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## It's Official...We Have New RGV Harley Davidson Owners



Rio Grande Valley Harley Davidson now has new proprietors...their names...Stratton Murphy and Marc Murphy. We'll be seeing a lot of them in the coming months along with some brand new inventory items, great dealership events and a large grand opening!

Pictured left to right: Omar Romero, RGVHD General Manager; Stratton Murphy, Owner; Jorge Barrientos, RGVST HOG Director; Marc Murphy, Owner and Carl Schnek.

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Harlistas,

I want to welcome our new owners, Mr. Stratton Murphy and Mr. Marc Murphy to the Rio Grande Valley. I hope that they find South Texas both friendly and fun. I feel certain your business venture will prosper as both dealership and RGV STC HOGs continue to work as a team! I know that I speak for your HOG Chapter when I say that we are looking forward to working together and having a great time doing it!

Mr. Jimmy Gower has stepped up to take over the position of Membership Officer. Edwin Duran has been working hard and traveling often, so he has stepped down. He is, however, still our HOG brother and will still be participating in future HOG events. Oh yea and I'm sure he'll still have time to keep buying the best bikes on the show room floor!! So... any questions concerning membership, and Jimmy Gower is your man.

I am also looking for a HOG Chapter Chaplain, so if there is anyone out there willing to step up, get in touch with me. Walt Kennon is looking forward to retirement and spending more time with his wife, Sunshine! We'll see ya here next winter!

How time flies when you are having fun, I often wonder if it's even legal. I'd like to thank Head Road Captain, Scott Fuller and the Road Captains for the great job they've been doing in scheduling rides. If you don't believe me, take a look at all those pictures. That my fellow Harlistas, is what being a HOG member is all about... our motto... "Ride And Have Fun".

May is "Women Riders Month" and I want to salute all women who share the passion and carry a DL with the "M" code on it. So here is to you Donna Herrin, Marty Fuller, Martha Muniz, Jill Zorn, Elma Gonzalez, Irma Ballesteros, Dot, Darlene Cruz, Nelva Cordova, Mary Lou Vera, Bel Gutierrez-Moore, Yolie Acuna, Michelle Alderman, Rosie Villareal and every woman rider I've had the honor and pleasure of riding with. Ride safe, ride hard but always God Speed.

May is also "National Motorcycle and Safety Awareness Month" so Share the Road... Ride Smart, Drive Smart.

That's all I got folks. Keep checking [rgvhogs.com](http://rgvhogs.com) for future events and additional HOG membership information. And don't forget... all HOG members that are current with their local membership get 10% discount on parts and motor clothes at both dealerships.

Ride Safe...



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Hello Fellow HOGs,

The weather is changing to HOT, what happened to Spring? We've had some great rides events & there are more in the planning, so keep an eye on the website & look under the event link to see all that is planned. If you all haven't visited our Facebook page it is RGVHOGs, I have been posting pics from events so if you have any pics that you would like posted, send them to me @ [rgvhogs@aol.com](mailto:rgvhogs@aol.com) & I will try to get them posted ASAP. been great & looking forward to being on more rides with you.

In the meantime, ride hard & remember to look out for the other guy.



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Back in 2008, the National Highway Traffic Safety Association designated May as National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. Their tagline became known as "Share the Road with Motorcycles". Several states adopted this tagline as well as Texas. As several of you know, both Donna Herrin and Bob Keene have been doing their annual trek to several local cities to promote National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. They do so by asking local civic leaders to pass Proclamations endorsing this very worthwhile endeavor. You have also seen several local news articles about the unfortunate deaths involving motorcycles. I can not emphasize enough how important it is to drive defensively and to look out for "cagers" who continue to text and talk on cellular phones totally disregarding everything happening around them.

Don't forget the two key words: T-CLOCKS and SEE.

T - Tires and Wheels

C - Controls

L - Lights

O - Oil

C - Chassis

S - Sidestand

SEE - Search - Evaluate - Execute

Finally, Here is a webpage that is a PDF for the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. It is entitled "You and Your Motorcycle: Riding Tips. Be sure to read this.

[http://msf-usa.org/downloads/Street\\_Motorcycle\\_Tips\\_2010.pdf](http://msf-usa.org/downloads/Street_Motorcycle_Tips_2010.pdf)

In addition to this booklet, there are other items and articles that will help you be a better motorcycle rider. Thanks for reading this and I look forward to seeing you in our rides with the HOGs.

## Hector Zuniga, Safety Officer

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# Trivia Question of the Month

Hello HOGS!

hope everyone is doing well!

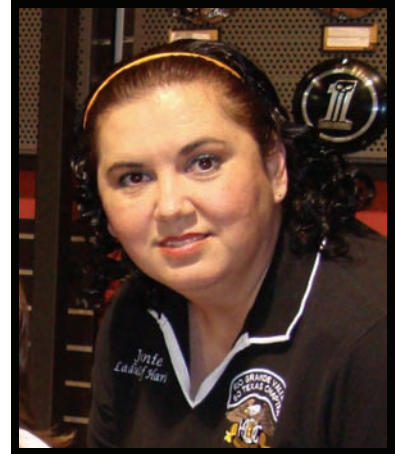
Thanks to everyone for coming out to help with the football game. The game was great. We had a good turn out for the San Isidro parade thanks to all that showed up to help. To find May question at our next general membership meeting log on to [www.harley-davidson.com](http://www.harley-davidson.com) click on community, click on Iron elite to find answer.

Here is the question:

In the 1930s and 1940s who made eight long distance, solo, rides eventually traveling through all 48 states?  
(Hint first African American women).

Good Luck

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## Look Up

Greetings fellow HOG's,

Well, here we are back in the Great " COLD" state of Kansas. We arrived home on Sunday evening March 13 th, and the next morning we had 3 inches of snow!!

We also had about 3 inches last night, March 27. Thankful, it is a wet snow, and does not last long. We have had some warm days, but we are still enjoying the big fire place, and waiting for Spring.

Sunday, I turned 80, and I had said I wanted to ride the bike, on my 80 birthday, but it was snowing, and I will just have to wait. I was sick, with the flue, when we got home, and I just could not shake it off. I guess it is another down side of getting old. God has been so good to Mary, and I do not want to seem as though we are not blessed daily, with God's presence. I do hope, that we will all seek his daily blessing, and be sure to give him thanks, at your days end.

Is it not wonderful, to know that the will of God, will never take you, where the Grace of God, will not protect you.

God Loves You, and so do I.

Geezer & Sunshine

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## Ladies of Harley Officer, Marty Fuller

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Hello,

Happy Mother's Day to all the Mothers and Mothers-to-Be out there! May you have a great and wonderful Day!

This May, Harley-Davidson is celebrating its 3<sup>rd</sup> **Annual Women Riders Month**. To celebrate, the Ladies of Harley will be having a ride to *Casa Blanca Restaurant* in Raymondville on Saturday, May 14th. We will be departing from the Flying J at 9:00 a.m.

Ladies, come on out and let's make some noise! Let's band together and share the thrill of freedom and independence of riding the open road. All female motorcycle enthusiasts are invited to join us - even the men are invited to ride along in the back of the pack.

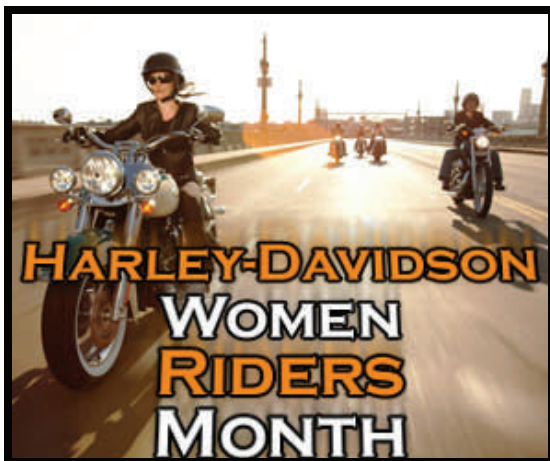
On May 18<sup>th</sup>, the LOH will also be holding a "Bowling Evening Event". This will be a Social Night so get on your bikes, autos, taxi, whatever takes you there and bring the family for a night of fun. We will be bowling at the *Flamingo Bowl* on 23<sup>rd</sup> Street in McAllen at 7:00 p.m. Let's see who comes out with bragging rights.

Now I would like to ask for everyone's help. When you go visit the McAllen H-D dealership any time this month, please look for a big box/bin with a sign asking for certain items to benefit *Comfort House*. *Comfort House* is a homelike residence for persons in terminal stages of illness here in the Rio Grande Valley.

For the May General Meeting, the LOH would like to ask that you please help us with donating items to *Comfort House*.

Safe riding and hope to see you all on our May rides.

## CELEBRATE



# HOGs of the Month

## Jimmy & Lynn Gower

Thanks for selecting us to be the Hogs of the month. Here's a little bit about Lynn and I.

Lynn is from Long Island, New York and I was born and raised in McAllen. She moved to McAllen when she was 16. We married in 1978, one year after High School. This June, we will celebrate 33 years of marriage. We have 2 children, Michael is 30 (I'm not old enough to have a son that old) and Megan is 26. We also have 2 grandsons, Michael is 7 and Stevan is 19 months. What joy it is to be Grandparents. Spoil them and send them home... ah sweet revenge.

I started riding when I was 12 and rode thru high school, then took a sabbatical from riding in 1980. Sometime around August of 2005, I got permission to buy our Harley. In April of 06, we bought a brand spankin' new Ultra Classic. We've put 40,000 miles on it and have loved almost every mile (except those in driving rains and extreme heat). I became a member of the HOG when I purchased the bike, but never really participated in the Group until Alex approached us at the H/D Shop when you guys were taking a group picture and ask if we'd like to be in it. We really didn't know any of you and Alex was the Ice Breaker. Thanks for stepping up Bro.

On another note, last year I went on a toy run to Falfurrias with about 10-12 members. It was a perfect day. Blue skies, no wind, low 70's, sailing up the road to deliver Christmas presents to a young boy in the hospital. The perfect day, until I got to the Check Point. As I down shifted I noticed that there was no shifter under my foot. Talk about feeling helpless. I managed to get to the rest area and to my surprise, the whole group stopped to assist. I can't remember all that were on the ride, but Leo and Hector and others assisted me in getting the shifter back on to the shaft. Now we were ready to take care of the young boy. My bike won't start! I knew I needed a new battery but figured it would get me thru this trip. Alex showed up just in time to help push start the bike, and I decided I needed to head back to the house. On the way home, I felt very grateful that the group stopped to help me. I really didn't know any of them, and they really didn't know me. How cool is that? I'd heard about the bond

that happens with bikers, and this was the beginning of that.

Lynn and I want to participate more with HOG and the LOH, so we can really get to know more of the members. With the different rides that are scheduled now, and the Monthly meeting being at a time we can make, you will be seeing us much more. That, we think, is a good thing.

Chrome side up,

Jimmy and Lynn Gower





Head Road Capt., Scott Fuller  
Leads RGV HOGs to

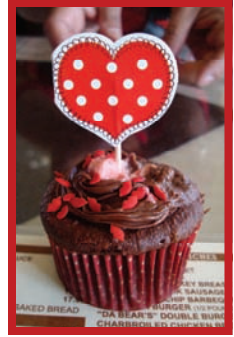
## *Bash in the Brush*

Sat., April 30th, San Isidro, TX

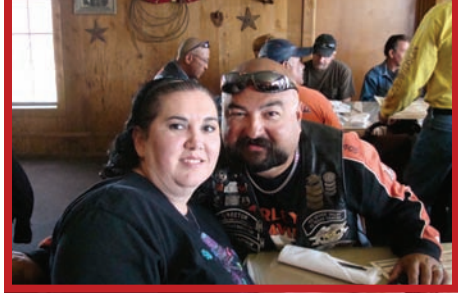


Asst. Director, Alex Aguilar  
Leads Sweetheart Ride to  
*Lone Star Restaurant*

Sun., Feb 13th, Harlingen, Texas





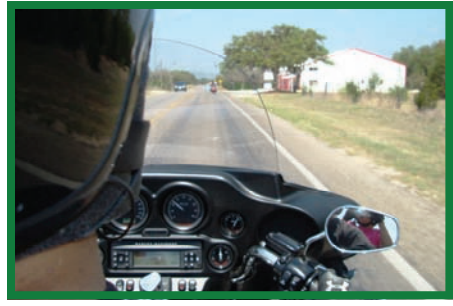


*Le Scoop*  
*Los Cabos*

*Los Norteños*  
**RGV HOG Rides**  
*Mi Tierra*

*MIA*  
*El Jefe*

*Poteet*  
  
*Festival*



# RGV HOGs "Sacrifice" Their Saturday Nights at *RGV Magic Football Games*





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# ROAD CAPTAIN REPORT

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 7th - **HOG Ride to honor all Mothers** - Los Fresnos - Wild Blue BBQ Depart from Flying J Truck Stop at 9:45am - Road Captain: Scott Fuller
- May 12th - Hangout in McAllen at Sweet Spot Plan to meet at 7:30pm - Organizer: Alex Aguilar
- May 14th - LOH Ride (Women Riders Month) - Raymondville - Casa Blanca (men are also welcome on this ride) Depart from Flying J Truck Stop at 9:00am - Road Captain: Marty Fuller
- May 18th - LOH Event - McAllen - Flamingo Bowl (please bring the whole family) Plan to meet at 7:00pm - Organizer: Marty Fuller & Janie Aguilar
- May 21st - HOG Ride - Motorcycle Awareness - Port Isabel - Los Cabos Restaurant (wear bright colors) Depart from Flying J Truck Stop at 9:30am - Road Captain: Bill Rose
- May 28th - HOG Ride - Details Pending Depart from Flying J Truck Stop at 7:00pm - Road Captain: Jimmy Gower
- May 29th - HOG Ride - Memorial Ride - Harlingen - Iwo Jima Memorial (\$10 fee per bike will be used as a donation to the memorial) Depart from Flying J Truck Stop at 9:00 am - Road Captain: Pending

## EVENTS DOWN THE ROAD

- June 27th - Million Mile Monday (request the day off from work soon!!) More details later.

Note the times listed for the rides are the DEPARTURE TIMES, please be there 30 minutes earlier for the Pre-Ride Briefing, Instructions, and Bike Line Up.



Ride to Iwo Jima Memorial, Harlingen  
 Depart from Flying J Truckstop  
 Sun., May 29th, 9:00 a.m.  
 \$10 Donation to Memorial Fund

# May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			LOH Meeting Fuddruckers	Officer Meeting Junction Café		Mothers Day Ride, S. Fuller, RC
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Mother's Day				Hangout at Sweet Spot		Women Riders Month Ride M. Fuller, RC
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
			LOH Event Flamingo Bowl			Mcycle Aware- ness Run, B. Rose, RC
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
				Gen Member Mtg. .RGVHD 7:00 p.m.		Hurricane Run (tentative) J. Gower, RC
29	30	31				
Iwo Jima Ride RC Pending	Memorial Day					