

WINDBUSTERS

TxDOT FUNDS INITIAL PHASE OF THE WILDCATTER TRAIL!!

November 2023



Please come to the annual meeting on November 20. Details and information beginning on page 2 of the newsletter. Being involved is important and the best way to impact change!

Important Dates

November 20 PBBA Meeting

November 11 Veteran's Gravel Ride

December 12 PBBA Christmas Light Ride

December 18 PBBA Meeting

March 22-24, 2024 Rattlesnake Gravel Grind

September 21-22, 2024 Fort Davis Cyclefest



**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND OFFICER
ELECTION FOR 2024**

Who: All PBBA members

What: In person meeting

When: Monday, November 20, 2023

6:30-8:00

Where: Mission Fitness, Classroom B

8050 Highway 191 Frontage, Odessa



This is a basic summary of the by laws with regard to the officers and board.

There are four elected officers **President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.** Please refer to the by-laws for a detailed job description of each office. These four officers and the MTB director create the executive board which is elected each November.

The PBBA is governed by the board of directors comprised of the executive board and the committee chairpersons. There are five committees; thus, **five committee chairpersons** which are appointed by the president with the approval of the executive committee. The five committees are: tour, race, publicity, mountain bike, and Cyclefest which can have an indefinite number of members. The description of each office is included in the by laws that are published on the last two pages of this newsletter.

These ten people present all proposed major activities to the membership for ratification.

WHERE DO YOU FIT IN?? There are lots of choices and opportunities.

Next step: Come to the annual meeting or if you cannot attend, please contact any current officer or email Kathy Hester at khester4205@gmail.com and let me know what role you are interested in filling. You could also volunteer for a committee, but please do something to help PBBA have a great 2024 by being involved.

PBBA NOMINATION FORM

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I would like to be listed on the ballot to run for the office of: (Circle one: president, vice president, secretary, treasurer)

I would like to be considered for appointment as the chairperson of the following committee: (circle one) Tour, race, publicity, mountain bike, or Cyclefest. _____

I would like to volunteer to be a member of the following committee: (circle one) Tour, race, publicity, mountain bike, or Cyclefest.

PLEASE SUBMIT BY EMAIL TO khester4205@gmail.com or text me at 432-638-7038

Wildcatter Trail Funding Approved by TxDOT

Cyclists have been anxiously awaiting the announcement that \$10.1 million has been secured to fund the Wildcatter Trail. According to the Midland Reporter Telegram, Midland will receive \$3.7 with a local match of \$925,000. UTPB will receive \$6.4 million. The trail will start at Scharbauer Sports Complex continuing through the UTPB/ Wagner Noel area, to the airport, and the UTPB Campus. PBBA appreciates everyone that worked to make phase one of the Wildcatter a coming reality. The Midland Reporter has an article in the Weekend Edition (11-4-23) detailing the persons responsible for the planning and funding of this project.



The Permian Basin Bicycle Association would like to express our condolences to the family of Josh Dark and Heather Hamilton (formerly of Midland) in the loss of their son, Logan Dark.

Logan, 14, was passionate about playing football and fishing.

Letter from the Editor

I love the cooler temperatures of fall, but I always feel a sense of loss when it's time to set the clocks back. Darkness falling earlier means an end to evening rides such as Trek's Wednesday Night Worlds. Riders with tight daytime work schedules become more restricted with outdoor riding and the trainers come out for the darkness and cold temperatures. I love Midland in that the weather usually permits riders to get outside on weekends even through the winter!

Retirement gives me the opportunity to have a lot of riding flexibility. I am interested in starting a group ride during the mornings or afternoons on a weekday. I plan to start posting the ride in 2024 so please speak up if you are interested. The ride will be 35-40 miles with a couple of pace options. Riders can increase or decrease their speed and distance on several segments that will be incorporated into the routes. The ride will include the option of some social time with a coffee shop stop at the conclusion. We might even plan some field trips to nearby destinations to ride.

PBBA officer elections are here! Please become involved in some way. The adage, "many hands make light work", comes to my mind. There is presently a core group that needs your energy, suggestions and leadership help.

The funding for the first phase of the Wildcatter Trail is big news for the local cycling community. I am so thankful that we have the city leadership in place that are making the Wildcatter a reality. I became involved in cycling in Midland in around the year 2000. Discussion of a trail of this caliber has been around since then and even prior according to some longtime PBBA members. The next steps will involve bidding and construction; therefore, it will take time and phases in the future to complete. What a wonderful asset for Midland-Odessa that we have to look forward to!

Energy City Bikes which is owned by several local cyclists had their grand opening and are ready to help meet your cycling needs. We have several options for service and products: Trek, Midland Athletic, Energy City and Cactus Jax (Coahoma).

Our hearts are heavy for Josh Dark and Heather Hamilton in the loss of their son, Logan. He was killed while riding his bicycle in the crosswalk to school in Katy, Texas. I have no words for such a senseless tragedy.

-Kathy Hester



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VETERANS GRAVEL GRIND

VETERANS DAY WEEKEND

NEW VENUE/NEW ROUTE

LAKE COLORADO CITY STATE PARK

- 8 AM MASS START.
- FULL GRIND 73 MILES
- HALF GRIND 50 MILES
- QUARTER GRIND 24 MILES

Support Veteran bike-packing all while riding some of the best gravel in Texas along a scenic route over the Colorado River

FULL GRIND MALE/FEMALE

1ST PLACE

PRIZE

\$1200

CONTACT US

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CHRISTMAS LIGHT RIDE

Tuesday, December 12, 6:30 pm

Ride off promptly at 7:00

Address: 5921 Pedernales Drive (clubhouse), Midland

An opportunity for riders of all ages to tour the Christmas lights in the Grasslands subdivision by bicycle.

The ride will be a slow pace through Grassland Estates and will last just about an hour depending on weather. Being that this is a night ride, headlights are required by law.

There will be prizes for the best decorated bicycles. After the ride, please join us in the clubhouse for snacks.

More details regarding food and a gift exchange will be posted on FB or sent by email.

Many thanks to John and Bobbie Kerrigan for leading this ride!





Join us March 22-24, 2024 for a West Texas Gravel Grind & One Heck of a Post Race Party!

Bring your boots, jeans and a lawn chair for a party in the park with live music!

Only 500 spots available, first come first serve.


Register soon and reserve your hotel room before they fill up!

Included for each registered participant:

Rattlesnake Gravel Grind T-shirt and a 4oz bottle of OrangeSeal Tubeless Sealant.

Tickets that can be exchanged for Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner, Free Food and Drink after each event (Soft Drinks, Tea, Water, Athletic Brewing Company or Coors Beer), and Free Evening Concert Friday and Saturday Night (BYOB).

You're invited to my new group 'Kids Mountain Bike Group' on GroupMe. Click here to join: https://groupme.com/join_group/97583767/TvuyFZs8



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Justin Busch is leading the effort to encourage children to enjoy their bicycles and the mountain bike parks. You are invited to join the group.



PALUXY PEDAL AGAIN

by Berry Simpson

Saturday, October 7th, my brother, Carroll, and I rode the Paluxy Pedal in Glen Rose. This was my fourth time riding this, and our second time to ride this together.

It's a beautiful and challenging route through the north Texas hills. The roads are all up or down, seldom level, quite steep in places. The auto traffic is usually light, traffic control at intersections is good, the aid stations well-stocked and well manned with friendly volunteers.



The Paluxy Pedal is famous among north Texas bike rides for The Wall, a brutal climb 3/10 of a mile long with an advertised 19% grade.

This year Carroll and I decided to bypass The Wall. We made the decision weeks ago, knowing the holes in our training, and we didn't talk about it much once we started the ride since both of us were a little embarrassed to not give it another attempt. But neither of us are youngsters and we were aware of our training and physical condition and knew trying to ride up The Wall would be dismal at best. We'd likely spend more time walking our bikes up the slope than we would riding them.

Our morning started well. We left Granbury with plenty of time to drive to Glen Rose, unload our bikes, get kitted up, grab our race packets, and make the ride start at 8:30. It was a beautiful October morning, in the low 50s, breezy but not brutal. Our long sleeves were perfect.



We finished in Glen Rose about 11:30 am. The ride went well, except that we got a little mixed up with the various routes (there are choices of 29, 39, 53, and 60 miles). Somehow, we finished the day with only 36 miles. It was a big surprise when the finish line arrived so soon. We had planned on 53 miles.

We also had another problem, unrelated to cycling, that happened before the ride started. All I can say and still maintain family confidentiality is we had a UACB (Unscheduled Automotive Control Breakdown).

We made every effort before the ride started to fix the problem. We even asked for help, but no joy.

By the time we finally rolled out everyone else had been gone for several minutes. We couldn't be sure we were even on the correct route until we started overtaking riders.

At the first aid station, Carroll phoned his wife, Jennifer, and asked her to check with the local Ford dealership and see if they could help. That gave us another ten miles to think about our problem until the next aid station came around.

As it turns out, there is no Ford dealership in Glen Rose, and the dealership in Granbury Ford wouldn't answer their phone, so option #1 was out.

Jennifer found someone who could bring a computer and help us, so we phoned him as soon as we finished riding. Unfortunately, the soonest he could meet us was 7:00 pm. Neither of us wanted to hang around for seven hours. Carroll said, "Well, we came here to ride bikes. Let's ride to Granbury."

So we rode our bikes 22 miles north on Highway 177 to our house in Granbury. The ride was brutal. The half hour we rested while trying to decide what to do was enough time for our muscles to cool down and tighten up. Plus the post-ride slices of pizza we probably shouldn't have eaten talked to us the entire way.

The first eight miles were the worst. There was only about three feet of rough gravelly shoulder for us to ride on, and half of that was cut up into rumble strips. It was unnerving to have such an unstable road with cars and trucks passing us at full highway speed.

However, after about eight miles, the road widened, and our bike lane became smoother and cleaner and more pleasant.

We were exhausted when we finally arrived at the Granbury house. We now had 58 miles for the day, and that was plenty. At least we could now enjoy the OU-Texas football game which we'd set to record while we were riding. We'd maintained radio (phone, internet, and texts) silence so we wouldn't know how the football game was going. We plopped down in front of the TV and watched the first half, until it was time to head back to Glen Rose.

By the time we finally made it back to Granbury with both trucks, we grabbed dinner and watched the rest of the game. We finally had the good news, 34-30, at 9:30. Fifty-eight miles and a winning football game. It was a full day.

Paluxy Pedal and The Wall, we will be back.

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"I run in the path of Your commands, for You have set my heart free."

Psalm 119:32



A serenade from “Elvis”, hills, humidity, a bit of heat, BBQ and a blues band were the highlights of the Bluff City Blues Ride on September 30th in Memphis, TN. The ride is hosted by the Memphis Hightailers.

I think I may have missed my calling as a long haul driver going to visit Roberta Solorio in my escape pod (van). I camped overnight in Little Rock, AK to ride the Arkansas River Trail and the Big Dam Bridge. The Big Dam Bridge opened in 2006. It is the world’s longest pedestrian and bicycle bridge built specifically for that use. The bridge is physically impressive as well as being an impressive investment in cycling.

PBBA misses Roberta and her great leadership with Cyclefest sponsorships and the Saturday Holy Cross Ride. It was great to see her happy and settled into her new home in Arlington, TN.

-Kathy Hester





PBBA 2023 Officers and Chairpersons

President: Eric Burkhart

Vice President: Clif Coleman

Secretary: Isaac Navarrete

Treasurer: Kye King/ Brent Hoke

Mountain Bike Director: Stephen Mitchell

Committees and Chairpersons:

Tour Committee

Chairperson: Sarah Kate Epperson

Members: Angie Kayastha

Race Committee

Chairperson: Oscar Salazar

Members: Martin Vega

Publicity Committee

Chairperson: Kathy Hester (Newsletter), Tyler Putnam (Webmaster), Texas King

Mountain Bike Committee

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

BY-LAWS OF THE PERMIAN BASIN BICYCLE ASSOCIATION (2023)

ARTICLE I NAME AND PURPOSE

SECTION 1. This organization shall be known as the Permian Basin Bicycle Association.

SECTION 2. The purpose of the PBBA shall be a community organization that promotes bicycling as a sport, recreation and means of transportation in the Permian Basin area of Texas and contributes to select charitable events and entities, both monetarily and non-monetarily.

SECTION 3. specific goals of the PBBA shall include:

- encouraging novice cyclists by providing organized weekly rides in both Midland and Odessa;
- providing out-of-town recreational tours;
- providing organized weekly fitness training rides in both Midland and Odessa;
- encouraging youth cyclists;
- encouraging the training of race skills by providing club races with a token or no entry fee;
- promoting the better understanding of cycling by PBBA members by providing informative programs at monthly meetings;
- promoting the better understanding of cycling by the general public;
- promoting bicycle safety.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

SECTION 1. Membership in the PBBA shall be open to all individuals interested in bicycling. Membership shall not be denied to an individual who resides outside the Odessa Midland metropolitan area, nor shall membership be denied to an individual who is a member of other such bicycle clubs.

SECTION 2. There shall be two classes of membership in the PBBA:

ONE DAY INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP shall be conferred on an individual who wishes to participate in PBBA activities for a single day. This membership does not include any voting privileges in PBBA business.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP shall be conferred on all individuals of a single immediate family and individuals. Each individual and each individual of a family membership shall be allowed a representative vote in PBBA business.

SECTION 3. Dues for each of the membership classifications shall be levied annually and shall be due on or after January 1 and will be effective for the remainder of the calendar year. Dues shall be collected from any individual who desires to participate in PBBA activities.

ARTICLE III GOVERNMENT

SECTION 1. The PBBA shall be governed by the board of directors. The board of directors shall consist of the officers of the executive committee defined by section 2 of this article and the committee chairpersons. They shall serve for a term of one year or until their successors are elected. The board of directors shall present to the membership all proposed major activities for ratification.

SECTION 2

The **PRESIDENT** shall preside over and set the agenda for the club meetings, appoint the committee chairpersons with the approval of the executive committee, and represent the PBBA in matters that concern community and public relations. The president shall have authority to disburse PBBA funds for matters that concern PBBA business.

The **VICE PRESIDENT** shall arrange the program for club meetings, assist the president and assume the duties of the president in the president's absence.

The **MOUNTAIN BIKE DIRECTOR** oversees the operation and maintenance of the *ODESSA MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK* and *MIDLAND TRAILS PARK*. The MTB director may raise funds on behalf of the PBBA to facilitate building, improving and maintaining the parks. These activities must first be approved by the PBBA board.

The **SECRETARY** shall record the minutes of the club meetings, and the board of directors and executive committee meetings and represent the PBBA on other matters of correspondence and administer the election of officers.

The **TREASURER** shall manage the treasury of the PBBA to be presented to the membership at the annual meeting. The Treasurer shall have authority to disburse PBBA funds for matters that concern PBBA business. The Treasurer shall collect membership dues and keep the membership rolls current.

ARTICLE IV STANDING COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. Each standing committee shall be composed of a chairperson and an indefinite number of members. The chairperson shall preside over the committee and solicit volunteer members from the PBBA general membership.

SECTION 2. The TOUR COMMITTEE shall plan and execute out-of-town recreational club touring rides and provide advance notice of such tours to the newsletter editor for inclusion in the monthly newsletter. The tour chairperson shall designate a PBBA member as ride leader and a PBBA member as a SAG wagon driver (if necessary) for each tour.

SECTION 3. The RACE COMMITTEE shall plan and execute mountain bike, road and gravel races and provide advance notice of such races the newsletter editor for inclusion in the monthly newsletter. The race chairperson shall designate a PBBA member as race promoter and additional PBBA members as course marshals (if necessary) for each race.

SECTION 4. The PUBLICITY COMMITTEE shall execute the publicity campaigns for the PBBA monthly meetings, tours, races and other PBBA events through social media, the PBBA newsletter and the PBBA website. They shall also be in charge of membership maintenance which shall include recruitment of new members and establishing benefits for existing members.

SECTION 5. The MOUNTAIN BIKE COMMITTEE shall execute the maintenance and operation of the Odessa Mountain Bike Park and Midland Trails Park under the direction of the Mountain Bike Director. They will provide programs and activities which shall promote the sport of mountain bike riding.

SECTION 6. The CYCLEFEST COMMITTEE shall oversee the organization and promotion of the Fort Davis Cyclefest event. As the PBBA's main fundraising event, they shall strive to make the event profitable and shall use the event to promote cycling in West Texas

ARTICLE V ANNUAL MEETING

SECTION 1. The annual meeting of the PBBA general membership shall be held during November of each year.

SECTION 2. The time and place of the annual meeting shall be set by the officers of the PBBA and notice of such shall be included in the monthly newsletter no less than two weeks prior to said date.

SECTION 3. The business to be conducted at the annual meeting shall include:

The election of officers for the upcoming year. Elected officers shall serve a one-year term of office which shall begin on January 1. Officers shall be elected by a simple majority of the members present at the annual meeting.

The levy of annual membership dues. This levy shall be proposed by the officers and approved by a simple majority of the members present at the annual meeting.

The presentation by the Treasurer of the annual financial report.

ARTICLE VI AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. This document may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any constitutionally valid meeting of the general membership

SECTION 2. A meeting shall be considered constitutionally valid if all of the following criteria have been met:

Notice of the time and place of the meeting shall be included in the monthly newsletter no less than two weeks prior to said date.

Notice of the nature of the proposed constitutional changes shall be provided with the monthly newsletter no less than two weeks prior to said meeting.

As amended through February 20, 2023