

**Backup weather plan worked perfectly.**

Rain and cold cancelled the ride last week activating our weather plan. So last weeks ride is this weeks ride and it went off without a hitch. Don't you love it when things work as planned?

**What we did last week:**

Sunday's ride to Su Casa Cafe in Sequin began with 19 bikes and 21 riders. We had to split into two groups again. That's not a bad thing! Matt "Maine Dragon Slayer" Boober lead the first group with Dee "Deester" Duarte as sweep. Frank "Comback" Deyo led the second group with Gary "Kick It" Sitler as sweep. I wasn't able to go but I hear I missed out on some of the best Mexican food around. It was a near flawless ride on a beautiful day. We won't count the nasty "80 mph just isn't fast enough" car. Crazy cage drivers.

Smiley and I completed the pre-ride for this Saturday. There was some gravel on the road from the heavy rain and a few pot holes to watch out for but we'll navigate y'all around them if they still exist when we ride. Don't worry, the gravel was minor and on the straight parts and the pot holes are off to one side of the road.

Kick It and Kerry Sitler completed the pre-ride to the Caverns of Sonora. Pretty much a straight shot there and back via I-10. More details on that overnight ride are below.

Finally, congratulations to Cindi Kriewald for passing the rider's edge course this weekend.

**What's coming up this week:**

Saturday, Feb 25th - Ride to Grist Mill via River Road, Gruene Texas

KSU 9:30a (Safety briefing begins at 9:15a)

Lead RC - Byron "Squirrel" Kelly; Sweep RC - Ismael "Smiley" Lara.

2nd Group Lead RC - Gary "Kick It" Sitler; Sweep RC - Frank "Comeback" Deyo

Ride Rating: Medium/Expert (Highway, River Road is curvy at low speeds with potential hazards/distractions)

Sunday, Feb 26th - LOH brunch at Milano Cafe

RSVP Eva "White Tail" Mathena at [eva.mathena@gmail.com](mailto:eva.mathena@gmail.com).

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**Other news:**

The first overnight ride of 2012 is now set for March 31st through April 1st. We will be going to the Caverns of Sonora. We'll leave early Saturday morning to arrive around noon. We'll have a picnic lunch outside the park and then proceed into the park for a scheduled tour along with time to explore the grounds. The cost of the tour is \$16/person (group rate, standard rate is \$20/person) and takes about 1.5 hours. After the tour, we'll head over to the Best Western Hotel to freshen up. Then we'll gather and walk next door to the best Mexican Restaurant in Sonora for food and margaritas. The Best Western has a complimentary breakfast, including eggs to order, which we can partake in before mounting up and heading back to San Antonio Sunday morning.

Here's what you need to know: The room rate is \$69/night. This is a group rate which we get if we can secure at least 10 rooms. We must have the room reservations locked in **no later than Tuesday, March 13th**. Which means if you want to go on this overnight ride, you must **RSVP Gary "Kick It"**

**Sitler** at [gsitlir@satx.rr.com](mailto:gsitlir@satx.rr.com) on or before that Tuesday so he can reserve rooms and ensure we have enough tour guides on site for our group. In addition, family members who may not want to ride are

encouraged to follow our group in a vehicle. In fact, Mrs. Squirrel and Mini-Squirrel will be following in our truck and will gladly carry suitcases and other things for our trip. So include not only yourself but everyone else who will go in your RSVP please, even if they don't ride.

Our next chapter social is Thursday, March 1st and next fundraiser is Saturday, March 3rd. Please contact Alayah Letson, Elaine Aleman, Diane Pitman or Leslie Lara at [activities@calientehog.com](mailto:activities@calientehog.com) if you'd like to volunteer.

Finally, Saturday's ride's first fuel stop will be at the 45 mile point just before going down River Road. Will you have enough fuel to make it that far when you arrive at the dealership for the ride?

That's all for now. See ya Saturday.

**Squirrel Out**