



March 2022

April 30

Grand Opening
Midland Trails

PBBA plans to email a survey in late March or early April asking members to indicate interest in ride plans and jersey design/color submissions.

Cyclefest

Planning

Tuesday

March 15, 7:00

806 Trinidad



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The temperatures are starting to warm up, the days are getting longer, and it's a great time to be riding your mountain bike. There are amazing trails all around Texas to be explored. This Spring, there are some cross-country race events (www.tmbra.org/calendar/tcalendar.htm) as well as some Enduro and Downhill events (www.trailparty.com/events-header) scheduled. Attending organized events is a great way to discover and explore new trails.

Odessa Mountain Bike Park

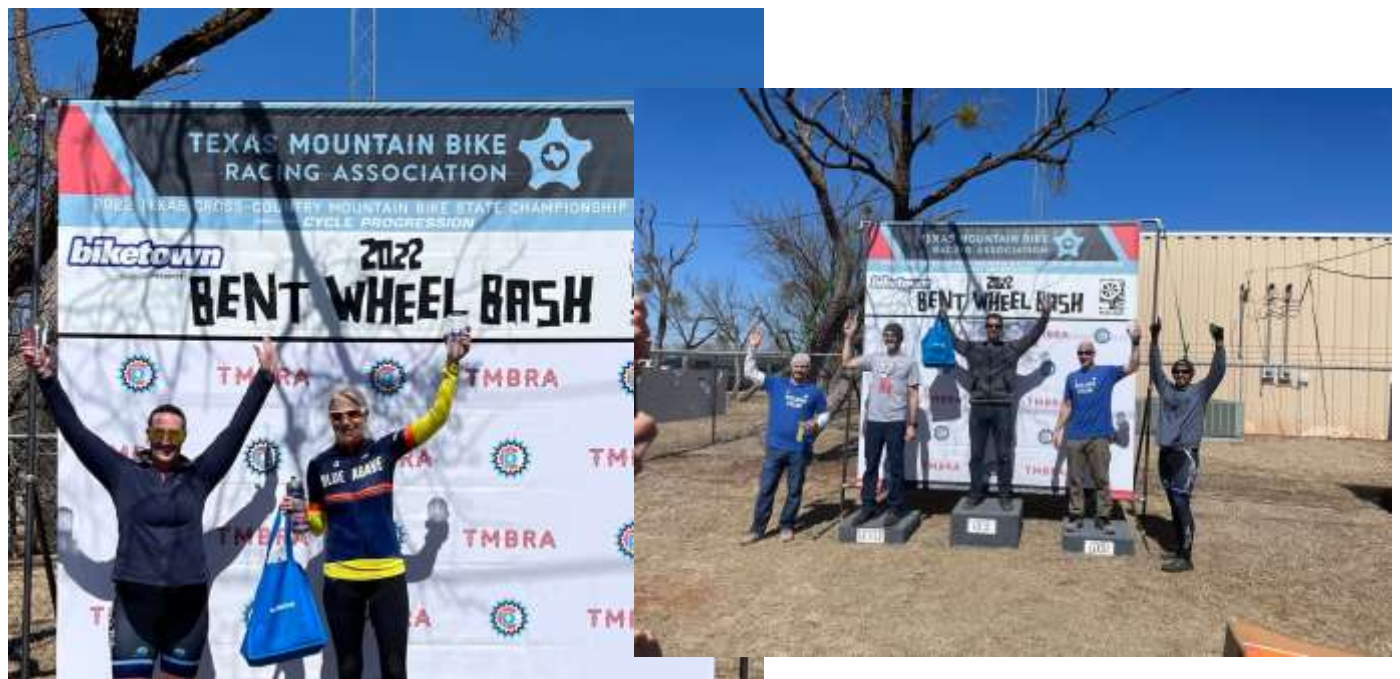
The trails at OMBP are in good shape and are seeing a lot of activity. The Peyton's Race team and VIM racing are planning to have workday at the park around the second week of March. The focus will be cleaning the trail of rocks and sand and marking the trails better with more signage and color coding the trail with painted rocks. When a specific date is determined, the club members will be notified, and the date and time will be posted on our website and on our Facebook page. Please come help for a few hours.

Midland Trail Park

We are continuing to develop the trail system in Midland. Jared Quirk (Q6 Trail Design), is working diligently to add new trail, modify some of the existing trail, and build features at the skills park. About 20 new berms have been added to the Green Trail. On the Blue trail, a new section was constructed, two new jumps were added, some of the berms were built larger or moved to enhance flow, and a few re-routes were made to also enhance flow. Justin Thompson is spending a lot of time building more wooden features for the skills park and he has started the construction of the platform for the jump line. Jason Haislip and a crew of volunteers worked on forming the dirt for the jump line. Several members spent most of a cold Saturday (Dan Voecks, Beau Jones, Mac McCoy, Cameron Hamer) to assist with watering and packing the new berms throughout the park. Additionally, the City of Midland Fire Dept, and specifically Landy Adkins spent a lot of time watering down the accessible berms and filling up our water tank numerous times. Landy also helped me load and unload lumber, cement, pavers, and telephone poles.

The grand opening of the Midland Trail Park is scheduled for April 30. The exact time the event will start is to be determined but it will be posted soon. There will be burgers, hot dogs, drinks, etc. provided by Schlumberger and the PBBA. We are still working out the other details of the event and will provide more detail soon.





February 26th was Round 2 of the TMBRA Mountain Bike Cross Country Series in Abilene, Texas. The morning race schedule started out with the pro men and women being first on the track followed a few hours later by the Cat 2 and Cat 3 men and women's races. The weather at the start of the pro men's race was a chilly 19 degrees, but soon climbed to the mid 30's by mid to late morning. PBBA had a nice number of members in attendance and showed that we can compete with the racers from Dallas, Austin and Houston.

Race results:

Cat 3 Women

Katie Briscoe-Salazar (Vim race team) 1st place

Cat 2 women

Patty Pana (Peyton's Bikes race team) 2nd place

Pro Cat 1 Men 30-39

Osacr Salazar (Vim race team) 3rd place

Pro Cat 1 Men 40-49

Zack Belew (Vim race team) 4th place

Jason Haislip (Peyton's Bike race team) 9th place

Pro Cat 1 Men 50-59

Eric Burkhart (Peyton's Bikes race team) 5th place

Pro cat 1 Single Speed Open

Zach Risher (Peyton's Bikes race team) 4th place

Cat 2 Single speed Open

Randal Morgan (Vim race team) 3rd place

Cat 2 Mens 40-44

Manny Pena (Peyton's Bikes Race team) 5th place

Cat 2 Mens 45-49

James Struble (Vim race team) DNF *day ended early with a flat tire

2022 Spring Texas XC Mtn. Bike State Championship Series

Rocky Hill Roundup - Smithville, TX -
February 19-20, 2022

[Registration](#)

Bent Wheel Bash* - Abilene, TX -
February 26-27, 2022

[Registration](#) * *double points race*

STORM - Flat Rock Ranch - Comfort, TX -
March 12-13, 2022

Cameron Park - Waco, TX -
March 26-27, 2022

ARR Pace Bend Race - Spicewood, TX
April 9-10, 2022

Big Cedar XC presented by Richardson Bike Mart -
Big Cedar DORBA Trail, Dallas, TX
April 30- May 1, 2022

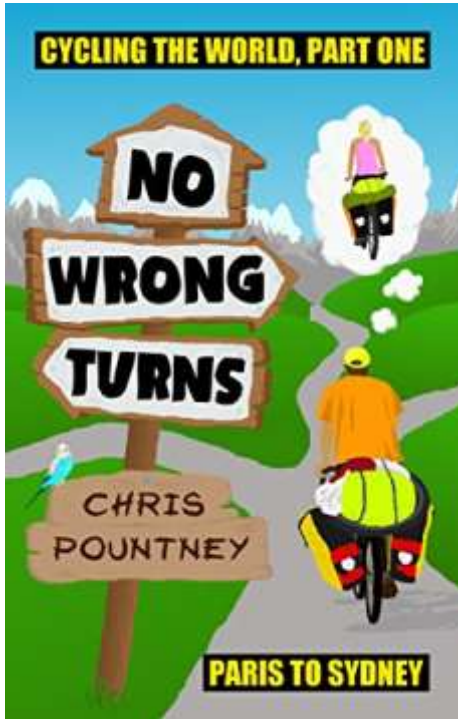
GHORBA Big Ring- venue TBD-
May 14-15, 2022

The Warda Race - Warda, TX -
May 21-22, 2022

A Book Review, by Berry Simpson

No Wrong Turns: Cycling the World, Part One: Paris to Sydney

by Chris Pountney



I first heard about Chris Pountney on a podcast called *Always Another Adventure*. The interview led me to this book. I've read lots of books about cycle touring (maybe too many, based on Cyndi's expression when I told her what I was reading again), but this is definitely one of the best.

If you love reading about other people's cycling adventures, then this is for you. It's also useful if you are planning your own cycling trip. (I learned about Warmshowers.com – an online hospitality network for touring cyclists. That could come in handy someday.)

A lot of reviewers found it incredulous that someone would attempt to cycle around the world, but it makes total sense to me. The same readers probably can't believe cyclists ride 150 miles to raise money for MS, either.

However, I did find it hard to believe Chris went without a smartphone (he did this trip in 2013 so he could have taken one), without a map for each country he travelled through, and he used the sun as a navigational tool. I find his lack of research and tools completely baffling. Maybe some of you live life that close to the edge, but I don't.

Pountney set out from the Eiffel Tower, pedaling in the vague direction of the Sydney Opera House.

He set several goals before leaving, to give himself a method of evaluating whether he was successful. One goal was to circumnavigate the planet by declining any motorized land transportation, even an escalator since it helped him along the way horizontally. He took stairs or an elevator (since it went only vertically and didn't further his progress laterally.)

Another goal was to pedal through at least 100 countries, which sent him twisting and winding across the world, sometimes doubling back on himself.

The story follows Chris as he tackles snowy mountain passes in Turkey, wades across rivers in Tajikistan, eats strange cheeses in Mongolia, and meets with incredible kindness just about everywhere he goes. He wandered from country to country, sometimes racing to the border before his visa expired. It was always one or the other, lingering or racing.

Throughout the book, Pountney is offered food and shelter along the way, and has countless small interactions with friendly locals, as well as the occasional scammers, dangerous drivers, and rude people. The book gives an honest and human description of the places and people he visited, and didn't over-dramatize or sensationalize events. It focused on characters and specific incidents without boringly documenting every mile.

One of the highlights of book was Pountney meeting the love of his life (another of his goals). In Mongolia, he encountered a Danish woman, Dea Jacobson, who was touring with a group of motorcyclists. They fell in love, and she later bought a bike and joined him on his way to Australia. She finished the around-the-world ride with Pountney and, as far as I know, they're still a couple.

Chris has a wonderful way of looking at everything with a positive outlook; his book was a pleasure to read, and I'm looking forward to reading part two.



The Peyton's Ride returns on Wednesday 3/16 with the time change.

This ride has evolved over the last 4 years from a group ride to 3 group rides, to 3 group rides and a race. Below is how we will structure it this season:

- We will have 3 main groups leaving the shop.
- Slow group will be an end of ride average pace of below 16mph. There will usually be a sweeper in the back making sure no one is left behind
- Medium pace group will break up into 2 groups. 1 group will go to Avalon with the fast group and the other will go to Greentree with the slow group.
- Fast group will now be a race. This will be laps around the Avalon loop clockwise. We will usually start with a neutral lap. Number of laps may change as daylight permits.
- Rules for the ride:
 - The main rule of this ride is DON'T BE A JERK. If you see a fellow rider down and you pass without assisting the rider, don't come back.
 - Obey the traffic laws. Bikes are the same as cars. While we may roll through some stops, we do not blast through blind corners. If you plan to do this you will be asked to not return.
 - Wear a helmet.
 - Obey the traffic laws. I put this one in here twice so you will remember. We have lost too many riders out here. The best we can do is make sure it's not our fault.
 - This is a fun ride and we are glad to be back to normal. Please do everything possible to be safe on this ride and have a good time.
 - We will have vendors throughout the season for post ride refreshments

Ride leaves the shop at 6:15 on the chicken.

If you can't get there on time, meet us somewhere on the route.

-Jason Haislip



Submissions are being accepted for a new club jersey design. Members interested in submitting a design should go to the Voler.com website and use their custom design template to select a design and colors. Do not submit a design to Voler—just use the tools. You can take a picture of your design to submit for club consideration. Logos/graphics will be added to the design once the basic design and colors are voted on by the club. Keep in mind that most club members prefer colors that make them more visible while riding. Also, you may want to consider that most members have black shorts to coordinate with a jersey. Deadline for submissions is March 15, 2022. Email submissions to khester4205@gmail.com. Please send a text to 432-638-7038 to alert that you submitted a design in case there was a problem with receipt of the email.



PBBA is still in need of a road/ tour director. This position would involve setting up a ride calendar of local and out of town rides. Once rides are planned then a leader is recruited to organize and plan the ride. If no member is willing to plan the ride then the ride director may cancel the ride. It **IS NOT** the tour director's job to implement all of the planned rides. Board members will assist in the development of the calendar. Please inform Jason Haislip or Eric Burkhart if you are interested in the position.

Cyclefest Tour

Fort Davis, Texas

What: An initial Cyclefest planning meeting

When: Tuesday, March 15th at 7:00 p.m.

Who: All persons interested in being on the Cyclefest planning committee

Where: 806 Trinidad (Bob's house)

Midland, Texas 79705

Selecting a Rearview Mirror

The temperatures are warming up; therefore, riders will be looking forward to being back on the road. Most drivers would feel very uncomfortable without a rearview mirror. On a bike, the rider either has to turn their head to look behind or use a rearview mirror. Turning one's head without swerving for a quick look back is challenging for many riders. A mirror may be the best solution to safely assess what is approaching from behind. Not watching behind you is equivalent to trusting drivers to pass you safely.

There are several options of types of rearview mirrors. Individual riders must determine which type suits them. Talk to other riders to get opinions and feedback. Many cyclists have a rearview mirror type or two collecting dust as they experimented to find the mirror that suited them best individually. Riders can ask to borrow a type for a trial run.

Choose what works best for you. Consult with other cyclists. Most cyclists have an opinion about which works best. If the type they recommend is what works best for them, then it is the best mirror—at least for them.

Personally, I like the Mirracle end tube mirror. I have tried all of the others with the exception of the wrist mirror. I enjoy mine as I only have to shift my eyes rather than my head. I frequently only need to use my peripheral vision to check it. I can also see the mirror from an upright position and when I change to a position in the drops without moving the mirror. Others riders like their mirrors for a variety of reasons.

Find the type of mirror that works for you and stay safe!

Kathy Hester



Bar end bike mirror



Wrist mirror



End tube mirror



Glasses mount



Handlebar mirror



End tube insert



Helmet mount



The following rides have dates listed at Wheelbrothers.com. There are many more rides listed as TBA (to be announced); therefore, check the site for current ride information, links and opportunities. This is just a few of the many rides listed. Check out Wheelbrothers.com to see a more complete list.

Pedaling the Prairie/ February 26/ Hempstead

Steam n Wheels/ TBA/ Abilene

LBJ 100/ April 2/ Stonewall

Easter Hill Country Ride April 15-16 / Kerrville

Beat the Street for Little Feet/ May 7/ Sweetwater

Possum Pedal Ride/ June 4/ Graham

Tour de Gap/ July 23-24/ Buffalo Gap

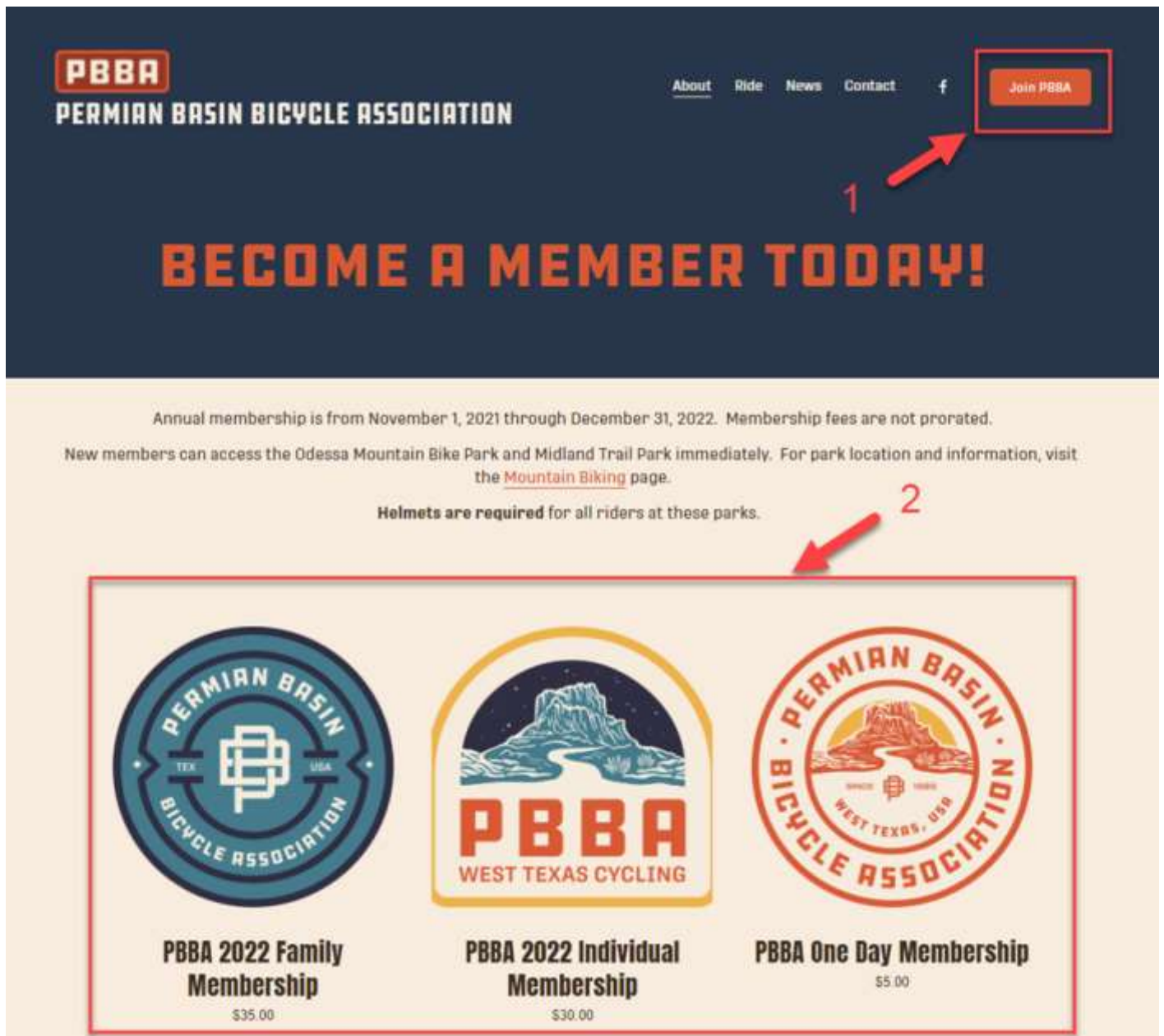
Hotter n Hell Hundred / August 26-28/ Wichita Falls

Hale on Wheels / September 10/ Plainview

Fort Davis Cyclefest/ Sept 17/ Fort Davis

Have you joined or renewed your membership for 2022?

- 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



The image is a screenshot of the PBBA website. At the top left is the PBBA logo and the text 'PERMIAN BASIN BICYCLE ASSOCIATION'. At the top right are navigation links: 'About', 'Ride', 'News', 'Contact', and a Facebook icon. A red box highlights the 'Join PBBA' button, with a red arrow and the number '1' pointing to it. Below the navigation is a large orange banner that says 'BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!'. Underneath the banner is a paragraph of text: 'Annual membership is from November 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022. Membership fees are not prorated. New members can access the Odessa Mountain Bike Park and Midland Trail Park immediately. For park location and information, visit the [Mountain Biking](#) page. Helmets are required for all riders at these parks.' A red arrow and the number '2' point to this text. Below the text is a red-bordered box containing three membership options, each with a logo and price:

Membership Type	Price
PBBA 2022 Family Membership	\$35.00
PBBA 2022 Individual Membership	\$30.00
PBBA One Day Membership	\$5.00



Event by [Cornerstone Christian School](#), [Pevton's Bikes San Angelo](#) and [Beat the Street for Little Feet - Sweetwater](#)

www.raceentry.com/races/beat-the-street-for-little-feet/2022/register

It's our 10th annual Beat the Street for Little Feet benefiting Cornerstone Christian School! The event includes: a Half Marathon, 10K Run, 5K Run, 71-Mile Bike Race, 49-Mile Bike Race, and 33-Mile Bike Race. Come spend the morning with us and enjoy great exercise fun!

*Participants registering BEFORE 4/22/2022 will be guaranteed a shirt.

Cash prizes will be awarded!



Rattlesnake Gravel Grind will be 6/17-18 /22 . 32 Mile, 66 Mile, and 111 Mile that will begin and end at the Lake Sweetwater Municipal Campground It will benefit the Volunteer Fire Departments of Nolan County. The Jaycees that put on the Worlds Largest Rattlesnake Roundup, The Sweetwater Chamber of Commerce, and Coors are the three main sponsors of the event. We will have free beer, live music, and BBQ at the park after the event for all participants.