

## Texas Hill Country Fall Ride

Howdy from Texas fellow V-maxer guys and gals.

We have just returned from our annual fall Hill Country Rally in Bandera, TX., (Oct 21st-23rd). After leading the Houston area V-max guys and gals through some truly rural 2 lane blacktop roads to our destination, Bandera TX. We met up with fellow members from the Dallas Ft/North area. Friday Night the VMOA picked up the dinner tab at a local Restaurant for our meet and greet. With good food, old friends and a few new faces, It was a great turnout, but HEY free dinner and some amazing roads will tend to do that to you.

Saturday morning after an early breakfast and a safety meeting we headed out 28 bikes strong. With departure weather at around 70 degrees and sunny skies we knew it was going



to be one of the best rallies in some time. With only a few minor incidents, one being fellow Houston member John (fng) Geiss took his 05 Busa for a little off-roading. John's years of riding experience kept the bike upright and still moving after playing tag with a boulder about the size of a beach ball.

Myself leading and video camera running had a close call with a small deer running across the road ahead of me, kinda makes your heart stop for a moment. With Our ex-Houstonian Shawn, (poke-a-long), Cannone now living in Baton Rouge, bringing up the rear, we tried to keep everyone out of trouble, and keep the group somewhat together with no-one getting lost or missing a turn.

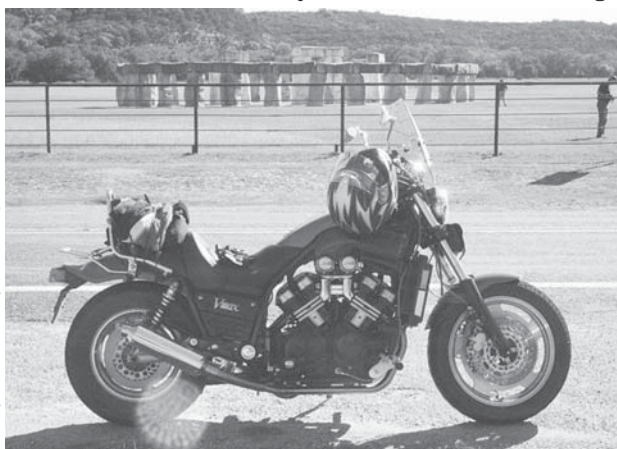
After a trip on the 3 sisters, (337, 336, and 335) we had a late lunch at the Frio Canyon motorcycle stop In Leakey TX, A big motorcycle hangout in the heart of the hill country. We then headed up



one of the most scenic routes in Texas, hwy 39 into Hunt Texas. I had mentioned Stonehenge 2 to a few members and was amazed That several had never seen it, so a side trip was in order. After about a 30 minute break for rest and picture taking off we went once again to finish up our trip. We Made it back to Bandera about 5:30 pm. After about 300 miles of twisties and roller coaster roads like these you feel like you have traveled twice that many miles. Here are a few pics of the Hill Country roads and scenery that we love so well.

After everyone caught their breaths and got cleaned up we all Pitched in and ordered a Mess of pizzas to feed a group of about 25 hungry riders.

With the Houston Astros in game one of the world series and on the TV through Billy, (can't drive 55), Jenkin's cabin window and waiting on the Pizza delivery we got the slow races started. Steve Magrogan, our newest member to our Texas family, (from the Pittsburgh area), took charge and got the races going. Our returning two time champ, John Hindman, was defeated early and a new slow race king



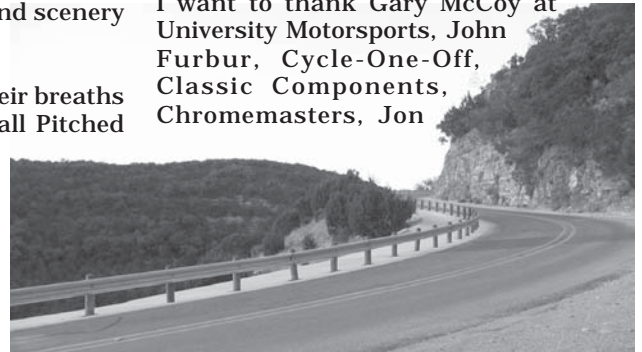
was crowned. We had Bill Maeder taking first, Joe Martin taking second and

our Baton Rouge bud Shawn Cannone taking third. Them Dallas guys sure can ride slow. Joe, (2 ticket), Mueller was our judge to keep all in line.

As a side note, No, Joe had not been drinking, he always acts like that. After the races and a few beers later we started the prize giveaways. Pamela, (yellow rose), McCoy took charge for the drawings and kept it going smoothly. Just about all that attended the drawings walked away with something, from a chrome radiator grill from Exactrep, Furbur bars from John at RMS and a whole box of cool stuff from Gary McCoy.

Sunday Morning it was good-bye to our northern bound friends and off we went on our return to Houston. Hitting the Back roads again we had a late lunch in La Grange, TX. (of ZZ Top fame). Several members bid farewell and we departed on the last leg of some great twisties outside of Fayetteville before getting to the Houston freeway grind.

I want to thank Gary McCoy at University Motorsports, John Furbur, Cycle-One-Off, Classic Components, Chromemasters, Jon



at Vmaxbitz, Exactrep, Cyclebrakes, Sargent Cycle and Moto-Boutique for all the cool stuff they donated for our races and drawings. Their generosity helped make this the best Hill Country Rally yet and now can't wait till the spring rally in April of 2006. Any of our fellow V-max friends want to enjoy some of the best roads in Texas need to make plans to join us in the spring. The Texas roads and Texas hospitality will be something you won't soon forget. A big thanks out to Steve, Pamela and "two ticket" Joe for their much needed help.

Later all and stay safe  
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