



June 2010

The Lone Star Ladies News

Meeting Notes:

Announcements:

Birthdays

Cindy – June 19th

Anniversaries

None

Rides

June 26th – Melody's ride
to Albert School.
KSU @ 9:00 AM

Website Address

www.lonestar-ladies.com
www.lonestar-ladies.org
www.lonestarladies.org

Ride Theme for 2010

http://texasescapes.com/Texas_architecture/TexasSchoolhouses/TexasSchoolhouses.htm

March – Karleena

June – Melody

Sept. – Linda

April – Jenifer

July – Kay (or Mel)

October – Donna

May – Debbie

Aug. – Karleena

Nov. - Cindy

2010 Officers:

President – Kay

Treasurer – Donna

Sgt. at Arms / Safety Officer – Karleena

Web Mistress / Newsletter – Melody

Membership Officer – Cindy

Vice President – Jenifer

Secretary – Debbie

Meetings are first Monday of each month at Kay's house.

Some of our members made their own plans for
ROT RALLY 2010 The center of festivities --- Donna's
trailer!

FEATURED MEMBER ... Melody

Okay I warned ya'll. Since no one is ratting on anyone you're going to have to hear about me. But, at least it is written by someone else ... Kristy



Let me just begin by saying that my mom is the best! I still cannot believe that she rides motorcycles, and she has been riding for almost 12 years now. I remember when my dad got his motorcycle, I thought he was nuts! My mom was fine with it though. Then one day my dad took his bike in to get fixed, and mom surprised him when he went to pick up his bike with a new Honda Goldwing. I was there, it was awesome! The next thing you know, she is on the back with him. They took trips left and right. I think that there is not one road in the

Hill Country that they have not rode on. (I say "they" a lot because my mom and dad always ride together.) Then in 2003, mom decided it was time to get her own bike. This blew my mind!

I couldn't believe that she wanted to ride her own bike, and I never thought she would actually get her own, but she did! She got a Suzuki Intruder that I later named Windy. She has since graduated to 'Shrek', her lime green Kawasaki Mean Streak. She and my dad rode all over the state of Texas. Then they started venturing off to



New Mexico. Well this I had to see for myself, so I started to ride too. These are where my memories of mom riding lie. Mom is a VERY VERY VERY safe driver, and she makes sure that everybody riding with her is safe too! She impresses me with her map knowledge, and has great taste in scenery! I remember one trip that we took to New Mexico, it was so pretty! We went on some roads that would blow your mind away they were so pretty. We stopped at



this little lodge to do some shopping, take a rest and grab a drink (by the way mom always drinks Dr Pepper!) when mom suggested that I drive her bike and she would ride with dad. She is always so sweet and thinks of others. Another thing about my mom is that she-CAN-ride-FOREVER! Some people like to ride to eat, but not my mom. She wants to just ride! And for her and my dad, a ride is to Washington



D.C. in 2 days to spend 7 coming down the Blue Ridge Parkway. And she always has a camera! Mom has so many pictures of our beautiful country, and videos! If you want to see the Blue Ridge Parkway and you don't necessarily want to ride ALL that way, just let mom know and she can show you about 5 videos of it! They liked it so much that they went again this past year (and very close to their 2nd grandson's arrival date) in November. November! Do you know how cold it is in November? And they were on motorcycles. CRAZY! Of course they

took along Debbie and Tom, so you know that they are totally crazy! Speaking of Debbie, mom and Debbie are inseparable. Debbie, before she met and fell in love with Tom, used to be right there with mom and dad on their trips.

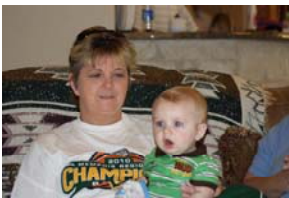
Well I could talk all day on my mom, but I better talk about her newest bike! Mom and dad's newest love is riding dual sports. Again, I thought



my mom would never ride on of these. But yes, I was wrong again! Mom loves it. She and dad now can go down any of the few roads they might have missed in the Hill Country. As a matter of fact, last year they took their travel trailer to Fredericksburg and left it and the dual sports there, so all they had to do is hop on a bike (they have like 12!) or in the truck and go riding. They found a bunch of



new roads that they can ride down now and not have to worry about the smoothness of the road. This year they ventured out to Kerrville (I cannot believe they went out of their comfort zone!) and are now leaving the trailer there. So if you ever need my mom on a weekend to help move, too bad because they are usually riding! As a matter of fact, if there is a weekend that they are not riding, it is because they are working, or playing with their two wonderful and beautiful grandsons!



Have I mentioned that mom has two grandsons? They are her life! She will do anything for her grandsons, and they will do anything (okay well maybe just Kaden right now) to be with her! Kaden is 3 years old and Kody is almost 8 months old.

They are spoiled beyond reason. For example: Kaden (who is 3 remember) has 2 motorcycles

already. 2! Like real motorcycles! And he loves dressing up in his motorcycle gear that GG got for him to ride in. There are many times that Kaden will be riding with PawPaw on the back (if I am lucky enough to get a rest). Mom usually is watching Kody and taking pictures for these adventures.



Well, I am not sure if I conveyed my mom good so that all of you can understand, but this is only a small portion of who my mom is! My mom is one COOL MOTORCYCLE CHICK!!!!



IT'S ALL ABOUT THE RIDES & RIDERS...

Crabapple School Ride By Debbie



The May ride to the old Crabapple School near Fredericksburg was a great day! The weather was perfect and the roads were good.

It started out from the Quix at Belton where Donna, Dennis, Jenifer, Debra, Tom, Linda, Karleena, Cindy and Ed all met. Jenifer shared crystals she had made into jewelry with the girls. Jenifer had dug these herself while visiting Arkansas. They are really unique, too. So, thanks to Jenifer for that. I never turn down jewelry, by the way!

We road down 190 to 1670 which took us over to Crow's Ranch Road. The back roads took us into Florence and then we kept on until we reached Bertram where we took our first break. From there we rode to Burnet on 29 and on to Llano for lunch at the famous Cooper's BBQ. Dennis was new to Coopers so we hope that was a good experience for him!



We then took 16 down to RR 965, past the Enchanted Rock to turn on Crabapple Road just this side of Fredericksburg. We stopped and visited the school and took photos before going back to 965 and on into Fredericksburg where everyone gassed up for the ride home. Well, everyone but Tom and I. We elected to spend the night in Fredericksburg since we consider that our home away from home.



While we did not get to ride the whole length of Crabapple Road on into Fredericksburg, I would encourage you all to try it some time. It is a very scenic road that takes you past the Tin Star Ranch and most days you will see at least a few deer and some wild turkeys. There are also some elk in a high fenced ranch area. The road is a one lane country road with lots of twist and turns along with some ups and downs. A very enjoyable road to putt around on.



R O T – Karleena’s Version

Motorcycle Rally 2010



OMG! Where do I begin?

We have been planning this for months. Excitement builds with each month getting closer and closer to the day.

We arrived on Thursday, signed in and started shopping at the booths....not much of a crowd in the beginning. We rode up from the parking lot with chairs strapped to the bike headed to Donna & Dennis’s camp site. WOW do they have a great location on the grounds? They were both relaxing out front of the camper and were so very gracious about letting us dump our stuff and chairs off with them. We headed out for the rest of the rally to check out everything!!! And we did ...Donna can verify this for me...Stan is a shopper ...the guy loves to look at stuff! Thursday really gives you a chance to see what the vendors have.

The weather was cooler than last year, but still hot as heck! Humid is more like it. We would hit the vendors and look at all the bikes in the area then head out for some air conditioning...somewhere!! anywhere!!!!

April entered the Tattoo contest and got 3rd place. For her arm tattoo (Betty). She missed the Talent Contest But she will be ready for next year if they have one, cause the girl has a set of pipes. She can sing. I had a great time watching and cheering.



“Gallagher” the comedian put on a good show and lots of bands and music. So many things....something going on all the time. It was hard to keep up with it all.

By evening we would wander back to Donna and Dennis’s camp and geared up for the parade!!!! Chairs parked out front all in a row.... just watching

the nuts zip by! On bikes, 4 wheelers, trailers, golf carts, scooters, motorized bar stools even a motorized recliner. The best way I can describe it as a crazy Marti Gras party. Just when you think you have seen it all...Holy jeezzz !! something else comes around the corner. Your brain is screaming close your eyes ... close your eyes, you big dummy! It is like watching a car wreck. You really don’t want to see but you just can’t help it! Donna took April around the parade route in the golf cart to give her a good look at the people, nuts and everyone else at the rally. I think she had a real good time. (April after the lonnnnnng weekend!).



Ok ! The real clincher in this story is about the Beads.....Stan (my husband) got more beads than some women I saw.....Get your mind out of the gutter!!! It was nothing Vulgar or anything like that... He wore his horned helmet. And had his smiley face willy on his bike.....lol funny as heck.



All in all it was a good weekend.

SAFETY TIPS ...

Rena (Kay's daughter) wrote this safety tip for us last month

As you know, it is Myrtle Beach Bike week here, and as of yesterday morning, 2 of the bikers that have traveled here for many many years, lost their lives to an unaware driver. These two had ridden down to Charleston, as many do while they are here for bike week. They both were stopped at a red light, and a driver slammed into the rear of their bikes, killing them both. When I learned of this I thought. Man what useless deaths. One of the gentlemen was 80 years old, makes me think of you riding when you are 80, which I know if you are able you will be. So I got to thinking, Well, no one would miss my mother on her bike with her BIG flags. But when I left my doctors appointment, I had a few errands to run, so I decided to check out the back lights, and brake lights on bikes. Man did I get a shock and a wake up call. Some of the bikes had very tiny taillights and never thought of this before, But as we all do, when we are at a red light, we normally hit neutral, and put BOTH feet on the ground, which means, NO BRAKE LIGHT IS SHINNING..... Nothing to warn a driver behind you that you are stopped or at least slowing down. With this being said, Please make sure you keep your hand on your front brake while stopped. Put BIGGER lights on the back of the bike so you can be seen and noticed. I posted the article on FB. Thought this might be a good topic on the safety part of your newsletter or the What would or do you do while you are stopped at lights? Just a thought.

A few words of wisdom:

- If you shoot for 110% in all that you do... even if you fall short you could still be at 100%.*
- If you have a \$5.00 head then it's OK to wear a \$5.00 helmet... get the best gear that you can.*
- Safety Gear is more comfortable than the alternative: A cast!*
- Know what it feels like to run your bike and yourself at 100% of their ability... but don't ride there all the time. Ride comfortable at 85% and only push to 100% when it's important and only in short bursts.*

- Practice does not necessarily make perfect; perfect practice makes perfect.
- For the Racers:

*If you practice riding slow.... You will get good at it. Practice racing.
If you let off for a second... that's what place you'll be in.*

FOR SALE ...



Karleena's candy box at work ... seems she has a bunch of Jokesters in her office signs read anything from free crayons with a purchase of a candy bar (course they are 911 free crayons) to Mothers day special 3 Candy Bars for 3 dollars but they hustle them for us!!

Karleena lost count at 6 boxes of candy --- the LSL's appreciates you!

Thoughts and Prayers ...

Hope everyone had a HAPPY FATHER'S DAY !!!!!!!!!!!

Kay has her good days and bad ---- keep on sending those good thoughts and prayers! And while you're at it – give Edd some prayer time too.



Linda was involved in a wreck that could have been bad Thank goodness she only received some bumps, bruises and scratches. Her bike didn't fair too well though. Linda was up and moving – taking care of others with her medical bag she had on board. You go girl Thank you angels above!!!



Brenda had a little accident too ----- Word is she and her bike are OK – Thanks again angels!

Upcoming Events ...

Melody is taking us to the Albert School KSU @ 9:00 AM – Meet at the Shell station at Loop 121 and Hwy. 190.

In July, Kay will be taking us on our school ride.

What Would You Do ???? ...

If you ride a motorcycle, you know all about helmet hair. Defined as"hair that lies flat to the skull at all points where said skull comes into contact with protective helmet."

How Do you Deal with "Helmet Hair"? Part 2

No spikes during riding season. I have short, straight hair, and during the winter, I cut it so that it can spike up a bit. But once riding season approaches, I let it grow out a little ...

Conditioner and french braid I do not rinse the conditioner out of my hair on my last shower before a multi-day ride. I swear this makes it easier to rinse the crud out at the end ...

Dryer sheet or Static guard I do get helmet hair but it is the static that drives me crazy. I keep a dryer sheet in my bag and just kinda rub it on the ends of my hair....

Carry the tools to fix it I have short hair, so it's a bit easier sometimes to manage. If you can, carry a spray bottle of water to wet your hair, then apply gel or hairspray ...

Sunglasses Much like baseball caps, I use the sunglasses as a headband to camouflage the helmet hair

Hope one of these ideals work!

Reminders ...

Come to our next meeting and bring a friend ... because our goal is to unite women motorcyclist, to promote a positive image of women on motorcycles and to help educate our members on motorcycle safety and maintenance.

Don't forget our meetings are the First Monday of each month at Kay's house!



July 4th is coming upon us Have a Fun and Safe Holiday !!!!

Thank a soldier And say a prayer for them while you are at it!