

2011 Southwest Ride Information Packet

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Introduction

The **2011 Southwest Ride** is a ten day tour which will include attendance at the **2011 Rio Grande Conference Convention which is being held in Granbury, Texas, May 19-22, 2011**. Some of the attractions we will be visiting are Carlsbad Caverns National Park, Roswell, New Mexico, home of the Roswell UFO Museum, historic Lincoln, New Mexico, of Pat Garrett and Billy the Kid fame, and White Sands National Monument near Alamogordo. While in Alamogordo, we will also visit the Clyde W. Tombaugh Space Center. Finally, our ride will take us to the Gila Cliff Dwellings near Silver City, NM. This year the ride will start from **Tombstone, Arizona, on Tuesday, May 17, 2011, and return to Tombstone on Thursday, May 26, 2011. If you are coming from Sacramento, California, allow an additional three (3) days for travel to tombstone and also for return.**

Ride Dates:

Departure Date: 5-17-2011, 0730 hours. Depart from Tombstone, AZ
Return Date: 5-26-2011, 1400 hours (Approx.)

Ride Information Packet Contents

The **Ride Information Packet** contains the following parts:

1. **Motel List** – This is a list of motel/hotels for each night's stay. Included is the approximate room rate for 2 persons, the local phone number of the hotel. The hotel/motel in **bold print** is the primary hotel/motel where I will be staying and to reserve your accommodations. So, **reserve early** to assure that you will get a room at the primary hotel. If you reserve late, you may have to choose from one of the alternate motels listed for each city. **Be sure to read all of the information regarding motel bookings before booking.**
2. **Daily Mileage Sheet** - This page shows the daily mileage for each day of the ride and the total mileage of the trip.
3. **Fuel Stops**. This is a list of the proposed fuel stops on the trip. Be sure to check the distances to insure they are within the fuel range of your motorcycle
4. **Ride Attractions** – This is a list of attractions we will see on the trip
5. **Overview Map** – This is an overview of the ride route

6. **Daily Maps** – These maps show the route for each day of travel. There are also notes pertaining to each day
7. **Rio Grand Conference Registration Information** This includes Registration and Motel Information. You can go to the Blue Knights Texas 21 website at <http://www.blueknightstx21.org/> for information on the conference. Once on the site, click on the big blue **RGC 2011** and you will be taken to the registration web page.

Notes:

National Parks Entrance Pass Program . We will be going to a few U.S. National Parks and Monuments which require admissions ranging from 3 to 20 dollars per entry. You can pay each entry individually or purchase a National Parks Pass. The National Parks Service has a number of pass programs which will reduce the cost of entry. They are listed below:

National Parks Passes

America the Beautiful National Parks & Federal Lands Pass

A yearly pass **\$80.00 annually**
(Valid one year from date of purchase)

America the Beautiful Senior Pass

Age 62 and over **\$10.00 One Time Charge**

America The Beautiful Access Pass

If you have a permanent disability **Free (No minimum age)**

All passes can be purchased at the first national park we enter. Bring a copy of your disability retirement papers if you qualify for an Access Passport. You can go to the National Parks Service website at www.nps.gov for more information.

We will also be stopping at a couple of State Parks/museums and private museums which will have nominal admission fees.

We will be on the road each day at 8:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted. Be ready to roll with your bike and body fueled. **We have left late sleepers behind in the past (but we woke them up before we left).**

There are rest breaks as needed, generally every one to two hours, coordinated with fuel stops and/or photo op locations whenever possible.

Fuel stops are based on the motorcycle with the shortest range.

Lunch breaks are generally 1 hour. There is generally a social hour after dinner each evening.

Arrival at each day's destination will be between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. This gives everyone a chance to unwind and have a relaxing dinner at the end of the day.

If there are more than 10 bikes on the trip, we may break into two groups with the Asst. Ride Leader leading Group 2.

We will ride at the posted speed limits, plus or minus 5 mph.

A staggered formation will normally be used on the trip except in winding mountain areas or other places where a single file is necessary.

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Mileage Chart

<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>	<u>Daily Mileage</u>
Tombstone, AZ	El Paso, TX	309
El Paso, TX	San Angelo, TX	395
San Angelo, TX	Granbury, TX	198
Granbury, TX	Carlsbad, NM	413
Carlsbad, NM	Roswell, NM	146
Roswell, NM	Alamogordo, NM	144
Alamogordo, NM	Silver City, NM	277
Silver City, NM	Tombstone, AZ	193
	Total Trip Mileage:	2075

2011 Southwest Ride Fuel Stops

1.	Benson, AZ	Start	Chevron, Texaco I-10 Exit 304
2.	Lordsburg, NM	135 Miles	Chevron
3.	Las Cruces, MN	118 miles	Independent
4.	El Paso, TX	58 Miles	7-11, I 10 Exit 29
5.	Van Horn, TX	108 Miles	Chevron
6.	Ft Stockton, TX	119 Miles	Exxon I-10 Exit 257
7.	Mertzon, TX	138 Miles	Shell, Hwy 67
8.	Early, TX	127 Miles	Allsup's
9.	Granbury, TX	90Miles	Texaco
10.	Albany, TX	112 Miles	Independent
11.	Lamesa, TX	160 Miles	Chevron
12.	Carlsbad, NM	123 Miles	Chevron
13.	Roswell, NM	146 Miles	Independent
14.	Alamogordo, NM	136 Miles	Chevron
15.	Hatch, NM	124 Miles	Fina, 624 Franklin St.
16.	Mimbres, NM	77 Miles	Independent
17.	Silver City, NM	84 Miles	Chevron, 3 rd St & SR80
18.	Lordsburg, AZ	85 Miles	Chevron,
19.	Douglas, AZ	145 Miles	Chevron

2011 Southwest Ride Motel List

<u>City, Day, Date & Motel</u>	<u>Rate(2p)</u>	<u>Phone</u>
<u>El Paso, TX (1) Tue 5-17-11</u>		
Ramada Inn-El Paso**	67.99 Tax 10.54 15.5%	915-591-9600
Best Western Airport Inn**	59.49 Tax 9.22 15.5%	915-779-7700
<u>San Angelo, TX (2)Wed 5-18-11</u>		
Best Western San Angelo**	71.99 Tx 9.36(13%)	325-223-1273
LaQuinta Inn ***	89.00 Tax 14.39 13%	325-949-0515
<u>Granbury TX (3,4,5) Thur-Fri-Sat 5-19,20,21-11</u>		
<u>CONFERENCE HOTELS</u>		
Comfort Suites Granbury*** (Host Hotel)	85.00 + tax	817-579-5559
LaQuinta Inn & Suites	79.00 + tax	817-573-2007
Americas Best Value Inn	45.00 + tax	817-573-4411
Granbury Inn & Suites	59.00-79.00 + tax	817-573-2691
Book your conference hotel by phone to get the above rates.		
<u>Carlsbad, NM (6) Sun 5-22-11</u>		
Best Western Stevens Inn**	98.99 Tx 12.37 12.5%	575-887-2851
Rodeway Inn (White City)	85.49 Tax 10.60 12.5%	575-785-2296
<u>Roswell, NM (7) Mon 5-23-11</u>		
Best Western Palacio**	67.50 Tx 8.10 12%	575-622-2721
Comfort Inn	78.30 Tx 9.40	505-623-4848

Alamogordo, NM (8) 5-24-11

Best Western Desert Aire**	74.69	575-437-2110
	Tx 9.43 12.625%	
Comfort Inn & Suites	76.49	575-434-4200
	Tx 9.56	

Silver City, NM (9) 5-25-11

Econolodge**	81.00	575-534-1111
	Tax 11.52 12.38%	
Rodeway Inn**	62.99	575-538-3711
	Tax 7.68 12.2%	
Holiday Inn Express***	108.95	575-538-2525
	Tax 13.43 12.33%	

Rates are as of January 14, 2011. Rates are for 2 persons/2 beds. Rates include AAA/Senior Discount.

Motels in bold print are the primary motels where I will be staying each night. Additional motel(s) are listed at each location in case you cannot get a room at the primary motel.

BOOKING HOTELS ONLINE

You can book Best Western Hotels online at: www.bestwestern.com

Rodeway Inns, Comfort Inns, Quality Inns, Econolodge can be booked online at: www.choicehotels.com

Ramada Inns can be booked online at: www.ramada.com

LaQuinta inns can be booked at: www.lq.com. Note: If you book the la Quinta Inn in Granbury, book by phone. Blue Knights has the entire hotel blocked in for the conference and will show up as unavailable. Any of the Conference hotels should be booked by phone to get the conference rate.

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Attractions

Barnett's Harley Davidson, El Paso, TX
(World's Largest Harley Davidson Dealer)

Blue Knights Rio Grande Conference, Granbury, TX

Carlsbad Caverns National Park, NM

Roswell UFO Museum, Roswell, NM

Historic Lincoln State Park, NM

Clyde W. Tombaugh Space Center, Alamogordo, NM

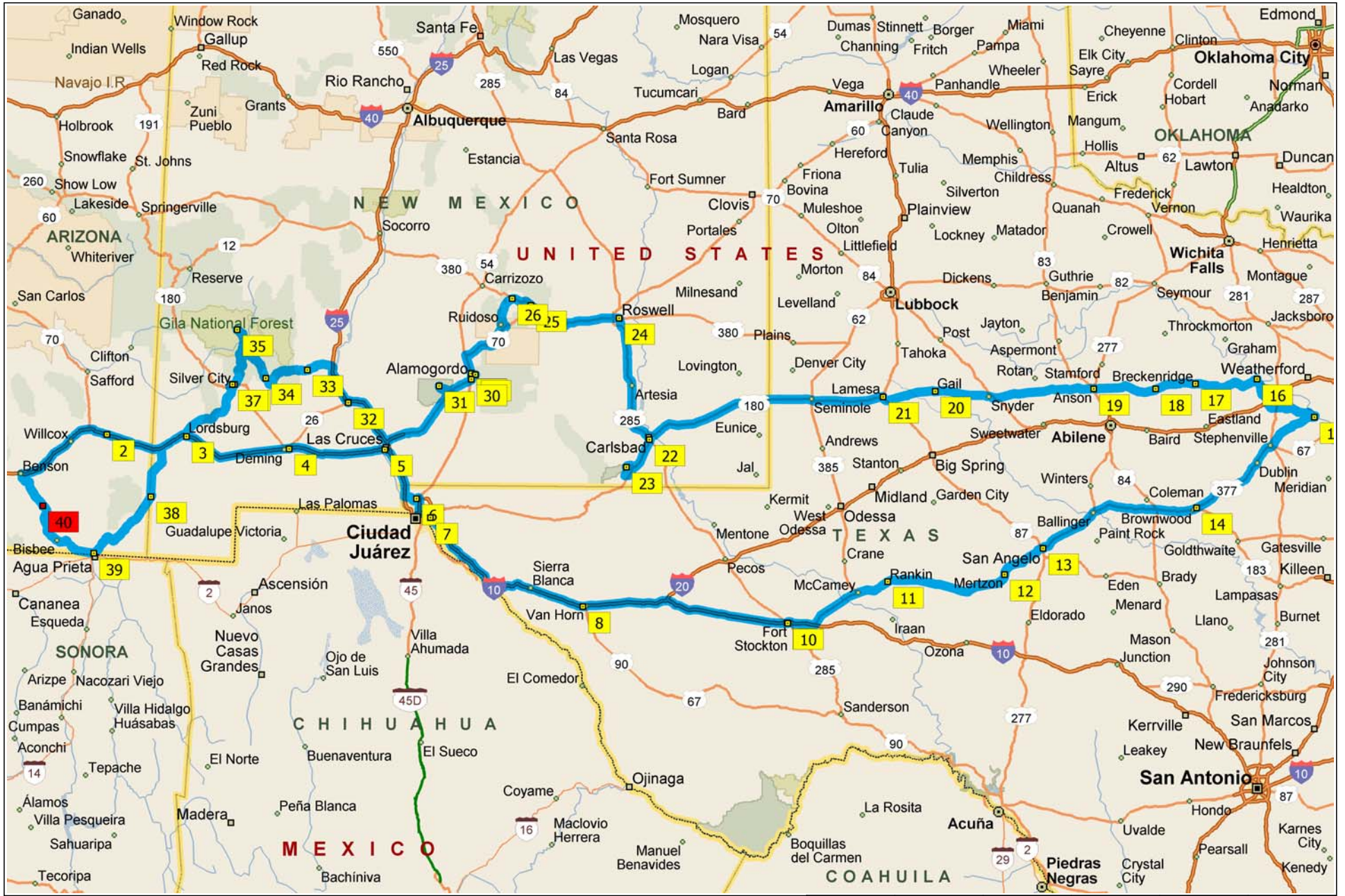
White Sands National Monument (Alamogordo, NM)

Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument, NM

Admission to National Parks & Monuments is free if you have a Senior/Disabled/Annual Parks Pass. Otherwise fees will be between \$3.00 and \$25.00

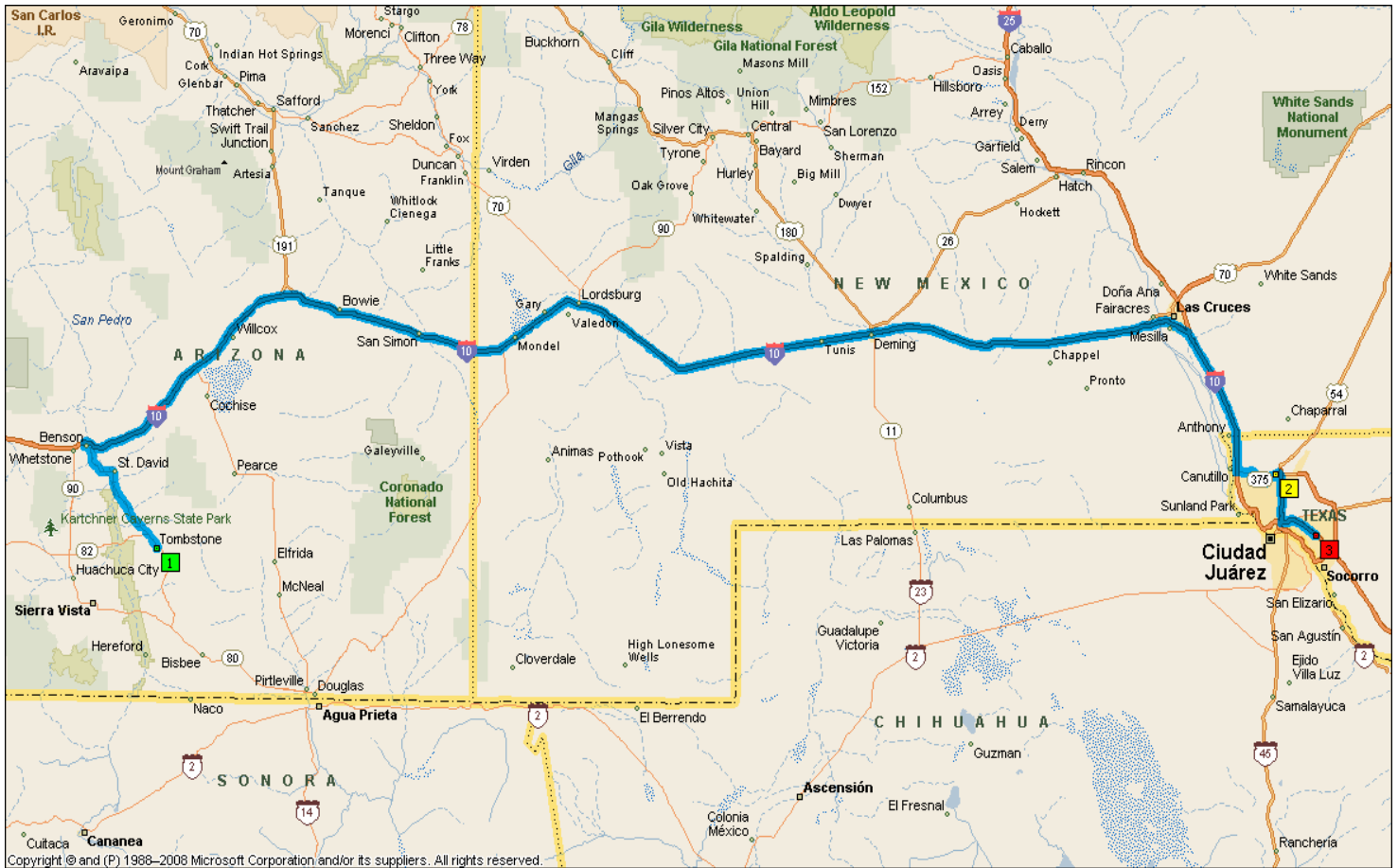
State Parks and private museums will have nominal entrance fees.

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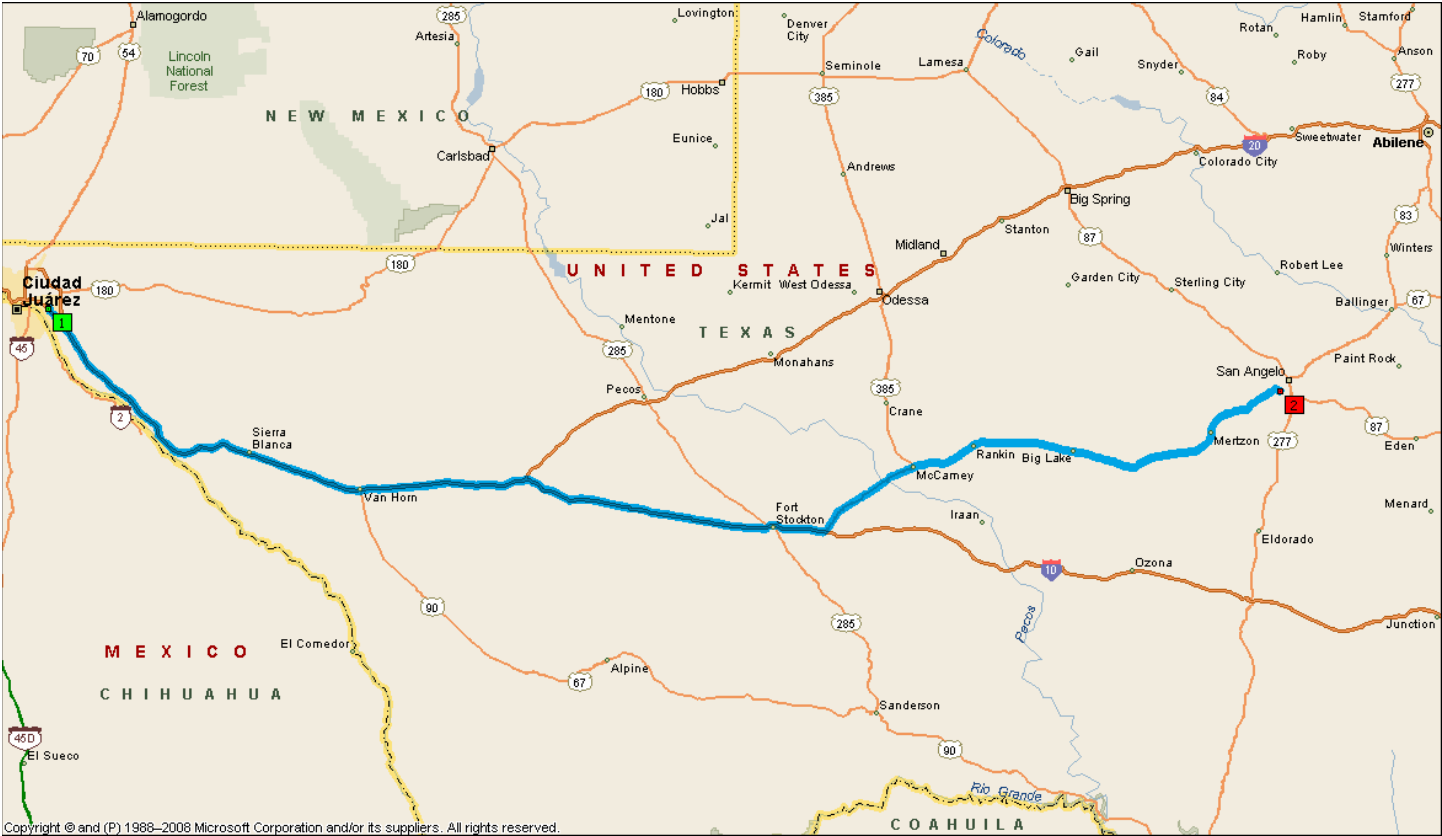
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**2011 Southwest Ride
Day 1
Tuesday, May 17, 2011**



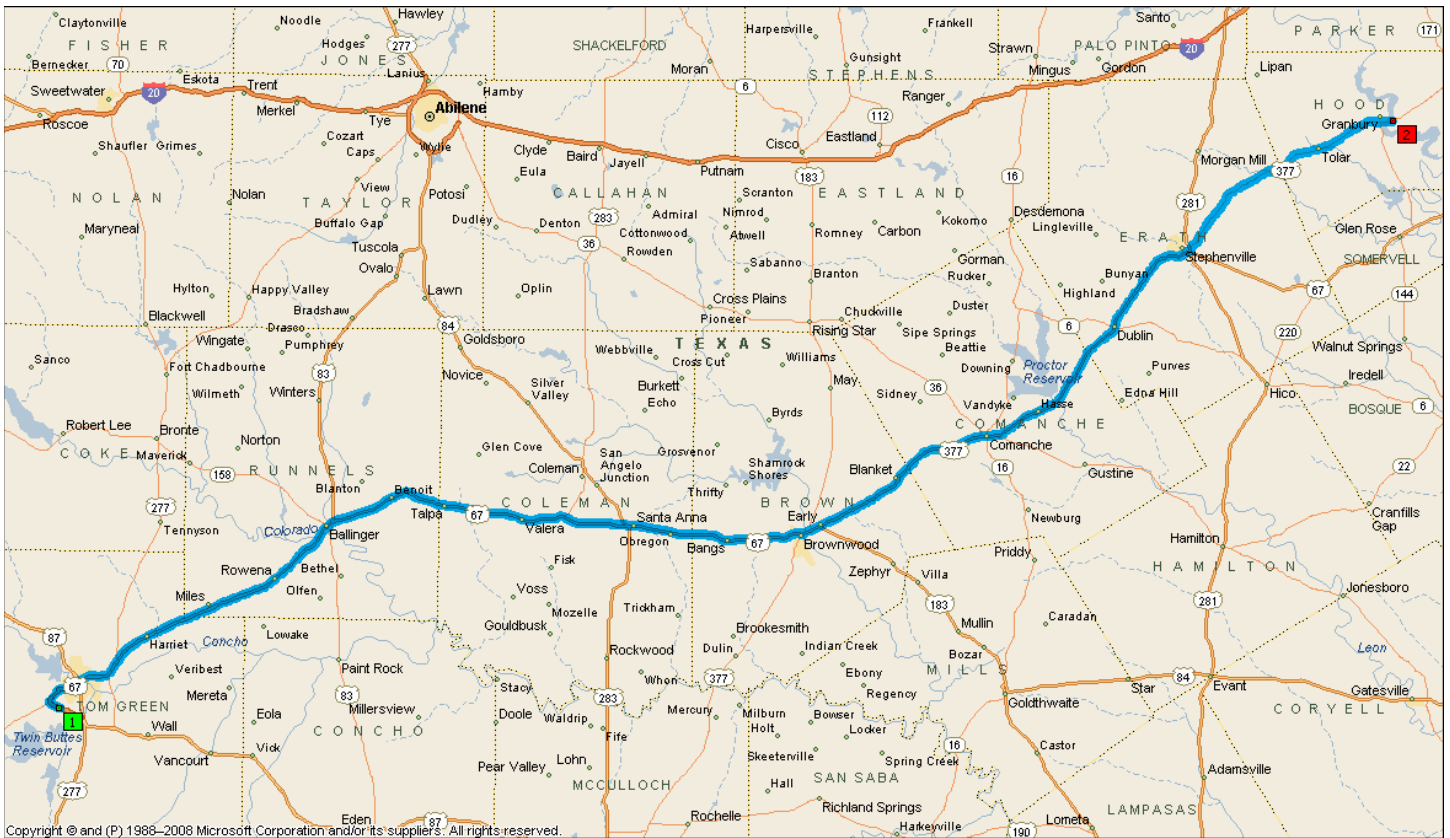
We will depart Tombstone at 0730 hours and ride to Benson to fuel up. There we will also meet any riders who may join us from the Tucson AZ IX chapter. Lunch will be in Las Cruces, NM. After lunch, we will ride to Barnett's Harley Davidson in El Paso, TX. I have to get a vehicle inspection sticker for my motorcycle there as I am a Texas Resident returning to the state. We will spend the night in El Paso at the Ramada Inn & Suites next to Barnett's.

**2011 Southwest Ride
Day 2
Wednesday, May 18, 2011**



This is a full day of riding from El Paso to San Angelo with lunch in Fort Stockton.

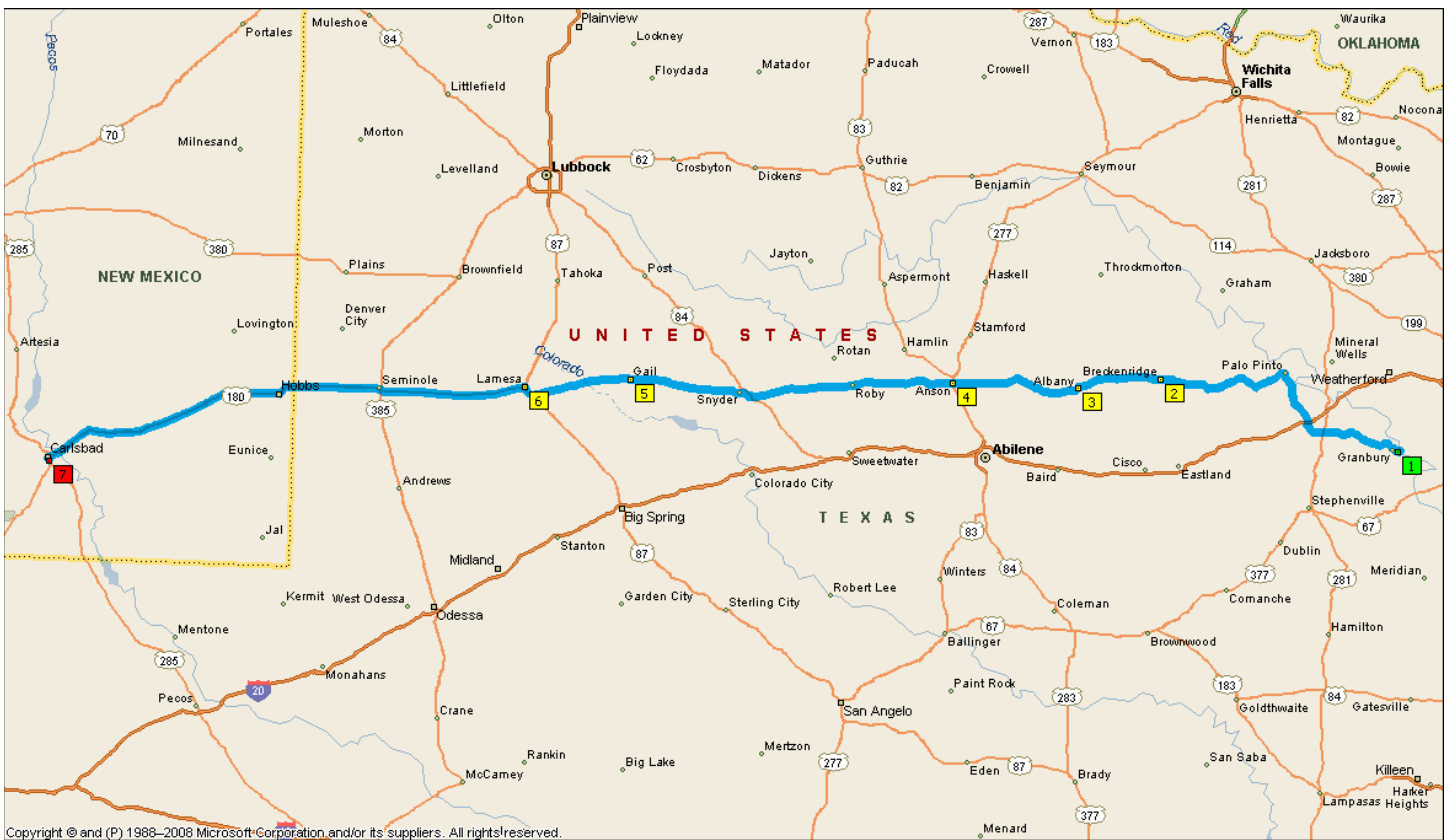
**2011 Southwest Ride
Day 3
Thursday, May 19, 2011**



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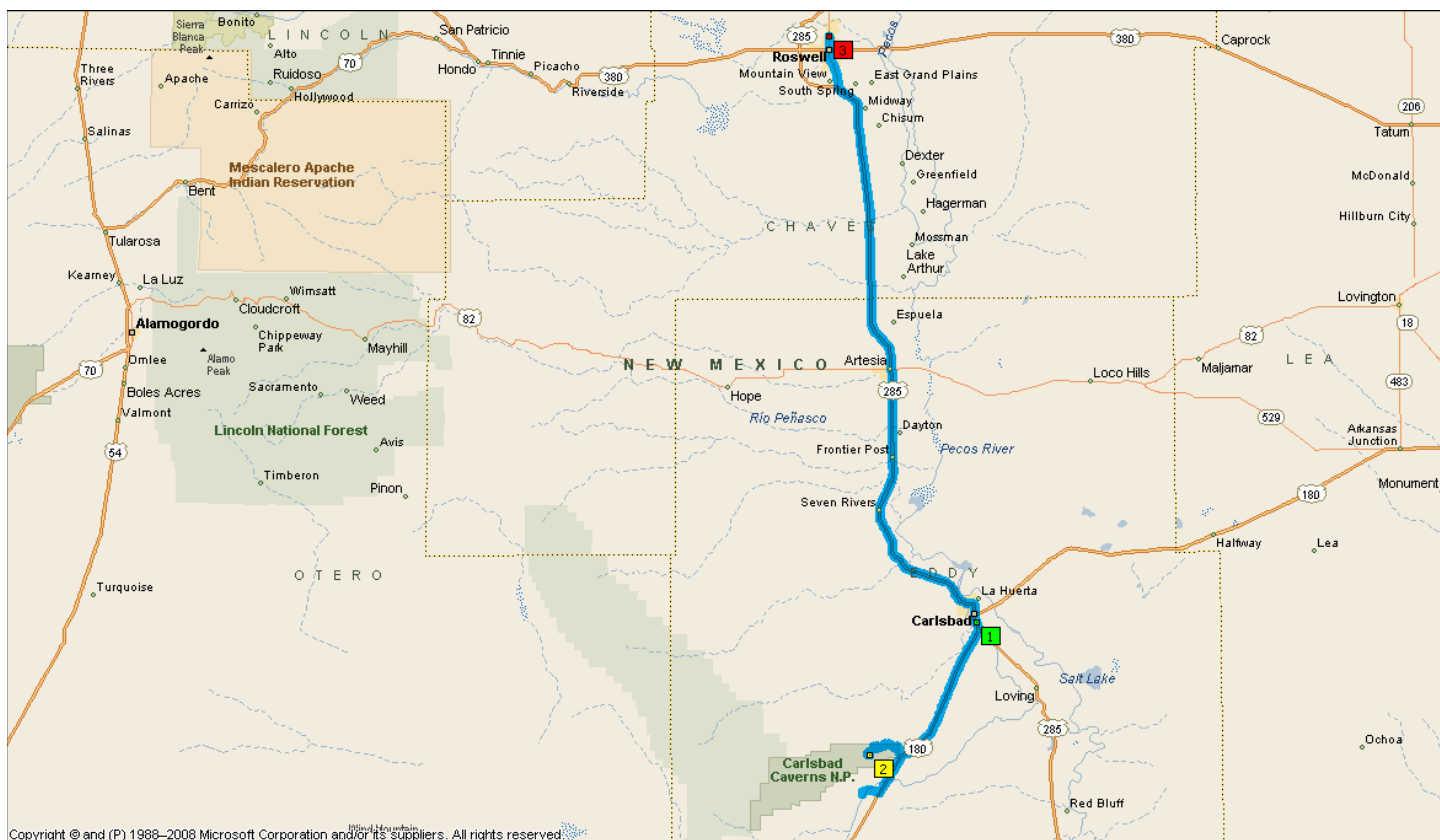
Day 3 is a half day ride to Granbury and the Rio Grande Conference. We will check in and register at the conference.

**2011 Southwest Ride
Day 6
Sunday, May 22, 2011**



Day 6 is a full day of riding from Granbury to Carlsbad, NM. Lunch stop at Gail, Texas.

**2011 Southwest Ride
Day 7
Monday, May 23, 2011**



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On the morning of Day 7, we will tour Carlsbad Caverns. There is a cafeteria there if you want to have lunch or we can go to lunch in Carlsbad. In the afternoon we will ride to Roswell where we will tour the UFO Museum.

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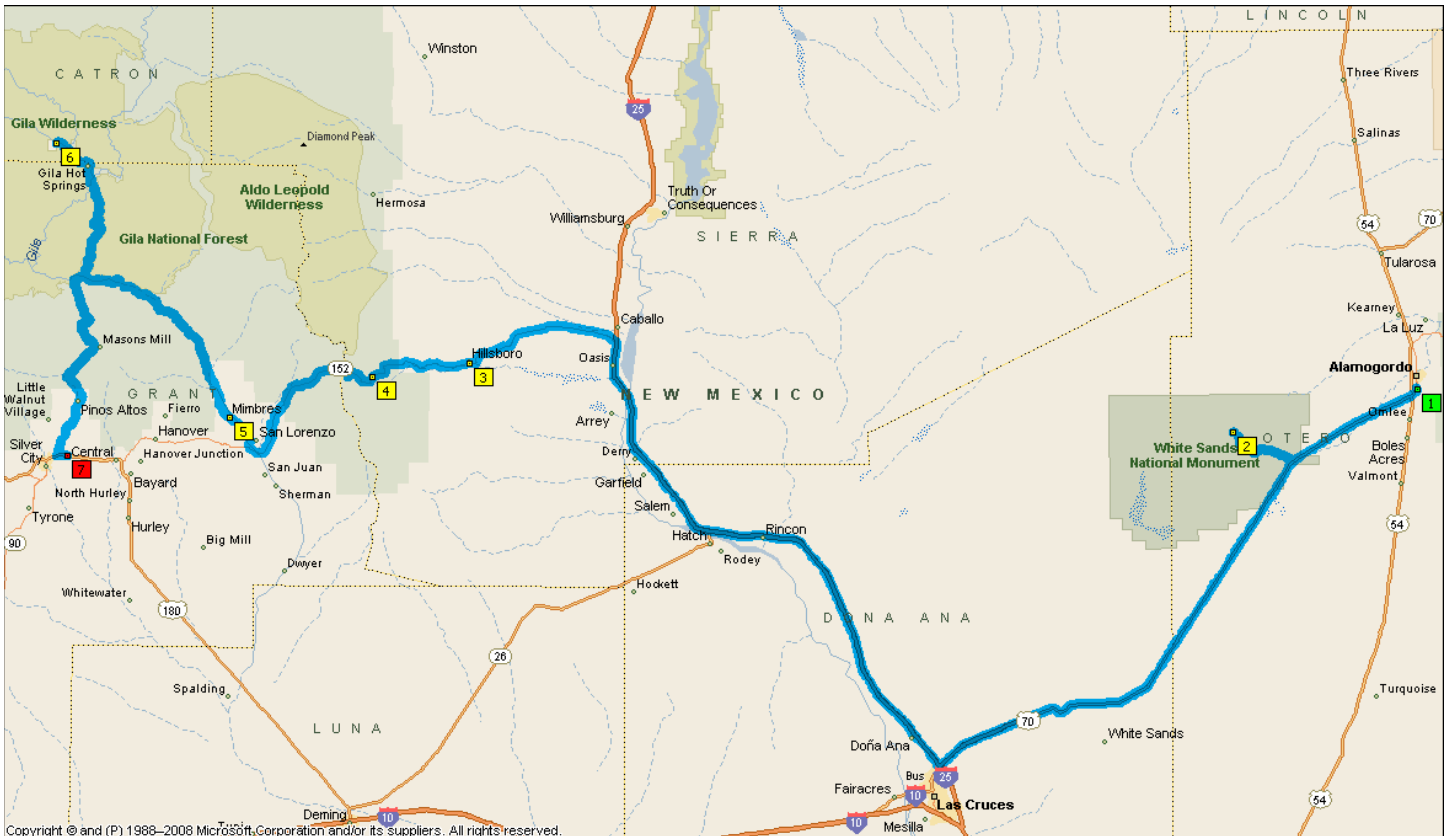
Day 8

Tuesday, May 24, 2011



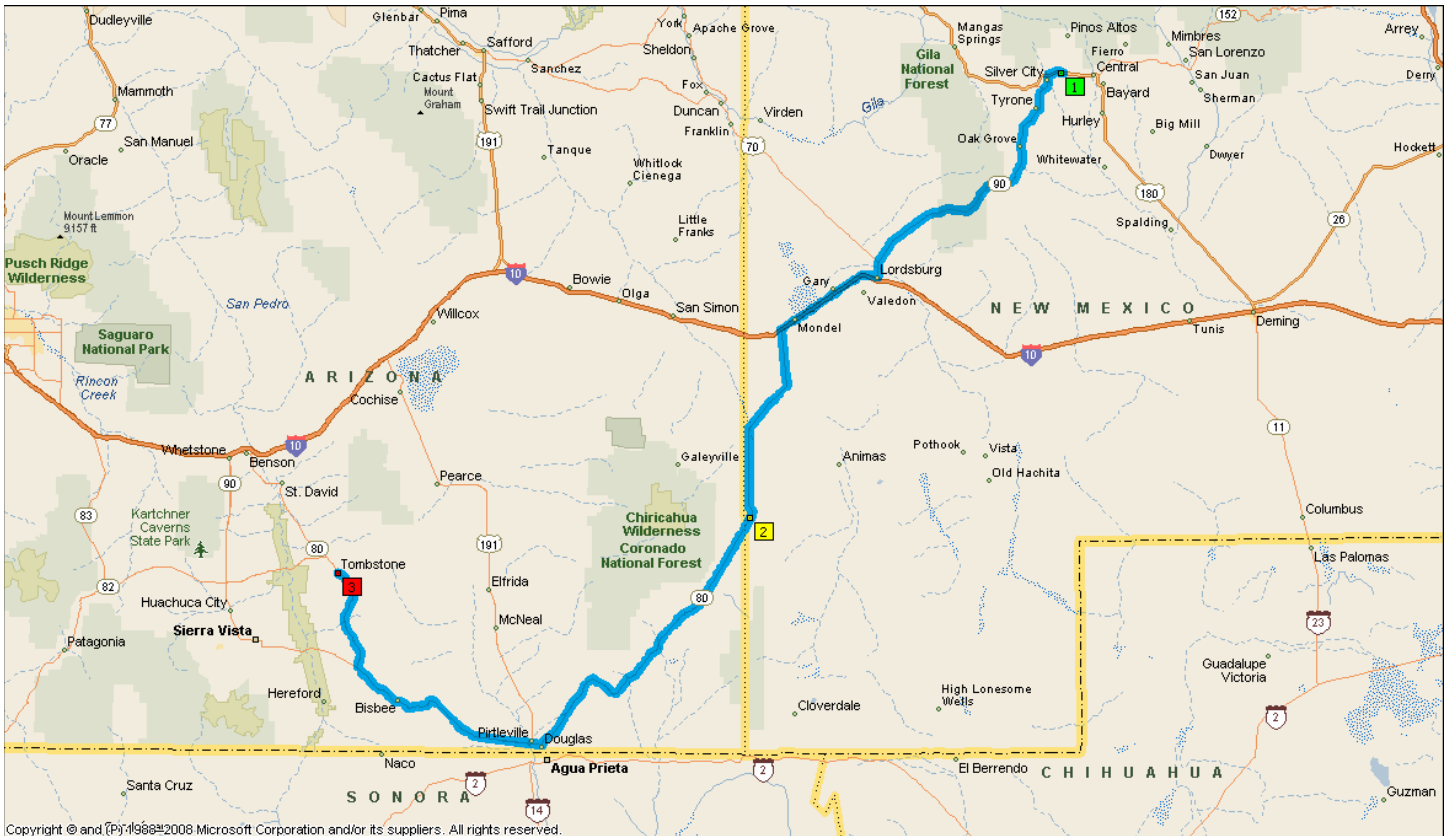
On Day 8, we will ride to Lincoln, NM, which is an historic state park site of the Lincoln County Wars in the 1870's. Then we will ride through Ruidoso to Alamogordo to visit the Space Museum and White Sands National Monument..

**2011 Southwest Ride
Day 9
Wednesday, May 25, 2011**



Day 9, we will ride to the Gila Cliff Dwellings, stopping in Historic Hillsboro, and riding scenic Highway 152. After touring the cliff dwellings, you can test your riding skills on Highway 15 on the way to Silver City and day's end.

**2011 Southwest Ride
Day 10
Thursday, May 26, 2011**



Day 10. Departure for home. The ride to Tombstone from Silver City is about ½ day. Riders returning to the Tucson area can continue west on I-10 from Lordsburg. Riders returning to Sacramento may want to take US 180 north to US 191 then north to I-40.



Texas XXI Proudly Hosts



RGC 2011



Granbury, TX

May 19-22, 2011



Texas 21 has the privilege of hosting the RGC 2011 in Granbury and we are excited about it!

TX XXI has set the bar high by making RGC 2011 the best RGC ever! You will not want to miss out on this one, so make sure you schedule early. We are anticipating record crowds along with record fun!

Be sure to check back from time to time over the next several months as this web page will be very dynamic, changing and adding new information throughout the year. So make sure you bookmark this page or you might miss out on some new information.

Below you will find links to the hotels that we are using. All of the hotels are next to each other off of the main drag, so walking around won't be a problem. See the picture below that shows all the hotels physical locations.

Also, you will find online registration that you can fill out and submit electronically, or if you prefer print it out and mail it in to us. We have PayPal below where you can pay for your registration online. Don't worry if you don't have a PayPal account, you don't have to have an account to use it. PayPal takes all credit cards, and checks, as well as your PayPal account. However, we understand some people are uncomfortable with that, so you can also mail your registration payment in. We can't make it much easier than this Brothers and Sisters!

HOTELS:[\(Return to top of page\)](#)**Click on map at right to enlarge****Host Hotel:** Rate \$85.00 ea. nightComfort Suites - [Click Here for Web Site](#)

903 Harbor Lakes Drive
 Granbury, TX 76048
 817-579-5559

Rate \$79.00 ea. nightLa Quinta Inn & Suites - [Click Here for Web Site](#)

880 Harbor Lakes Drive
 817-573-2007

Rate \$45.00 ea. nightAmerica's Best Value Inn - [Click Here for Web Site](#)

800 Harbor Lakes Drive
 Granbury, TX 76048
 817-573-4411

Rate \$59.00 - \$79.00 ea. nightGranbury Inn & Suites - [They do not have a web site](#)

1339 N. Plaza Dr.
 Granbury, TX 76048
 817-573-2691

**REGISTRATION:**[\(Return to top of page\)](#)

You can fill out your registration here, print it out and then mail it in. Please mail all correspondence to:

Blue Knights RGC 2011
 P.O. Box 392937
 Duncanville, TX 75138

NOTE: Online registration will be available very soon! Please check back soon!

**Registration is \$65.00 for Adults and
 \$45.00 for Children under 15 until March 1st!**

[CLICK HERE FOR REGISTRATION FORM](#)

EVENTS:[\(Return to top of page\)](#)

Please check back often, however, at this moment, these events are on the list:

- Bike Games
- Safety Class/Course
- Live Music and dancing
- Everything you ever wanted to know about building a web page
- Planning for you retirement, how much do I need?
- Guided rides/tours

Thursday night - Opening ceremonies in hospitality tent
 Friday night - Fajita dinner with music
 Saturday night - "Babe's Chicken Dinner House"

Payment: [\(Return to top of page\)](#)

The cost of the 2011 RGC is \$65.00 per person and \$45.00 for children under 15, until March 1st, 2011. Prices will increase after March 1st, 2011.

You can mail your payment of cash, check, money order, cashiers check, or whatever is legal tender to:

Blue Knights RGC 2011
 P.O. Box 392937
 Duncanville, TX 75138

Or you can pay online using PayPal



Adults \$65.00 ea.	Children \$45.00 ea
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Blue Knights Rio Grande Conference 2011 Online Registration

(Make sure you click on "Submit Form" at bottom)

Member

Last Name _____ First Name _____
Chapter _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____
Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Spouse/Guests

1. Last Name _____ First Name _____

2. Last Name _____ First Name _____

Children

1. Last Name _____ First Name _____

2. Last Name _____ First Name _____

3. Last Name _____ First Name _____

Total Number Attending

* Registration is \$65.00 for Adults and
\$45.00 for Children under 15 until March 1st!

T-Shirts

Please indicate what size and how many of each size. 1 T-shirt is included in the registration fee, additional shirts will be \$15.00 ea. As soon as the design is finished it will be posted on the web site.

Small Medium Large XLarge XXLarge

XXXLarge XXXXLarge

Comments

Make all checks payable to: Blue Knights TX XXI

Mail Registration and Checks to: Blue Knights RGC 2011
P.O. Box 382937
Duncanville, TX 75138

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