



Newsletter Vol. 14. #1 Winter 2015-16

We're the **Lone Star Voyagers Motorcycle Club**, a chartered club of the **American Voyager Association**, and are always looking for new members. The club was created focusing on Kawasaki Voyager owners but now has a great variety of motorcycles and 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 is!, there is!**), there's one on our web site at LoneStarVoyagers.org.

Our Secretary - Treasurer is Sandra Judge. Sandra's mailing address is 214490 E County Road 33, Mooreland, OK 73852-8959. Sandra can be reached by phone at, 580-273-1397. Please be sure that you make any checks as **payable to "Sandra Judge"** and **NOT** to **LSV** or **Lone Star Voyagers**.

We are a family-riding club with a widespread membership and 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. Normally we plan to host at least 2 camp-in weekends each year. We feature this sort of bimonthly newsletter where members may submit articles, & our web site is LoneStarVoyagers.org.

If you are interested you can contact our President, [David Lawson](mailto:David.Lawson@att.net) in Marlin, TX (254-803-3511), Lawson-david@att.net or our Vice President, [Larry Lawson](mailto:Larry.Lawson@att.net), in Paige, TX (512-253-6240) LLaw148@yahoo.com or our Sec/Treas [Sandra Judge](mailto:jjudge@cneconnect.com), jjudge@cneconnect.com (phone # above) in Mooreland, OK for more information. Hope you can join us.

From the Prez.

The Prez (David Lawson) says hi. ;) - richard

Secretary/Treasurer Report:

Greetings from Oklahoma, we are now not only known for tornados, but earthquakes too. Jim and I felt the earth shake at a 5.1 on the rector scale, the 13th of Feb. not a good feeling. Anyway, no damage and hopefully no more earthquakes.

When the EVA joined our group, we added another \$232.25 to our down rider fund as requested bringing our total of downrider money to \$619.75.

The amount we have in the General Fund is \$1005.57.

We do have some inventory of shirts, patches and one Texas Flag.

7 Long sleeve shirts, all are size large ---- \$24.00 each

4 large tee-shirts, 2 tan, 1 blue, 1 gray ---- \$14.00

3 med. tee shirts, 3 tan --- \$14.00

2 small tee shirts, tan --- \$14.00

1 size 2X tee shirt tan --- \$14.00

All tee shirts are pocket tees.

11 small vest patch -- \$6.00 each

1 bumper sticker -- \$1.00

1 Texas Flag for motorcycle antenna -- \$12.00

I will bring these things with me to HCT.

If anyone still owes dues, they can mail it to me or can give me the dues at HCT.

Have a Good Day,

Secretary/Treasure

Sandra Judge

THE SAFETY CORNER

this is a "Classic" Safety Corner message (i.e., a rerun) from our Sep-Oct 2010 Newsletter.

Perception - What is it & do you have it?

According to Webster's bashed & beat up dictionary I have, it says this;

n. 1 a) the act of perceiving or the ability to perceive; mental grasp of objects, qualities, etc. by means of the senses; awareness; comprehension

(Don't you just love it when you look up a word for the meaning & they give you the same word in the definition?)

The "mental grasp of objects by means of senses" is probably the most important part of this meaning to motorcycle riders.

Take this years Hill Country Tour for an example. It was an observation of mine during one of our rides that a car tried to pass part of our group on a long sweeping curve with a double yellow line.

Now my first perception of this was.....how stupid of that driver to try that.

But that quickly changed when I saw another vehicle coming towards us in the other lane. The car passing us had to slow down & look for an opening to get back in the proper lane. There wasn't one & the car driver had to make one.

There's no real nice way to say this & you can quote me here.

A motorcycle is no match for a car when it comes to lane changes or positioning.

The motorcycle & rider will lose every time. If that car needs the lane choice you have, by all means give it to them.

"YOU AIN'T GONNA WIN THAT BATTLE FOR LANE POSITION"

We as motorcycle riders have to be constantly scanning our surroundings, looking for what might be coming up from behind us, scanning to the left, & to the right. We have to scan the bar ditches for livestock, wild animals, & the sort. We have to scan intersections as we approach them for vehicles that may pull out in front of us. In a line of traffic scan 2 to 3 cars ahead. If one of them makes an evasive move, that probably means something is in the road.

One can not be concentrating so hard on what is in the road in front of them that they lose their peripheral vision. It is a must for survival every time we go out for a ride that our mental radar is scanning 360 degrees & our mental computer comprehends that data so that we can make the necessary adjustments for safe travel.

As much as we may feel like we are the kings of the road (or queen) when we ride, we are not. If we expect other vehicular conveyance to respect us & share the road with us, we have to make the first move & give to them.

Being aware of our surroundings is of the utmost importance when we ride.

Rick Londagin
LSV Safety Officer

Ride Reports

Cindy (SugarBeet) & I attended the lunch at Yankee's Tavern in Carlos, on Sat 02/13. We had a good turnout - eleven attendees. The weather was nice so I neither had to run the air conditioner nor roll up the windows on the cage. The burgers were better than just good. (Oops, I nearly wrote cute to describe the burgers 'cause I was thinking about the waitress while I typed.) Even with 11 there we still had plenty of folks missing (to talk about). So if your ears were burning well... - SpeedBall

Lunch Rides

Since last newsletter we have had, according to the web site, 3 lunch rides. They were 11/14, The Chess Club in Blanco, then Dec 12, at Casa Rodriguez in Bryan and most recently on 2/13, Yankee's Tavern in Carlos (or is it Anderson?) Next is Orsak's in Fayetteville on Saturday, March 12 at 11:15-11:30ish. For April, it is Oscar's Store just East of Temple on April 9th - same time of day.

Up and Coming:

The Spring Fun Run (aka SFR) is imminent - Mar 17-20. See the calendar below and an article elsewhere in this newsletter by Rocket Rod for detail. Hill Country Tour (aka HCT) is right after SFR. The **red font** info on the following calendar is updated since last newsletter - check it out!

LSV 2015 Calendar:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Hosts</u>
3/17-20/16	Spring Fun Run	maybe Alpine	LSV
4/21-24/16	Hill Country Tour*	Camp Wood	TUS**
	Octoberish 2016	Voyage Home*	TBD

* designated events are our two ride-in weekends and include a business meeting. Officer elections are scheduled for VH, 2016

**The Usual Suspects minus SpeedBall

SFR & HCT info

Riding opportunities

We have a couple chances to go for rides coming up in the next few months. The weather is warming nicely and the wildflowers should be blooming. I already had one nice ride going to lunch at Yankee's Tavern last weekend. And then spending a few days with my daughter and her family in Hutto. It was even almost warm for the ride home until I started climbing over the mountains here at Cloudcroft. I was over the snow line for a while and it cooled off to just over 50. Felt good after west Texas and eastern New Mexico.

The next ride is The Spring Fun Run (Mar 17-20), our annual ride in the Big Bend area. We will be staying in Alpine at the Lost Alaskan RV Park for those tenting and the rest have reservations at Antelope Lodge. They are a ways apart, which is unfortunate, but the campground we used to stay at is not available. Last year it seemed to be open, but not much activity. We stayed at the same places last year and the tenting at the Lost Alaskan is very nice. We have scheduled better weather for this year. Last year we had a little problem with some rain and fog / low clouds. The riding was still good, but the view from the McDonald Observatory left a little to be desired. We have no registration form, but just post on the forum or send me an email you will be coming. I put the names on the web site so anyone can see who will be attending. We found a good breakfast place and a couple places for supper. Friday we will be riding down to the Terlingua area, over the river road to Presidio and then up to Marfa and back to Alpine. It will be about 235 miles. Presidio has a descent restaurant if we decide to eat there. Saturday we will head north thru Fort Davis to the McDonald Observatory for a nice view

of the area and then around a loop back to Fort Davis and back down to Alpine. That ride will be a shorter 155 mile ride. I will be packed up for heading home when we get close to Valentine as Sunday is Palm Sunday and we have things going on at my church. Both days we will plan to meet for breakfast at 8 and head out for the days ride from there. The SFR is usually a rather loosely organized event with everything pay as you go.

April (21st-24th) will be our Hill Country Tour, headquartered out of Big Oak River Camp Park in Camp Wood. Dave Schani called the park and asked them to block off 9 cabins until March 1st. I am aware of at least 3 who have made reservations already. And I made a reservation for a tent site. This will be nice as everyone will be closer together for this. Dave (probably actually Sheila) will be providing breakfast for both days and asks for \$8 per person to cover the cost (not per person per day but \$8 total per person). Information and a reservation form are on the web site. The camp has received very good reviews from LSV members using their facilities in previous years. Dave Schani will be a ride leader, David Dunn and I have also volunteered to be ride leaders. Dave will be sending the routes and I will get them in my GPS as well as on the web site. And again I will be leaving after the ride Saturday as my grandson will be baptized Sunday in Hutto. It is looking to be a busy weekend. Should be a great time. The area has some great roads and as Dave said, I need to get to know them better as I will be able to ride them more often in the near future.

So, be sure to mark these dates on your calendar and get reservations at the cabin / tent location of your choice. I look forward to seeing yall at one or both of these rides.

RR

Richard's Ritings and Wridings

VP Larry Lawson, conspicuous by his absence in Calros, is gimping around the house recovering from a knee replacement. Think good thoughts for Lar....

There's some confirmation of dates & info for SFR & HCT this time. There's a registration form for HCT & a membership application included. No registration form needed for SFR - just follow RR's instructions in his writeup in this newsletter. Note that the HCT cabins are only held until Mar 1st.

HCT Schedule

Thu 21 Arrival. Set up lodging, check in and visit.

Fri 22 8:00 AM Breakfast. Location to be announced, probably at David & Sheila's cabin 9:00 AM Riders meeting and head out for the days ride.

Sat 23 8:00 AM Breakfast. Location to be announced, probably at David & Sheila's cabin 9:00 AM Riders meeting and head out for the days ride.

Sun 24 Pack and head for home. Ride safely, and be sure to post on the forum when you get home.

2016 LSV HILL COUNTRY TOUR REGISTRATION FORM

The annual LSV Hill Country Tour for 2016 will be in Camp Wood, TX April 21-24, 2016. This is open to all LSV members, their guests & AVA members.

The entire Lone Star Voyagers Club will be your hosts. Headquarters for this event will be the Big Oak River Camp Park.

Mail completed forms to: David Lawson; 820 Val Verde; Marlin, TX 76661. Mail by April 1st. Also, include \$8 per person to cover the cost of breakfast for Friday and Saturday which will be provided by David and Sheila.

For campground reservations call (830) 597-5280. A PDF of the rates and camping options is available on the Lone Star Voyagers web site at the Hill Country Tour page & at the Big Oak River Camp Park web page.

Rides will be staged each day from the campground.

We will use channel 24 as the official AVA/LSV CB channel.

Pilot Name: _____

Co-Pilot: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Approximate Miles to Event: _____

Circle the appropriate responses below

Campground - Will have: Hook-ups Tent Mini cabin (Circle one)

Will arrive: Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

Club Affiliation: _____

We, the undersigned, agree not to hold the AVA-LSV, its officers, agents, members, or anyone connected with AVA-LSV functions responsible for any accidents, injury or personal loss while we are en route to or from or during any LSV get together, rally, activity, ride-in or event.

Primary Signature: _____

Co-Pilot Signature: _____

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Lone Star Voyagers
Membership Application

Primary Driver

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____ (M) (F)

Birthday: _____

Anniversary: _____

Primary Drivers Address

(Street / P.O. Box)

(City / State / Zip)

(_____) _____
(Home phone number)

(_____) _____
(Cell phone number)

(e-Mail address)

(e-Mail address)

(Year / Make / Model of Motorcycle)

For newsletter and internet announcements, may we publish:

All information (); Name only (); Name / address / 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 & membership fee (\$7.50 each) to: Sandra Judge

make check to Sandra
not LSV

LSV Treasurer
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