**Preliminary Announcement: BH3 NONG KHAI OUTSTATION RUN**

In Memoriam Pete *“Leaping Wolf”* Petrie

Date: 4th April 2020

Joint Hares: Tinker & Von NIVEA

Host: Khun Jaah Petrie

**Schedule**

It will be a great weekend, revisiting Nong Khai and enjoying the outstanding hospitality of Khun Jaah. Specifically, giving those among you that have known Pete an opportunity to reflect. It will be ten years on the day that Pete left us for the vast hashing universe above. RIP Pete. Unforgotten!

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**Friday evening 3rd:** informal pay-as-you-go get-together at a Hash Bar on the river promenade (exact venue TBA). Food available to match the beer. Recommended: a pleasant late afternoon stroll to the bar through the riverside shopping arcade.

**Saturday morning 4th:** free time, shopping, whatever your preference…

**Afternoon:**  A to B run in extremely flat country

Gather at Hash Bar at **3 pm**. Song Taeows leave from nearby car park at **3.30 pm**. Run starts at **4.30 pm.** There will be a long run (approx. 1.5 hours) with a water/beer stop, and a short run (approx. 30 minutes).

Circle, beers, OnOnOn and more beers (hopefully, including Beer Lao Dark) and buffet at Khun Jaah’s Teak House Resort on the river.

Song Taeow transport back to the city lights beginning 10 pm

**Sunday morning 5th:** Hangover city run about 10 am from Hash Bar, hared by the Awesome AKM from across the river. There may be a small run fee.

**Saturday Run Fee** (all-inclusive, except for possible 30 Baht OPC at Point A of A to B run):

For BH3 quarterly subs-payers: TBA, but probably about 300 Baht

For non-subs-payers: TBA, but probably men 600 / women 400 Baht

**Accommodation: ---** This is 2014 info, but gives you an idea of the range available --- It will be updated in February.

There are scads of accommodations ranging from 350 to 1,900 Baht + /night/double.

It’s a toss-up between the *Mut Mee Garden Guest House* on the river (042-460-717; www.mutmee.com/), and the *Pantawee Hotel* at 1049 Haisoke Road (042-411-568; www.pantawee.com/), closer to the center of Nong Khai. Both are full service establishments. Both have twin/ double bed A/C rooms with TV and ensuite baths.

The *Pantawee* rooms have computers with internet, but the place is beginning to show its age. The *Mut Mee* has built some lovely new accoms, with WiFi for you to use with your own devices in all rooms. (Visit Khun Aae’s Hornbill bookshop when you’re at the *Mut Mee*.) Service is excellent in both hotels. Both have restaurants, massage, and all that new age stuff. Both serve breakfast (**not** included in the room rate.)

Rates at *Mut Mee* go from 350 Baht (the old back-packer fan-cooled bungalows) to 1,400+ (river view suites). Rates at the *Pantawee* go from 620 Baht (across the street from the main hotel) to 1,875+. You can book using PayPal or a credit card. (I noticed that if you call the *Mut Mee*, they sometimes accept a booking without a deposit, but won’t guarantee you’ll get the room you want.) The hare hasn’t booked a block of rooms in either place, as there are plenty of rooms available in early April (sorry, no discounts for the Hash.)

Other Hash-approved hotels with twin/ double bed A/C rooms with TV and ensuite baths (or some with shared baths) are: 1) *The Rim Khong* (Khun Boi @ 083-459-5544) almost at the west end of the riverside bar district, with 10 rooms ranging from 650 Baht (single) to 950 (double); and 2) the *Thai Nong Khai Guest House* (Khun Som @ 042-413-155) at 1169 Soi Banterngjit, with six very nice old-style bungalows ranging from 400 Baht (single) to 500 (double); quietly hidden away from the street, about a ten-minute walk from the Hash Bar (TBA).

Also on Rim Khong Road are the *Khiang Khong Guest House* (042-422-870, 081-832-3925), and its neighbor, the *Ruan Thai Guest House* (042-412-519, 089-1867227). Both advertise fan rooms at 300 Baht, and A/C at 400 Baht.

**Travel by Rail**

Train 25 SRT overnight sleeper: depart Hua Lampong, Bangkok, 2000 hours, arrive Nong Khai 0625 hours.

Second Class Sleeper (898 Baht upper berth, 998 Baht lower berth); or First Class Sleeper (1,357 Baht upper berth, 1557 Baht lower berth)

1st class is the preferred option as it permits clandestine beer consumption. Four pax can arrange adjoining compartments.

Train 25 is available Thursday night 2nd April, and Friday night 3rd April. Book early (90-day advance booking), this train is popular!

**Travel By Air**

Bargain flights to Udon Thani (UTH) are not much more expensive than rail if you book ASAP. *Air Asia’s* five daily flights are cheap (no frills, 7 kg max carry-on), about 2,500 Baht. However, depending upon the dates travelled and how soon the flight is booked, the lowest one-way price from Don Meuang (DMK) is 1,386 Baht. However, there are check-in baggage fees, seat selection fees, no refunds, and a change costs 750 Baht. *Thai Airways (Thai Smile)* is about twice as expensive, with four flights daily from Suwannapum (BKK) and with more frills, including no charge for up to 20 or 30 kg of carry-ins.) *Nok Air* and *Thai Lion Air* compete with Air Asia, with at least seven daily flights to Udon from DMK. *Thai Lion Air* has very cheap promo fares, at about 1,000 Baht. Bargain hunters should consider one-way flights to and from with different airlines.

The bus to Nong Khai from the UTH airport is 200 Baht (it goes to the Friendship Bridge first, and then to the Udon Gaew tour office in Nong Khai (102/1-2 Panangchonpratan Road.) The return trip is 200 Baht, departing from the Udon Gaew Tour office at their Thai–Lao Friendship Bridge station. Buses leave for the airport at 09.30 am, 12 noon, and 5.30 pm. You can book them through [<12go.asia](https://12go.asia/en/travel/nong-khai/udonthani?z=3481)>.

**Expressions of Interest**

Please tell Tinker when you decide to go. He’ll keep the head count. Questions: also to Tinker (email\_jel@yahoo.com)/ 093-961-3330.