

The Twelfth Annual Reunion Ride & Chili Cook-Off...perfect weather, good riding, great food, old friends... what more could we ask for?

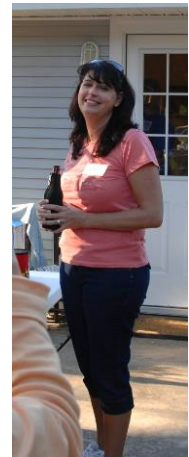
The Team Cramp Crew—Ben Coffman, Mike Hance, Randy Heideman, Ed Hixon, Bill Newkirk, Darren Porter, Randy Porter, Greg Schaefer, Brad Whitworth, and Mike Williams—would like to thank all who participated in making this reunion a terrific success!



*Special thanks* to Mark Watson for organizing the golf tournament; to Ed Hixon, Mark Watson, Rocky Miller, and Shannon Johnson for serving as this year's Chili Judges; to Jill Tinkham for her world famous Jillo<sup>®</sup> Shots; to Mike Williams for supplying and operating the Team Cramp Bar; to Buddy Byrnes, Gary Davis, Bill Newkirk, Tom Whittlesey, and



everyone else who contributed to the Breakfast Buffets on Saturday and Sunday; and to all who made generous donations of time and money for the party, bar, supplies and food! Your hosts would



like to thank everyone for leaving the place spotless!

Johnny-O's ***Bushwood Classic Golf Tournament*** opened the reunion weekend early Friday morning. In a hotly contested scramble, Mike Hance, Mark Watson, John Morrison, and Brad Whitworth faced off against Bill Newkirk, Ed Hixon, Bob Miller, and Mickey Pizzitola. By the 7th hole, Brad's special friend, The Ramikan, had joined in the fun! It appears that many beverages were consumed, keeping the players fully hydrated for the entire round, but it's unclear which team won. By the end of the round, none of the players were capable of reading the score cards. A re-match is scheduled for next year!





Meanwhile, back at the ranch, flooding in the meadow brought Crampers closer together in the new upper camping area ...



...and provided a better opportunity to visit with old friends!





Friday evening's reception was hosted by the Boisjolie Enchanted Tiki Lounge at its new lakeside location! Guests enjoyed the South Pacific ambience in a romantic setting under the stars as reflections from the tiki torches shimmered across the water. As always, Roger, or *Hotu Matu'a* as he likes to be called, presented a fine selection of top shelf refreshments.



Early Saturday morning... Rob Brandon and Buddy



Byrnes, both former holders of the **First on the Track Award**, were somewhat debilitated by Roger's Sumatra Zombie Kula Kocktails, leaving the door wide open for Randy Heideman's win this year. Hearing the decibel of snores emanating from Rob Brandon's tent, Randy jumped on the first bike he could find and rode the first lap of the day to snag the award!

All morning, Crampers were treated to a superb roaming breakfast buffet starting on the

Verandah with chops grilled to perfection by Mike Hance, moving on to Bill Newkirk's Hospitality Tent for hot coffee, complete with grounds, and tasty breakfast tacos, and finally finishing at the Balls to the Wall Café to enjoy Gary Davis' delicious blueberry pancakes!



After eating as many blueberry pancakes as humanly possible, Rocky Miller called for the start of **RGB Racing's First Annual Old Timers Ride!** Under blue skies

and perfect conditions, Rocky and the Team Cramp Crew had the privilege and pleasure of riding with some of the Greatest Riders in Texas and, indeed, some of the World's Most Interesting Men (and Women)! A group with impressive palmarès: the Dallas Oldtimers, Buddy Byrnes, Paul "Bermshot" Burnett, and RGB himself; the Old School Richardson Racers, Tibby Horvath and Mike Phillips; the Dallas Death Row Moto Squad, represented by Mark



Rakestraw, the Kirks, Spencer and Dillon, and the entire Mulholland crew; TVRC, with President Ken Walden (first time attendee), VP Craig Knight, and founding member, Jack Thompson (not to mention fellow founders Bill Newkirk and Mike Hance); the MXGurl a/k/a Old Bag, Charlene Campbell &







Family; and Billy Click, Tony Thompson, Doc Hill, Rob Brandon, The Reverend Richard Davis, Ron Orlando, Mike Haynes, and "Many Others."

Mosley, Shannon



Some highlights from Saturday's ride—Ben Coffman on the trails with Rocky Miller and Buddy

Byrnes (who was fully outfitted in RGB Racing-sponsored gear!); Gordon Niebergall washing his bike in the lake; Jerry



Burke on the trails... on a mountain bike; Cramp Security Chief, JT, along with his girlfriend, Stella, policing the area and writing numerous citations for Road Rage; local wildcatter, John Gilley, on a vintage '71 Kawasaki; mud, lots of mud, on Daniel Campbell after his mud bath on the trails; Jerry Dietsch's Trackside Tecate Bar providing refreshments for thirsty riders. Truly a red banner day of riding!



Or, as more aptly stated by Doc Hill, "These are the days that we will remember 'til the end of time. We cannot replace them, buy them, or duplicate them. They have to be from the heart and spontaneous. This is not a red banner day. This is an unreplaceable day. People that miss one of these really missed something."





Another high point of the weekend was the **Vintage Exhibition!** We had quite an array of bikes, with everything from a 50cc MR50 to open class Maicos and Huskies. Other interesting items shared were a collection of racing magazines and photos from the 70's from Grandmother Wallace's collection.



Thanks to everyone for sharing the memories!



After a rest and a nap, along came Saturday evening and the **Chili Cook-Off!** We had 15 entries this year in a wide variety of genres. After much diligent and

semi-sober deliberation, our Chili Judges announced the winners: In the **Beans Category**, legendary hospitality expert, Gary Davis, took first place (his culinary reputation so frightened all the competition that no one else dared to enter)! In the **Mystery Category**, Mike Hance took first place with his delicious avocado and black bean dip, Karen Dietsch placed second with her cool and refreshing dill potato salad, and Greg Mulholland



took third with his perfectly crisp fried fish. In the **Dessert Category**, Lynn Gordon was victorious with her decadent "Ugly Cake." (We're happy to report that no injuries resulted from the scuffle that broke out between Mark Watson and Shannon Johnson over the last bite of Lynn's cake.) One of the most contentious and lively debates in chili-judging history arose when the judges were stymied by Gordon Niebergall's delicious, but perplexing,





chili entry. Chief Judge Ed Hixon was forced to pull out the Rule Book and declared that, while meeting the official definition of chili, Gordon's entry still confused the judges. Ultimately, Gordon received an *Honorable Mention Sans Catégorie*, thereby relieving the judges of the necessity of making a determination on the philosophical conundrum, "What is Chili?" Finally, in the unambiguous **Chili Category**, a dark horse candidate, local hunter and man-about-town, Gene Hurt (known by his *nom de cuisine*, "Gene Gene The Dancing Machine") took first place with a perfectly blended beef and venison chili (fittingly, the venison was taken on Wicked Oaks Ranch). Second place



went to Team Cramp's own, Jerry Dietsch, a frequent visitor to the Chili Podium. A tie brought about a sudden death playoff between Roger Boisjolie and Greg Schaefer that resulted in Roger taking third place and Greg receiving Honorable Mention.



In Team Cramp's Fall Festival of Fashion **Best Dressed** Competition, Fashion Judges, Bill Blackburn and Marty LeMasurier, both experts on timeless good taste and refinement, voted unanimously for B-Raddie Sue Whitworth, who hit the runway in a black sequined gown with coordinating motocross boots and a beguiling hint of red racing sock at the knee! Honorable mention goes to Buddy Byrnes and Mike Hance (an understudy for Collin Byrnes) with their matching crimson robes from Collin's Blues Brothers Graduate Design Line.



The 2009 **First Man Down Award** went to Carole Burnett. Carole's demise was brought about, not by the masterful mixes of Mixologist Mike Williams, but by the nuclear fission produced by the Atomic Cherries served up early in the day by Brad and Karla. TVRC's Ken Walden placed a close second after experiencing a rough ride in the Expert Class on the penultimate lap around the Team Cramp Bar. Shaking his head over Ken's fall, Rocky Miller acknowledged that he and Char also attempted to ride along with the experts, but wisely switched to the Beginners Class before they too were taken down.



Following the Red Carpet Award Ceremonies, Bill Newkirk, Team Cramp's Official Spokesman, elucidated in a Few Well Chosen Words our immense good fortune

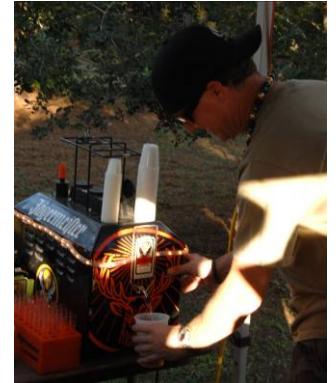


for the friends we've made and the camaraderie we've shared over the past twelve years of the Reunion and the nineteen years of Team Cramp! A Special Award Presentation was sponsored by Kevin Felle of Circle F Pipes, who presented Paul Burnett with a custom pipe for Bermshot's CZ 250 (we hope to see that CZ on the trails next year!).



Finally, Sweet Willie declared the Team Cramp Bar open for bidness, and Mike Williams, Team Cramp's Official Barkeep, went to work with his usual arsenal of ethanol! In

addition to the much sought after Jillo® Shots, Der Kommissar Gary ("You Can Call Me 'Falco'") Davis, served spicy Pomegranate & Tabasco Russian Martinis. Tara Niebergall, at home with a sick baby, was sorely missed at the bar this year, but newcomer Kelly stepped in and offered expert barback assistance in Tara's absence.



Sights and sounds from the Saturday Evening Festivities... the Crow Call Happy Hour... Greg Mulholland running for his life... Billy Click's Nitro Circus and his daring bonfire leap... the Moonlight Milky Way Mule Rides... Doughboy and Johnnie-O squealing like little girls on their midnight 4-wheelin' ride... the sound of dove breasts and chubbies sizzlin' on the grill...

And then it was Sunday. Another perfect weather day. Gordon Niebergall was first to hit the track, followed quickly by a parade of old-timers enjoying the Sunday Wrap Up Ride. The Sunday Brunch Committee, Buddy Byrnes, Bill Newkirk, and Tom Whittlesey, offered up a fantastic array of breakfast goodies! Team Cramp's Safety Chairman, RP, reported only a few minor injuries, the most severe of which appears to be Ken Walden, after the Team Cramp bar caught up with him on the Sunday morning ride.

As the weekend drew to a close and Sweet Willie prepared to close the gate on another successful reunion, Char's son, John Campbell, summed it up nicely when asked what his favorite part of the weekend was, "The riding or the fishing, I can't decide. Both were just too much fun!"



**Legal Notice:** To Kirk Spencer and all you other scofflaws who received road rage citations from Corporal J.A. Thompson. Team Cramp legal counsel, Marty LeMasurier, pled your case to Officer Thompson, who graciously agreed to expunge the citation from your record and waive all fines! Marty's legal fees, however, are another matter...



See you next year!