**Research Riders Meeting**

**July 14, 2011**

Scott Mullin, Research Riders President, called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM.

The meeting was held in the 2nd floor B71 Conference room, with 6 members present.

The meeting minutes from June were approved.

**Treasurers Report:**

Sandra reported we have a balance of $425.20, and there has been no real activity over the last couple months. We will chase the RRA money in August. The last gas card went to Malva, as she and Bob found the last landmark.

**Old Business:**

Don started the “You, your bike, and ??” game. The first challenge was revealed to those at the meeting. An email will be sent out to officially start the game.

A short report was given on the Ride to Word Breakfast on Monday, June 20th, and the Bike to breakfast on Friday, July 1st. Four riders made the Monday breakfast and 6 riders made the Friday Breakfast at the SwRI cafeteria. A group of 4 riders (Don, Sandra, Scott, Greg) met at the SwRI cafeteria for breakfast to recognize the national Ride To Work day. They are a non-profit motorcycle advocacy group that sponsors the ride to work as a way to raise awareness of motorcycles to the general public. Breakfast was good, as was the conversation. Being on a Monday made it difficult for many folks to remember the event… We did notice a number of other riders heading into SwRI as we talked in the parking lot that morning.

A brief report was given from those who attended the ROT rally in Austin. Several of us met in Austin on Friday June 10 to watch one of the biggest bike parades rallies in the whole country, on Congress Avenue. Mark & Michelle, Scott & Michelle (another Michelle, not the same woman), James & Liz met up with a few friends and family to watch the huge parade. All types of bikes, dominated by the big V twins from HD, great paint jobs, many customs, and a few typical Austin weirdness – favorites being the nerdy guy in sandals on a scooter, right in there with all the bad-asses, and the woman in the lycra cat outfit, from head to toe, riding on the bike painted in cat stripes. A good time was had as we checked out all the bikes parked on 6th street and had some refreshments in the clubs there.

Ride report for Saturday, June 25thwas given by Scott. At the relative cool of 8:30am, Bob & Malva Burrahm, Scott Mullin, and Daniel and Margie Garcia met a the Valero at 1604 & Bulverde Road for a real nice ride into the north side Hill Country, up to Canyon Lake, and down River Road to Gruene. The weather was good and the ride was real nice – quiet roads for the most part, great scenery, and River Road was real nice even with the Guadalupe being rather low. Didn’t scare away the campers – every piece of grass was covered in tents. We stopped in Gruene for a stroll and refreshments (ice cream, of course), then headed west on Hwy 46, and then down Blanco to Specht’s Store for a good lunch. It was actually nice on the back patio in the shade with a breeze. After lunch we headed home before the real heat came up – a real nice ride and just long enough this time of year.

Patrick also gave a nice report on his ride to Milwaukee with Louis. Louis and Patrick joined Art’s group to head up to Milwaukee to tour the HD facility and museum. Overall it was a very good trip despite some rainy weather on the way up there and back.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mark Griffin was not in attendance so no updates were given on the events calendar. We think Mark will send something out soon.

Reminder to the group to check the rridersevents@gmail.com email account for promotions and events. The password is: Southwest

Patrick announced that he and Louis will be riding to Las Vegas in September. They will leave the 14th and be back in SA on the 20th. Anyone is welcome to join them for all or part of the trip. Contact Louis or Patrick if you want more details on joining them for this trip.

The annual multi-day ride to Louisiana was postponed and now its time to think about it again. An email will be sent out to poll the member on the best dates for this ride.

It’s time to think about this years’ annual picnic. An email will be sent out with a selection of dates in September. Possible locations will be a state parks or an option offered by Patrick of camp Alzafar which is on some river in Boerne.

July club ride. We want to do a ride in July. Someone mentioned the Bat Cave ride maybe on a Friday evening. July 22nd or 29th could be some possible dates for this. Need volunteer to lead this one.

It’s time for Officer nominations. A nominating committee was appointed and this will get done before the August meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:54pm.