

May 2017

# Hogcall



## *Ranch Road 1871: There and Back Again Another Hobbit's Tale*

By Gary Meyer



As I left SR100 at Lake City, Florida and entered I-10 headed west, Bilbo Baggins came to mind.

This was my first Long Ride. Bilbo cautioned about such things: "It's a dangerous business, Frodo, going out your door. You step onto the road, and if you don't keep your feet, there's no knowing where you might be swept off to."

After stepping onto the road, I covered four hundred miles on the first day. It felt good doing something special, something different. It felt good owning quality leather boots and a great bike. It felt good having strong arms and a measure of courage. It felt wholesome being complete and ready; come first signs of daylight, I pulled my boots on and packed my bags greedy for more miles.

And I got them: Welcome to Alabama; then, Welcome to Mississippi; then nearly all day in Louisiana, but as the afternoon waned, Houston remained a long way off. Because I wanted to clear Houston on a Sunday (less traffic), I pushed on. Surprisingly, Sunday evening traffic was thick, almost bumper to bumper at times and always in a hurry. As the sun set on the curve of the Earth straining visibility, my bike hit something, which threw my feet and butt completely into the air. A firm grip saved the trip. It must have been a sight.

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With the cool air of Monday morning, I broke away from the 1-5 crowd and headed northwest along SR 290, then north on SR 87—the “Hill Country,” which became a quiet two lane Easy Rider road; wildflowers exploded everywhere with rainbow colors rich with Texas pride and glory. I heard myself saying aloud, “This is the best day of my life.”



Photo of Texas Road

The road sent me through Brady, Eden, and quickly around San Angelo, then south on 277 to Eldorado, Texas. Eldorado offers quiet streets and a Subway Sandwich store. I gobbled down a foot-long B.L.T and then headed down to Sonora.

After a trail mix and Gatorade dinner, a shower and sleep, the rising sun found me cruising through Ozona, Fort Stockton, and then into the dust and oil fields of the Pecos. At Pody's I enjoyed a BBQ lunch with two oilmen. Rough and Ready fellows to be sure. But polite and friendly: “Yes, Sir,” Excuse me Sir,” “Nice looking bike you have sitting out there.” “Thank you Sir.” Stuff like that.

The Pecos dust blew me up to Carlsbad, New Mexico, and it followed me clear up and into Hobbs. Happily, with some distance--starting around Seminole, Texas--the Easy Rider road began again. Lamesa, back on SR 87, through Big Spring, Sterling City and west on 158 into Robert Lee for the night. (General Robert E. Lee served in the Army out that way, commanding a fort in Mason).

The word “Paradise” frequently rumbled around in my thoughts. Locals said I missed the Blue Bells by one week. The nice waitress in the Mexican restaurant said Robert Lee has the best white tail hunting in the state. I shouldn't wonder. Miles of live oak, pinion, hawthorn, Texas barberry and of course all the wildflowers must needs invite wildlife.



And down the road, Mason, Texas, looks late nineteenth-century without trying; if my Harley and the other moderns were not parked in the road you would be back in time. I purchased a painting from a local artist—it should arrive next week. Shows a cowboy herding black angus. “Rare.” the gallery lady said.

Just outside of Mason, my Dunlops found Ranch Road 1871. Two lanes bordered thickly by flowers, trees, shrubs and a huge sky; the road weaves around and climbs hills, which show the thin line that is 1871 stretching so many miles ahead. One car passed me when I stopped for photographs. Just one.

Perhaps even more than the sight of things, I felt the immensity: huge ranches, on a planet bursting with life and beauty. That I should be so fortunate. This wonderful experience: the days, the minutes, the blue sky, the land, the entire trip—perfect. Together, they blessed me with the best week of my life.

Alas, it was time to head back: San Antonio to Seguin, and then to a motel in Sealy, just west of Houston--early rush hour Houston. I was one speck of bare flesh on two wheels just inches away from a million trucks, buses, and cars. All in a hurry. But oddly enough, with the many stops and goes, the swervers, the growing heat, the noise and two hours of city rush and exposure, I recall the many folks’ smiles and happy waves of hand--go figure.

As Houston thinned out and disappeared, Beaumont and Lake Charles and I-12 over Baton Rouge led me to Hammond, Louisiana, and to a clean comfortable Day’s Inn motel.

Next morning with the sunrise in my eyes, I headed home arriving in Palm Coast at sunset:



more than six hundred miles in one day. However, Bilbo

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Baggins and Frodo would have gasped in horror: my refrigerator had no beer. No Sir. Not one. Although, while reflecting on the week, we three did share a stout shot of George Dickel sour mash whiskey from Tullahoma, Tennessee. So it goes to show, "there's no knowing where you might be swept off to."

Total gas: \$206.00

Total motels: \$471.65

Total food: \$77.00

Total cost: \$754.

Total miles 4000.00

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Mason, Texas





Joke submitted by  
Derek Toms

**DIRECTOR Greg Sieger**



**Warm Months Ahead**

Looks like Spring and Summer are arriving high's in the 80's low 90's. Warm weather riding is on it's way.

So are plans for both a Fall Picnic and our Year End Celebration we are currently close to signing a contract for our End of the Year Celebration and are working on Fall Picnic we may have some surprises in store for both. Stay Tuned.

The HOG Dog Stand is doing well I have seen a lot of you on the second Sunday of each month. We can always use volunteers and you collect Volunteer points. Not only the HOG Dog Stand but other committees and events. Picnic, Year End Celebration are two that are going on right now along with HOG Buddies our mentoring program for New Members. If you are interested please let me or any Board Member know .

We have chosen Saturday Sept. 30, 2017 as our Fall Picnic date. It will be at the same location as the Spring Picnic was Spruce Creek Pavilion. As I mentioned earlier we are looking for a committee to work on the Picnic. Once we have a firmly set date for Year end celebration we will be seeking volunteers for that as well. Remember we are the "Best Damn HOG Chapter" because of all members.

As usual any thoughts, questions, compliments, ideas, suggestions and even complaints let me or any Board member know .

Ride Safe -Dress for the Slide not the Ride  
Greg Sieger

Director Daytona Beach Harley Owners Group #0652



## SUPER H.O.G.

## H.O.G. BUCK\$

## VOLUNTEER PTS

### HOG Points are earned for riding only:

1 Point = any regularly scheduled Chapter ride  
2 Points = any Over-nighter

#### Point Rewards:

20 Points = \$25 Gift Card

50 Points = At Christmas Party, a chance to win \$100 Gift Card (3 Winners and not required to be present to win)

### HOG Bucks are earned as follows:

Take a Ride with us = \$3

If you do an Overnight Ride = \$5

Be the Lead Road Capt of the Ride = \$5

Be the Rear Road Capt of the Ride = \$3

Participate in Parking Lot Practice = \$5

Work the HOG Dog Stand = \$10

### Volunteer HOG Bucks are earned as follows:

HOG Dog Stand = \$15

Camp Boggy Creek Function = \$25

Any other event = \$10

### SUPER H.O.G. POINTS

(top 25)

Wright	Kenny	38
Loving	Blanche	37
Loving	Jim	37
Powell	Mitch	37
O'Malley	Tom	34
Gomes	Jerry	31
Schmidt	Bill	28
Weller	Jim	28
Zibas	Al	25
Trippi	Mike	23
Remington	Don	22
Kincaid	Dave	21
Johnson	Dennis	21
Schmidt	Cindy	20
Powell	Linda	19
Bogard	Jan	18
Sawicki	Rich	17
Adamson	Gavin	16
Burdine	Rory	15
Fulop	Dalia	15
Remington	Cynthy	15
Mroski	Bob	14
Bartoli	Mark	14
Reid	John	13
Steele	Chuck	12

### H.O.G. BUCKS

(top 25)

Powell	Mitch	254
Gomes	Jerry	220
Loving	Jim	192
Schmidt	Bill	173
Loving	Blanche	170
Johnson	Dennis	166
Bogard	Jan	148
Bartoli	Mark	121
Remington	Don	118
O'Malley	Tom	117
Sawicki	Rich	115
Murray	Gwen	111
Powell	Linda	109
Schmidt	Cindy	106
Adamson	Gavin	92
Bogard	Norm	89
Kincaid	Dave	88
Reid	John	86
Fulop	Dalia	75
DeVito	John	73
Burdine	Rory	71
Bartoli	Sandi	63
Mrosky	Bob	63
Lawrence	Bev	61
Reminton	Cynthy	57

### H.O.G. VOLUNTEER RANK

Sawicki	Rich	130
Smith	Gail	85
Sieger	Greg	80
DeVito	Diane	65
Powell	Linda	65
Powell	Mitch	65
Schmidt	Cindy	60
Loving	Blanche	55
Loving	Jim	55
Morrison	Betsy	50
Reid	John	45
Smith	Woody	45
Ellingwood	Peter	40
Gomes	Jerry	40
Lawrence	Bev	40
Nardi	Lou	40
Simek	Jeff	40
Strauss	Ira	40
Ellingwood	Carol	30
Steele	Chuck	30
Bogard	Jan	20
Bogard	Norm	20
Hopkins	Dan	20
Hopkins	Lisa	20
Straub	Bonnie	20

(top 25)



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Daytona HOG calendar of events is on the website at [daytonahog.com](http://daytonahog.com)

Events that are monthly are :

**PLP**—usually the 1st Sunday of the month (free to members)

**HOG DOG Stand** - usually the 2nd Sunday of the month -Volunteers do a fantastic job! Thanks Woody Smith

**Daytona HOG Monthly Meeting**—usually the 3rd Saturday of the month

***AS ALL Events and Rides may change due to weather or other reasons—we are not printing the HOG Calendar in the newsletter. Please check for updates on website.***



Joke  
submitted  
by  
Linda  
Seeley



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### **Peter & Carol Ellingwood— Quartermaster**

*We are putting together a pre-order, pre-pay for 2017 Daytona Beach HOG tee shirts. The men's is gray and available in size small - 4 XL. The ladies is black and available in size small - 3 XL. You can order at the monthly meetings. The cost is \$25 per shirt. There is a minimum of 25 for each style before we can place the order with Norscot. We will place the order as soon as we have sold the minimum, so make sure you get your order in early! We are in hopes to order by May and they take about four weeks to produce and arrive. For our snowbirds and members that are not here to order, we are happy to offer shipping to you. Simply email us at [qmaster@daytonahog.com](mailto:qmaster@daytonahog.com) for a shipping quote and the address of where to send your payment.*



## Benefits of Daytona Beach H.O.G. Chapter Membership

- Receive a \$25 H-D gift card after attending and participating in 20 Chapter sponsored rides. That's \$5 more than your yearly Chapter dues of \$20. "How do we do it?"
- Membership in the sponsoring Bruce Rossmeyer Daytona Harley-Davidson ["Riders Rewards Program"](#).
- Employment opportunity at the Bruce Rossmeyer Daytona Harley-Davidson during 'Bike Week and Biketoberfest'.
- Discounts and special offers on motorcycle services at Bruce Rossmeyer Daytona Harley-Davidson.
- A 'NEW' and improved website for [www.DaytonaHOG.com](http://www.DaytonaHOG.com) and [www.FacebookDaytonaHOG](http://www.FacebookDaytonaHOG).
- Over 125 planned rides throughout the riding year to include: over-night rides, special event rides, weekday breakfast and lunch rides. Also, rides to local sports team venues, show events, and especially our 'Ride For Children' in support of Camp Boggy Creek.
- Motorcycle skills 'Rider training' - Parking Lot Practice (PLP) by the best in the business. *For FREE!*
- National HOG membership FREE with any new motorcycle purchase.
- Daytona Beach HOG Chapter monthly meeting at 'Houligan's Sports Grille' at Destination Daytona. Meetings are the 4th Saturday of the month (unless noted otherwise) with free beverages and morning snacks. Arrive and socialize at 9am and stay for the meeting that starts at 9:45am sharp.
- Bi-monthly HOG Call newsletters of Daytona Beach HOG Chapter happenings.
- Annual holiday Christmas party (in lieu of December meeting).
- Rides that support our sponsors in our "Ride and Have Fun book". Ask any member how it works. You'd be surprised how it 'pays to ride'.

**AND** there's something else: GREAT RIDES, FUN, CAMARADERIE, AND FRIENDSHIPS.  
Now that's Priceless!

To be a member of Daytona Beach HOG Chapter, you must have the following:

1. Be an active National HOG member (associate, full or life member).
2. Own and ride a Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

Dues are: Local Chapter membership is \$20 per year

Military discount (active duty) is \$15 per year

PLEASE NOTE: If you are not already a National HOG member, register at [Members.HOG.com](http://Members.HOG.com). Once you have a national HOG membership number, you can also become a Daytona Beach HOG Chapter member.

The Daytona Beach HOG Chapter membership form must be filled-out completely, signed by the applicant and submitted with \$20 dues (cash if in-person OR a personal check made payable to DBHOG. DO NOT MAIL CASH.

Daytona Beach HOG Chapter  
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## MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Houligan's Sports Grille  
At Destination Daytona  
1643 North U.S. Highway 1  
Ormond Beach

The 4th Saturday of each month  
unless otherwise noted \*

Visitors and Guests Welcome

May 20 \*

June 24

July 22

August 26

September 23

October 28

November 18

No December Meeting \*

Meetings begin at 9:45am

End at 10:45 am

"Meet & Greet" at 9:00—9:45 am

## OFFICERS & Road Captains MEETINGS

Is generally the second  
Tuesday of each month

June 13

July 11

August 8

September 12

October 10

November 14

December 12

Welcome to  
**Houligan's**  
A Spirited Sports Grille



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