

Totally worth the 370 miles round trip.

It was a long trip, we stayed overnight, and it was fun from start to finish. Read on.

What we did last week:

The Caverns of Sonora! Our chapter's first overnight for 2012 was a success. We had 14 bikes and 22 people depart Caliente in the thick fog with Gary "Kick It" as lead and me as sweep. Rain or shine we were going and a few miles outside of San Antonio the fog lifted to reveal an amazingly beautiful sunny morning. We arrived at the caverns mid day and munched down on our picnic sandwiches courtesy Lynda's Subway. The caverns were amazing. If you've been to Natural Bridge, think that, only 10 times better in my opinion. The orphan from Mexico that joined our group even loved it. (wink). We found Ana's castle in the cavern too. We left the caverns, in two groups. The main group, and the left-behind group. Upon arriving to our accommodations in Sonora we find that the entire town is without drinkable water due to a water main break. Because of that, only one restaurant was open so we quickly made reservations for our entire group. Afterward, bellies full of steak, we set up a circle of chairs outside the hotel and enjoyed music courtesy Gary's truck. That is until the hotel lady came to make us turn it off. I guess there were other guests in the hotel besides us and they wanted to sleep or something. Silly guests. This was my first overnight with the chapter and I enjoyed it completed. Thanks Gary "Kick It" and Kerry "Care Taker" for putting this together and bringing food for our picnic. Thanks to Lynda "Fetch em" for making the food and to those who did things behind the scenes that I'm not aware of.

Also, Glen finished his sweep training and one of his lead training rides on the run to Sonora. He's fast approaching new road captain status. Good job Glen.

What's coming up this week:

Tuesday, April 3rd - Officer's meeting at Caliente at 6:30p.

(Note, open meeting, all members may attend)

Friday, April 6th - deadline for newsletter articles.

Saturday, April 7th - at Caliente:

- Road Captain meeting at 8:30a

- New member orientation at 9:30a

- Chapter Social at 10:30a

- Chapter's fundraiser beginning at 11:30a

(We need volunteers! Please arrive no later than 10:00a and report to Alayah who is in charge of events this month.)

- New member ride at 12:00a (Medina Loop)

What's just around the corner:

Saturday, April 14th is the 2nd Annual Ride for Fallen Texas Police Officers. The Blue Knights of San Angelo invited us to this event. Details can be found here:

<http://www.blueknightstx35.com/bluelinerideflyer150.jpg>

Saturday, April 21st is the 12th Annual "To Hell and Back Biker Run for "Fiesta de los Veteranos Rally.

Thursday, May 3rd through **Saturday, May 5th** - Texas HOG Rally in Ft Worth TX.

Sunday, May 27th - Chapter's Memorial Day event. HUGE event planned with a lot of volunteers needed. Keep your calendars clear for this day please.

Other news:

If you'd like to submit an article for our chapter's newsletter, I will need them no later than this Friday. Articles should be no longer than 500 words. You don't have to be a group officer to submit something interesting.

That's all for now.

Squirrel's out...
riding and having fun