

The Official Newsletter of Alamo Chapter Harley Owners Group, Inc.  
CHAPTER 2502

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# THE MISSION SUMMARY

January 2010

## 2010 CHAPTER OFFICERS

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Safety Officer  
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Sergeant-at-Arms  
BOB MOORE

Quartermaster  
TOM KNOTT

## Greetings from your New Director:

Hello fellow riders. We have a great year planned for the club and I'm looking forward to riding with you and meeting each one of you. I encourage our new members to get involved with an activity or two and get to know this family we call HOG Chapter 2502. There is no better way to make friends in this club than to volunteer with an event (help is always welcome).

I would like to thank all club officers who served last year and especially our President Jeff Walker. Jeff and all the officers were tireless in their effort to deliver fun rides and activities and grow the club. They excelled at the task. My hat is off to all for a job well done.

We would like 2010's calendar action-packed with fun filled rides. Therefore, we would like to form an Activities Committee. We need your help and great ideas. If you are interested in being on the Activities Committee, please contact the Activities Officer, Jim Staggenborg at [jstag@satx.rr.com](mailto:jstag@satx.rr.com).

We are also looking for someone to organize and manage our quarterly trash pick-ups. If you would like to help out with this great community service activity please contact Jim Staggenborg at his listed email address.

Last but not least, please note that our club meeting location and day will be changing starting 13 Febuary (Day: Saturday / Time: 9:30 A.M. / Location: VFW on Austin Highway).

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting (Jan is last meeting at SAM's Burgers).

*Ride Safe*

*Chuck Yates, Director, ACHOG*



## NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

Sam's Burger Joint – 330 E. Grayson St.

January 5, 2010 @ 7p.m.

## - Chapter Christmas Party, PtII



**Great Folks, Food, Fun, Gifts, etc.**

## Upcoming Rides & Activities Jan/Feb 2010

**NOTE: always check the chapter web site for latest ride information**

**January 5, Tuesday : Chapter Meeting** - 7 p.m. at Sam's Burger Joint, 330 E. Grayson, San Antonio, TX Cars please park under the underpass to allow room for bikes in front. Come meet new members and old. Directions from 281N - exit Josephine / Grayson Street. Continue through the light at Josephine. The next Left is Grayson and Sam's is on the right.

**January 10, Sunday : Club Ride**

**January 14, Thursday : LOH Dinner Ride to Buffalo Wild Wings** - Departs at 6:30PM from the Cul-de-Sac behind Cowboy's ACHD. Located at 18410 US Hwy 281 North.

**January 16, Saturday : Officer's Meeting** - 10AM at Cowboy's ACHD.

**January 16, Saturday : New Member Orientation** - 11:00AM at Cowboy's ACHD. Meet outside the entrance at the picnic tables. An officer will come to greet you and direct you to the meeting room.

**January 16, Saturday : Lunch Ride** - Departs 12PM from Cowboy's ACHD.

**January 22, Friday : Birthday Bash** - Meet at Midnight Rodeo between 5 & 8PM for free entrance, free buffet, and drink coupon. Say you're with the Alamo Chapter HOG at the door.

**January 24, Saturday : Trash Pick-Up** - Meet at San Antonio Credit Union (SACU) at 9:30AM or meet at the Exxon at Hwy 46 & Hwy 281. Lunch ride to follow the trash pick-up

**January 28, Thursday : ACHOG Dinner Ride** - Departs at 6:30PM from the Cul-de-Sac behind Cowboy's ACHD

**January 30, Saturday : Tentative Schedule for Employee Appreciation Party Cowboy's ACHD**

**February 3, Wednesday : Officer's Meeting** - 6:30PM, location TBA

**February 11, Thursday : LOH Dinner Ride** - Departs at 6:30PM from the Cul-de-Sac behind Cowboy's ACHD

**February 12 - 14 : St. Valentine's Day Massacre** - Boerne, TX <http://www.massacrerally.com/directory/directory.html>

**February 13, Saturday (NOTE NEW LOCATION)**

**Saturday : New Member Orientation** - 9AM / **Chapter Meeting** - 9:30AM / **Lunch Ride** - 11AM  
**NEW LOCATION** New Location { **VFW Post 8541** } New Location **NEW LOCATION**  
**2222 Austin Hwy, San Antonio, TX 78218**  
**210 655-2944**

**February 19-21 : River City Bike Fest** - San Antonio, TX <http://www.rivercitybikefest.com>

**February, 21 : Club Ride**

**February 26, Friday : Birthday Bash** - Meet at Midnight Rodeo between 5 & 8PM for free entrance, free buffet, and drink coupon. Say you're with the Alamo Chapter HOG at the door

**February 27 - March 8 : Daytona Beach Bike Week** - Daytona, FL <http://www.daytonabikeweek.com>

**Go to this safety link: <http://www.msf-usa.org/MotorcycleChallenge/>**

## *Motorcycle* *Safety*

### **Alamo Chapter Members,**

Happy New Year! I hope your holidays were happy and safe. I have moved from Head Road Captain to appointment as your new Chapter Safety Officer. As we start a new year we also start another year in our chapter family. That means a new riding season, more opportunities to enjoy the one passion that ties us all together riding. I look forward to helping Randy Reyes, your new Head Road Captain, to provide more riding opportunities, in an enjoyable yet very safe environment. This year I plan to have more opportunities for more members to participate in Experienced Rider Courses. At the same time, the goal is to provide the safest environment for all our chapter members to enjoy the camaraderie of riding together to all the H.O.G. events (local chapter and national) planned for 2010.

To get this year started on the right track, please read the article below from the Wheels In Motion website (<http://wheels-in-motion.com/Articles.html>). Thanks for your support and Safe Riding!!

**Safety Officer: CHRIS RUIZ**

### **Winter Warmups** by Jackie Vaughan

We're lucky that we have a virtual year-round riding season. However, when the mercury hides in the bottom of the little red bulb, we have to make some changes in our riding style.

One of the big enemies of riders is hypothermia. Riding at highway speeds in cool or cold weather can deplete a rider's body heat and leave him numb and fuzzy-headed before he realizes what has happened. Even when the temperature is in the 60's, the wind chill factor at speeds over 40 miles per hour is in the low 30's. Riders often misjudge how cold the ride will be because they are freshly out of a warm house and standing still in the warm sunshine. At temperatures below 70°, they should dress in multiple layers, adding and subtracting as necessary. Not only do multiple layers provide versatility, they also create insulated pockets of warm air. While it is common for riders to put on sweatshirts and jackets, the lower body is often ignored.

Thermal underwear and chaps keep feet and knees flexible and ready to function. Thermal socks and ski-sock liners help keep toes cozy. Many ski shops offer an excellent variety in various weights. The old gray variety with the red toes will do the job also. A well-designed winter riding suit made especially for motorcycling is a bulky but very welcome addition to any rider's wardrobe.

Lightweight riding gloves do little to protect from the cold, and supple hands are critical to quick responses to unexpected hazards. Ski gloves or winter riding gloves with gauntlet flares help keep hands toasty. Some riders add ski glove liners, or use three-finger mittens for added warmth. They should be aware, however, that any added bulk may make operating the controls more awkward.

A face shield is essential, and it should be firmly snapped in place. Those wearing three-quarter helmets may want to consider a ski mask or muffler to keep the chin and throat warm. There are excellent masks which cover the throat, mouth, and nose with a material similar to a lightweight wetsuit, yet allow the rider to breathe and speak comfortably. Some dealerships may have them, but they are more commonly found at sporting goods stores, which offer a line of ski wear.

A luxurious, although expensive, way to keep warm is with an electric suit, gloves, socks, and even heated grips. They draw little current, but offer a lot of overall warmth.

Co-riders should be afforded the same clothing or more, since they often don't get the same protection from the fairing that the rider does.

There's a whole different world of riding in the winter, and we can enjoy it to its fullest if we dress properly.

— *It's Happening with our Members* —

**Congratulations: 2010  
Club Officer Positions**

**Primary Officer Positions:**

Director: Chuck Yates  
Assistant Director: Pete Larrieu  
Secretary: Julie Brown  
Treasurer: Sandy Staggenborg

**Elected Discretionary Officer Positions:**

Activities: Jim Staggenborg  
LOH: Jeanie Cumbie  
Membership: Linda Ruiz  
Quartermaster: Tom Knott  
Sergeant-At-Arms: Bob Moore

**Non-Elected Discretionary Officer Positions (Elected by  
primary officers):**

Webmaster: Karen Gordon  
Historian: Felix Perales  
Head Road Capt.: Randy Reyes  
Safety Officer: Chris Ruiz  
Editor: Barry Booth  
Photographers: Same as last year or otherwise stated

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**January BIRTHDAYS**

Jeffery Bowes

Lisa Calzada

Chad Clark

Ken Curry

Sarah Daniel

Daniel Diaz

Terri Donner

James Driscoll

Anthony Everts

Cesar Gutierrez

Johnnie Johnson

Thomas Naylor

Diane Opella

Sandy Staggenborg

D.J. Stephens

Edna Wagner

Jeff Walker

Gary Walski

**Road Names** (from our recent Club Meeting)

Larry Woodrum "**Hairy Larry**" Ask Larry how he earned that one.

**New Members** (from sign in at recent Club Meetings) *newest in Bold*

Orlando Mireles

Albert Almendarez

Darren Briggs

Michael Brown

Ruben & Lisa Calzada

**Charleen Carty**

John Windham

Monica Brown

John Felicio

Emil Hirsch

Richard McWhirter

**Robert Hudson**

Nathan Johnson

Eric Schmitt

Candy Schmitt

Randy Teeter

Richard Clarke

Howard Wayne Williams

Thomas Mayberry

Bill Davis

Teresa Colatarci

Lora Lynne Gregory

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*- EDITOR'S CORNER -*

I'm Barry Booth editor of the Alamo Chapter HOG Newsletter for 2010  
This is your newsletter and I'd like to have your inputs each month. Feel free to make suggestions, I'm always at club meetings. The letter is a work in progress. Always changing to meet the needs of the club.  
Would anyone like to be the club's cartoonist? If so I have a page, right here for you.

[www.achog.com](http://www.achog.com)

**Chapter Cookbooks still available.**

These make a great gift. 300 tried and true recipes. Cost: \$10 each. Contact Jeanie Cumbie, jlc828@att.net, if you are interested in purchasing one. They will also be available for purchase at Chapter meetings.

**Note Change in Feb Meeting Location**

9:30 AM at the VFW on Austin Highway

