

WINDBUSTERS



October 2022



Important Dates:

October 15– Marfa 100

November 6– Daylight Savings Time
Ends

November 12– Veteran’s Gravel Grind
by Vim

TBD- November Annual Meeting and
election

March 24-26 Rattlesnake Gravel Grind
in Sweetwater

President-Eric Burkhart

Vice President-Jason Haislip

Mountain Bike Director – Stephen Mitchell

Secretary – Cameron Hamer

Treasurer – Kye King

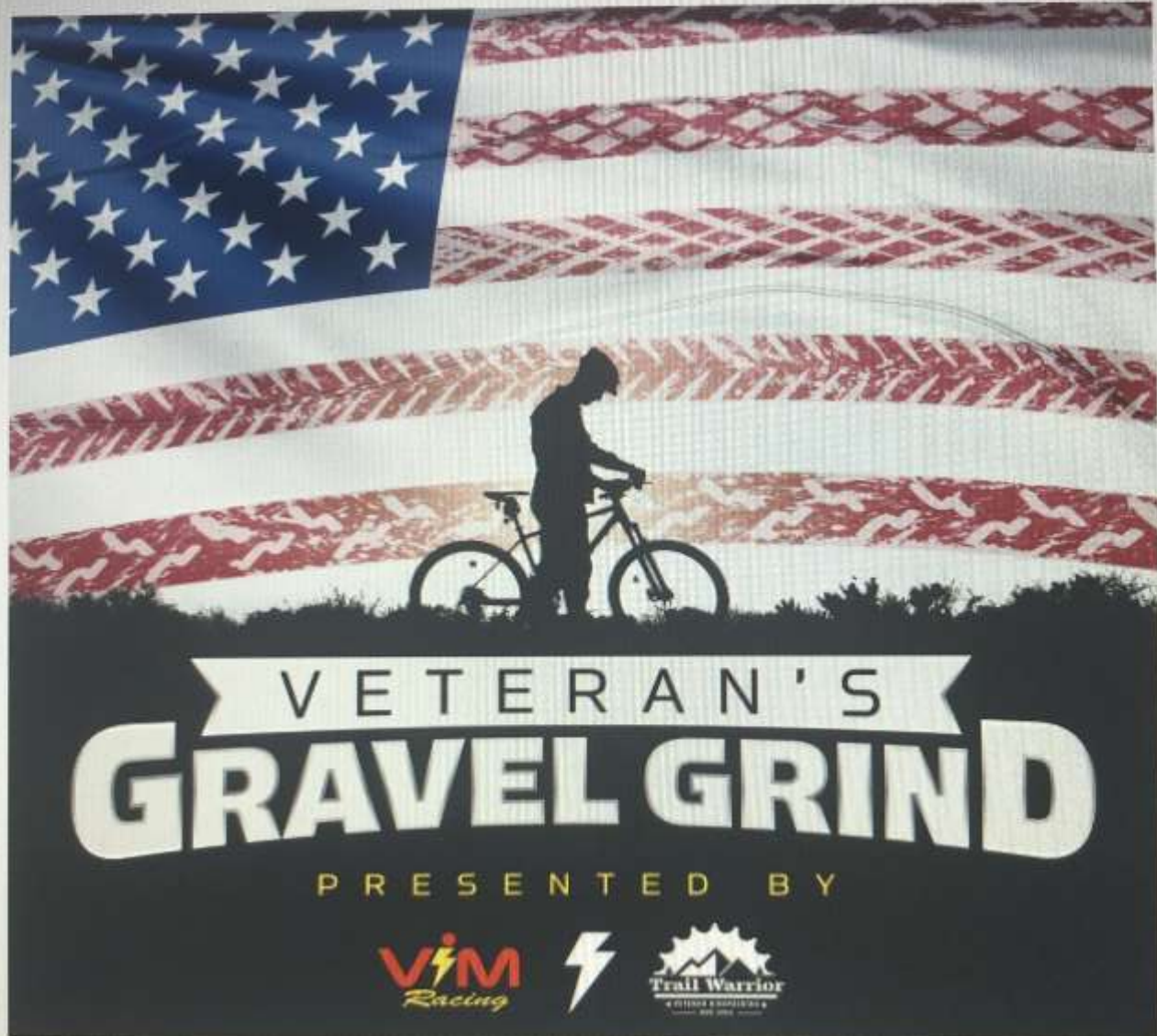
Ride Director– Open

Newsletter – Kathy Hester -

khester4205@gmail.com

Cyclefest Chairman – Bob Haskell

Webmaster – Jessica Godinez



VETERAN'S DAY WEEKEND 2022

NOVEMBER 12th ★ 8am START
COAHOMA TEXAS

- Full Grind Male/Female Timed & Competitive
- Half Grind Male/Female Timed & Competitive
- Quarter Grind Fat-Bike Male/Female Timed & Competitive
- Quarter Grind Fun Ride



Note: Registration required by October 20 to receive a shirt.

Volunteers are needed!



There will be more information in the November newsletter regarding club elections. Our webmaster, Jessica Godinez, has moved to Colorado; therefore, the webmaster position is available. Tour/Ride director is needed also.

Nominations can be emailed to : pbbasec@gmail.com

This is a basic summary of the by laws with regard to the officers and board.

There are four elected officers **President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.** Please refer to the by-laws for a detailed job description of each office. These four offices create the executive board which will be elected in November.

The PBBA is governed by the board of directors comprised of the executive board and the committee chairpersons. There are five committees; thus, **five committee chairpersons** which are appointed by the president with the approval of the executive committee. The five committees are: tour, race, publicity, mountain bike, and Cyclefest which can have an indefinite number of members.

These nine people present all proposed major activities to the membership for ratification.

WHERE DO YOU FIT IN?? There are lots of choices and opportunities.

Next step: email pbbasec@gmail.com and submit which office you want to be elected to or which chairpersonship you are interested in being appointed to. You could also just volunteer for a committee, but please do something to help PBBA have a great 2023 by being involved. Please use the form on the following page to email to pbbasec@gmail.com

More to come in the November newsletter!

PBBA NOMINATION FORM

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I would like to be **listed on the ballot to run** for the office of:

(Circle one: president, vice president, secretary, treasurer)

I would like to be considered for **appointment** as the chairperson of the following committee: (circle one)

Tour, race, publicity, mountain bike, or Cyclefest.

I would like to **volunteer to be a member** of the following committee:

(circle one)

Tour, race, publicity, mountain bike, or Cyclefest.

PLEASE SUBMIT BY EMAIL TO pbbasec@gmail.com



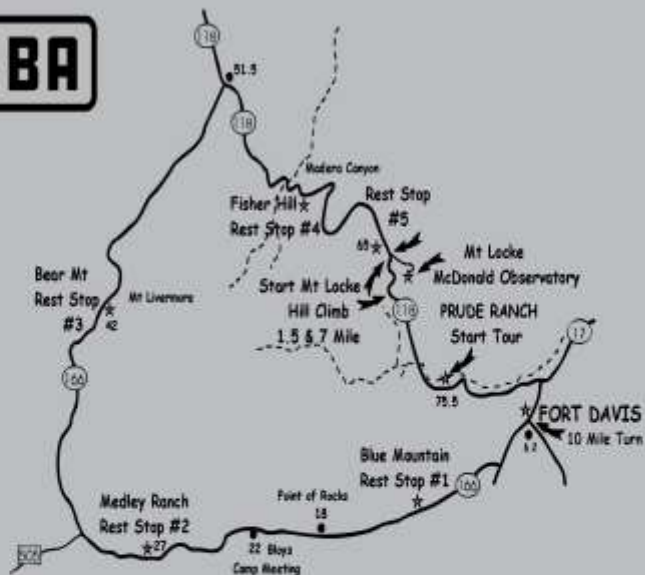
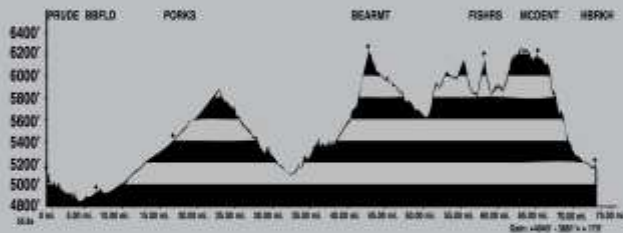
PBBA : CYCLEFEST 2022 KITS





45TH FORT DAVIS CYCLEFEST

SEPTEMBER 17TH-18TH, 2022



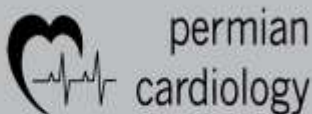
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Mount Locke Hill Climb 2022



Note: Results are posted on Friends of the PBBA and on the Fort Davis Cyclefest page.



Photo by Isabelle Blair

Cyclefest 2022

By Kathy Hester

It was beautiful weather and no one was seriously injured. I had a participant call me a couple of days before the event and one of his questions was, “What’s the weather looking like?” My response was that I had not checked the weather in a couple of weeks as I am “only dealing with things that I can control.” He liked my attitude. I did check the weather and call him back with a great weather forecast with low of 65 and high of 85, winds from the south at 7 mph. I was so pleased that two things that we can’t control turned out positive.

We had 411 registered riders which brings Cyclefest up to some pre-covid numbers. Preregistered riders totaled 349 with and additional 62 riders signing up on site. The hill climb had 83 riders registered. Registrations were distributed as follows:

27 mile– 43

55 mile– 66

76 mile-302

I labeled Cyclefest 2021 as a restart year after Covid and the loss of key leaders including Jasha Culteri and David Ham. Cyclefest 2022 I would classify as a rebuild year. The signage from previous years was a bit tired so we purchased new signage for the registration area much of which can be used at other PBBA events. Many of the storage bins were cracking and missing lids so we prioritized buying a few of those. One suggestion from last year from riders was more ice at the rest stops so we made it a priority to deliver more ice. Supplying more ice involved the purchase of large ice chests and securing a reliable source of ice which we were able to accomplish.

Other changes this year included using tyvek bracelets to punch for beer and the hamburgers. It worked well, but there may be a better way. We were able to control the beer service better and did not run out. The atmosphere was made a bit more festive by covering the tables with plastic. We did not have enough chairs and few people answered the plea to bring camp chairs. We will work with Prude Ranch more on the chair inventory.

Another major purchase was a covered cargo trailer to use for Cyclefest and hopefully other events that we want to plan. If the trailer looks familiar, that’s because it was purchased from David Ham. It is the former trailer of Peyton’s Bikes. The trailer has proved its usefulness at Cyclefest, Hammerfest and other events. There certainly is a lot to carry down to Fort Davis: registration supplies, event and road signage, rest stop boxes, ice chests, t-shirts, hats, jerseys, etc. The trailer was a big help as it insures that all the supplies arrive together in a timely manner.

Sarah Kate Epperson was able to secure an amateur photographer, Ken Weaver for this year. It was great to have someone taking pictures out on the course and at the Hill Climb Sunday. I would love to post a picture of every rider and volunteer in the newsletter, but of course, that is impossible. Please look at the Friends of the Permian Basin Bicycle Association and the Fort Davis Cyclefest Facebook pages for a good variety of pictures. All pictures that I had access to are posted in both places.

After the event in 2021, I typed up a changes for 2022 list. Many of those items were implemented, but there are still some things to improve for 2023. Riders want the Friday Marfa ride to return. That could be considered if someone is available to lead it. As it is, Bob has to meet the porta potty people on Friday morning to assure proper set up and mark the course. I am setting up the registration area during that time. We are hoping to have a meal option for Friday evening next year, but in doing so, we don't want to take business from local restaurants. Food trucks or having a local group run a fundraising meal for their organization at the Chamber pavilion in town might work.

Our list of things that we need to buy for next year is very small after purchases in 2021 and 2022. Next year's purchases will include a bit of office supplies and a bull horn, but otherwise, it's hard to think of many more needs other than restocking rest stop boxes with sunscreen and basics.

Two things that we need next year are more volunteers at registration and EZ ups. There were plenty signed on to volunteer, but some very legitimate cancellations that last week spread us a bit thin. Also, we need more EZ up awnings that can be used at the lunch party, to shelter the radio operators and rest stop helpers out on the course. So please when we put out an appeal about that next year, help us if you can loan one or want to donate one.

We are always looking for ways to improve so let us know if you have any ideas. Most of the needed changes are very minor and would just lead to a smoother operation. I have a lengthy list for 2023, but your ideas need to be on the list too!

Thank you to everyone that volunteered and everyone that rode!!



Many thanks to our spouses, Mike and Marissa. They end up working countless hours as "event staff" and I am sure they don't remember signing up for it.



Our own, Von Doria, won the helmet raffle. Congratulations!



The "new" PBBA cargo trailer.

Riders and their participation are the heart of Cyclefest. The event would not occur without sponsors, riders and volunteers. I appreciate everyone that registered and rode in Cyclefest. As volunteer coordinator, I want to bring attention to all of the volunteers that said “yes” when called upon to help. Please take the time to thank them. I hope that I did not leave anyone out, but if I did then please let me know. *YOU WERE ALL VERY IMPORTANT TO THE SUCCESS OF CYCLEFEST 2022!*

Bob Haskell– Director

Kathy Hester—Volunteer director

Prude Ranch Staff -Bruce, Kim and Andi

Fort Davis Chamber of Commerce

Michael Simpson and the Fort Davis Lions– water pick up and storage, manning rest stops

Jim Fowler and the Big Bend Radio Club

Manny Dutchover and his lunch crew

Massage– Katherine Irwin

Scott Anderson securing HEB donation

Bradley Benavides –shopping for food, transport of food, distribution of food to Lions Club

Jennie Banta –jersey design

Roberta Solorio –sponsorships

Securing sponsors: Roberta SoloRio, Eric Burkhart, Sarah Kate Epperson, Mike Hester, Kathy Hester, Doug Pyles, Francisco Javi

WTGO and Fransico Javi: band and, swag bags

Publicity flyer–Marla Schneider

Door Prizes– Debbie Colson

Helmet raffle– Helmet donated by Jason Haislip, Matthew Rodriguez (Little Matt) ticket sales

Jaison Haislip –bike tubes

T-shirt logo– Texas King

Insurance arrangement– Kye King

Signs on course– Rick Ogan

Food for Friday volunteers– Mike and Kathy Hester, drinks Sarah Kate Epperson

Registration set up: Fred Hunley, Kathy Hester, Mike Hester, Tammy Lorenz, Rick Ogan, Marissa Haskell, Frank Hoehn

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Saturday morning registration: Marissa Proctor, Rick Ogan, Alan Primera, Frank Hoehn,

SAG: Mike Hester, Isabelle and James Blair, Fred Hunley, Bob Haskell, Will Leonard, Rick Ogan, Steve Pedigo, Rick Turnbull

Photographer: Ken Weaver

Saturday Lunch set up: Kathy, Little Matt, Lourdes Cervantes, Debra Farmer, Heather Turnbull, Pure King

Beer– Serving-Frank Hoehn, pick up– Tammy Lorenz and Kathy Hester

Door prizes and sales– Marissa Haskell, Tammy Lorenz, Little Matt

Sunday Hill Climb set and timing, awards– Dan and Shauna Saxton

1.5 mile starter- Mike Hester

Monitors-Fred Hunley, Frank Hoehn, Rick Ogan, Bob Haskell

Help at top–Kathy Hester, Bob Haskell, Jeannette Harris, Mike Hester

Setting up the arch-The Hill Climb guys: Dick Kreutzer, Scott Erickson, Mike Cornett, Bill Ehrhardt

Load up and clean up at Prude Ranch: the Hesters, the Haskells, the Saxtons, Rick Ogan

Haul equipment back– the Saxtons



Jim Fowler Retires After Twenty Two Years of Volunteering with the PBBA

I got my Amateur Radio license in 2000 and started working events within the year, Hammerfest, Cyclefest, and Mas o Manos in particular. I believe my first time as net control was for the Hammerfest event in 2005, followed by Cyclefest in September. Hammerfest ran every year until 2011 when it was interrupted by the Rock House Fire and again in 2012 by the Livermore Complex Fire. The Permian Basin Bicycle Association was no longer interested in sponsoring the event after that and it was not run in 2013. A few different promoters tried their hand at running it but it was too difficult to organize remotely and the race eventually died. Cyclefest, however, has continued non-stop and I have handled net control since 2005 except for 2008 when I had a stroke in July and was not up to organizing our side of the the event. I believe Bill Baker took over that year.

I enjoyed working at the rest stops but found the net control job more interesting (and also a lot more comfortable). One needs to have a picture of the entire event and understand something about what the organizers are expecting in order to do a good job. This information needs to be communicated to the operators in the field in order for them to do their job as well. My experience in Fire/EMS, the ICS courses I took, and watching the Texas Forest Service put these practices to use during large fires in the county really helped. Knowing many people in Jeff Davis was the most important part of what I brought to the job. It meant that I knew who to call when problems arose.

The one memory that will really stick out in my mind was the Rock House Fire during Hammerfest in 2011. We were in the middle of the time trials and there was heavy smoke, when we were ordered to clear the roads because the fire was coming our way. We had only two more riders to start in the current group so we started them and then immediately told them to get off the road. As soon as the officials had stopped the race I went to my house to assist my wife with moving my mother-in-law out of the path of the smoke. As I was leaving the house in order to go to the fire station I could see the wall of flames coming directly toward me. Neither my wife nor I really expected the house to survive. As it was the community lost 23 homes that day, through thankfully none of them were in our subdivision. I have no clue how all the bicycle folks got out of the county that day, as I was busy trying to coordinate the fire response once I got to the fire station. It was quite a zoo for the first couple of hours of the fire.

Cyclefest doesn't generally have spectacular accidents. The riders are usually not going fast enough. However, we have had broken collar bones as well as riders who were just exhausted and fell over near the end, hurting themselves in the process. I guess those would count as slow accidents. Hammerfest was the scene of some crazy stuff particularly with the weather. I recall one year where we started with freezing rain that soon turned to snow. The loop ride was cut short but the 35 mile ride from Prude out to Madera Canyon and back was not. There was one female rider who wanted to at least make it to Madera Canyon despite the snow, however, just past the observatory she had to give up. I was following her as she was the last rider and I realized after we got her into the car that she was very close to hypothermia. She started to shiver only after she had been in the car for ten minutes, so her core temperature was probably near 94F before then. Because Cyclefest is run in the fall it generally had better weather but we have run the event in rain and fog, as well as quite hot weather. You never know what the mountains will bring.

PBBA brings a wealth of experience to these events, both Hammerfast and Cyclefest, and this has helped all of the volunteers tremendously. It would be a much more difficult job for the Big Bend Amateur Radio Club to support the event if this were not true. It may not seem like it from your side, but from our side these events run very smoothly. Congratulations to every one at PBBA.

Thanks for the opportunity to work with a great group, great people, and a wonderful event. You have provided memories for a life time and I will treasure them. Good luck and best wishes for your future events

Jim, KD5KBU

Editor's note: I started attending Cyclefest and Hammerfest about the same time that Jim started volunteering. I have never known one of these events in Fort Davis without him keeping us safe by radio. When he told me that this was his last one, I sincerely got a bit teary. The PBBA owes him a huge debt of gratitude for all that he has done. Ever the professional, thoughtful volunteer, Jim was training his replacement during Cyclefest 2022. Jim could be seen at the finish teaching BBARC member, Charlie Troxel, how to take care of us at Cyclefest. Welcome to Charlie!



March 24 - 26th 2023

REGISTRATION OPENS

Sunday October 30th, 3 pm CST

rattlesnakegravelgrind.bike

March 24-26, 2023 we will have the second annual Rattlesnake Gravel Grind benefitting the 5 Volunteer Fire Departments of Nolan County. March 24-25 we will have two bands each night along with comedians before during and after the concerts as well as free food and drinks for all participants (Each participant will receive one free beer/day). Free tent camping, \$10/day RV spots, and reduced hotel room rates.

This year (2022) we raised \$30,000 and want to say thanks to everyone that participated.

September 7

 **PEYTON'S**
WEDNESDAY NIGHT PODIUM

-  **1** CARLOS TRASLOSHEROS
-  **2** JASON HAISLIP
-  **3** RANDAL MORGAN

 **PEYTON'S**
WEDNESDAY NIGHT PODIUM

-  **1** JUSTIN FLETCHER
-  **2** KATE BRISCOE
-  **3** PJ WOOLSTON

September 14

Rained out.



September 21

 **PEYTON'S**
WEDNESDAY NIGHT PODIUM

-  **1** FIDEL RUVALCABA
-  **2** SHAWN HARRIS
-  **3** CLIF COLEMAN

 **PEYTON'S**
WEDNESDAY NIGHT PODIUM

-  **1** TOBY KEEL
-  **2** ROSS VAN HORN
-  **3** JEFF BRAMMER

September 28

 **PEYTON'S**
WEDNESDAY NIGHT PODIUM

-  **1** FIDEL RUVALCABA
-  **2** ZACK BELEW
-  **3** CARLOS TRASLOSHEROS

 **PEYTON'S**
WEDNESDAY NIGHT PODIUM

-  **1** ISAAC TRUJILLO
-  **2** MATT RODRIGUEZ
-  **3** KATE BRISCOE



WTGO Cycling was successful in having some four way stops erected on the Mission Mondays route in Odessa. Be sure to thank WTGO along with Francisco Javey and Allan Espina for working toward safer bike rides. The stops are now erected in the Mission Dorado area.