Twisted Sisters Ride
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When I walked outside Saturday morning it was a little cloudy but the temperature was a nice 63 degrees. This was going to be a great day to ride the Twisted Sisters and have some fun with all of our friends.

Donna and I arrived at Kent Powersports and there was already a group of folks there waiting to go on the ride. We had Pat & Phylis Pesta, Ed & Helen Smith, Scott & Debbie Hay, Rick & Pat Kendrick, Court & Diane vanSickler, Bob & Helen Priestly, Pete & Dinah Ryson, Gary Ellis, Tom Hendricks, Ken Jordan, & Pat Wall meet us at KPS and were ready to go.

After a quick route and safety brief we headed out towards Castroville to meet some more folks there. The ride there went really well as the 2 groups navigated their way down FM 1518 and I-10 with no problems. When we arrived at out pick up point in Castroville, which was Haby's Bakery, we met up with Larry Hammond, Bill Stein (our friend from Chap H), Bill Johnson and Earl Bartholomew, and Sam Morris. After a quick stop there with a few folks running into the bakery to get some early morning cinnamon rolls, we were ready to head out again.
We continued on Hwy 90 W towards Sabinal and turned on Hwy 127. We rode that until coming to Hwy 83, where we turned and headed towards Leakey. Our first pit stop was at the Stripes Gas Station right before Leakey. We took a quick break there to gas up and stretch our legs before heading out on the first leg of the Sisters.

Our first leg of the Sisters was RR 337 heading toward Camp Wood. Great ride but we did hit just a couple of minutes of mist and I was a little worried about the roads getting wet. The mist didn’t last long and the roads were great with the up and down and turns of the road. I’ve always liked this part of the ride. I had found a place on Facebook in Camp Wood called Nueces Country Smokehouse that had great reviews but I had never been there before. As we pulled into Camp Wood and came to the intersection of Hwy 55, I didn’t know whether to go left or right as the restaurant address didn’t show up on my GPS, so I chose left and took my riding group with me. Ken Jordan, who was leading the second group radioed me and asked for directions. I told him that I had went left but didn’t see the restaurant so I asked him to go right. If you’ve never been to Camp Wood, it’s not very big and you can almost see the entire main street. Anyway, I decided to have group one turn around (my first turn-around for the day) and head back towards the other group. In the meantime, as I turned around with most of the group, Tom Hendricks had come upon a person and said that it was just a little further down the road from where we had turned around. So I went back and got the second group (that’s my story and I’m sticking to it) then we headed back towards the restaurant. It was just a little further down Hwy 55 from where I had turned around the first time. This was a great place to eat with everything made fresh as it was ordered. Service and food was great and the folks that worked there were very friendly and the prices were very reasonable. I will go back there again!!

Great food and Great Friends at Nueces Country Smokehouse
After lunch we headed back out on Hwy 55 and turned on RR 335, the 2nd leg of the Sisters. This was also a great ride but like always we had the couple of crotch rocket speedsters that had to get around us. Took them quite a while as we had 17 bikes/trikes that they had to get around. We were accommodating though and let them through. We did have a little traffic on this leg and we did come up on a Goldwing that had went down on a curve. The ambulance and Sheriff were already there and looked like they had taken care of the rider, who was sitting up in the back of the ambulance. As we finished up with this portion, we turned on Hwy 41 and headed towards the last leg of the Sisters. Now I must have blinked real hard as I rode right by the exit for RR 336. So once again we did another turn around (that makes two). Ken Jordan had kept the 2nd group of riders on the right track and made the turn so now group 1 was in the rear. RR 337 is a really nice ride also but today it was really slow as we had some folks in 4-wheelers in front of us taking pictures/videos from the sun-roof of their vehicles. We rode RR 336 back into Leakey and everybody got back to together at the Stripes Gas Station. After we filled up and stretched our legs, it was time to head back home. We went back to RR 337 and headed east this time towards Medina. This is a really pretty part of the ride with the scenery and water along the road.

We got to Medina and headed back on Hwy 16 with no mistakes (Yea!) towards Bandera. From Bandera we broke up a little as some folks continued on Hwy 16 back home and some of us turned on Hwy 46 to get home. This was an absolute great day of riding and fellowship. I did find out that I haven’t ridden 350 miles for a while as my behind was pretty sore when we did get home.

It was really great to see so many folks make the ride and I hope everyone enjoyed the day as much as I did. Until next time, ride safe and we'll see you soon!!

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