



Newsletter Vol. 15. #3 Winterish 2017

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's one on our web site at LoneStarVoyagers.org. **There's one included**

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 **(HA!)** 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:Sandra.Judge@cneconnect.com), jjudge@cneconnect.com (phone # above) in Mooreland, OK for more information. Hope you can join us. **Print in this color font is interjection by the NL editor.**

From the Prez.

Just wanted to thank everyone for making VH Great again. Ended up having 20 members come. Some couldn't for various reasons and we missed all of you. Thank you, Rod and Dave Shani for volunteering as ride leaders. I promise to get better at mapping. If you weren't there, just ask Rod. I am getting better at leading, just need some help every once in a while. We only had to consult the GPS 3-4 times. I thought we were lost a couple of times but Sheila pulled us thru. I think everyone liked the Firemen's cafe in Granbury and the Horny Toad Bar & Grill in Cranfills Gap. Good food with a hometown atmosphere. Did find out that Paul & Jenny go to the Horny Toad B&G every once in a while. Paul gave it a thumbs up.. Did see some history in the Baker Hotel in Mineral Wells. I think everyone liked breakfast so we may have to make it a "family tradition". Thank you, Gerald & Cindy for agreeing to be host for the HCT. If I remember correctly, we will be staying at the Big Oak River Camp just South of Camp Wood. Should be fun. If you can help, please step up. Dates to be announced. Thank you Sandra & Jim for coming. I know it was a long drive and we appreciate you for making it.

Last but not least, this is my last year as President. Sandra would like a break also. Be thinking about who you would want as a new president & sec/treasurer. It's time to let someone else make the big bucks and Sandra & I retire. Be thinking..

David (DeepSea)

More. I think having a registration fee works better than none. It helps plan on what we can buy & eat. Overall the Friday meal cost \$11 person and breakfast was \$2 per person per day. The club ended up picking up a few \$\$ cost Thank you Pat for helping Sheila with breakfast. You were a great help.

Thank you club for donating to the Lions Camp of Texas again this year. The AVA annual meeting will be in Kerrville so make plans to visit the Lions Camp. It will be worth you time..

Secretary/Treasurer Report:

This report & data is effective June 2017. Does not include VH info.

Hill Country was an eye opening experience. Had it not been for all the help I received from some of the ladies and men, it would not have been as good as it was. First, I would like to thank Ed and Norbell for donating all the

men's gifts, and Jim and I donated all the ladies gifts, and Kay also donated gifts.

I would have like to have been able to make rides both days, but I only made Friday and rested up for Saturday night. We had some discussion about the down riders fund.-

Our account as it stands is, \$1,557.44, this includes the down riders funds also.

We spent \$219.02 for the rally, this included all the foods that were bought, except for the hamburger meat donated by James and Nola, and the sausage donated and cooked by Chip and Jessie.

We deposited \$591.50, which included the money for the shirts Rod had and the shirts from LSV and dues for 2017.

I really think that we should always collect a registration fee for HC and VH to off set the cost of some of the meal preparation. Everyone said they enjoyed having the meal at the camp site rather than mess with getting a room at a restaurant and waiting on orders, etc.

Thanks to everyone who helped in the potluck, it was wonderful, see all of you at Voyage Home.

Sandra Judge, secretary/treasurer

LSV 2017 Calendar:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Hosts</u>
Jan 1, 2018	Blessing of the Bikes	?Boerne?	CMA
March 2018	Spring Fun Run	TBD	Lone Star Voyagers
Apr 12-15, 2018	Hill Country Tour	Camp Wood, TX	G&C Holik*
Oct 2018	Voyage Home	TBD	TBD

* designated events are our two ride-in weekends and include a business meeting. Officer elections are scheduled for VH, fall of 2018. TBD means To Be Determined

Ride Report

" I have been enamored with motorcycles as long as I can remember, and it was much to my mothers dismay. LOL! I started on a mini-bike in 1964 at 14 years of age. I have continued to have scooters and motorcycles ever since.

On August 17, 2015, after 51 years of motorcycle riding I had my 1st real accident. I was struck by a car doing an illegal right turn. My beloved 2004 BMW R1150RT was totaled. I spent a week in the hospital. Bruises, broken ribs and broken sternum. These were supposed to heal in about 4-6 months. But it really took me about a year to really feel healed from the body bashing. I always wear a full-face modular helmet, gloves, protective riding jacket and boots. The helmet and jacket were destroyed doing their job. Saved my noggin and skin. But it must have been quite a jolt, because I have no recollection of what happened? I only recall where I was just minutes before and the next recollection was waking up in the emergency hospital room. I was greeted by a nice police officer. He asked if I remember anything, NO? He said I want you to remember this, " You were hit by a car doing an illegal right turn. He was going by his GPS directions. He was in the far left lane in a 3 lane, his GPS said turn RIGHT.!" I was in the far right lane. I was told I T-Boned his passenger side!

I get asked all the time are you done with motorcycles? Are you going to get another motorcycle? Well, I thank my God for still being here and allowing me a few more years to ride! Thankful for good insurance! Thankful for a supportive Family and Friends!

This August 17 marked 2 years since I had the accident and I've been without a motorcycle since then. I have been passing my leisure time by searching motorcycle ads. On August 2nd I saw an ad for a 2008 BMW R1200RT in Fort Worth. In the photos the bike looked really nice. And the seller was asking near NADA wholesale price? I called, we talked. John was a pleasant gentleman to talk too. We made arrangements to meet the next day, Thursday (8-3-17). I went and looked at the bike and talked some more with John. A single fellow of 61 years, never married. (Did I mention he talked?) Happy with girlfriends. A musician, retired from Radio Shack as a Legal Analyst. The BMW was very clean no blemishes save maybe minor rock dings and you have to look hard to

see those. John was a really nice person to meet. Said he was done with riding. With the purchase of the bike he also threw in a new-looking First Gear riding summer jacket, new-looking gloves, a new-looking HJC modular helmet with a Scala Rider QZ communicator, BILT waterproof riding boots, a Garmin Zumo 550 GPS (old model) updated, A Corbin driver custom seat along with original. And he made it a point to show me the service light had just come on for the annual oil change. He volunteered to take it in and get it serviced but that would take several days. Or he said if I wanted to take care of the service he would reduce the \$300 price the dealer would charge? I said I'll take . We shook hands and I went the next day Friday (8-4-17) to bring home Blondie! A beige and silver color. It has 55,00 miles but sure doesn't look it and runs great.

I want to thank my wife for standing with me and never discouraging, although I know she has concerns. My daughters were very supportive. They would say to me, enjoy your passion, just be careful! And my local LSV riding friend, David Lawson, who has nagged me forever!!! "When are you going to get a new motorcycle?" He actually had me looking for a Harley?? Well I don't have black leather pants and jacket! HaHaHa!! "Thank you Dave Schani for your help with my questions about the BMW R1200RT and maintenance."

I look forward to 51 more years of riding???)" -JohnnyU

Richard's Ritings

Looking thru my records, archives, old newsletters, I'm surmising that I never got around to finishing and sending a NL that was "planned" for just before Mena 2017 and a preview for VH. Oops. I had an August ride report from Johnny Urive (BeemerRider) for that issue that is belatedly included here (\$300 for a dealer oil change?). I had (& now you have) a T. Report from Sandra post-HCT & that's in this NL. I'm embarrassed but don't worry, I'll get over it.

End of the calendar year and membership dues in the LSV are coming up soon. Get that moss-covered money out & send some of it to our lame-duck treasurer. Our lame-duck president will appreciate your timeliness. -RB

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Renewal ()

Lone Star Voyagers

Solo () or Two Up ()

Membership Application

Date _____

Primary Driver: Rider

(co-pilot):

Last Name: _____

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____ (M) (F)

First Name: _____ (M) (F)

Primary Drivers Address: _____

(Street/P.O. Box) _____

(City/State/Zip) _____

(Home Phone Number) (_____) _____

(Cell Phone Number) (_____) _____

(E-mail Address) _____

Year/Make/Model of Motorcycle: _____

Birthdays: Pilot _____ Co-Pilot: _____ Anniversary: _____

For newsletter and internet announcements, may we publish:

All Information (); Name Only (); Name/Addy/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 (); Local Info ()

Send Application and Membership fee (\$7.50 each) to: Sandra Judge

LSV Treasurer

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I/We, the undersigned, agree not to hold the AVA-LSV, it's officers, agents, members, or anyone connected with AVA-LSV functions responsible for any accidents, injury or personal loss before during or after attending any get together, rally, activity ride-in, or event, or whatever we call it.

Primary Signature: _____ Co-Pilot Signature _____