese Burger. We then tried to get to Santa Fe County courthouse for an "S" picture but it proved to be impossible. The GPS told me that I drove by it but it's totally unmarked, tourists EVERYWHERE, and the streets in old town S Fe, were laid out by a drunken sadist. Back to the hotel no "S".

Wednesday, co-pilot & I took off on our own. We decided to belatedly do the Madrid thing & Sandia Peak. We went south by heading north on US84 & looping around S Fe via loop 599 & picking up state 14 to Madrid - probably the way the group went on Monday but I felt very clever with my routing. En route to Madrid, we convoyed with a couple of other Voyagers with whom we parted company at Madrid. But there were a couple of 94-95s parked in the Maggie's Diner lot so we joined them & took a picture of the 3 blue ones together. Never saw the riders. Bought some Wild Hog souvenirs then hit the road for the top of the world.

I was kind of vague on exactly how far it was to Sandia Peak but when we got to the entrance, there was no doubt (ya can't miss it- no, really, you can't). We had a (different) couple of Voyager riders convoying this leg of the trip with us too. 14 or 15 miles of constant zig zag to the top. No touristy looking around for the driver, lots of 2nd & 3rd gear driving, & the bike got a little bit

warm. Tremendous view at the top from 10678 ft. Supposedly, you can see into Colorado, but I'd have to check with Snopes on that. Kodak ops, gift shop, \$3 entry fee (Did you pay? I did.)

We may have gotten less than our usual 44 mpg on the trip to the top but round trip back to the bottom, I'm sure we got 55 or 60 mpg :)). The trip down was quiet and quick. A little bit of downshifting for some of the curves but mostly kind of coasting - still no scenery viewing for the driver.

Retraced our route back north & stopped at the Mining Company (Madrid) for lunch. Then on to Santa Fe & loop 599. On the loop, I saw an exit for Agua Fria St which I knew would bring me close to the hotel, so I took that exit; once again feeling quite clever with my mastery of the Santa Fe roadway system. Well, I missed the Agua Fria turn & drove via Airport Rd. straight into the heavy traffic of Cerrillos Rd & struggled back to the hotel one stoplight at a time. :(  
-richard b (SpeedBall)

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### Up and Coming:

We're gonna eat lunch on Saturday Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> probably at Sam's in Fairfield, TX. Be There! It will be Ummm-Gooooood Food and Gooooood Friends!!!!!!!!!!

### Voyage Home

Coming Soon!

The application is at the end of this Newsletter. Just print it and fill it in and mail it to Russ and Gaby. See you there!

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### Lone Star Voyager Courthouse Grand Tour 2009 rules

The object is to take a picture of your motorcycle in front of county or parish 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 pic 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 pic 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 pics, 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. [richadntexas@dishmail.net](mailto:richadntexas@dishmail.net) 512/515-0133

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## LSV 2009 Calendar:

Date	Event	Place	Hosts
Jan 1, 2009	Blessing Of The Bikes	San Antonio	CMA
Mar 26-28	SFR (with EVA).....	Alpine, TX.....	
Apr 23-25	*Hill Country Tour.....	Junction, TX.....	Fowler/Schani
July 14-16	AVA National Rally.....	Santa Fe, NM.....	AVA
October 9-11	*Voyage Home.....	Paris, TX (area).....	Bagley Clan
November ?	IMS.....	Houston.....	

\*The asterisk denotes the 2 major camp-ins with business meetings. The dates for the VH should be announced in a latter newsletter and a confirmation of the dates for IMS (International Motorcycle Show) as well. We have around 20 members who have hosted a gathering. These people are ready willing and able to help with encouragement and advice for those of you thinking about hosting a gathering. The format, date and location are entirely up to the host. You can cook or cater or eat out. The members attending are also very good at helping with serving and cleaning up. Step forward in the next year to host a gathering!

## Lone Star Voyager 2009 Grand Tour Entry Form

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

Town\_\_\_\_\_ State\_\_\_\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_

email address\_\_\_\_\_

If your mailing address is a P.O. Box, please include a physical location (street address) for your home also. Thanks.

\$10 per entrant. amount enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_

return entry to:  
Richard Baxter  
256 Chaparral Dr  
Liberty Hill, TX  
512/515-0133

# **RIDE-IN REGISTRATION FORM**

**LSV Voyage Home 2009**

**October 9<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup>**

Camping & headquarters for this event will be at the Lake Pat Mayse West, Area A, sites 19-34. Pat Mayse Lake is a U.S. Corps of Engineers lake just north of Paris, TX.. To get there, from Paris take US271 north: Go 12 miles to FM 906 west, then 4 mi to FM 197. Turn west for 3 mi to CR 35810, turn left 1 mi to CR 35800, turn left into park. Reservations are not accepted after September 30<sup>th</sup> so all sites are first come but I have been assured there will be no problem. Another map shows the entrance 2.5 mi w of 906/197 @ 197. Look for strategically placed LSV signs. The cost of a tent site is \$15 per night and each site easily accommodates 2 tents. Picnic table, electric and a lantern holder at all sites. A federal Golden Age Passport card will cut your cost in half. The motel of choice is the Days Inn, located at US271 and Loop 286 North. Per night price with tax is about \$82. A bit steep but I will check on group rates. There is also a Budget Inn Motel across the road that is more "budget" priced and "budget" quality. Per night cost is about \$44 plus taxes at a group rate. These are the closest hotels to the campground. There is also a Victorian Inn but it is 5 miles further on the east side of town.

Russ & Gabi Bagley will be your hosts. All activities are pay as you go. To help defray expenses please send \$7 with this registration.. Make checks payable to Russell Bagley; & send payment with this form to:

Russ Bagley  
5309 Stone Brooke Crossing  
McKinney, TX 75070

Russ & Gabi can be reached by cell phone @ 972-529-0770 and by email @ [russ.bagley@sbcglobal.net](mailto:russ.bagley@sbcglobal.net).  
First time registrants, up to the first 10 to register, will receive a ride pin with a 2009 Hanger Bar. The first 30 applicants who attended a previous Voyage Home ride-ins, and who already have a pin, will receive a 2009 Hanger Bar.

Pilot Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Pilot Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State: \_\_\_\_\_, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Miles to Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Will be staying at: CAMPGROUND or MOTEL I have a CB: YES NO

Club Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed: (\$7 per person) x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

We the undersigned, agree not to hold the hosts, 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 ride-in.

Primary Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Pilot Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

No catered meals are planned. Only the finest Parisian cuisine will be sampled. Prepare for a lesson in the production of wine on Friday and bring quarters for the slot machines at Choctaw Saturday! Fishing from the dock at the campsite. Lots of nature available. Hippi took you to Church, we are taking you to wine and gambling.