



## North Texas HOG

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# Hogazette

January 2012



## Ride and Have Fun”!

Another riding year is in our rear view mirrors, and we are looking down the road anticipating more fun and adventures with our North Texas Chapter brothers and sisters. This past year we have made new riding buddies, and on a sadder note we have experienced the homecoming of some special members, they will not be forgotten and will be missed greatly.

To start off the 2012 riding season the Assistant Director and I have adopted a theme that should motivate our Chapter members and get us on our Harley-Davidson motorcycles, and that theme is...get this..."Ride and Have Fun"! Simple, don't ya think! And to help us "Ride and Have Fun", some of our members have come up with some cool riding events and destinations so we can live up to our theme, and also live up to our much lauded statement as being the most active ridding chapter in the state of Texas. To accomplish this, the Chapter will need the help of every member, how can every member help? There are a lot of ways; volunteer to help at events, put together rides, overnights or weekend adventures. But more importantly participate in the activities that the Chapter has scheduled. What's the old saying "You get out what you put in" and I guarantee the more you participate, the

more fun you will have, and the more miles you will rack up on your scooter.

To get the ball rolling for 2012, the Chapter conducts the **Annual Planning Meeting**. For our new members this is the first Planning Meeting of the New Year...and this is what takes place at this convocation. The Chapter meets at the American Legion Post 321 in Plano, we have check in and membership verification, and conduct the "Monthly" planning meeting for February. After February is taken care of we have a break for lunch. We start up at 1pm and continue with the Yearly Planning, this entails setting up dates for our overnight and weekend rides, and rides that are four days or longer. I encourage every member to attend this meeting, if you are a brand new member, this meeting will give you an insight as to how the Chapter functions and what it takes to set-up and conduct activities for the Chapter. So come out and get involved, Date for the Annual Planning meeting is January 7th, 2012 at the Harding-Blaine American Legion Post 321 Plano, TX 1246 J Ave, Plano, TX 75074. Meeting will start at 11am and we should be finished by 3pm, no later than 4pm. Lunch will be available for a modest fee of \$8.00; if you like you can have lunch at a restaurant in Plano.

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**NTHOG Annual Planning Meeting**

**Saturday, January 7, 11am-3:30pm**

**American Legion Harding-Blaine Post 321 located at 1246 J Ave, Plano, TX 75074**

**This is a closed meeting - only members of NTHOG can attend (is your membership current????)**

There is where it all starts - THE meeting where we plan out most of the overnight rides for the year so we can all go back to our jobs and put in a request for all the available vacation time (and then some). Don't miss it! If you do, you will find that you'll be play-

ing "catch up" all year!

Once the dates have been determined, you'll find a list of rides with accommodation info on this OVERNIGHTS page of the Hogazette. The Memorial Day Rally, listed below, could be sold out by January 7th, so

the info is running a bit early.

Lunch @ noon for \$8  
Cash bar

**29th ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY RALLY, Red River, New Mexico**

**Thursday, May 24, leave time TBD (some come back on Sunday and some on Monday)**

The lodging for The Memorial Weekend Rally is below. I know its early but the entire town sells out for this Rally. There is no charge for the rally, and the riding is just as beautiful as you can imagine.

We will ride in and out in one day, it's a long but easy ride.

**Accommodations:**

Marla & Jerry Vowell - Our Family  
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Red River, NM 87558  
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NOTE: Requires a mailed deposit

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1110 East Main Street  
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## 2012 Mileage Challenge

If you are reading this on or after December 1 and you haven't registered your H-D motorcycle for the 2012 Mileage Challenge, it's time. Registration is easy. At any ride, see me, any road captain, officer or Annette Brunken; we all have registration forms that can be completed. Road captains are encouraged to continue arriving early for rides in order to get you registered. Also, if the system works, you can save everybody some time by downloading a registration form from the Chapter web site or the on the last page of this newsletter, complete all of the information except the odometer reading and bring it with you. One of us will confirm the mileage and you are on your way.

Getting registered is the first hurdle. After that, the fun starts because all mileage after registration counts. THROW A LEG OVER THE SADDLE, RIDE AND HAVE FUN.

It's hard to believe but some guys are already griping before the contest starts. It seems that some members think there should be age categories because the old guys have the advantage of more opportunities to ride. I've given the suggestion some considerable thought and determined - that's too damned bad if the whipper-snappers have trouble keeping pace with a couple of septuagenarians.

Let's ride, have fun and try to keep up with the senior citizens!

- Mike Becker ☒

**BLACK-EYED PEAS @ THE COTTAGE**  
**Sunday, Jan 1, leave shop @ noon**

We leave the shop at noon on New Year's Day for a ride to one of our traditional Watering Holes: The Cottage Lounge, where there will be a pot of beans, with cabbage and pork. This is your very first opportunity of the new year to spend time with the Extended Family. This is a rain or shine event Bike or Cage OK! ☒.

**ASMI TRAINING for Road Captains and Officers**  
**Saturday, Jan 14, 9am - 5pm**

Training will be open to the full membership at a later date. ☒

**LOH MEET & GREET @ FOX & HOUND**  
**Thursday, Jan 19, 6pm - 8:30pm**

All members and potential members are welcome. Fox & Hound, 18918 Midway Rd @ Rosemeade, Dallas

Contact : LOH Officer Angie Martin ☒

**Ride to Lose Wheels, Dennison**  
**Saturday, January 21, leave shop @ 10:30am**

It's time for our winter pilgrimage to Loose Wheels just outside of Denison, TX. Hit some back roads, put some miles on our Harley's and have a great time! The outdoor fire pits will be roaring, the menu is packed with barbecue, chicken fried steak, burgers, and the like. It also features unique dishes accented with green chilies and attitude. PLUS a full bar stocked with our tasty beverages.



Just a bit of trivia: The old tower you see peeking over the trees on the hill is from Perrin Field. The owner had it in pieces on the ground for decades before Loose Wheels was built. The foundation legs of the tower anchor 18 feet into the ground, and the inside bar wraps around the tower's legs. Atop the bar is a turntable that displays a featured motorcycle. - HRC Mark Lemon ☒

**DINERS, DRIVE-INS & DIVES (DD&D): DOUGH PIZZERIA**  
**Saturday, Jan 28, leave shop @ 11am**

Tucked away in a strip mall near Preston & Forest is a pizzeria called "Dough". Chef Doug Horn and his wife, Lori, opened the original location in San Antonio in November 2007. Dough Pizzeria has been featured on Diners, Drive-ins and Dives, in Food & Wine Magazine, and Texas Monthly. Doug and Lori are both zealous pizza aficionados with years of experience in food, wine and hospitality. Doug graduated from the prestigious Culinary Institute of America at the top of his class and has been in the upper echelon of cookery ever since. Lori has an extensive background in international hospitality and restaurant/entertainment concierge service.



Some of the unique features of Dough Pizzeria include:

- A Mozzarella Bar, where Burrata, Fior di Latte, Stracciatella, and Burricotti are made fresh daily.
- An all-Italian wine list as well as a special Reserve wine list, which includes wines from all over the world
- An authentic wood-burning oven that was built by a master oven mason from Naples, Italy. It cooks the pizzas at 800 degrees in approx. 90 seconds.
- Dough bakes its own artisan breads daily.

Select among several combinations of sauce, fresh herbs, and cheese. Then choose some toppings that might include oak-roasted mushrooms, caramelized onions, hot pepperoncini peppers, roasted sausage, sopressata salami, and pancetta to name a few.



Chris and I hope that you'll join us for this first DDD ride of 2012. As always, if you know of a restaurant that fits our DDD profile, please let us know by emailing Rschrowangen@verizon.net or tell us at a DDD ride. ☒

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4TH

**DELI MAN'S GRILL**

COPPELL

RC: CHRIS BLACKARD

Leave shop at 7:00

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11TH

**TAVERN ON MAIN STREET**

RICHARDSON

RC: JOHN MARTIN

Leave shop at 7:00

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18TH

**HAT TRICKS**

LEWISVILLE

RC: THOM McDONALD

Leave shop at 7:00

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25TH

**THE CELLAR RESTAURANT AND BAR**

IRVING

RC: DIRECTOR DEREKE MIMS

Leave shop at 7:00



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Over 370 Members

JANUARY 2012						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>BLACK-EYED PEAS @ THE COTTAGE</b> in Dallas, Lv Shop at Noon	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>MONTHLY OFFICERS MEETING MOVED TO SATURDAY DURING THE PLANNING MEETING</b>	<b>4</b> <b>WDR</b> <b>DELIMAN'S GRILL</b> , Coppell lv shop @ 7pm RC: Chris Blackard	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>ANNUAL NTHOG PLANNING MEETING @</b> American Legion Post 321, Plano, 11am - 3pm
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>WDR</b> <b>TAV-ERN ON MAIN STREET</b> , Richardson lv shop @ 7pm RC: John Martin	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>ASMI TRAINING FOR RC's and OFFICERS</b> 9am - 5pm
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>WDR</b> <b>HAT TRICKS</b> , Lewisville lv shop @ 7pm RC: Thom McDonald	<b>19</b> <b>LOH MEET &amp; GREET</b> , For & Hound, Dallas 6-8pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>RIDE TO LOOSE WHEELS</b> lv shop @ 10:30am
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>WDR</b> <b>THE CELLAR RESTAURANT AND BAR</b> , Irving lv shop @ 7pm RC: Director Dereke Mims	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>DD&amp;D DOUGHS PIZZARIA</b> , DALLAS lv shop @ 11am
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

Check [www.nthog.com](http://www.nthog.com) for the most current information about a ride in case of changes after publication.



**From the Director**

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Finally I must thank all the brothers and sisters who helped make the past two years a big success, there are too many to name, so I won't in fear of leaving someone out, you know who you are, all I ask is that those same folks step up this year, and hopefully even some new folks, to help make this Chapter even better. Know also that I'm greatly humbled and I appreciate the honor and privilege of being granted the opportunity of serving as Director of this Excellent Chapter. I count this milestone in my life as one that I will look back on and have lasting and good memories. Last but not least, I want to send a shout out and heart felt "Thank You" to our Past Director Robert Buck. Robert - Thank you, my brother, for the honor and privilege to serve as your Assistant Director. I hope that the small contribution I made to and for the Chapter made your job of directing the Chapter a little easier. I want to also thank Mrs. Michele Buck for her hard work and dedication, your advice, assistance, and support insured that Buck and I were on track for the Chapter. Thanks everybody...Lets Ride!!

- Dereke Mims ☒



**From the Assistant Director**

By the time you are reading this, 2011 is in our mirrors and we should be looking at the road ahead of us. I feel honored to have been asked by Dereke to serve as assistant director and will do my best to serve the best interests of our membership and chapter. Enough of the campaign promise crap and let's get down to the business of riding and having fun.

On January 7, we will host our annual planning meeting at the American Legion Hall in Plano. You must be a 2012 member of NTHOG to attend; no guests. Membership will be checked at the door and applications will be available if you want to renew on the day of the meeting. Mark Lemon will lead a ride from the shop. Watch the chapter calendar and forum for details. If you only attend one NTHOG meeting during the course of the year, this is the one because we will lock down most of our overnight rides for the year.

I am asking every member to bring two things to the meeting – an appetite and creativity.

NTHOG needs your creativity. We have our regular calendar staples, such as Wildflower, Kaboom Town, Carlsbad, Ft. Parker, etc. The only limitation on what we can do and where

we can go is our own creativity. If you have an idea on where you would like to go and don't know how to put a ride together; no problem. Bring your idea for destinations or events and we can figure it out together. No idea is too goofy. Sometimes they are the best ones – ask Wayne Short if he will ever again tell me that I need to take him someplace to eat crabs. Here's an example, drinking a beer at The Jersey Lilly is on my bucket list. Is there any other possible reason to go to Langtry? It's a possible chapter ride if others are interested in going.

Now for the appetite; Wild Bill is promising to put together a great lunch and the bar will be open. Watch for the forum for further details.

Here's hoping for a year full of interesting rides and good fellowship.

LET'S RIDE AND HAVE FUN!!!!

- Mike Becker ☒



**From the LOH Officer**

Ahhhh, 2012. The last year of the world, or so some say. Well if it is going to be the last year, my motto is "Let's Ride till the end." As I sat here writing my first article of 2012, I realized, I think I need to nail down a theme. I looked at my planned events, and one thing kept creeping into my brain, 'Man what a great year this could be.'

**\$\$\$\$ MEMBERSHIP REMINDERS \$\$\$\$**

Your NTHOG membership has to be renewed annually and is based on a *calendar* year. Renew your membership for 2012 by filling out a new form and submitting \$20. Your membership will run from January through December.

In contrast to your NTHOG-calendar-year membership, that **NATIONAL HOG CARD** in your pocket renews on the *yearly anniversary* of your sign up date. You have to be a National member in order to be a member of NTHOG, so watch those deadlines!

**REMEMBER, YOU MUST BE A MEMBER TO ATTEND THE NTHOG PLANNING MEETING IN JANUARY!**

Good Times, Good Friends, Great Rides. And then there it was, a theme.

Good times, Good Friends, Great Rides. What a great thing to build the NTHOG LOH year around. So, there it is. A theme for the year. Thank goodness, I think Jonathan was tired of looking at me, wrinkling up his nose at my latest idea, and then shaking his head no.

I don't want to give too much away yet, especially since the planning meeting has not happened yet. But, I can tell you this: The first half of the year looks pretty great.

Once again, LOH will be hosting a party in the parking lot at Wildflower on Friday Night. Looks like it is going to be an Earth, Wind, and Fire party, so I am sure some of you are already thinking of some of the things we might do. Smiles.

But, let's start with January and February. In January, we are going to have a Meet and Greet. It is often too unpredictable as to whether we can ride or not, so please, come out and join NTHOG for a Meet and Greet on January 19th. 6 – 8:30pm, at the Fox and Hound in Dallas. Corner of Midway and Rosemeade. Everyone is welcome to attend, so come out and enjoy the company of new and old NTHOG members.

February is all about love. On Sunday, February 12th, we will be having brunch at Tierney's in Lewisville. Details will follow in the next newsletter, and check the website for details on ALL LOH events.

I am looking forward to a great year! Good times, Good Friends, Great Rides.

Oh, by the way. I would be remiss if I didn't take this moment to acknowledge my husband, Jonathan. He got me the greatest gift for Christmas, a new windshield. Now I can see as I ride down the road. Who knows, maybe he might even inspire an LOH event this year and not just a newsletter article.

- Angie Martin ☒



**From the Safety Officer**

It's a beautiful day and you are riding with some friends. It's like every other ride and you are dressed for the occasion. Everyone is excited about riding through some backcountry roads and then getting lunch, but no one has taken into mind the unexpected. Because that doesn't involve fun. But there is no reason to, right? You have done this hundreds of times with no problems. You are safe.

As the beautiful scenery goes by and a gentle wind hits your face, you find your groove. Then BANG - your buddy in front of you slams on his brakes, you slam on yours and down you go. Scraping along the rough road with your skin burning, your treasure slamming into a guardrail then flying into a ditch and your head slamming against the pavement. You lay there confused, out of breath and groaning. What hurts so bad? What happened?

As you try to make sense of it all, you feel the touch of a hand. Not sure who it is until you hear them ask if you're ok? It's one of the Road Captains. As others gather to help you, you hear others chaotically moving around and frantically yelling. No one seems to want to tell you what else is going on. No one seems to know. "God help me," you say over and over.

You are in and out of consciousness and realize that your friends are helping you as best as they know how, and you realize how helpless they feel because they are not sure what to do. You can read it in their eyes and hear it in their voices. You hear someone say that there is no cell service, no 911. You're in the middle of nowhere. Then over it all you hear someone yell, "doesn't anybody know what to do?"

So do YOU know what to do? Do your riding friends know what to do? I bet the answer is "no." I suspect that you figure you will never encounter this situation and so there is no need to know. Or you believe that you don't have it in you, you can't possible make a difference in such a scenario. Or you just don't want the responsibility. Really? Thing is, you CAN make a difference. What if I told you that there is a class that will teach you the basics, teach you the little things that make the difference between life and death. The life of your riding friend over death and disability. Would you take it?

Many of the officers and road captains will be taking the first class on 1/14. There will be additional classes scheduled soon. Since we are a riding chapter, we should also be a well-prepared chapter. For more info contact me: safety@nthog.com



- Jeff Crotzer ☒

A DUCK WALKS INTO A BAR AND SAYS, "I'LL HAVE A BEER".

THE BARTENDER SAYS "HEY! WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?"

THE DUCK SAYS "I'M WORKING THE CONSTRUCTION SITE ACROSS THE STREET".

AND THE BARTENDER SAYS, "WELL WHY ARE YOU WORKING CONSTRUCTION WHEN YOU COULD BE MAKING MILLIONS IN THE CIRCUS?"

AND THE DUCK SAID "WHAT WOULD THE CIRCUS WANT WITH A BRICK LAYING DUCK?"



**From the Historian  
Planning Meetings**

Well, we're back at the American Legion Plano for our planning meeting again. If you're fairly new, you may think that's where we have always gone. In fact, you may think we've always had planning meetings. Well, we've been to several places other than the Legion Hall for planning. I've listed several below in excerpts from old newsletters. The earliest evidence I could find of a formal meeting was 1995. Before that the officers would plan out the year and let everyone know where we were going.

**1995 Jim Henry's house**

Our monthly chapter meeting will be held at Lee Wood's shop on Saturday the 28th. Assemble at 10:30am, and we'll try to get started promptly. If the weather's okay, we'll head off on a lunch ride immediately afterwards. At 2:00pm that same day, the 1995 calendar planning session will be held at Jim Henry's house (6218 Liberty Hill). This meeting is open to all interested members of this chapter.

**1998 Gibbs Station**

I have decided to make the January and February Officers Meetings, "Open House" meetings. I would like to invite our members to attend one or both of these meetings. We will consider these meetings as planning meetings for 1998. So if you have anything to say, please attend. Arrive at Gibbs Station in Coppell at 8pm on January 13.

**2002 Double Tree Ranch**

All Members – On Saturday, January 5th, please plan to attend the Annual Planning Meeting during which we will plan the majority of our Chapter rides and activities for the entire year. This will also serve as the Janu-

ary Officers' Meeting. We will talk and plan from 11am to 3pm at the Double Tree Ranch in Highland Village.

**2003 Double Tree Ranch**

Got a great idea for a ride? Know a good place to have dinner for 2003? Bring a 2003 calendar and join the Chapter officers at the Double Tree Ranch in Highland Village on Saturday, January 4th from 11am until 3pm for the NT HOG Annual Chapter Planning Meeting.

**2004 Double Tree Ranch**

Every NTHOG is welcome to join the officers, road captains, and other interested members at the annual planning meeting. The Double Tree Ranch in Lewisville is hosting it on January 3rd at 10:30am. This is where the year is initially planned out. By the time we leave, the majority of our trips will be scheduled and everyone will have an idea of when and what is going on for the next 12 months.

**2005 Double Tree Ranch**

Wonder where all the rides on the calendar come from and who put them there? On January 8th, we have our Annual Planning Meeting at the Double Tree Ranch, 10:30am.

**2006 Double Tree Ranch**

Starting out the year at the Planning Meeting at Double Tree Ranch on January 7th at 10:30am would be a great way to get off to a heads up. This is where you can meet and talk to the new Officers of our chapter. You can also bring up any ideas you may have for a ride, see what is planned throughout the year and have a say in what goes on. Why sit around wondering how and why when you can be part of the action. Just be a paid up member of NTHOG and you are welcome. Pizza is served for lunch so no one goes hungry.

**2007 Duck Inn**

The 2007 planning meeting is scheduled for January 6 at the Duck Inn in Lake Dallas. Here is your chance to bring your ideas and get them on the calendar. Some of our most popular rides, Mushee Tushee, CAF Air Show, The Forts Tour, Fall Foliage Ride... came from people in the chapter raising their hands with a new idea.

**2008 Nico's Cocina**

This year the meeting will be Saturday, January 5, 2008 at Nico's Co-

cina, 3065 Josey @ Frankford in Carrollton. The meeting will start promptly at 10am. There will be a cash bar and beer tub available.

**2009 American Legion Post 321**

Join us at the planning meeting on the 3rd to get information on all of 2009. The meeting will be at the American Legion Post 321 located at 1236 Ave J. Take 15th Street east from Central and take a right (south) on Ave J. The meeting starts at noon. You can buy beer at the bar and our chapter will buy some pizza for lunch.

**2010 American Legion Post 321**

It's Planning Meeting Time, scheduled for Saturday, January 2, 2010 at the American Legion Plano, 1236 J Avenue, Plano, TX. The Legion will open at 10am, but the bar won't be set up until 10:30am.

**2011 American Legion Post 321**

By the time this goes out, we will be gearing up for the Annual Planning Meeting. We are in good shape going in to 2011 so let's get the planning started! For those of you that are new to the group, this meeting is really the time that most of the riding is planned for the year. So, if you have some ideas for where you would like to go – bring that idea with you. The meeting will be held on January 8th at the American Legion in Plano.

**2012 American Legion Post 321**

Join us for the Chapter's Annual Planning Meeting, January 7, 2012. Meeting starts at 11am, lunch will be provided for a small fee of \$8.00. If you would like to eat elsewhere there are restaurants in the area, lunch will start at noon, meeting will start back up at 1pm SHARP. Pay as you go bar will also be available.

You must be a PAID National HOG member as well as a PAID NTHOG Chapter member; membership table will be setup if you are not up-to-date in these two areas. Looking forward to seeing y'all, so come on out and help us plan the 2012 riding season.

So, as "Bear" Bryant said, "Have a plan. Follow the plan, and you'll be surprised how successful you can be."

Today is tomorrow's history.

- Chuck Mabry ☒

# What a Season

I'm sitting here in front of the warm and crackling fireplace, the weather is just not great to ride the bike right now and she's tucked away in the garage for a couple of days.

It's that time of the year to relax, look back and enjoy the memories of a season past. And what a season it was, so come join me and enjoy the ride through my season.

After 15 years of prodding and cajoling, my good friend David Minick finally convinced me to trade up to a "real" bike, a Harley. Or so he likes to believe, but that's not really how it all happened, although he might have planted the seed...

I was enjoying dinner with family and friends back in Brazil in July, when a glossy coffee-table book caught my attention: "Challenge Your Dreams" was the title and it was written by a couple of Anglo-Brazilian adventurers that I happen to know. They took time off from regular life and work (18 months in total) and went on a round-the-world trip in a Landrover Jeep. Great book about an awesome adventure with impressive pictures.

It is interesting to think about how little events can put much bigger things in motion. Thinking back, it was while browsing that book that I made the split-second decision to get my Harley.

I knew that I didn't have 18 months available (at least not without getting in some real trouble with my wife and kids...) but I wanted to explore and see America from the saddle of my bike. Take the back roads as much as possible, see and experience the land and the people.

When I returned from Brazil in late July, I literally went from the airport to the house to take a shower and then went to the dealership. I knew which bike I wanted. After the usual dance around the bottom-line figures and with negotiations concluded I was now the happy owner of a Road King. MY Road King!

I took the bike home and started packing. I had a destination in mind, Acadia National Park in Maine, a collection of maps, but not much else. And this is how my season started.

The next morning I kissed the wife and kids and started to ride NE, with my first evening spent in Memphis, TN. It just so happened to be a Wednesday and it was Biker Night on Beal St. What fun that was. The following day took me through Knoxville, TN for the first 1000 mile service stop and further to Virginia. After 4 days on the road I reached Bar Harbor in Maine. I spent several days just enjoying the area which is gorgeous and a heaven for outdoors fans. Then I started the trip down the coast, through the little townships and coves, all the way to Cape Cod and Province Town, Mass. From there I began the leg back to Texas, taking the more northern route through West Virginia, Kentucky, all the way to St. Louis, and then a turn South through Arkansas and Oklahoma. 14 days, 18 States and 5200 miles later I arrived back home with the grin of a lifetime on my face. Now the saying "If I have to explain it, you wouldn't understand" made perfect sense. This was one of the trips that I will forever remember.

Later in the season I took the Road King to the Royal Gorge and Pikes Peak in Colorado. Interesting ride up the peak: 14110 ft and snow in September is a very different experience. Yes, it was very cold up there, even with several layers of fleece and leather. Then came the quest for the Harley Texas Tour passport stamps and the Iron Butt Ride that I described before, as well as a series of shorter day and weekend trips. The season is coming to a close and I'm happy to report that it was a memorable one with over 14,000 miles logged in 4 months. My plan is paying off: I'm seeing and experiencing America from the saddle of my bike. Plans for the next season are already in the making... More on that later.

It was around September/October that I started to ride with the Chapter. I'm grateful to have met so many nice fellow riders in the Chapter. Thank you all for the warm welcome into the group. I hope that you also had a good 2011 season and I wish you a wonderful 2012 season. Be safe and have fun!

- Colin "Skipper" Buckup ☒

## Want to submit something for the newsletter?

**If you feel inspired, write an article**

**Read any great jokes, email one in**

**If there is a fantastic picture in your camera, send it on over - keep it hi-res and somewhat clean!**

**Send it to: [newsletter@nthog.com](mailto:newsletter@nthog.com)**

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1/3 - David Brown, Royce Hines  
1/4 - Jay Hall  
1/5 - Wayne Larson  
1/6 - Jeff DeMerchant  
1/8 - Curtis Lindsey, Jr.  
1/12 - Joe Hall  
1/15 - Dennis Hanger, Shannon Pfeil  
1/16 - Doreen Lambert, Richard Slack  
1/18 - Tom Crull, Mike Foote, William Hendryx  
1/19 - Wayne Harris  
1/20 - E.J. Pisciotta, Steve Salmons  
1/22 - Randy Brodhead, Michael Elias, Mitch Martin  
1/25 - Jimmie Cook, Sherrie Hall, Paul McDonald  
1/27 - Tim King, Harriet McClain

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