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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 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) 851-0202.

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).

If you are interested you can contact our New President, [Brenda Herring](mailto:brendalsv@gmail.com), in Liberty (936-336-2840), brendalsv@gmail.com, or our Vice President, David Dunn, in Houston, TX. (281-622-0509) ddunn.tx@gmail.com or our Sec/Tres [Sandra Judge](mailto:jjudge@pldi.net), jjudge@pldi.net for more information. Hope you can join us.

From the Prez.

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It is November, Voyage home has come and gone. It went very well, even if it was kinda cold and windy now an then. Thanks to our host and VP David Dunn, also thanks to his side kick and cook Chip Slauter.

We have possible hosts and a location for Hill Country 2012. Jim and Sandra Judge. Location: Miller Creek Campground, Johnson City, TX.

If everything works out, stand by for more info.

We have our last lunch ride of the year planned for Nov. 19th at Prauses Meat Market in LaGrange at 11:30ish.

The Ghost Town Tour winner was Bruce Fowler Sr.

Officer elections will be Oct. 2012. The nomination comm. is Richard Baxter, Barry Baker and Pat Walden.

LSV President

Brenda Herring

Secretary/Treasurer Report:

Somerville, TX, a small community at a Corp Lake, the campground was nice, we had our own area to camp, visit, and eat two nights meals. Thursday night we were served hamburgers grilled to our liking by our chef, Chip Slauter. He did an excellent job, plus he brought the grill with him. Friday morning we got up to cloudy weather and a little cool, but being the hardy souls we all are, we all climbed on our motorcycles and took off, except for John & Brenda, John was under the weather a bit. The day did not get any warmer, but the ride was good. We stopped at a little place where the waitress was dressed for the Halloween weekend, good food and hot! Which we all needed to warm us up. That evening our Chef fired up his grill and we had more hamburgers and hot dogs were added to the menu this time. Saturday the temps were cool to start out with but got better as the day went on, stopped again for lunch and had a hot bowl of potato soup with cornbread. Saturday evening we went to the local cafe to have our meal, while there our president, Brenda, presented Richard and John with their gifts for the service as president and vice-president last term. We went back to the campground to have our club meeting.

Meeting was started off by the prez and she thanked David Dunn for hosting our campout and Chip Slauter for preparing our two nights meals. We discussed some old business and talked about next year's Hill Country and also a possible campout with the EVA in May. Bruce Fowler won the contest on Ghost Towns, \$50.

In our new business, we talked about ordering more LSV flags for our members to have for their motorcycles.

Treasurer: While at the campout, I collected \$117.50 in dues for 2012. I sold \$171.00 of club merchandise.

DD collected a total of \$175.00 for registration for the VH event.

Our payouts were, \$104.78 food, \$404.83 shirt order, \$300.00 Downrider, \$50 for Ghost Town contest, \$128.50 for VH ride patches.

Our balance as of November 7, 2011 is: Downrider Fund - \$300.00
General Fund - \$548.21
Giving us a total of \$848.21 in our account.

Sandra Judge

The Safety Corner:

Do You ATGATT?

With everything that has been going on up here, my mind, time, & money has been pre-occupied with parents, kids & grand kids. I've not had much time to write an article, much less think of one to write.

While Rene Ann & I were watching the news the other night I was thinking what in the world is going on today. The news was about 90% negative. I popped off and made a remark about the things going on in this country and in the world. She told me that no matter how bad things get, we have each other, or kids, & our friends.

I got to thinking about that.....(scary thought, huh?....me thinking) That was it.....the idea I needed.

Our daily lives have become so busy, so hectic, so out of synch with what is really important, so much so that we always seem to "schedule" or plan for tomorrow, next week, next month, or next year.

The problem with that is that we are not promised tomorrow, next week, next month, or next year.

So, with that said, when was the last time you called your kids, your parents, your friends just to say hi, ask how they are doing, tell them you're thinking about them?

Did you kiss your husband or wife good bye & tell him/her you love them when you left the house?

Do you wear..."ATGATT" (All The Gear All The Time) to show them you love them, care about them?

Riding a motorcycle is considered to be "inherently dangerous". I don't necessarily agree with that. What's dangerous is the sudden deceleration your body experiences when contacting the pavement or an object as your body removes itself from the motorcycle. The gear you wear can greatly reduce injuries encountered during these few moments. Do you care for them enough to wear the gear?

Ever heard this quote?

There are only 2 kinds of motorcycle riders out there.....Those that have...and those that are gonna !!!

Unfortunately, I fall in the latter group. Fortunately I was wearing a helmet, but unfortunately I wasn't wearing a padded jacket. The minor fractures I had might not have occurred if I had.

Ride smart, ride to be seen, keep your senses at 100%, & keep a 360 degree awareness when riding. And most important.....ATGATT.

Until next time,

Rick Londagin
LSV Safety Officer

Until next time;
Ride smart to ride safe

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Working on Bikes **And Other Things**

Now it seems to be too nice of weather to work on motorcycles at this time! Everybody's riding and is too busy to work on them! However, I am gathering the parts to install a BikeMP3 Player on our Yellow Wing. I will tell you all about it as soon as I do. John Herring

Ride Reports **2011 Voyage Home**

Thurs. The day started off with a dead battery on the MC. We finally jump started it off the truck. On the road. We arrived at the campground around noonish. Set up camp and waited for the others. Norbel/Ed, Jim/Sandra, Steve Stein and MusicMan had already arrived. Chip cooked hamburgers for all.

Fri. The day started off cold and windy. After some coffee and talk, it was time to ride. John and I followed the group in the truck to Richards for lunch. After lunch John and I, MusicMan, The Inspector and Dell returned to camp. Chip cooked hot dogs for the group. Lots of deer around.

Sat. John and I, Bobby and Larry went to Mama's Cafe for breakfast. On the way back to camp a bobcat crossed the highway in front of us. We meet up with the group in Chapel Hill. Rode with all to Fayetteville for lunch at Orsaks. Returned to camp, John and I had to make a run to the store for coffee. A hawk flew in front of us, then down the side of the bike. Close call. Returned to camp. Then to the point for supper. Back to camp for a meeting.

Sun. Packed for home. Meet a cow in the road between Brenham and Navasota. Arrived home safely.
Brenda Herring, LSV Prez

Hmmmm, VH 2011.....

Let me tell you how excited I was for Voyage Home to get here. The last 'trip' I took was in April. It had been a long, hot, difficult summer and I needed a break!

The Campground was great! Nice flat sites. New electric posts and shelters. A nice pavilion for us to meet.....what more could a guy want? Oh yeah, a calm night! The wind howled pretty good on Thursday night and kept me awake almost all night (which I think was the case for most except the RVers and motelers). The tent was flapping like crazy...ugh!

The Friday ride was cool but the noon lunch was "mmmmm" good. The waitresses were dressed for Halloween. I went back early from the ride hoping to catch some shut-eye. I wandered over to the pavilion and ended up talking, helping to put up the tarps, getting some snacks and watching Chip cook...again. Hey, he's good!

Saturday's ride was gorgeous, both weather and scenery. Beautiful sun, sweepng curves and some twisties. Y'all missed a good one. DD had a great lunch lined up for us at a 5 star restaurant. We each had a 5 course meal starting with an appetizer of escargot'. Then, the smoked salmon from Maine came, perfectly cooked to order, with freshly mashed potatoes, either with gravy or butter. The desert of chocolate mousse was followed by a very delicate white wine from France. Man, ya' shoulda been there. The valet brought our bikes around and we left for the campground.

Chip was/is an awesome cook. This one was reminiscent of the 'old' HCT's. We had hamburgers on the grill Thursday night and hog dogs on the grill Friday night. Mmmmmmmmm!! All the fixin's, too: relish, mustard, ketchup, pickles, lettuce. He also grilled the buns! Of course there were chips.....did I mention the bananas, apples, muffins, cinnamon rolls and sweet rolls in the morning to have with Brenda's delicious coffee?

I think there were 9 Voyagers at VH: 5 2003's, Dels '86, 2 2001's (including Hippie's quadracycle) and Rod's 2009. The 2003's have ruled attendance for a while and I don't know if we can actually call the Vulcan Voyager 1700 a REAL Voyager but it belongs to Rod, so it's OK. I'm not sure how many were in registered attendees but it has to be in the neighborhood of 25.

It was a great weekend. Thanks to DD and Chip for their hard work and organization. Let's all keep Dell in our prayers for a quick recovery from his accident on Sunday.
MusicMan

Lunch Rides

The October lunch ride - Louie Mueller's BBQ, Taylor, TX.

Viejo met us at our home & SugarBeet & I rode with him for the arduous 32 mile, 45 minute ride aaall the way to Taylor. Rain was forecast but we stayed dry coming and going. Viejo had gotten a little wet en route & suckered us into suiting up. Even Frogg Toggs get a little bit hot & sweaty.

We sat in the newer addition of the restaurant - not the old store with 40 years of smoke on the walls. The Houston contingent & Big D were already there by 11:15ish. We got in line just before 11:30 and did really well. The place began to fill up before noon. The lady just ahead of us was getting a \$100+ order to go - that slowed us down but we caught up later. I chose pork loin & beef brisket, Cindy got a turkey sandwich. Brisket was very good, loin was a little bit dry, and her smoked turkey may well have been the best I've ever tasted.

I won't name names because, I wouldn't get it perfect, but I believe there was a total of 11 of us in attendance. - ЯВ

Up and Coming:

Lunch Ride to City Market in Luling, TX	03/12/11
SFR in Terlingua, TX	03/24 thru 03/27/11
HCT in LLano, TX	04/28 thru 05/01/11
AVA International Rally, Lake De Gray, AR	07/11 thru 07/14/11
Voyage Home, Somerville, TX	10/27 thru 10/29/11

We Had a Great Time!

LSV 2012 Calendar:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Hosts</u>
Dec 2-4, 2011	IMS	Dallas	
Jan 1 st	Blessing of the Bikes	Javelina HD, Bourne, TX	CMA
April ??:	* Hill Country Tour	Miller Creek RV Park, Johnson City, TX	The Judges
May 18/19:	Palo Duro Canyon,	Canyon, TX.	EVA
July 9/12:	AVA International Rally	Kanab, Utah	AVA
Oct. ?? :	* Voyage Home	Somewhere, TX	LSV

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

Ride Safe
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See you at Voyage Home 2011