

The Official Newsletter of the  
PERMIAN BASIN BICYCLE ASSOCIATION

# WINDBUSTERS

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The **P**ermian **B**asin **B**icycle **A**ssociation 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

**Sunday** - "**Walters" Ride** – Leaves the NE Corner of 1788 and 191 at the Radio Station & American Home Improvement parking lot at 2:00PM. This is a comfortable pace ride so everyone is welcome; both guys and gals & from beginners to racers. Sometimes we ride to Walters (in Odessa) for soda or snack so bring pocket change.. For more information email Kelly Brammer at [brammer10@aol.com](mailto:brammer10@aol.com) or call Kelly @ 432-559-5346. 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. No Ride until Spring – Still meeting at Rosa's to talk cycling around 7:00!

**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 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.**

**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** - Mountain Bike Rides - 2:00 at PBBA lease on Flag Ranch near Notrees. PBBA Members only (Guests are welcome for one trial ride). Call Landy Adkins @ 432-699-1718 or email at [ride@peytonsbikes.com](mailto:ride@peytonsbikes.com) .

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
January 2008	12 – Limmer Cyclocross State Championship	San Antonio, TX	
	13 – Fort Sam Houston Cyclocross Races	San Antonio, TX	
	13 – Friendship Ride	Midland, TX	Kathy Hester 699-7006
	19-20 – Frost yer Fanny Duathlon	Austin, TX	512-326-1600
	19-20 – PBBA TRAINING CAMP	FT. DAVIS, TX	See below
	26 – <a href="#">Miles of DisComfort MTB Race</a>	Comfort, TX	
	26 – Time Trial	Midland, TX	Kye King 432-349-4227

	27 – <a href="#">Frost Bike 50 Tour</a>	Cypress, TX	
	23 – Walburg Classic Road Race (TXBRA)	Walburg, TX	
February 2008	16 – Mas O Menos 100 K MTB Race	Terlingua, TX	888-989-6900
	16 – Time Trial	Midland, TX	Kye King 432-349-4227
	29-30 Belterra Criterium & Ronde Von Cele Road Race		

## FRIENDSHIP RIDE

Will it be cold Sunday, January 13, 2008?

Possibly, but the fellowship of your cycling friends will warm your heart at the annual PBBA Friendship Ride.

Everyone come out and bring a friend. The ride will begin at 2:00 PM from the Scharbauer Sports Complex. We will ride out 191 for 30-45 minutes and then return to the start for a hour to a hour and a half ride.

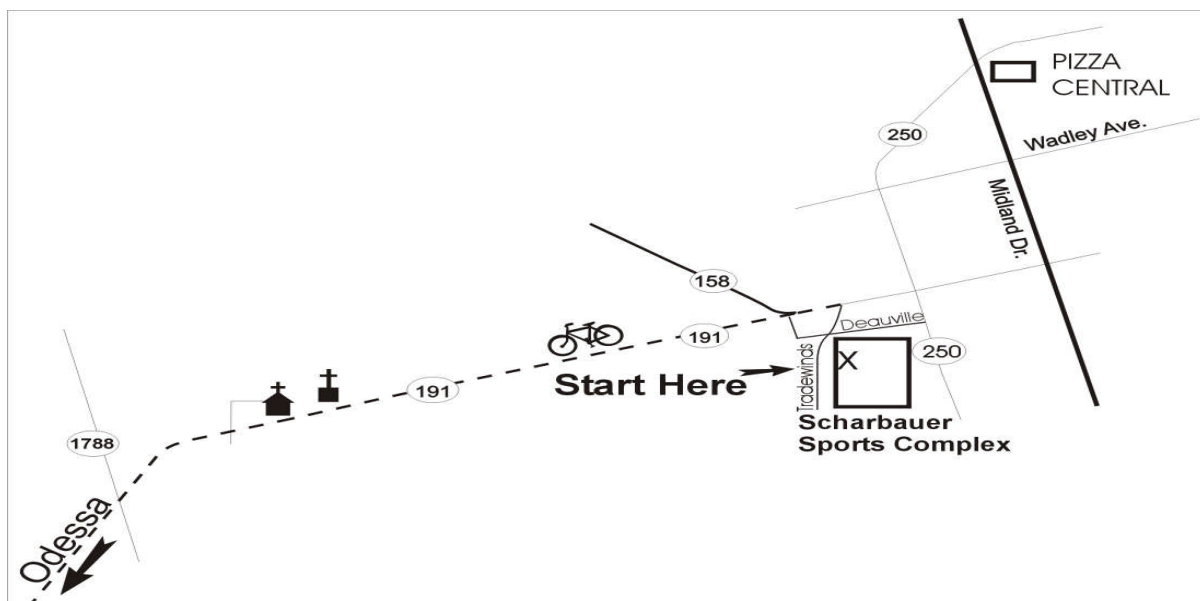
You determine your distance. Children may choose to ride in the sports complex area.

After the ride, we will meet at Pizza Central (formerly CiCi's). Everyone who rides is invited to join us for free pizza and soft drinks.

The purpose of this ride is to introduce people to cycling. Find someone new or someone that we haven't seen in a while and bring them out to ride.

For more information contact the Hesters at 699-7006. Hoping for nice weather and/or that Santa brings you some warm cycling clothes!

Kathy



# **2008 PBBA Winter Time Trial Series**

*First TT January 26th 6 miles*

*Second TT February 16th 10 miles*

*Third TT March 29th 17 miles*

*The final TT is the team tt*

*April 19th 24 miles*

*All Time Trials will be held at the*

*Harvest Time Church parking lot on 191*

*Registration starts at 9:00 a.m.*

*Race starts at 10:00 a.m.*

*Registration fee is \$5.00 for each tt*

***Same Cat as last year(Men's Open, Men's A, Men's B Women's, Jr. Men's and Jr. Women's), trophies for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3rd in each Cat, and a t-shirt for those who ride in at least 2 events.***

*For more information call Kye King at 432- 349-4227 or email at [KyeBaby21@sbcglobal.net](mailto:KyeBaby21@sbcglobal.net).*

*For updates you can visit [www.pbbatx.com](http://www.pbbatx.com) under forum*

***\*All Time Trials subject to change due to weather.***



#### NEW YEAR, NEW LOOK

Register Now. An unforgettable ride. An unbeatable destination. A world free of MS.

It is the perfect time of year to thank you for all that you have done as a Bike MS Cyclist. So, thank you, thank you, and thank you again! You are a critical leader among passionate individuals who want to do something about MS - NOW!

To show our appreciation, January 2-18, 2008 we are offering an \$8 online registration special for the Bike MS: 2008 Cactus & Crude Ride. The ride is scheduled for July 19-20.

To register for only \$8, visit [www.bikems.org](http://www.bikems.org) and click on the state you will be riding in. Click on "register now" and then choose "register as an individual", "create a new team", or "join an existing team." In the discount code field, enter 2008 for individual registration and 2008T for team member registration.

Below are tips for navigating the registration process.

**MS STOPS PEOPLE FROM MOVING. WE EXIST TO MAKE SURE IT DOESN'T.**  
**Help us to continue the momentum. JOIN THE MOVEMENT AGAIN IN 2008!**

#### Registration Tips:

- Log in with you username and password from last year's registration not sure what it is? Click on "Forgot your password" in the upper right corner of the registration page. Enter your email address and your information will automatically be sent to you.
- If you do not see your team listed under "Join a team" click on create a new team you may be the first person to register for your team. If the computer labels you the "team captain", don't worry, we can change that later.
- Don't wait until 1/18 you can register as early as January 2<sup>nd</sup>! What a great way to start the new year
- Invite a friend to join you. Forward this email to your friends, family, and co-workers! Share this registration special and the opportunity to join the movement to create a world free of MS.

<http://www.jointhemovement.org/>

<http://www.mswesttexas.org/>

Register for **WALK** MS

Register for **BIKE** MS

Best Wishes!

**Holly Lafebre**

Development Coordinator, Special Events

**PBBA 2008 TRAINING CAMP**  
**JANUARY 19 –20**  
**FORT DAVIS, TEXAS**

**Who should attend?** All levels.

**Speaker:** Carolyn Donnelly (sponsored Elite Racer)      Some of the material covered maybe women specific.

**Training Manual:** Free to club members

Non-club members: TBA

(If you have a training manual from previous years please bring it and it will be updated)

**Registration fee:** TBA

**Accommodations:** Women's and Men's Bunk Houses reserved at Prude Ranch

January 18, 19 and 20

\$13/night/person

If you are interested in attending this camp, please call:

Mike Hester @ 699-7006      [hestermd57@aol.com](mailto:hestermd57@aol.com)

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## **The Grasslands Cut Submitted by Kathy Hester**

If you have ridden on Hwy. 158 lately, you may have noticed a gap in the fence of the Grasslands subdivision. Doug Henson of SBC Corporation coordinated with developers: Robert Graham, Mike McPherson and Bill Ward to construct this bike path access. Mike Hester of the PBBA contacted Doug Henson to initiate the project.

At present, the area is not paved and is a “cyclocross” experience, but plans are to place a cut in the curb on 158 and pave a sidewalk through the gap. Riders will be able to enter the Grasslands development through a common mailbox area and continue on neighborhood streets.

This cut will allow riders to avoid 191 and the loop, most of County Road 60 and/or the temptation to ride the wrong direction on the north access road of 191 to enter Grasslands (not that any of us do that—it is illegal).

A rider taking “the cut” will lose 1.25 miles as opposed to continuing on 158 turning at the tree on CR1247 and intersecting CR60. This distance is based on arriving to the corner of CR 60 and Holiday Hill Road. I find it amusing that someone can say “the tree” on 158 and most riders will know the intersection. That landmark says a lot about the landscape where we ride. The rider that chooses “the cut” will have the option of taking an extra spin around Grasslands or around the Sports Complex to make up the distance. This fact should be of particular interest when the Wednesday ride resumes. Crowley street has been extended north of Stonegate Church to intersect with Los Patios. Traveling that route will help limit time on Holiday Hill Road also.

Let’s make the most of this opportunity and be courteous to the Grasslands residents as we ride through their beautiful neighborhood. Many thanks to the developers involved in the construction of this access!



The View From Back Here  
By Russell Livingston

With the approach of the Holiday Season finding a suitable time and climate to ride has become increasingly difficult. If it is warm enough to ride, other pressing issues can take precedence and the ride gets put off. Limited daylight hours keep all but the most dedicated riders and athletes in training off the road as well. Seemingly, gone are the weekly group rides, the planned training rides or just the chance meeting on Hwy 191. The dreaded trainer gets brought out only in the direst of situations.

Over the past few years I have made a bunch of friends. Our ever expanding group has established the tradition of a weekly gathering at Rosa's after the Wednesday ride. That has been the social highlight of a few folks that refuse to get a life otherwise. The friendships grown during those meals together are what make cycling the great activity that we enjoy.

I have also observed other more seasoned riders and their circle of friends and the toll of winter on those friendships. Over more years than they care to admit, these folks have ridden together, established their own traditions and routines and generally have enjoyed a lifetime friendship.

So, how do we as a group of friends maintain contact with each other in the off season? I have also observed two separate events and our efforts.

First off, all one has to do is reach a milestone birthday. We received an invitation to help Joe Hassell celebrate his birthday. Joe is my friend and of course I wanted to wish him well. That was me and several dozen others! Joe's surprise birthday party was an opportunity for me to observe cycling friendships cultured and maintained over decades of riding together. I enjoyed hearing Joe and his friends recall memorable rides and colorful riding partners. What fun. This celebration was in late November and not a single person showed up in their shiny shorts or riding jerseys. Just an opportunity for friends to maintain contact during the "off season."

What did our group do? Jasha Culteri invented a ride! Shoot, everyone needs to eat, even on Wednesday night, right? The "group" has met on Wednesday night and continued our fun.

Jasha entitled our "meetings" the No Drop Rides. All are invited, we may start before everyone gets there, but we gladly accept latecomers. (It's not like one has to make up 5 miles to catch the group.) Timely subjects like Fork Cadence and Serving Line Techniques are discussed. Generally, we get to enjoy a time together that is an extension of our weekly Wednesday Night Rides. We eat, we visit, and we have a good time. Usually, our common thread of cycling is the center of discussion; however the weather, our kids or other "normal topics" are raised.

So, if winter has you down, come join us around 7:00 at the Rosa's on Midland Drive. No riders are dropped and everyone has to eat on Wednesday night. A note of optimism can be inserted here. December 21, 2007 is the shortest day of the year. It will only get better from this point until next Fall.

As this is being written, Santa's list is getting checked for the third and final time. I hope your stocking is full. We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Have fun and be safe



Kudos to John Kerrigan. He and John Bean planned a great, new ride that could become a PBBA annual tradition. Officer Kerrigan escorted a chilly group of PBBA riders through the Grasslands neighborhood to view Christmas lights. The ride concluded at Bill and Michelle Green's house with drinks and snacks. Bill and Michelle were actually part of the light show with the multicolor Christmas lights on their bike. The lights are LED battery operated and available on the top shelf at a large local discount retailer among other places. It might be wise to get some now in preparation for next year. Next year, plans are to continue this ride and include various prizes for decorating efforts. Look around the clearance shelves after Christmas and see just how creative riders can be for 2008. The challenge is on to see who will be the best decorated.

### FOOD COMMITTEE

Thanks to all that made the 2007 PBBA Christmas party a success. David Shaw is greatly appreciated for his DJ skills and running the gift drawing. David has been so dedicated year after year to give freely of his time and talent. Billie Schulze created a festive Christmas atmosphere with her table decorations which took a lot of time to gather, deliver and display. The time and effort Jeff Brammer puts into providing the best brisket in the Permian Basin is much appreciated. Jeff gave up a Sunday afternoon ride to have that delicious brisket ready for us on Monday evening. We all know how challenging it can be to find the time and weather for a ride this time of year; therefore, that was a big sacrifice.

January will feature enchiladas. Make it one of your New Year's Resolutions to be active in coming to the meetings!

Kathy Hester  
Food Committee

### **JANUARY Club Meeting**

The PBBA Club Meeting will be on Monday, January 21 at 7:00pm. Please plan to attend!  
**Meeting Location** – Meetings are held at the Knights of Columbus Building on Hwy 1788 (at the intersection with CR 60) between Midland and Odessa. Meetings are held the third Monday of the month with food at 7:00 pm and business starting at 7:30 pm.

**Deadline for Newsletter is the 23rd<sup>nd</sup> of each month**  
**Please Submit all Articles for the Newsletter to:**  
**Kelly Brammer Email – [brammer10@aol.com](mailto:brammer10@aol.com) or call 682-2617**

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