



## Newsletter Vol. 88. #1 Jan.-Feb. 2011

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 214490 E. County Road 33 Mooreland, OK 73852-8959. Sandra can be reached by phone at, (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 New President, [Brenda Herring](mailto:brendalsv@gmail.com), in Liberty (936-336-2840), [brendalsv@gmail.com](mailto:brendalsv@gmail.com), or our Vice President, David Dunn, in Houston, TX. (281-622-0509) [ddunn.tx@gmail.com](mailto:ddunn.tx@gmail.com) or our Sec/Tres [Sandra Judge](mailto:sjudge@pdi.net), [sjudge@pdi.net](mailto:sjudge@pdi.net) for more information. Hope you can join us.

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### From the Prez.

Well it is a New Year!

We have started off the year with lunch rides. In a couple of weeks we head to Terlingua with the EVA for SFR. Then in April we have HCT in LLano.

We are up to 57 members who have renewed. I hope we can get renewals up to 100%.

See you soon.

Brenda

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### Treasurer Report:

We still have tee shirts, long sleeve shirts, vest patches, 1 lg. back patch, hats, and one windshield cover left. Please call or write to make orders.

Our bank account was hit hard this last month, our web page \$95, rental of pavilion \$65, pay out for supplies to John for newsletter expenses \$91.12, and for the pins for HCT \$197.75.

We did sell some club items and collected some dues, but the account is lower than it has been in a while.

Our General Fund is at \$262.47.

Our Down riders Fund is - \$601.00

Sandra Judge  
Secretary/Treasurer

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### The Safety Corner:

#### Texas Has High Numbers

These numbers are from the (N)ational (H)ighway (T)raffic (S)afety (A)ministration for the years 2004, 05, 06, 07, & 08. Some data isn't available for 2008, 09, or 10.

For these 5 years the number of motorcycle registrations has increased. For 2007 we had 387,915. There were 407 motorcycle related fatalities in 2007

For 2008 there were 516 fatalities.

Over this 5 year data report, Texas has seen an increase in motorcycle fatalities each year.

In 2004 there were 290, in '05 there were 364, '06 had 353, '07 had 407, & in 2008 there were 516 fatalities.

The 2008 figures broken down by age look like this;

<20	16
20-29	142
30-39	90

40-49	120
50-59	102
>59	46

Of the 516 fatalities 191 wore helmets, 316 did not wear helmets, & 9 were unknown due to the fact that the helmet & the rider's head had become separated or for some other reason.

The only estimated number for this report is the 120 additional lives that could have been saved if they had worn helmets. I'm not sure how that number was derived at, but it's a number that ought to get folks to think about....even if just a little bit.

In 2008, the total number of fatalities in Texas for all modes of transportation was 3,382. Of that number 1,269 is listed as "alcohol impaired driving fatalities.

For this time frame report Texas has the "1st place star" for leading the nation each year for having a BAC of .08 or higher for most alcohol related fatal accidents.

The report did not break it down to motorcycle only in this category. It did state that 57% of all fatalities that a BAC of .08 or higher was involved.

It's not a very illustrious title to have & it's up to each & every one of us to do our part in reversing those numbers.

For most of us a new riding season is just around the corner. Let's strive to make it the safest year ever.

Rick Londagin  
LSV Safety Officer  
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## Working on Bikes And Other Things

*No contributions to share this time. Come on people, I know some of you are doing something to your rides! Share with us, please!*

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## Ride Reports Blessing, 2010

It was a balmy 40 degrees at 8:30 when I left home. I knew I was gonna be early to the Valero station but I thought Gaylord would be early as well. I was right. We had a hot cup of coffee and talked about New Year's Eve at his place, Sandi & I were guests.

Right about 9:15 we left for the next stop, another Valero. Pathfinder was waiting. We arrived there early as I anticipated but left right on time, at 10:15. While waiting, I got my second call from VP Big D. He and Todd were waiting in Boerne at the River Road Park. They arrived the night before.

After arriving at Javelin a HD, Speedball walked over to us. He got there about 15 minutes before us. He told us that Larry was already there. I only got a glimpse of him. Gaylord's friend, Tommy, found us and joined in the camaraderie. After coffee and chili (there was also hot pork sandwiches), the sermon was given and the crowd dispersed to their bikes.

It was advertised that the first 500 attendees would get a pin. They ran out! We were told that this was the largest (or one of the largest) Blessings in the country. The HD dealer had a huge parking lot in back of the building. It was about the perfect size for the days activities. Large enough for all the bikes and people and small enough to hear the PA system.

There were 7 of us that left for lunch at the Shade Tree:5 LSVers (Speedball, Pathfinder, MusicMan, Big D, Todd) and 2 friends (Gaylord & Tommy). We didn't reach the largest number of LSVers in attendance but considering the circumstances, I was happy with the turnout. The weather was great. It began in the 40's and ended in the 60's.

The patty melt I had was awesome and I didn't hear any complaints from anyone about the food. We were worried that they weren't open because when we got there, Speedball couldn't open the door. The he tried the door once again and **turned the door knob!** It worked this time. I think the pressure of the last two years of presidency has really affected him!

Anyway, we all left in different directions. Big D & Todd had a long way to go and went east on 165 out of Blanco, Speedball went north on 281, Gaylord & Tommy went south on 281, I went east on 306 and nobody knows (ever!) which way Pathfinder goes.

All in all it was a great day with great people and great food. Y'all need to be there next year. One of the CMAers told me it would be in the same location next year. So put it on your calendar. There's a good chance that next year will be my last one MusicMan

## **New Years Day Ride**

As in years past, we made CMA's Blessing of the Bikes the first club ride of the year. Held at Javelina HD in Boerne this time, we had what I believe is a typical turnout for LSV - 5 members & 3 guests in our "group" . Overall, the attendance seemed greater than usual- maybe because everyone was in the Harley parking lot with no option to scatter all over the mall lot as was done at San Antonio Wal-Mart. Besides a new location, we also had the mildest Jan 1 weather since my first Blessing back in, I believe, 2006, when I rode home in 82° F - but that was back in the days of Gorebal Warming.

I rode to Boerne alone, not able to make the connections for the group ride. Left the house at 8 & got there 115 miles later at 10:10, just ahead of the LSV group riders. Larry L was already there, along with probably 200-300 other riders. The Harley shop was closed (New Years Day, ya know?) & they probably missed a lot of tee-shirt/doo-rag type sales, but it was a really nice facility with appropriate traffic controls & enough Oh Boys to make bathroom line time acceptable. CMA had some nasty tasting coffee, so I only drank 3 cups. The new club veep along with a former club prez were among the attendees.

After being blessed & receiving documentation to such, we made the traditional lunch ride to the Shade Tree Saloon in Spring Branch where we swapped lies & ate. I don't recollect that there was anything wrong with Shade Tree food in years past, but it was much better than just good this time - or was I just extra hungry.

We split up here & all made their way home safely. - SpeedBall

## **February Lunch Ride Elgin, TX 02/12/11**

This club's new year is off to a good start. We did the usual in January - documented elsewhere, & also braved a lunch ride in Feb. SugarBeet & me & a bunch of bikers (we caged it) met at SouthSide Mkt in Elgin for BBQ. Had quite a good turnout, though I forgot what the headcount was. My palate evidently, is not that sensitive- I thought the food was good, but there was some difference of opinion on whether the bbq was up to our club's standards. We'll try again in March at Luling. - SpeedBall

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## **Up and Coming:**

*Lunch Ride to City Market in Luling, TX*  
*SFR in Terlingua, TX*  
*HCT in LLano, TX*

*03/12/11*  
*03/24 thru 03/27/11*  
*04/28 thru 05/01/11*

**Come join us!**

## **LSV Hill Country Tour 2011 Agenda**

(preliminary - subject to more detail later)

Thurs, Apr 28, 2011

Arrive & setup

Group ride to supper in Llano about 6 p.m.

Friday

Ride to breakfast in Llano

Leave for Friday guided ride from breakfast restaurant

Lunch on the road

Return to campground by 3 PM

Supper on your own

Saturday

Ditto Friday except

Business meeting at campground pavilion early enough to

Ride to supper after meeting

Sunday

Kiss me goodbye & go home

## LSV 2011 Calendar:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Hosts</u>
Jan 1, 2011	Blessing Of The Bikes	Boerne	CMA
March 24-27	Spring Fun Run	Terlingua, TX	EVA/LSV
April 28-30	*Hill Country Tour	LLano, TX	RB
June	nothing at this time		
July 11-15	AVA National Rally	Degray Resort State Park, AR	AVA
Oct. ??-??	*Voyage Home	Somewhere, TX	???
November ??	IMS	Dallas	

\* These two events are our two ride-in weekends and include a business meeting.

*Ride Safe*