

The Official Newsletter of the
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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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Meetings Program	

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.

Monday - Ladies Ride – Leaves from NW Corner of Grande (football) Stadium at 6 pm. Call Kelly @ 682-2617 or 683-3018 or brammer10@aol.com

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 **8:30 A.M.** for slower riders and **9:00 AM** for faster riders (10 Miles south of I20 on Hwy 385 – the Crane Hwy in Odessa). Call 563-0179 for information

Tue. & Thur. - From Race Pace to Intermediate - Leaves S.E. corner of Loop 338 & Hwy 191 (The Professional Center) at 5:00 P.M.

Wednesday - Peyton's Wed.Evening Ride (All Levels)– Leaves from Peyton's at 6:15 pm.

Wednesday 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 **10:00 AM** (10 Miles south of I20 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; ride starts @ Peyton's; 9:00 AM.

Sunday - Medium pace, 23 Miles - Leaves Odessa Golden Corral on 42nd St. at 7:30 am, 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 scottmichael@hotmail.com or Danny Zumwalt at 432-208-1011 or email at deadlegend36@yahoo.com .

2007	9 – Spindletop Spin Tour – 12, 45, 72 miles	Beaumont, TX	409-839-2332
	9 – Fire Ant Tour 10 – 65 miles	Gatesville, TX	254-865-8050 254-865-6265
	9 – Wheels in the Wind Tour	Canyon, TX	806-656-6833
	9-10 – Tour Del Paso ACA Omnium Race & Tour	El Paso, TX	615-534-4229
	9 - Crit on the Concho (12 lap Criterium race around Sante Fe Golf Course)	San Angelo, Texas	
	10 – Tour de Burma	San Angelo, TX	325-655-7373 325-223-2453 sanangelobicycle@hotmail.com
	9-10 – Tour De Forts	Junction, TX	325-446-9133 cavuforeman@ctesc.net
	10 – Metroplex Sprint Triathlon – 800M, 27K, 5K	Grand Prairie, TX	
	10 – 16 Oklahoma Freewheel – Ride across OK	Comanche, OK	
	16-17 National 24 Hour Challenge	Middleville, MI	
	30 – Firecracker 100 Bike Ride	Stephenville, TX	
	29, 30, July 1 – PBBA Ruidosa Club Ride	Ruidosa, NM	Fred Hunley

July 2007	4 – Blistering Sands Challenge Bike Tour	Monahans, TX	432-943-2187 fheslin1@nwol.net
	14 – Peach Pedal Bike Tour	Weatherford, TX	
	14 – Tour de Nowhere	Levelland TX	806-799-3472
	15 – Ironhead Dallas – 1500 M, 41K, 10K	Grand Prairie, TX	
	21-22 – Cactus & Crude MS Bike Tour	Midland, TX	432-699-1718

Wild West show comes to Scarborough/Einebery House

Here is a link to the MRT article 5/27/07.

<http://www.mywesttexas.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=18393023&BRD=2288&PAG=461&de>

pt_id=541499&rfi=6

I will have a treadle lathe and turn some wood into something useful on June 7th, 8th & 9th.

We will also have a couple of David Ham's antique bicycles on display starting on May 31st.

Kent Crowell

MS150 TRAINING RIDE

SATURDAY, JUNE 23RD

8:30 A.M.

CITIBANK BALLPARK @ THE MIDLAND SPORTS COMPLEX

Lunch is provided immediately following the ride for all registered MS150 participants

Questions call Krisen Ellis 888-999-7992

BLISTERING SANDS CHALLENGE BICYCLE TOURS

Proceeds support scholarships and other charitable activities of St. John Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, July 4, 2007, Hill Park, Monahans, Texas

Odessa, Midland, Kermit, Monahans www.wtstatebk.com



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Free 10-Mile Tour

\$17 Early Entry Fee (Receive Gift Certificate)

\$20 Fee at Registration (Gift Certificate)

All rides will start and finish at Hill Park, behind the courthouse at Fourth St. & Bruce Ave.

The 22- and 54-mile tours will start at 8:00 AM

The 10-mile tour will start at 8:05 AM

We may vary the routes and distances of some rides. The courses cover flat to rolling terrain. Extreme heat can be expected. Sag wagons and water stops will be available, but riders should also carry water. All riders are advised to wear helmets and they are mandatory for the 22- and 54-mile tours.

Showers available after you ride

Stay and enjoy the Freedom Fair

A Festival of Freedom for the Whole Family

Please send **REGISTRATION and \$17** to:

St. John Knights of Columbus, PO Box 286, Monahans, TX 79756

More info: Monahans Chamber of Commerce 432/943-2187, Fax -6868 or

fheslin1@nwol.net

July 14 - Tour de Nowhere

www.caprockcycling.org/nowhere

This tour is presented by Cal Farley's Girlstown, U.S.A., and the Levelland Volunteer Fire Department. The 2007 Tour will be held on July 14 to coincide with Levelland's annual Early Settlers Days celebration. Come and enjoy a well supported ride through the surrounding countryside and then, join in the festivities! The West Texas Cycling Association is an official sponsor for this event. For more information, **Walt Oler (806-799-3472)**.

July 21-22 - MS150 Bike Tour

Otherwise known as the Cactus Crude Bicycle Tour, this is an annual fund raiser for the West Texas Division of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. The tour is unique in that it is a two day ride for a total of 150 miles with an overnight in Big Spring. There is plenty of SAG support, if you don't feel like 75 miles each day and rest stops every 10 miles, or so. Sign up as part of the PBBA Team MS and ride to help cure a horrible disease. The support for this ride is great and the format is challenging and fun. Pick up an entry form at the MS Office or Peyton's Bikes. Team details to be announced.

August 11 - Tumbleweed Classic

www.caprockcycling.org/tumbleweed

This is the annual public tour hosted by the Lubbock Bicycle Club / WTCA. This will be the first year for the Tumbleweed at its new location, Quitaque, TX. Come and enjoy a weekend of camping at Caprock Canyons State Park and a great ride on and off the caprock. This tour is timed to be a perfect tuneup for the Hotter'n Hell Hundred.



PBBA NIGHT AT THE ROCKHOUNDS

The Midland Rockhounds (Oakland A's affiliate) will be playing the Frisco Roughriders (Texas Rangers affiliate). This is a great opportunity to see future A's and Rangers players, and maybe even the chance to see current Rangers players who are on injury rehab. Citibank ballpark is a great place to enjoy a baseball game with your family. There are decently priced concessions, well shaded areas to enjoy the game, and a play area for the kids behind the outfield. So come enjoy a baseball game with your family courtesy of the PBBA on June 19th. Gates open at 6:30 and the game starts at 7:00. Bike shorts optional. Please RSVP no later than June 9th to: BLAIR ROBERTS 262-5911 or KELLY BRAMMER 683-3018

HEAVEN IN THE HILLS

a.k.a. Gearfest (hosted by Fred Hunley)

Please save this page or newsletter whichever because this is the schedule.

Friday – Meet at my motel (Best Western Ruidoso Inn) at 12:45 p.m. so we can load up and figure arrangements to get to Whiteoak. This has two rides one for the sane which starts in the flats and works its way into a nice little semi Ghost town and back (about 20 miles) or two start in the flats and make your way back to the motels about 55 miles (a little climbing involved here).

Saturday –We have Capitan Ride. It really is better than I described. Don't rush getting there – when you do there are some lunch spots. Ride back if you feel up to it (maybe 75 miles round trip). If not, we will bring you back which is more popular. Cloudcroft Ride has a few more hills. Will have lunch over there also or you can ride back as soon as you fill your bottles. Go ahead, take a break. No sag unless you set it up. Please contact Fred about starting times and place (432) 638-5715.

That night we will meet at 5:00 at my motel (Best Western Ruidoso Inn) to feast and chat about the days events. We have the large patio to the west of the motel when you get to the top of the hill.

Sunday – We will get to do what we could not do last year because of conditions. They have been getting as much rain as we have. It is gonna be pretty and smell nice also. You can ride 11 miles climbing and 11 miles back to town (to the motel) which is downhill almost all the way or we have a shorter ride which is the last part I just talked about for an easier ride. We will talk about times and start places Saturday night.

I have not heard from too many people. I would love to know who is planning on being there. Please call me. (432) 638-5715. All times are mountain time.

Motels and Rates for Club Member's (be sure and mention PBBA)

Sitzmark Chalet				
505-257-4140	\$40.00 single	\$50.00 double	No Breakfast	
Best Western Ruidoso Inn			Continental Breakfast	
505-257-3600	\$TBA		Indoor pool and Hot tub	

POLICE MEMORIAL RIDE

On Sunday May 13th the Midland Police Department hosted the 3rd Annual Police Memorial Bike Ride. The ride kicks off Police Memorial Week and is in memory of law enforcement officers that were killed in the line of duty over the past year. Nation wide there were 150 officers killed in the line of duty (13 in the State of Texas). The 16 mile ride was in memory of the 13 in Texas and 3 from the City of Midland back in 1935 and 1961.

There were 20 riders participating this year that had a police escort. It was beautiful weather for the ride. All riders were given a memorial bracelet from the National Peace Officer Memorial Foundation. Door prizes were given out after the ride. Thanks to Peyton's who donated some of the refreshments. Next year we hope to have a better turn out and with any luck the ride will be shorter.

Thanks to all of you that participated.
Officer John Kerrigan
Midland Police Department

Recumbent Corner

By David Eggleston

People ride bicycles for many reasons, but not very many around here ride for transportation. This has been bike month, and last week was bike-to-work week. Perhaps some of you tried biking to work. We need many more of us to do so. I heard of a Houston legislator saying “We all know that the roads are for cars, not bicycles.” With attitudes like that we need to fight back.

Drivers of cars, trucks, and buses need to see lots of bicyclists on the streets. That has a civilizing attitude on all vehicles, of which the bicycle counts as one.

I ride daily, and wave at almost everybody. Surprisingly, a good 50% wave back. It makes the roads seem friendlier. It also breaks down the hostility some car drivers hold for bicyclists. It’s harder to be hostile to somebody who is waving to you.

It is really effective to follow the rules of the road and use the vehicular model for riding bikes in traffic. If the cars see you stop at stop signs, ride to the right, signal your turns, and take the lane when you have to, they develop a respect for bicyclists. I habitually pull to the left of the right lane at stoplights to let cars turn right from these busy intersections. The car drivers really appreciate that.

It really ticks me off when I see a bicyclist that flouts the rules, and runs stop signs, etc. That gives all bicyclists a bad name, and we all suffer for it later.

Getting around by bike can be fun, rewarding, and good exercise. I am definitely a transportation rider and have 1200 transportation miles on my Flevo Alleweder+ since January 1, 2007. That isn’t such a tremendous distance, but it helps keep me healthy. Transportation miles are miles, after all, and can be as good as any other miles. When you can ride your bike to work or school, you have an added incentive to ride. You have to go there anyway, so why not get a little exercise on the way. Biking can be much more fun than driving your car.

Most of the general public thinks that biking on city streets is much too dangerous. Midland has some signed bike routes but no bike transport map. Both Odessa and Midland need good bike route maps. Many big cities have one. Austin, TX has both a UT Austin bike map and a City of Austin bike map. The routes are marked in three colors on many of these maps, with easy, medium, and busy streets marked. That way you can decide which route to take to work or school. It is truly amazing to be able to get all over Austin on a bike, when getting to some places in a car gets really difficult due to heavy traffic.

Minneapolis, Denver, Boulder, Portland, Boston, and Washington DC have pretty good bike transportation routes laid out. Midland has a number of good biking streets that cars seldom use for one reason or another. David Ham and I have worked for years to get a good bike map of Midland produced and printed. We thought it was going to happen when the Chamber of Commerce backed the idea as part of their Eco Tourism efforts. We had a map all done with the help of the city graphics department. I still have the computer file. But when it came time to cough up the money to print it, the Chamber decided not to back it. They sort of tabled the idea back in 2003, and nothing has been done since. David Ham and I are about to renew the effort again with the City Parks Dept as the vehicle. Let’s hope we have more success this time.

The View From Back Here

By: Russell Livingston

May appears to be the first good month of riding of the year. We have had several opportunities to ride this month and there is much to reflect upon.

The full moon of 3 weeks ago signaled the start of our 5:00 a.m. morning rides. Every fiber of my being is violated by getting up that early and doing anything. My riding partners, Robert Thomas and John Gould and I have enjoyed the early morning rides. It certainly is quiet and the traffic is practically absent. We have come up with some pretty creative ways to light and reflect ourselves. I often wonder what the early morning traffic on Highway 191 thinks as they pass us on those rides. Should anyone be interested, we arrange to meet no later than 5:30 at the overpass at Highway 158 and Deauville.

Weather and non cycling commitments have limited my Wednesday rides. The outstanding aspect of those rides for me has been the addition of my daughter as a rider. We generally bring up the rear and don't get into much of a hurry. It is a mind clearing fun visit with my daughter. We even ride with others and widen the circle. Of course the very best part of those rides is Rosa's afterwards. I even tried the deluxe nachos instead of the smothered burrito for the first time recently. Now that is adventurous.

Being an old fat guy, I have become secure in my masculinity and have come to grips with my feminine side. Since I wasn't doing anything else on Monday I have joined Kelly Brammer and Kathy Hester on their Monday Ladies (no drop) Ride. They have had a good turn out for these rides including Fred Hundley. (Another apparently secure male.) The pace has been pleasant. I have appreciated them allowing me to "crash their party."

The MS 150 is coming and those practice rides have been enjoyed by several. The first practice ride heralded the first wildlife encounter of the year. Riding along Deauville nearing the end of my ride I was seen by a young rattlesnake. As I went by I heard him rattle and turned to see him coiled and in an apparent bad mood. With my pulse raised significantly, I proceeded to the finish wondering how many others had seen me wiz by without letting me know of their presence.

Possibly the most notable ride though is the Ride to Work ride during National Bike Week. Actually, this was a No Ride for me as my bike is parked further away than my office. In order to ride to my office, it would have required walking through the house and then pedaling back to my office. (Ah, the benefits of having your office at home)

Perhaps the best rides of the month though are the few times that I get to leave the house alone, ride until I am half tired and turn around. I get to think about my day, the next day, meditate, pray and consider my fortunate station in life. It don't get much better than that!

As the season progresses the miles add up. The memories and the experiences build. Do we really appreciate how fortunate we are to enjoy our sport while others drive by us on their way to work or other mundane commitments? Enjoy making memories and friends. Have fun and ride safe.

PBBA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Many thanks to the members that brought food for the meeting on May 21st. The Cason's (Teri, Roy and Tracy) provided lasagna. David and Lois Eggleston brought salad and Claire Murphy came with dessert. Michael Mathis is our faithful provider of drinks. I appreciate all their help. The June meeting will be a hamburger cook-out, so plan to come.

I thought it might be a good idea to clarify the PBBA meal procedure. Members are asked to contribute \$3.00 per person in the container at the beginning of the meal line. You may have to wait a few minutes to get your change if you don't have the exact amount. Everyone has been great about contributing. Persons that provide food may bring the receipts for reimbursement. If there is enough collected that evening, then I can give you a cash reimbursement on the spot. If not, then turn in your receipt and I will get a check mailed to you. Donations of food items are great, but I would rather people get reimbursed than hesitate to sign up to bring items due to expense. The main dish especially can get expensive as we are having 30-35 people at meetings; therefore, don't hesitate to bring your receipt.

See you for hamburgers on June 18th!
Kathy Hester

CONGRAT'S

Submitted by Fred Hunley

Don't know whether they are members or not, but they always show up and run away with the front pack on Wednesday night rides. They to me are very outstanding athletes – Kelly Thompson and Chance Payton have both qualified for World's Duathlon in West Virginia in October of 2007. Wish them luck when you see them. But be careful cause one of them has hit me up for sponsorship already. It is no little thing that these guys are going. I just might help out a little. Best of Luck from PBBA

PBBA CLUB MEETING

MONDAY JUNE 18TH

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BUILDING
CORNER OF 1788 AND CR60**

PROGRAM – Bicycle Maintenance

HAMBURGER DINNER

Ride leader needed for the PBBA Alley Oop Ride (Lions Club) The date is June 9, and the place is Iraan, TX. This is a fun ride. If interested call Kent Crowell @ 528-2891 or 687-5292 or email him kcrowell@apex2000.net

**THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS THE 23RD OF EACH MONTH.
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