

WINDBUSTERS



January 2023



Important Date

January 16 PBBA meeting

March 24-26- Rattlesnake Gravel Grind in
Sweetwater

February 20 PBBA meeting and Swap
meet



January Meeting

Who: All PBBA members

What: In person meeting

When: Monday, January 16, 2023 at 7 p.m.

Where: Mission Fitness, Classroom B

8050 Highway 191 Frontage, Odessa

**Save
the
Date**



February Meeting and Swap Meet

Monday, February , 20th

Location and details will be determined.

Meanwhile, start cleaning out bike equipment, accessories and clothing to SELL, TRADE or GIVE TO SOMEONE THAT WILL USE IT.

The Wednesday Night Ride Will Continue

PBBA is excited to finally announce that after a conversation in November with Trek Corp and local Trek Store management, the 40 plus year tradition, of the Wednesday night rides will continue! Ride will leave from our local bike shop, Trek of Midland. The Trek Store will provide a ride leader for a non-race pace group, as well as, a ride leader for the race pace group. They are excited to have the club's support, to keep this ride alive, and plan to build it bigger and stronger!



Patty Pena and Katie Briscoe test out the Pump Track at Midland Trail Park. Photos by Steve Mitchell.

MOUNTAIN BIKING – Steve Mitchell

The new **Pump Track** at the Midland Trail Park is now open to members. The Track is approximately 780 feet long and 6-8 feet wide with lots of smooth rollers and very big berms. It was constructed using of varying grades of well compacted crushed asphalt. **The City of Midland** was extremely generous and provided all the crushed asphalt used to build the track, **free of charge**. Fifty-five large truck loads of material were hauled to location to build the track. Each truck load contained approximately 18 tons of asphalt, adding up to about 990 tons of total material. Pump Trax USA, a professional Pump Track company was hired by the WTTA to build the track. Jeff Ledford took on a large role to manage this project. I encourage members to go take a ride on the new track. If you don't know how to ride a pump track, be sure to check out some videos on "how to ride a pump track". This will really help enhance the experience. Below are a couple links to some beginner pump track videos however there are plenty of others available on-line:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=0iM4QUGcUhE

www.youtube.com/watch?v=OSQyFw56Yak

Use of the Pump Track by children, 14 and under, requires adult supervision. Please be careful as some of the rollers and berms are tall. Falling off the sides could result in injury.



To enhance the durability and flow of the track, we are raising funds to add a final layer of hot mix / asphalt. Based on bids, we estimate it will cost an additional \$50,000 to finish the project. The WTTA is currently raising funds from local businesses and individuals. The WTTA is a 501c3 non-profit, allowing donations to qualify as tax deductible. Please consider donating towards this project through the WTTA at www.fundtxtrails.org. Also, if you know of a company interested in donating to community-oriented projects, please contact the WTTA. The WTTA can provide companies with more information about the project. One hundred percent of donations will be used on the Midland pump track unless the contributor designates otherwise.





Have you joined or renewed your membership for 2023?

- 1) Go to www.pbbatx.com/join or hit the “Join PBBA” button from anywhere on the website
- 2) Select the type of membership you would like to purchase
 - Family**: Annual; Immediate Family only - minimum 2 / maximum 5 members
 - Individual**: Annual; one member
 - One Day**: Single day access to the mountain bike parks for one person
- 3) Complete the membership information form, and submit payment

Letter from the Editor

Did you start 2023 with a bike ride? We are very fortunate to be living in Midland with a beautiful, 75 degree, sunny day in the winter. If the adage that you will do all year what you do on New Year's Day is accurate then this looks to be a great year. I saw several of you out taking advantage of the warm temperatures with shorts and short sleeve jerseys enjoying our winter day on a bicycle.

I am truly excited and anticipate a good 2023 for PBBA! There are several people stepping up to help make it a great year so please come to the January meeting to get acquainted and see how you can be an active member of PBBA for 2023.

Have you started planning your riding calendar for the year? Wheelbrothers.com is a good resource for bike rides. The Texas Bike Rides and Race Calendar 2023 is posted. I anticipate that PBBA will be offering more rides in 2023. There will be more information to come as these plans develop and a ride calendar can be set up.

Have you made a New Year's resolution for 2023? I prefer to think of this as goal setting more than resolutions. I did learn in 2021 that if you really want to accomplish something that it is important to document and track progress. I had in mind for 2021 that I wanted to ride 100 miles a week, but did not take steps to make it really happen. The last week of December I pulled up data on my Garmin and realized that the goal had been in reach, but I had not been paying enough attention to make it happen. In 2022, I started with my 100 mile a week goal and kept a record on my written calendar as well as keeping my Garmin charged for all rides. I actually reached the 5200 mile goal in October so I bumped my goal to 6000. The increased mileage became a bit of a challenge with a trip, other activities and some cold weather interfering. I made it!-- 6110 miles for 2023. Having great people to ride with (Gail, Roberta, Mike and others) helped me achieve my goal. I don't anticipate that I will ride that much in 2023. I need to include some weight bearing exercise in my routine; therefore, I plan to walk once or twice a week. I am so thankful that at age 64 I am healthy enough to exercise as much as I do.

We all have different goals, constraints and riding preferences. I am glad to be a part of PBBA where members can unite to make cycling relevant in the Permian Basin.

I hope to see you riding and at meetings during 2023!

Kathy Hester



Take a Ride in Tuscon



On a recent trip to San Diego, I had the opportunity to stay over in Tuscon, Arizona for some bike riding and to visit my cousin. I knew Tuscon offered some great bike riding opportunities, but I was not aware of the extent of the bike riding options. Tuscon has 131 miles of car-free riding comprising their full loop. Mike and I enjoyed two days of riding on the Chuck Huckleberry loop. I recommend stopping by a local bike shop to pick up a detailed map. I had a map that I had printed online, but once out riding it became clear that the map lacked some detail. A local rider stopped to chat so we took the opportunity to get some clarification on our map. He couldn't make sense of it; therefore, I felt less incompetent with my navigating ability. Once we obtained a quality map then the trails became more clear. There are digital options (Ride with GPS) available if you can find a posted route that matches where you desire to ride.

We also rode an eight-mile paved loop in the Saguaro National Park that could be repeated for a challenging, scenic route. Be aware that there are actually two national parks (east and west) with the paved loop being in the east park.

In addition to the paved trails, there are bike lanes all over the city.

Exploring riding options online, I saw that there is gravel biking in Box Canyon with 3842 feet of climbing.

Do you need more of a challenge than relatively flat, paved trails? Riders can cycle up Mount Lemmon Highway for 41-60 miles depending on your start point with 6879 feet of climbing.

Thirty minutes from Tuscon is Madera Canyon. This ride is described as "12 miles up finishing with a 14% climb".

If you are searching for an organized ride, El Tour de Tuscon needs to be on your November calendar with distance choices of 100, 57 and 28 miles.

I think if I start feeling too cold this winter that I will check the weather in Tuscon and take a trip to potentially warmer temperatures and some great riding opportunities.





The 2022 PBBA Christmas ride enjoyed fifty degree temperatures which dropped into the forties as the ride progressed. Rick Turnbill and Hattie June won top decorating honors. David Sovil had some great looking bikes decorated for his grandchildren: Kamryn, Dakota and Daxton.

Many thanks to John and Bobbie Kerrigan for planning and leading the ride as well as support from police officers on bikes to help keep riders safe. Stonegate Church allowed us to use their youth center for our after ride cookies, hot chocolate, fellowship and a chance to warm back up. Thank you to Roberta SoloRio for securing the facility, publicizing the ride and helping Kathy Hester with the refreshments. Shawn and Jeannette Harris made certain that we had plenty of cookies. Mike Hester drove our SAG vehicle. Thank you to our club president, Eric Burkhart, for coming out for a slow ride.

Many thanks to all that came!







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March 24 - 26th 2023

REGISTRATION OPENS

Sunday October 30th, 3 pm CST

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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>