From the President’s Desk

Well for those of you who missed the brisket and fixen’s at the last meeting my condolences. I doubt there was much better food in Midland or Ector County. The website is coming along nicely and Jean Junker is doing a great job on it for us. We should have a projector presentation on it at the next meeting. Dan gave an update on Cyclefest and we need new volunteers. If you have ridden in the past and could stand to volunteer this year, speak up. We have people who have worked the last 2-3 years who want to ride. There are spots on Friday night registration and Saturday ride around the loop to fill. Dan says he thinks the Sunday Hill Climb is covered so you can work and still do that. We should be thinking about PBBA Club clothing orders for next year at this time. At the next meeting I would like to discuss what type of order the club members would like and try to get the ball rolling on the order so it doesn’t show after we really need it. Show up and voice your opinions or forever hold your peace. See you next meeting.

Steve
The Permian Basin Bicycle Association was created to promote bicycle safety and education. Based in Midland/Odessa, Texas, the P.B.B.A. is associated with the League of American Bicyclists, the United States Cycling Federation, the National Off Road Bicycle Association, Texas Bicycle Coalition and many local organizations. They are involved in sponsoring local bicycle touring events, USCF Racing, mountain bike rides, safety programs, riding clinics and many local civic programs. The membership is dedicated to providing a safe riding environment and to help achieve this they are educating both cyclists and motorists on the rules of the road. Remember, cyclists use the same roads and have the same rights as any other vehicle, but also remember we must obey the same rules. Everyone must SHARE THE ROADS!

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Calendar of Cycling Events
Peyton’s has entry forms for many of these events - contact us

**Ride Calendar**
Permian Basin Bicycle Assn. Club meetings - 3rd Monday of each Month in the Knights of Columbus Building on FM 1788 at CR60 between Midland & Odessa. Food and social at 7:00, program at 7:30.

**Local Rides**
**Monday Women’s Ride** – Leaves the Grande Stadium parking lot at 6:15 PM. Everyone is welcome from beginners to racers. For more info email brammer10@aol.com or call Kelly @ 683-3018 or 682-2617. Be sure and bring your helmet and plenty to drink.

**Tuesday & Thursday** - From Race Pace to Intermediate - Leaves S.E. corner of Loop 338 & Hwy 191 (The Professional Center) at 6:00 P.M.

**Wednesday** - Peyton’s Wednesday Evening Ride. A fun ride for every level of rider. It leaves from Peyton’s Bikes at 6:15 for a 15, 24, or 27 mile ride.

**Monday, Wednesday and Saturday Morning RIDES** – Odessa to Crane Ride – 40 Miles round trip. Medium paced ride on one of the smoothest roads around. Leaves the Wilson’s Grocery Store at: Slower riders - 8:30 AM or Faster riders - 9:00 AM (10 Miles south of 120 on Hwy 385 – the Crane Hwy in Odessa). Call 563-0179 for information.

**Saturday** – Race to Moderate pace, 25-50 Miles (depending on group) - Leaves S.E. corner of...
Loop 338 & Hwy 191 at **7:30 AM.**

**Saturday** - Moderate Paced group ride; emphasis on group riding skills in a non-threatening atmosphere; Distance 20 - 30 miles. **June 2nd** we will move start time to **8:00 AM.**

**Sunday** - Medium pace, 23 Miles - Leaves Odessa Golden Corral on 42nd St. at **7:30 A.M.**

Call Joe Hassell for ride details - 432-366-2136.

**Sunday** – PBBA Development Ride. CALL 699-1718

**Sunday** - Mountain Bike Rides - 2:00 at PBBA lease on Flag Ranch near Notrees. PBBA Members only (Guests are welcome for one trial ride). Call Scott Michael @ 432-586-2072 email scottemichael@hotmail.com or Danny Zumwalt at 432-208-1011 or email at deadlegend36@yahoo.com.

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TUMBLEWEED CLASSIC - August 11, 2007

Online registration for the 2007 Jasper Hubbert Memorial Tumbleweed Classic is now available. This annual tour, hosted by the Lubbock Bicycle Club, will be held on Saturday, August 11, at Quitaque, TX. This is great country for a beautiful and challenging ride that will be perfect preparation for the Hotter n Hell Hundred. There are routes for riders of all skill and strength levels.

Please visit the website at:
http://www.caprockcycling.org/tumbleweed/
for registration and other tour information such as the schedule, route maps, and lodging options. You must pre-register prior to midnight, Sunday, August 5, to receive a free event t-shirt.

GARY COLE MEMORIAL TOUR – AUGUST 17 – 19

Join Fred Hunley for this tour in memory of Gary Cole. The tour will begin in Fort Stockton on Friday, ride to Balmorhea Saturday and then maybe to Fort Davis depending on the response. If you are interested in doing this long haul tour contact Fred for more details at 638-5615.

31ST ANNUAL CYCLEFEST

The 31st addition of Cyclefest is quickly approaching. If you have signed up or wish to volunteer please contact me at danphogan@suddenlink.net or 432-686-0207. Cyclefest is our clubs largest fundraiser and has been very successful these past years. We always have a need for financial support to cover the direct costs we incur as a club to put this event on. If you wish to make a donation please send it to David Ham at Peyton’s Bikes. I will have rooms available at the Prude Ranch for those who volunteer Friday registration and Saturday sag support. We will make work assignments and finish up our planning Monday August 6th @ 6:20 at Peyton’s. Plan on showing up if you have signed up our wish to volunteer. If you do wish to make a donation of $250.00 or more, we will put your logo on the back of our shirt. Also we will give you 2 shirts as well. Please leave your shirt size with your donation. The Sunday Hill climb race has prize money for both races this year and we are currently looking for polka dot hill climb hats for all who make it across the finish line under their own power. We will also have our helmet raffle at dinner Saturday night. For those of you who attended our dinner last year, you can see that it has become very popular and seating is limited to about 250 people. Plan on getting in line early to get a good table. This will be my last year to act as your tour director for Cyclefest. I am thankful that you as a club have allowed me with this duty. Cyclefest can almost run itself with the wonderful volunteers that we have. Please be in thought about taking the reins and taking Cyclefest to its next level.

See you soon,
Sincerely
Dan Hogan
Cyclefest Tour Director

Carl R. Murdock
Just as we were about to begin our ride up the canyon, Ken Bristow and Cheryl arrived to join the group. We all rode up the canyon, and I do mean up! It was beautiful and such a treat to be in the mountains. Some residents were setting off firecrackers, and we heard a few dogs and some target shooting. The clouds closed in and started turning dark blue. We continued on up the canyon to our turnoff point at 8 mi, the farthest into the Reservation we could go without special permission. We turned around and were soon doing a screaming downhill, with Lois and I hitting just over 40 mph on our tandem, leaving the others behind. It was very exciting, but perhaps not the wisest choice for two over-70 people. But speed is addictive, the bike had been checked out thoroughly, and we enjoyed it and didn’t crash.

We were very quickly back to the cars, the others showed up, and we loaded up just as the rain started. It soon turned into a deluge, with heavy rain mixed with small hail. We went back a bit to get a shot of the church in...
the rain, and then headed for the nearby freeway overpass to hide out from the storm. There were about 15 cars and trucks hiding under that overpass. The rain was fierce, with thunder and lightning and hail. After 20-30 minutes it seemed to be letting up, and Fred braved the rain to try to drive back to the motel. We made it OK, and the rain did gradually let up. Back to our motel, shower and nap, and then we met the others at La Casa, where Clare had reserved a table, for some delicious Mexican food.

Saturday saw us gather for the leisurely group's ride to Capitan. The Friday group was augmented by Scott and Meyling, Carl & mary Ann on their EZ Tandem, and Linda. Again there was screaming downhill, and again we reached 40 mph. The scenery was spectacular. We rode past the airport, through the hills down Hwy 214, and down to the site of the Merchant Marine graveyard near Ft Stanton.
We soon joined Hwy 380, riding through the rolling hills to Capitan. There we met the rest of our group, including Jay Kelly, who was driving Carl's van as a sag wagon. We had a very nice group lunch at the restaurant there. After driving back to the hotel we rode to the Sitzmark for our shower and nap.

That evening Fred had prepared a hamburger and sausage barbeque for us in the covered patio area of the Best Western. How Fred could do all the buying, cooking, and serving in a few hours in the afternoon is beyond me. He has a very high energy level. When the dinner was over we rode our Mercian back to our motel.

On Sunday we rode over to the Best Western again to join the group riding up the road to the ski area on Sierra Blanca. I had not planned for such a ride and we did not have our Arraya drum drag brake on the tandem. We could not pedal up to the ski area with the group, as we would have burned the brake shoes, rims, and tires trying to descend steep, twisty roads without it. We did make it up to about 7200 ft on the mountain, and the scenery was great.

We had seen some Cholla's blooming on the way to Capitan, so we had to stop and take a photo of one on the way back. Then we got to do another screaming downhill on Gavilan Canyon Road to get back to the Sitzmark, shower, pack, and check out, and then drive home.

It was a great tour, and we thank Fred heartily for all his work in pulling it off. What a guy! Thanks also to Jay and Carl Murdock for their help on the Capitan ride.

David Eggleston
BIKING ACROSS KANSAS
Mary & Bob Elliott

We rode out tandem about 500 miles across Kansas. We had cool mornings and warm to hot afternoons. The wind was out of the SE almost entire route 10-20 mph. One day gusting to 35 in our face on the way into Lincoln. We had fog two mornings. At Ness City it was so thick the Highway Patrol closed the highway to bicycles. We waited at a SAG stop for about an hour for the fog to lift. First 2 ½ days had no real hills. But after that we got into some steep ones in the northern Flint Hills north of Wilson. The last 2 ½ were in the glacial hills in NE Kansas. The roads there follow the topography up and down. Some said it was like riding ribbon candy. On Thursday 103 hills were counted by some engineer type. Our total ascent was just over 15,000’ and with about 18,000’ of descent. Whoever said Kansas was flat never rode a bike across it.

We slept in our tent on school grounds each night. First night in Tribune the low was a chilly 50º. Other nights the low was in the 70’s. No rain at night, but pretty heavy morning dew. One night we slept in the school darkroom, because of the threat of 50 mph winds that did not come. All of our gear and clothes went into big yellow Penske trucks, the camper hamper for campers and the gym rat packer for those who slept in the school gym or in the school halls. If you got to the next town by noon you got the privilege of unloading the trucks. Showers were in the school locker rooms. Hot if you got in early. Cold if you got in later. Warmer if you waited until after dinner to shower.

Meals were available from local church groups or civic organizations. Spaghetti, sloppy Joes, hamburgers for lunch and dinner. Eggs, pancakes, bacon, rolls for breakfast. Lots of home made pies, cakes and cookies. We had roast pig two nights. They roasted five 250 lb pigs in Hoisington and we had more roast pig in Centralia. The last night was in Troy where they had a street dance with live groups, food vendors and a beer garden.

We met lots of interesting people. Over 850 people rode and many rode a century each day, but not us. There were four riders over 80 and one 8-year-old Houstonian riding stoker behind his dad on a tandem. There were lots of recumbents. Even had a recumbents only start one day after the rest of us had already hit the road. There were quite a few working on SAGs and logistics. We even had a traveling bike shop out of Wichita. He was up late every night repairing bikes.

I got to see my grandmother’s old house, my dad’s old high school and go my grandfather and uncle’s Rexall Drugstore in Clay Center. They are gone now, but the house and store are still there, sans fountain. We also stopped in Wetmore where my grandmother was born in 1886. We ended the ride in Elwood, across from St Joe MO, for a celebration lunch with strawberry short cake.
The View From Back Here

By: Russell Livingston

As this article is being written, we are on the eve of the Cactus and Crude MS 150 Bicycle Tour. By the time this is read, we will have stories to tell, muscles to heal and a resolve to, “Do it again next year, only start training earlier.”

My road to the Cactus and Crude has taken a few funny turns this year. Our motorized brethren have an axiom. “One way to tell if a rider is happy is to see if he has bugs in his teeth.” One Saturday after our plentiful rains, I was off on my long ride. My loving and caring wife decided that I needed a good coating of sun screen. She gave me a pretty good coating of the stuff and sent me merrily on my way. Around the CEED building at HWY 1788, I could feel something hitting my arms and legs. To my surprise, my generously coated arms and legs were covered in bugs. I looked like the windshield of a Mack truck.

Referring to our motorized brethren, my daughter shared a light hearted verbal exchange with a rider at the state park in Balmorhea, Texas recently. We were preparing for the ill fated ride to Ft. Davis. (It rained and there was a reported tornado that day) After examining the motorized version of two wheeled transportation, she muttered the word, “Whimp.” The rider then looked at her bike and shook his head and muttered the word, “Idiot.”

Our early morning, pre dawn, rides are becoming more and more popular. Two weeks ago, on the east bound service road, one of my partners yelled and immediately and simultaneously unclipped both feet from his pedals. He had just run over another rattlesnake. Personally, I don’t like snakes and that little exercise nearly put an end to my pre dawn rides. I have been on that road numerous times since and have not witnessed a repeat performance.

The last ride before the MS 150 for me was the Wednesday Peyton’s ride. I have enjoyed those rides going on 4 years now. Most people know that I am a data freak and have maintained ride and exercise data using my Polar heart monitor. There is a handy little devise that allows the monitor to mount on the handlebars of my bike. Somehow, that piece came loose and was missing when we took off. No problem, I simply draped it over the handlebar and buckled the strap. Everything went as planned until we were on County Road 60 coming toward town. I heard a clinking noise and asked Kathy Hester if she heard it too. She heard the noise but we did not know what it was. About a mile later, I looked and my monitor was missing. Immediately, Kathy said, “Fifth phone pole.”

We turned around and headed back that direction, after Kathy advised that she had mentally noted how many phone poles there were to the corner. As we rode in that direction, along comes another partner, Kelly Brammer. She had seen the monitor and picked it up at the fifth phone pole. That, fellow riders, is a shining example of two very observant riders. My data is preserved and all is well.

The day before the Cactus and Crude MS 150 is here. My pledges are in, I have two new tires, I have a new pair of riding shorts, and I cleaned my bike most of the morning. I have made my hotel reservations and I have put in the miles to physically prepare. I am ready. Tune in next month to see if it paid off.

Everyone, have fun and ride safe.
Jeff Brammer provided his great brisket for the July meeting. Ruth Shields had some good beans. I brought potatoe salad, cornbread and dinner rolls. Scott and Lisa Anderson helped us finish the meal with some cold watermelon. Michael Mathis has been very dependable to bring drinks for every meeting so far this year. The August meeting will feature tacos. Ken Pittaway is bringing the taco shells and refried beans. I still need someone to bring taco meat and dessert. Let me know at khester@escl8.net if you can help.

Kathy Hester

**FOOD COMMITTEE**

**Deadline for Newsletter is the 23rdnd of each month**
**Please Submit all Articles for the Newsletter to:**
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**LINK TO MRT ARTICLE FEATURING KENT CROWELL AND THE ELLIOTS:**

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