

WINDBUSTERS



Important Dates

April Wednesday Night Worlds continue with Round 1 through May 7

April 12 After ride gathering at Rosa's, going away party for Roberta Solorio

April 8 Workday 8:30 OMBP

April 15 Friendship Ride

April 17 PBBA meeting

April 29 Beat the Street, Sweetwater

May 6 Vim Short Track race, Big Spring State Park



PBBA 2023 Officers and Chairpersons

President: Eric Burkhart

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Chairperson: Stephen Mitchell

Odessa MTB Park: Jack Henry, Erik Urquidi

Midland Trails: Jeff Ledford, Justin Thompson

Cyclefest Committee

Chairperson: Bob Haskell

Members: Kathy Hester, Eric Burkhart, Ron Appling, Javier Morales



APRIL PBBA Meeting

Who: All PBBA members

What: In person meeting

When: Monday, April 17, 2023 at 7 p.m.

Where: Mission Fitness, Classroom A,B
8050 Highway 191 Frontage, Odessa



Wednesday, April 12

Going Away Party for Roberta SoloRio

Rosa's Café (4301 Midland Drive)

Please come by and tell Roberta how much we will miss her. She is moving to Arlington, TN (near Memphis) when she retires next month. Roberta has been a hardworking PBBA member by getting involved to help with many rides. She established the Saturday Holy Cross Ride which has become very popular. She has also been involved with managing sponsorships for Cyclefest. On a personal level, Roberta has been a good friend to many.

Feeling sick? Roberta will show up with a Covid test kit.

Need someone to listen? Roberta is there willing to sit on the patio with a Margarita and hear it all.

Need a riding partner for your ever increasing mileage on your birthday ride? She is pedaling with you.

Many others can testify as to the ways that she sees a need and steps up to support a friend.

Roberta will be greatly missed. She isn't getting away from me (Kathy Hester) as I plan to travel and ride in her new area a bit.

FRIENDSHIP RIDE

The Friendship Ride will be Saturday, April 15th. Wheels down at 11am at Fasken Elementary parking lot. Helmets are a must.

This is an opportunity to invite your friends who are new to cycling so they can see what we are all about. It's also a great chance to invite more veteran cyclists, who maybe aren't familiar with the PBBA or who need good people to cycle with in Midland.

We will have an easy course with multiple ride leaders as well as a sweep to make sure no one gets dropped.

We will end up back at Fasken for some meet and greet time and maybe even some food trucks (TBD).

Weekly Gravel Rides

6:30 PM Monday & Wednesday

**Location: CactusJaX Cycle WorX
Coahoma, Tx**

Everyone welcome!

Bring your family!

Starts Monday March 13



432-394-4137 for more info



DOLCE VITA

WOMEN'S RIDE WELCOME 2023!



HAVE YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO JOIN A GROUP RIDE BUT JUST DIDN'T HAVE THE CONFIDENCE TO JOIN?
WE HAVE YOU IN MIND.
ARE YOU UNSURE WHERE TO RIDE SAFELY IN MIDLAND?
WE HAVE ROUTES PLANNED JUST FOR YOU.

COME JOIN OUR DOLCE VITA RIDE

WHEN: EVERY TUESDAY BEGINNING MARCH 28, 2023

WHERE: WE WILL MEET AT FASKIN ELEMENTARY

TIME: AT 6 PM

SHORT MEET AND GREET RIDE. THE FIRST FEW RIDES WILL BE AN INTRODUCTION TO OUR RIDE LEADERS, ROUTES, AND A SHORT INFORMATIONAL ON SAFETY.

IT'S A LADIES THING EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT. WE HAVE 2 DIFFERENT LEVELS TO CHOOSE FROM. ALL RIDERS MUST WEAR A HELMET. IT'S A SWEET LIFE SO LETS RIDE.



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Event by [Trek Bicycle Midland](#)

4712 North Midkiff Road, Midland, Texas 79705

Tickets

www.eventbrite.com/e/wednesday-night-worlds-round-1-tickets-554669510437

Public · Anyone on or off Facebook

Wednesday Night Worlds 2023

Round 1- March 15th – May 7th (1 Neutral lap and 4 Race laps)

Round 2- May 24th – July 26th (1 Neutral lap and 5 Race laps)

Round 3- August 9th – October 25th (1 Neutral lap and 4 Race laps)

May 31st, August 2nd, November 1st – Everyone for themselves, no points, no team tactics just ride hard.

On the neutral lap we will stop at the school and divide into A & B groups before the start of the first race lap.

Series Point Totals

Weekly Point Awarded

First Place = 5 points

Second Place = 3 points

Third Place = 2 points

Fourth Place = 1 point

Individual points are totaled at the end of each round for that rounds winner.

At the end of the year all individual points from the top 4 riders will be totaled to determine a Team Series winner.



Note: The Wednesday Night Ride will continue the tradition of a tour group that rides Greentree Country Club and the Fasken School route. This is a no drop ride. Introduce yourself as a new rider and ride off with the Greentree group to learn some basic riding skills and get to know other riders.



March 15

Trek of Midland

Wednesday Night worlds

1.  Eric Burkhart
2.  Cliff Coleman
3.  Justin Willoughby

Trek of Midland

Wednesday Night worlds

1.  Casey Hausenfluke
2.  Matt Rodriguez
3.  Von Doria



March 22

Trek of Midland

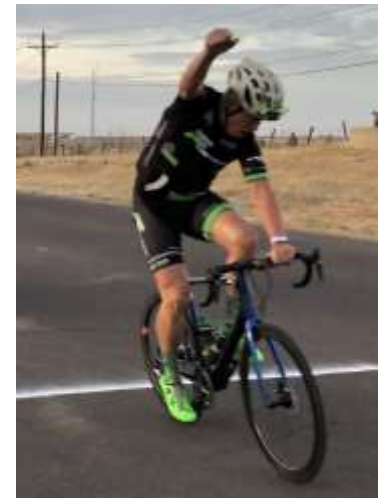
Wednesday Night worlds

1.  Zack Belew
2.  Justin Willoughby
3.  Carlos Traslosheros

Trek of Midland

Wednesday Night worlds

1.  Casey Hausenfluke
2.  Von Doria
3.  Mike McEnaney



March 29

Trek of Midland

Wednesday Night worlds

1.  Cliff Coleman
2.  Calvin Layman
3.  Fidel Ruvalcaba

Trek of Midland

Wednesday Night worlds

1. Ivan Dominguez
2.  Von Doria
3.  Jeff Ledford



Vim Racing is sponsoring a three part short track series. Race two was held March 11 at the Odessa Mountain Bike Park. Vim is donating all proceeds from the series to support the mountain bike parks. Thank you , Vim!!



ViM Racing

Adult Expert Mens:

- 1st - Zack Belew
- 2nd - Eric Burkhart
- 3rd - Landy Adkins
- 4th - Joaquin Traslosheros
- 5th - Carlos Traslosheros

Adult Expert Female:

- 1st - Kristina McAuliffe

Adult Sport Men's:

- 1st - Matt Rodriguez
- 2nd - Rollen Catanus
- 3rd - Carlos Valle
- 4rd - Ferdinand Real
- 5th - Brooks Osbourne

Ebike Open:

- 1st - Stephanie Ledford
- 2nd - Dwayne Delver Barba
- 3rd - Jade Dolino
- 4th - Jo Briones

Kid's Overall Male:

- 1st Cahel Valle
- 2nd Dean Potter
- 3rd Jacob Jones

Youth Expert:

- 1st Luis Barraza
- 2nd Matthew Rodriguez
- 3rd Makaio Short

Youth Novice:

- 1st Sophia Traslasheros
- 2nd Andrea Traslasheros
- 3rd Ximena Traslasheros





Mountain Biking – Steve Mitchell

OMBP – Workday April 8th 8:30 am to 11 am

Odessa Mountain Bike Park – The trails are in good shape right now. The weeds and mesquite are presently in check however we have a trash problem, especially in the area adjacent to Billy Hext road. Most of the trash is blowing into the park and it has become an eyesore. Jack Henry, Eric Urquidi and I are organizing a **Workday at the OMBP on April 8th from 8:30 am to 11 am**. We will supply trash bags. We also plan to clean up a few sections of trail. Please come help us for a few hours. Bring work gloves and a rake or hoe if you have them. We will also have trail tools available. If we can get 20 volunteers, we can clean up the park quickly. There are also still sections of trail that can be adopted. Please contact Jack Henry if you and some friends are interested.

Midland Trail Park - The Midland “Blue Trail” is in excellent shape right now. The berms and trail are very well packed with very little sand. The vegetation is cut back well off the trail. This is in part due to the efforts of VIM racing and PBBA volunteers that prepped the Blue Trail for the first race held at the Midland Park. The Vim and Vigor Race series stage 2, took place on March 11th. Approximately 60 racers along with many fans and spectators showed up for the race. It was a well run race on a well defined 4 mile race loop which included most of the blue loop. The expert class rode three laps with some very fast lap times. The race was managed by Oscar Salazar with help from Clif Coleman, Russell Potter, and a few other helpful volunteers. Dan and Shauna Saxton did a great job timing the event.





Pump Track Status – The new pump track is scheduled to be asphalted in Mid-April. The PBBA voted to help pay a portion of the costs associated with adding the asphalt surface. The PBBA’s financial contribution will really help get this project completed. The Track ended up nearly 800 feet long and approximately 8 feet wide. The pump track is a great addition to the cycling community and the only professionally built pump track in the area.

Big Spring State Park – Although the PBBA does not manage the trails at BSSP, it is in the club’s interest to help maintain the trails. Some of the local residents do make an effort but most of the cycling traffic is generally from Midland or Odessa. ViM Racing has scheduled **Part 3 of the Vim and Vigor race series at BSSP on May 13th**. The PBBA will be coordinating with VIM to have a workday at the Big Spring Park prior to the race.

The **West Texas Trail Alliance (WTTA)** was recently contacted by the District Manager for Texas Parks and Wildlife. He is very interested in adding more multi-use trails to all of the State Parks in District 1. He recognizes that trails create a big draw to the parks and that they benefit the public. He said he was very happy with the Trail that was built at BSSP and encouraged the WTTA to resubmit the plans for the expanded trail system. The proposed expansion would add 3-5 additional miles of trail for a total of 8-10 miles. Once the proposal is submitted to the State, there will still be some hurdles and some adjustments made. Building on State Park lands will require that the trail does not disturb any Archaeologic sites, fragile soil or wildlife habitat, and does not create erosional problems. The WTTA hopes that trail building will begin as soon as February 2024. Presently the State has not allocated funds in their budget for trail building so funds will need to be raised if the new trails are approved.

Good Cycling, West Texas Winds, and Camaraderie at The Sweetwater Rattlesnake Gravel Grind

by Kyle Farmer



The Sweetwater Rattlesnake Gravel Grind benefiting the Volunteer Fire Departments of Nolan County was held at Lake Sweetwater Municipal Park and Campground, March 24 thru March 26. The event was nearly twice as big as last year's inaugural Rattlesnake Gravel Grind. There were 233 cyclists compared to 144 competitors last year. It was a diverse field with riders from ten states, Canada, Mexico, Great Brittan, Holland, and Isreal. The Permian Basin Bicycle Association was well represented with several riders.

The event is part of the Sweetwater Rattlesnake Roundup and was well organized by The Sweetwater Junior Chamber of Commerce (Jaycees), The Volunteer Fire Department, David King, Jimmy Hendrix, Red Hurd, Justin Wilburn, and many volunteers from Sweetwater, Nolan County, and the area.

Covering three days, the Rattlesnake Gravel Grind included a Shake-Out ride on Friday, Races on Saturday, and a Recovery Ride on Sunday. Breakfast every morning and meals after events were served by the Jaycees, Grace Farms Chuckwagon, Bee Décor, First Financial Bank, and Volunteer Firemen. Lawrence Management donated food and supported the event. A full bar was available as well as Non-Alcoholic beer, water, and sports drinks. Many participants camped in the park in RVs and tents or stayed in local lodging at discounted rates.

After high winds on Friday, good weather prevailed, and everyone enjoyed live entertainment in the evenings. On Friday evening, The Michael Aaron Comedy Show had participants grinning and laughing at his offbeat humor. Angelique and the Sweet City Band played a variety of music showcasing her crystal-clear voice and versatility. Saturday evening, we were treated to Country Music, both old and new, by Backroads West and Brendyn Kyle.

In addition to the Rattlesnake Gravel Grind T-shirt, participants drew for western hats provided by Dandy Western Wear, bidons, and other gear. Zoran Sunglasses donated 5 pairs of high quality 'cycling sunglasses. Trek Bikes of Midland and the Sweetwater Chamber of Commerce provided a Trek Checkpoint SLR 6 eTap valued at \$8,000. Rory Boren of Hico, Texas, bought the winning ticket.

On Saturday morning, a morning chill was in the air at the mass start for the main event. Cyclists on gravel bikes, hybrids, and mountain bikes headed out for their 30, 60, and 110 mile Races. The route included paved roads, caliche roads, gravel roads, two track ranch roads, and trails. The roads were in good shape, but sand, ruts, rocks, and mud are just part of the experience in a gravel ride.

Twenty rest stops on the ride were well staffed with Volunteer Firemen, ranchers, and other volunteers. Water, fruit, energy bars and pickles were available. Closer to lunchtime, the volunteers were cooking hotdogs and hamburgers. The riders really appreciated the friendly folks staffing the rest stops, some of which had graciously opened their land to cycling.

The race courses took the cyclists around Lake Sweetwater, into ranch country, through wind farms, oil fields, and up and down hills. Gravel riding allows the cyclist the opportunity to ride on roads and trails that are far away from the pavement. West Texas is flat, except when it is not. Mesas, gullies, canyons, and rock outcrops are abundant in the lands north of Sweetwater. The country is wild, raw, and beautiful.

Several miles into the race, I thought I heard a train in the distance. Then I thought that it was a jet flying overhead. Soon, I realized that it was the sound of wind turbines producing energy. Riding through the wind farms was exciting.

Some of the hills were quite challenging, but the biggest challenge of the day was the West Texas Wind. Fairly early in the morning, the wind started to pick up. Cyclist found themselves riding into a 15 mile per hour headwind for much of the race. The results of the races are available on the Rattlesnake Gravel Grind website. <https://rattlesnakegravelgrind.bike/> Sunday morning, breakfast and a church service were planned at Dandy Western Wear before the 9:00 am Recovery Ride.



Have you met?



My name is Javier Morales (Javi) I began cycling a few years ago with a \$200 bike from academy. I recall joining the PBBA group rides that occurred from the stadium to Jordy loop and back. The cyclist Jeff and Kelly Brammer and Jasha were so welcoming. As a matter of fact they would come back to check on me when I was 5 miles behind group. I rode with running tennis shoes and non cycling gear. One reason I continued was because they were so accepting and encouraging. I then moved up to a true bicycle and "clipped in". I learned more about the sport thru wonderful people in the cycling community. I have now done 2 half Ironmans, century rides and one MS150 did 112 miles in one day. I enjoy cycling very much for many reasons. I was asked to assist with cyclefest this year and the reason I accepted was because Im paying the favor forward in honor of Jeff, Kelly, Jasha and many more. My wish is that the PBBA continue to exist and provide what those great cyclists gave me to others. May God bless every one of your rides.

Note: Thank you to Javi for once again stepping up to be part of the Cyclefest committee.



**Wednesday May 17, 2023
(Third Wednesday)**





The following rides have dates listed at Wheelbrothers.com or on the ride's social media. There are many more rides listed as TBA (to be announced); therefore, check the site for current ride information, links and opportunities. This is just a few of the many rides listed. Check out Wheelbrothers.com to see a more complete list.

LBJ 100/ no ride for 2023

Easter Hill Country Ride April 7-9/ Kerrville

Beat the Street for Little Feet/ April 29/ Sweetwater

Possum Pedal Ride/ June 3/ Graham

Tour de Gap/ July 22-23/ Buffalo Gap

Hotter n Hell Hundred / August 24-27/ Wichita Falls

Fort Davis Cyclefest/ Sept 16-17/ Fort Davis

Marfa 100 Cycling challenge/ Oct 14/ Marfa



Beat the Street listed for registration at <https://www.bikereg.com/beat-the-street-for-little-feet-2023> or <https://www.raceentry.com/beat-the-street-for-little-feet/race->

**Participants registering BEFORE 4/14/2023 will be guaranteed a shirt.*

****Cash prizes will be awarded!****

Awards given in the following divisions include:

72-Mile Bike Race - Men's 1st - \$1,000

Women's 1st - \$1,000

60-Mile Bike Race – Men's 1st - \$200

Women's 1st - \$200

52-Mile Bike Race - Men's 1st (\$100)

Women's 1st (\$100)

33-Mile Bike Race - Men's 1st (Bragging Rights)

Women's 1st (Bragging Rights)

Start times are as follows:

72-Mile Bike Race - 7:30 am

60-Mile Bike Race - 7:30 am

52-Mile Bike Race – 7:30 am

33-Mile Bike Race - 7:30 am

Half Marathon - 7:15 am

10K - 8:00 am

5K - 8:15 am

Race routes are as follows:



**Have you joined or renewed your membership for
2023?**

Go to www.pbbatx.com/join or hit the “Join PBBA” button
from anywhere on the website