**Research Riders Meeting**

**August 11, 2011**

Scott Mullin, Research Riders President, called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM.

The meeting was held in the 1st floor B71 Conference room, with 12 members present.

The meeting minutes from July were approved.

**Treasurers Report:**

$5 Annual club dues will be collected this month. Sandra has sent Richard Muniz a request to get the form to submit for the RRA monies for our annual picnic, he has yet to respond. Glenda Waters has also been copied.

**Old Business:**

* The **Annual Multi-day Ride** heading into Louisiana and New Orleans: decision on the date, by popular vote is Sept 29 – Oct 3 or Oct 6 – 10. Final counts will be given. Route -- a 4-day ride east to see swamps, the coastline, Tabasco factory, New Orleans, air boat rides, and a casino visit. A great time in the making. Scott to follow up with details and get a headcount.
* Our annual **Research Riders Club Picnic** will be held Sept 10th at the Alzafar Shrine camp on the Guadalupe near Boerne. Patrick to reserve the site. 2 volunteers will bring the food.
* New game: **Your Bike and You**….. The first one is Your Bike, You and the Official Texas State Flag on a flagpole not on Institute grounds. Winner will choose next photo opportunity.
* Vote on new slate of officers…. **President – Patrick Keller, Vice President – Sandra Meckel, Treasurer – James Mathis, Secretary – Malva Burrahm, Senior Ride Captain - Louis Preciado**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* **Bike to Breakfast** – 12 attended in August. **First Friday of September**, **the 2nd.** Meet at the SwRI Cafeteria at 7:15 am! Mark your calendars
* **Participation Drive**- Challenge everyone to locate interested riders and converse about the group. Host more activities that people enjoy. Malva created a sample survey using SurveyMonkey.

 <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/T9G2LCZ>

To embed in website: <a href="[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/T9G2LCZ">Click](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/T9G2LCZ%22%3EClick) here to take survey</a> Meeting notices to be posted on Club website, RRA Calendar, 12 net and globals sent.

* Updates for August / September from **Publicity / Ride activities** in Texas Committee – and discuss the Riders G-mail account:rridersevents@gmail.com – Mark

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| 8/27/2011 | [Military Freedom Run](http://www.cyclefish.com/event/12711/) | San Antonio |
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| 9/2/2011 | [Thunder Rally of Texas](http://www.cyclefish.com/event/9881/) | Austin |
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| 9/3/2011 | [Labor Day Block Party](http://www.cyclefish.com/event/13632/) | New Braunfels |
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| [3rd Annual Tin Star Motorcycle Rally & Fundraiser](http://www.cyclefish.com/event/10653/) |

 | Fredericksburg |
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| 9/22/2011 | [Rumble on the River](http://www.cyclefish.com/event/9599/) | Bandera |
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* **August Club Ride**. It’s hotter still….so let’s either pick an early start time, or, an evening ride. Suggestions? Morning: Kendelia, Crabapple road, up to the Bowling Alley in Blanco for breakfast? A route south of town, heading towards Poth or that area for grub? A ride close to town, stopping along the Riverwalk for lunch? An evening ride – see the bats? Head to Luckenbach or Bandera? Ideas from the floor. [Louie]
* **Oktoberfest or Wurstfest ride to be organized by Patrick.** The 2011 Oktoberfest is October 7, 8, 14 & 15! Wurstfest **2011**: November 4th - 13th
* Bob Burrahm to inquire about a joint **Ride to Lunch** with Bldg 87 & 69 riders.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.