

WINDBUSTERS

February 2023



Important Dates

February 20 PBBA Meeting and Swap Meet

February 25 Vim Short Track Race, Odessa

March 11 Vim Short Track Race, Midland Trails

March 24-26 Rattlesnake Gravel Grind in Sweetwater

May 6 Vim Short Track race, Big Spring State Park

April 29 Beat the Street, Sweetwater





PBBA 2023 Officers and Chairpersons

President: Eric Burkhart

Vice President: Clif Coleman

Secretary: Isaac Navarrete

Treasurer: Kye King/ Brent Hoke

Mountain Bike Director: Stephen Mitchell

Committees and Chairpersons:

Tour Committee

Chairperson: Sarah Kate Epperson Members: Angie Kayastha

Race Committee

Chairperson: Oscar Salazar Members: Martin Vega

Publicity Committee

Chairperson: Kathy Hester (Newsletter), Tyler Putnam (Webmaster)

Mountain Bike Committee

Chairperson: Stephen Mitchell

Odessa MTB Park: Jack Henry, Erik Urquidi

Midland Trails: Jeff Ledford, Justin Thompson

Cyclefest Committee

Chairperson: Bob Haskell Members: Kathy Hester, Eric Burkhart, Ron Appling

Note: Committee chairpersons are looking for more members. If there is a committee that you would like to serve on, please contact that chairperson and/or come to the next PBBA meeting.

**Save
the
Date**



February Meeting and Swap Meet

Who: All PBBA members

What: In person meeting

When: Monday, February 20, 2023 at 7 p.m.

Where: Mission Fitness, Classroom A,B

8050 Highway 191 Frontage, Odessa

Clean out your bike equipment, accessories and clothing to SELL, TRADE or GIVE TO SOMEONE THAT WILL USE IT.



Thank you to all those who helped get these kids on their road bikes. @Tobykneel, Tyler Ptutnam, Beau Jones, John Cornejo and Fidel Rubalcava for donating to the ECC (Exchange For Change Closet) and doing so with such a giving heart. You made some young riders really happy. They are so amped. They are going to be REALLY fast! We have our first female junior and she is so happy.

Jeannette Harris

Latitude Racing

The February 20th meeting agenda will include a vote for by-law changes. The following chart indicates proposed changes.

PBBA BY-LAW PROPOSED CHANGES FOR 2023

Current By-Law (2016)	Proposed change in By-Law Notification February Newsletter; Vote Feb.20 ,2023 Meeting
Article II, Section 2 Family and individual memberships	Annual membership , Daily membership
Article III, Section 2 MTB director is not on the executive board	Designate MTB director as the 5 th member of the executive committee
Article IV, section 2 and 3 states that tour and race information is submitted to the secretary for inclusion in the newsletter	Change to submit information to the newsletter edi- tor . The 2016 by laws do not include newsletter in the secretary position. Move newsletter to publicity committee
Article IV, section 3 Race Committee States "club races"	Notice to Newsletter Editor Change races to Mountain Bike, Road and Gravel races
Article IV, section 4 Publicity Committee Not specific to include social media, webmaster and newsletter	Add newsletter, social media , and website
Article IV, Section 5 MTB Committee References only Odessa MTB	Include Odessa MTB Park and Midland Trails desig- nating a chairperson for each park to be under the direction of the MTB Director

Eric Burkhart, President



Eric was the PBBA president for 2022 and we are fortunate to have him continue to provide his leadership in 2023. He is looking forward to working with local individuals to help prompt rides and races in West Texas. He also wants to grow the awareness of the health benefits of cycling and promote competitive benefits in our community.

Clif Coleman, Vice President



I rode when I was younger, but picked it up again 9 years ago. It started out a cross training and turn into my main sport.

My favorite type of cycling is the ultra endurance gravel races. Gravel is my favorite followed by road.

I would like to help PBBA grow and bring together the cycling community.

Ride bikes, have fun, pedal on!



Isaac Navarrete, Secretary

I enjoy mountain bike riding, especially taking trips to epic places.

I started mountain bike riding in 1996 with rigid 26'ers, V-brakes and heavy duty tubes with slime, sounds horrible but I was hooked.

I would like to help the PBBA with is keeping the bike park trails in good shape and helping increase memberships.





Oscar Salazar, Race Director

I started cycling back in college in Lubbock and rode every now and then. I soon met Steve Mitchell through my brother Abel during the early stages of the Odessa MTB park. He invited us on a trip to Moab and the rest is history... I was hooked!

I enjoy almost every discipline road, gravel, mtb.

I hope to promote some events to encourage kids, youth and people of all ages to get out rode bikes and have fun outdoors.



Sarah Kate Epperson, Tour Director

I'm originally from Mississippi (hence, the double name). My family and I have been in Midland since 2011. My husband works in marketing for HF Sinclair and my full time job is homeschooling our three kids. I've always loved cycling, but about 5 years ago, I discovered road cycling and quickly got hooked. The road cycling community in Midland has been really great to me, so I look forward to giving a little bit back as the tour director this year.

Kathy Hester, Newsletter



I love to ride road bikes. I ride 3-4 times a week. My goal is to travel around the U.S. to ride paved and some unpaved trails. I have a list of Rails to Trails that I plan to pursue.

I joined PBBA around 2000, but have not had the time to ride much until the last four years. I would like to see PBBA grow and provide opportunities for all ages and types of riders.

The Newsletter is enjoyable to me and I think it is an important tool to consolidate information for the club and document the club's history.

Bob Haskell, Cyclefest Director



Cyclefest 2023 will be another great ride! Start training now to crush the 76 mile loop! It takes time and effort, the mountains are not forgiving if you have not put in the work! Come prepared and enjoy the Amazing Mountain View's!



Stephen Mitchell, MTB Director



I've had a passion for cycling most of my life. In 1996, I bought my first mountain bike and I've been an MTB enthusiast ever since. My goals for the PBBA in 2023 include continuing to maintain and improve the Odessa Mountain Bike Park and the Midland Trail Park. I plan to organize some MTB riding clinics for beginner, youth and adult riders. Additionally, I plan to organize some out of town club MTB group rides. This year, I will be getting a lot of help from Jack Henry and Erik Uriquides who will be managing the OMBP, and Justin Thompson and Jeff Ledford who will be managing the Midland Trail Park.





Erik Urquidi, Odessa MTB

Covid and my good friend Tony Davis got me started MTB. In May of 2020 we met randomly on a run cause we couldn't go to the gym. He told me I should try biking, but I didn't own a bike. I bought one off Craigslist, then immediately upgraded by buying one from my good friend Isy. Since then I fully delved into the sport and it's my favorite hobby. Hoping to possibly delve into some Road/gravel Cycling finally as well.

I'm hoping my involvement with the PBBA can open more people into the sport. Most people I mention my hobby to tend to give a confounded look followed by the "there's no mountains here" comment. Then they're genuinely amazed when I show them the Google Maps view and explain what all we have here and in Midland. Jack and Stephen have asked for my help in maintaining the Odessa park, and I'm hoping I can help Justin build the ramp soon for the jumpline at the Midland Park.

Jack Henry, Odessa MTB Park

I joined the PBBA sometime around 1985-86. I had a motorcycle background, but had knee problems from crashing dirt bikes. Several of my friends bought road bikes and we started riding several times a week in group rides. Eventually, bikes rides with the same folks (Jay Kelly, Richard Kelly, Nelson Schott, Carl Murdock, just a few you all might know) grew to 20-30 riders most of the time. When the club acquired OMBP, I helped lay out trail and helped mow and weed-eat over growth since 2012 to this date. I hope to be able to help maintain OMBP as it's only a few miles from my house. At 79 years young, I love riding all the trails there as long as I'm able. Thanks to everyone who helps make this a bikers oasis out here in this desert.

Justin Thompson, Midland Trails

I got into cycling when I moved to Midland in 2020 at the start of the pandemic. Getting out to Odessa with a few friends was the highlight of most weeks during that time. I only mountain bike, but prefer down hill and try to get over to Angle Fire at least once a year. This pic is of me climbing Lost Lake near Angle Fire. For 2023, I would like to see both Midland and Odessa get updated a bit with some additional wooden features. I built all of the wooden features at Midland Trails.





First ViM and Vigor Short-track MTB Race is on February 25 -

<https://www.bikereg.com/stage-1-odessa-mtb-park--vim--vigor-mtb-short-track-series>

Stage 1 - Odessa - Feb 25

Stage 2 - Midland Trails - March 11th

Stage 3 - Big Spring State Park - May 6th

All start at 9 a.m.



Southern Monumental Loop by Odis Franklin

Every January, the Trail Warrior Project tackles a part of the Monumental Loop around Las Cruces, NM. The past two years we did the northern loop, which goes up through Hatch and is a great ride. The entire Monumental Loop is about 250 miles and makes a figure 8 that intersects in Las Cruces. This year, we decided to tackle the Southern Loop, which leaves Las Cruces and goes down almost to El Paso and stays in the desert the entire time. It is much flatter and sandier than the Northern Loop.

We left our vehicles at John Carter's house at the foot of the Organ Mountains. John died a few years back, but his family supports us and lets us do stuff there just like when John was around. They are a great group of friends and of course they love veterans.

After helping the guys pack their stuff on their bikes at John's casa, we headed out on about 13 miles of rough single track before making camp the first day. The trail was extremely rough, and it tested our load out on each bike. We lost several water bottles and cages and bags kept having to be re-strapped as well throughout the day. We made camp close to Anthony Gap after what turned out to be a long day in the saddle, even though we had only been 15 miles or so. A brave (or bored) group of guys went to the local town on bikes to get water and a few burritos. These guys were from Michigan and were craving some Mexican food! They rolled in right before dark and we already had a campfire going and welcomed the much needed water for camping that night and morning.

The next day was set to be a long one, 57 miles to camp and primarily in the sand and all in the desert. We stopped in Anthony to top off water bottles and grab a quick burrito before heading out in the desert. We made good time that day, but got split up due to one guy bonking. He did make a full recovery after slowing down and eating and drinking a lot and the second group got to camp right behind the first group. There was a water source there we filtered water from and made camp in the small brush close to the water for a morning fill up.

The last day was to be about 40 miles, a lot of downhill, quite a bit of pavement and good gravel roads. We got lucky and ended up with about a 40 MPH tailwind into town that was amazing. It was great except for the 3 mile stretch by the Rio Grande heading into town. We made it back to John's, tired and feeling accomplished. After packing our bikes, we all went to the hotel, got cleaned up and headed to a local brewery for a nice meal and to have a mission debrief. It was an amazing trip and we hope you can join us on one soon! Next January, we are doing the whole 250 mile Monumental Loop and should take 6 or 7 days! This April we are doing a Portales, NM to Lubbock, TX overnighter and a 5 or 6 day trip from Coahoma to Fredericksburg if anyone is interested. Sign up on trailwarrior.org.





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



March 24 - 26th 2023

REGISTRATION OPENS

Sunday October 30th, 3 pm CST

rattlesnakegravelgrind.bike



Make your hotel reservations soon as they are filling up. Mention RGG for discounts at our hotel partners.

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>



Beat the Street For Little Feet

- **Location:** Sweetwater, TX 79556
- **Race Date:** 2023/04/29 07:00:00 AM (Saturday)
 - **Categories:**
 - 72 Mile Bike Race
 - 60 Mile Bike Race
 - 52 Mile Bike Race
 - 33 Mile Bike Race
 - Half Marathon
 - 10K
 - 5K - 20+

Great event for a great cause!

\$1000 1st place 72 mile bike race.

New routes for the bike race this year.

Free Goodr Sunglasses for those registered for 1/2M and 10k run from Midland Athletic Company.

Kent Crowell reminds PBBA members to:



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