

WINDBUSTERS

March 2023



Big Bend photo by Cameron Hamer



Important Dates

March 11 Vim Short Track Race, Midland Trails

March 15 Wednesday Night Worlds begin

March 20 PBBA meeting

March 24-26 Rattlesnake Gravel Grind in Sweetwater

April 29 Beat the Street, Sweetwater

May 6 Vim Short Track race, Big Spring State Park

May 17 Ride of Silence



PBBA 2023 Officers and Chairpersons

President: Eric Burkhart

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Race Committee

Chairperson: Oscar Salazar

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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

**Save
the
Date**



March PBBA Meeting

Who: All PBBA members

What: In person meeting

When: Monday, March 20, 2023 at 7 p.m.

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

VIM+VIGOR

SHORT TRACK XC

3 PART SERIES



ODESSA - FEB 25
MIDLAND - MARCH 11
BIG SPRING - MAY 6



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.

B Race Rules- Points are the same as the A race. If you move up to the A race your points move up also for the team points. Once a rider moves to the A group they cannot move back down. If a rider wins 3 races in a round, they will be moved up the next round to the A group.

Route link

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/42021208>

Note: The Wednesday Night Ride will continue the tradition of a tour group that rides Greentree Country Club and the Fasken School route.

Vim Racing is sponsoring a three part short track series. Race one was held February 25 at the Odessa Mountain Bike Park. Vim is donating all proceeds from the series to support the mountain bike parks. Thank you , Vim!!



Kids Overall

- 1. TJ Thornton**
- 2. Kaiden Busch**
- 3. Kymer Busch (1st female)**
- 4. Ronan Payne**
- 5. Jacob Jones**
- 6. Alan Flores**
- 7. Dean Potter**
- 8. Evelyn Thornton (2nd female)**



Adult Expert Male

- 1. Zack Belew**
- 2. Lee Mcauliffe**
- 3. James Struble**

Adult Expert Female

- 1. Erin Reedy**
- 2. Jane Windler**



Adult Sport

- 1. Luis Barraza**
- 2. Erik Urrquidi**
- 3. Kenny Woods**

E Bike Open

- 1. Delver Barba**



Thank you to Randal Morgan for all the great pictures posted on Facebook. Visit the VIM Facebook page to see more photos.

Have you met?

Tyler Putnam, PBBA Webmaster



I took up mountain biking as a young teen as a casual activity to do with my father. We both eventually graduated from recreational rides into racing around Wyoming, Utah and Idaho. Road biking for me was originally just a way to train for mountain biking but quickly became an obsession as well. I just love all things bike related. I enjoy sharing my passion for cycling with other riders and am happy to be able to help out any way I can. Hopefully as PBBA Webmaster I can provide riders with the information they need to start or continue enjoying everything that cycling in the Permian has to offer.



Angie Kayastha, Tour Committee



A few years back I was on a weight loss journey or as I call it a lifestyle change. After yo-yoing with my weight I finally decided I had to make a permanent change. Just before covid running became a part of my lifestyle and a couple of my friends and I signed up for our first half marathon. Later went on to listen to a group speaking about running a marathon which later followed by my first marathon and ultra 50K. My trainer kept telling me I should join cycling. I became a member of the cycling community thanks to Popcorn. I quickly jumped into road cycling with very little complications. I was on and off indoor spin classes for years and always enjoyed cycling over running although I love running now more. As with running I was determined to go for distance over speed. What I hope to accomplish in the tour committee is create an environment where everyone is welcome and able to enjoy a sociable ride together. Bring together a supportive, fun and safe ride.





Texas King, Publicity Committee

Hi cycling family! I am a local Odessan and have spent my whole life here. I grew up riding bikes with my dad and older brother. When my brother got a road bike for the first time and started riding 10-15 miles, I started wanting to do the same thing with him, which I began when I was about 15 years old. It wasn't long before most of family was riding and we joined the bike club. My brother and I started doing the Tuesday/Thursday rides with the "old guys" to Midland and back, and eventually all of the surrounding area rides, tours, sprint triathlons, etc. that we could be in, soon being joined by our sister Kye who has been a very active member of PBBA.

Early on, I developed a healthy obsession with bicycle building/repair that I still deeply enjoy to this day. I used to only road bike, but after many of my friends wound up in accidents from the heavy traffic on our routes, I stopped riding. Eventually, I got into mountain biking at our parks here which I have thoroughly been enjoying. (even though I started riding road bikes again). Lately, I've been trying to help my kids learn how to ride and that has been a lot of fun for me.

I've been doing graphic design for close to two decades now. It has been my pleasure for many years to do graphics for Peyton's Bikes, Cyclefest (and Hammerfest) and various other bicycle club designs including PBBA club shirts and event materials. I decided to join the PBBA publicity committee to see if I could lend a hand in helping with our club's general look, design and online presence. I hope that in 2023, I can help us take on a more modern, up-to-date, and consistent club image that really represents our wonderful cycling community and what we do here in the PBBA.



Selecting a Rearview Mirror

The temperatures are warming up; therefore, riders will be looking forward to being back on the road. Most drivers would feel very uncomfortable without a rearview mirror. On a bike, the rider either has to turn their head to look behind or use a rearview mirror. Turning one's head without swerving for a quick look back is challenging for many riders. A mirror may be the best solution to safely assess what is approaching from behind. Not watching behind you is equivalent to trusting drivers to pass you safely. Rear radar can be a helpful tool too, but I would not totally depend on it.

There are several options of types of rearview mirrors. Individual riders must determine which type suits them. Talk to other riders to get opinions and feedback. Many cyclists have a rearview mirror type or two collecting dust as they experimented to find the mirror that suited them best individually. Riders can ask to borrow a type for a trial run.

Choose what works best for you. Consult with other cyclists. Most cyclists have an opinion about which works best. If the type they recommend is what works best for them, then it is the best mirror—at least for them.

Personally, I like the Mirracle end tube mirror. I have tried all of the others with the exception of the wrist mirror. I enjoy mine as I only have to shift my eyes rather than my head. I frequently only need to use my peripheral vision to check it. I can also see the mirror from an upright position and when I change to a position to the drops without moving the mirror. Others riders like their mirrors for a variety of reasons.

Find the type of mirror that works for you and stay safe!

Kathy Hester



Bar end bike mirror



End tube mirror



Wrist mirror



Glasses mount



Helmet mount



End tube insert



Handlebar mirror



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.

Pedaling the Prairie/ March 4/ Hempstead

Steam n Wheels/ March 11/ Abilene

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



March 24 - 26th 2023

REGISTRATION OPENS

Sunday October 30th, 3 pm CST

rattlesnakegravelgrind.bike



The Rattlesnake Gravel Grind (raising money for the 5 Nolan County Volunteer Fire Departments) is March 24-26, 2023 and we will provide breakfast, lunch, and dinner Friday and Saturday and breakfast only on Sunday. Friday and Saturday night we will have concerts along with the dinner. Free camping, RV Spots available, Book your Hotel Rooms at any of our hotel partners on the lodging link on our website below. Free T-shirts for everyone registered. We have rest stops and aid stations every 8-10 miles along all three routes as well as sag support.

Make your hotel reservations soon as they are filling up. Mention RGG for discounts at our hotel partners.

We are excited to announce that Trek has partnered with the Rattlesnake Gravel Grind to raise money for the Nolan County Volunteer Fire Departments.

We will be raffling a Checkpoint SLR 6 eTap | Trek Bikes worth \$7,999.99 (retail prior to tax) and Trek will swap the bike for your size with one that is in-stock at one of the Trek owned stores. The drawing will be held March 11, 2023 @ 3pm CST during the Rattlesnake Roundup and you do not need to be present to win. The prize will be presented at the Rattlesnake Gravel Grind 3/24/23 @ 6pm CST by Trek representatives.

The Sweetwater Jaycees through the Rattlesnake Gravel Grind will donate profits from the raffle to the Nolan County Volunteer Fire Departments.

Your giving strengthens the organizations that help keep us safe outside the city limits!

Volunteer Fire Firefighters do much more than just fight wildfires! The 5 volunteer fire departments are the first responders that keep the residents outside of city limits safe and cover over 940 square miles of farm and ranch land. The volunteer fire departments protect the farms, ranches, and residents as well as wind farms, gypsum plants, the cement plant and, oftentimes, they stop to help stranded vehicles or return livestock to their owners.

Registration for Rattlesnake Gravel Grind March 24-26, 2023 is open! For more details checkout our website below:

<https://rattlesnakegravelgrind.bike/raffle>



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:

72-Mile Bike Race - <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/41603298>

60-Mile Bike Race - <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/41603309>

52-Mile Bike Race - <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/41603262>

Kent Crowell reminds PBBA members to:



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**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