



# WINDBUSTERS

September 2023

## Important Dates

September 16-17 Fort Davis Cyclefest

September 18 PBBA Meeting

October 14 Eclipse Ride

November 11 Veteran's Gravel Ride

## September PBBA Meeting

Who: All PBBA members

What: In person meeting

When: Monday, September 18th 7 p.m.

Where: Mission Fitness, Classroom A,B  
8050 Highway 191 Frontage, Odessa



**WE WANT YOU!**

## CYCLEFEST NEEDS YOU!!

Cyclefest is PBBA's largest yearly fundraising event. Cyclefest has been a contribution to the Texas cycling community for 46 years.

You can ride the event and still be plenty of help!! At this point, it looks like our SAG needs are being met. Many jobs have been filled, but there are a few things to do.

Please help us make it a success in 2023 by texting Kathy Hester at 432-638-7038 or email [Khester4205@gmail.com](mailto:Khester4205@gmail.com) to volunteer.

**If you are going down Thursday or early Friday (arrive by 3:00), help is needed to haul the water generously donated by HTeaO.**

### **Friday, September 15:**

**Registration workers ( be there by 5:00 or come later and relieve someone)**

**Pick up food for the volunteers working registration**

**Music and sound system during registration**

### **Saturday, September 16:**

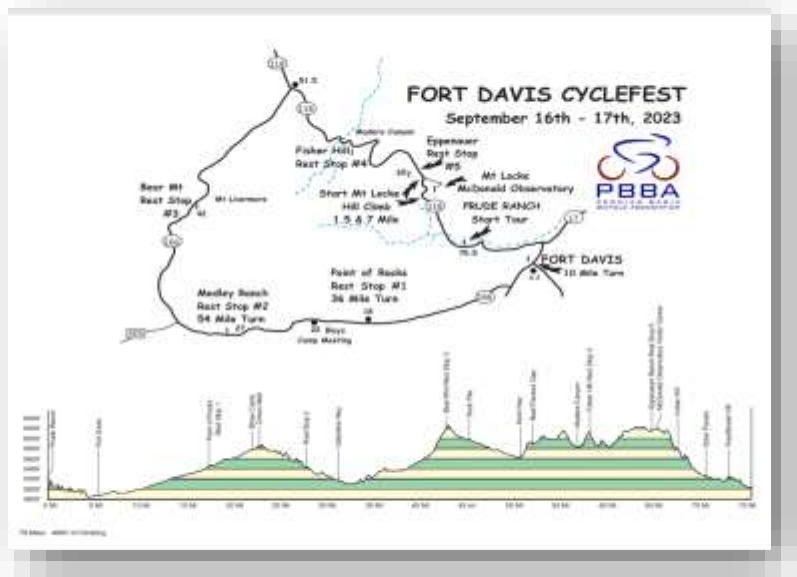
**We still need someone to sponsor the beer and set it up.**

Saturday lunch: set up and cover tables, door prize tickets, jersey and t-shirt sales, clean up

### **September 17, Sunday Hill Climb:**

Closing, Packing and loading at Prude Ranch about 11 a.m.

Meet Bob at the Odessa storage to help unload trailer



There is a change for 2023! Rest stop #1 will be at Point of Rocks. If you are a long time Cyclefest rider then you may remember this location for the rest stop from the past. Volunteers have requested this change. Thank you to David Ham for providing the map file and edit.

## 2023 Schedule

### Friday, September 16

5:00 –10:00 PM Packet pick up and late registration (Prude Ranch Gym)

### Saturday, September 17

6:00 AM Breakfast at Prude Ranch, you must make a reservation if you are not staying at Prude Ranch (432-426-3201) or email to [pruderanchfrontoffice@gmail.com](mailto:pruderanchfrontoffice@gmail.com) by Thursday evening, the cost is \$12.00 per person.

7:45 AM Rider instructions and National Anthem (Prude Ranch entrance)

8:00 AM Cyclefest Ride off

12 PM Party at the Prude Ranch Patio near the office (band 12-4, Chet playing 4-6 PM )

3:30 Last rest stop closes and SAG stops

### Sunday, September 18

6:30 AM breakfast available at Prude Ranch with reservation

8-8:45 AM Register for Hill Climb at Solar Panels and pick up number

9:00 SHARP Race starts

Prizes may be picked up at the Solar Panels after the race



46th Annual Fort Davis Cy-

## September 16-17, 2023

Arguably the best and most scenic Bike Tour in the State of Texas with beautiful vistas, easy novice routes and challenging hills. **Cyclefest is a must do for every cyclist.** The annual Fort Davis Cyclefest Bike Tour and Hill Climb is held in the scenic “Texas Alps” in Fort Davis, Texas. The tour provides three distance routes: 27, 55 and 76 miles on Saturday,

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REGISTRATION LINK: <https://www.bikereg.com/cyclefest2023>

More information: <https://pbbatx.com/cyclefest> facebook page—  
FortDavisCyclefest

Lodging information: <https://fortdavis.com/visiting/accommodations>





# Heat Rules at the Hotter 'N Hell Hundred

By Kyle Farmer



The Hotter 'N Hell Hundred was held on August 26, 2023 in Wichita Falls, Texas. The event spans four days and includes bike rides of 10 Kilometers, 25 miles, 50 miles, 100 kilometers, 75 miles and 100 miles. In addition to the endurance rides on Saturday, 'cyclists could participate in Criterium Races and various events. One of the older 'cycling events in the country, the Hotter 'N Hell Hundred attracted over 13,000 participants from all over the world.

The events are held on the Midwestern State Campus. Packet pickup was easy. Vendors displayed their latest cycling and fitness products in booths in the Ray Clymer Exhibit Hall. The night-before-spaghetti-dinner was enjoyable and tasty and the morning-of-the-ride breakfast buffet was convenient and tasty as well.

I was one of 1,600 cyclists that decided attempt the 100 mile endurance ride. At the starting line, I found my place with the "100 Mile Hopefuls", a block or two behind the "Scorchers." The 100-mile ride is chip timed, but it is an endurance ride rather than a race. My goal is to finish the 100-mile ride with an average pace of 15mph. Obviously, everything is a race for some serious cyclists! To complete the 100-mile ride, cyclists much reach the 60-mile point, known as Hell's Gate, by 12:30. Cyclists that do not make it to Hell's Gate in the allotted time are re-directed to a shorter ride



Rolling out of Wichita Falls, cyclists found their pace in the heavy traffic. In anticipation of extreme heat later in the day, I planned to put as many miles as possible behind me in the morning. Leaving Iowa Park, we experienced some of the roughest road of the day. Newish chip seal that was really rough. I felt like my bike and my body were taking a beating. Rest stops were staged every ten miles and I passed the first two. I took a brief break at rest stop #3 and got back on the road.

Turning north in the town of Electra, we experienced a little headwind. I was able to draft off of another cyclist for a few miles, then led the line for a few miles. At the town of Haynesville, we headed east and left the headwinds behind. The temperature was rising.

I was feeling good when I decided to stop at Rest Stop #5. My Wahoo Element Bolt showed 51 miles. Halfway there and feeling good! I decided to take a nice break and enjoy myself. I had plenty of time to reach Hell's Gate by 12:30. While hydrating, snacking, and talking with other riders, I learned that Hell's Gate was closing an hour early due to extreme temperatures. Time to get back on the road!

Riding in triple digit heat, I headed toward Hell's Gate. I knew I could make it by 11:30, but what if I get a flat? I focused and kept my eyes on the road and on my cycling computer. By now the temperature was becoming a factor. I took a few training rides in 100-degree heat, so I was prepared. I made it to Hell's Gate at 11:26. The temperature was really rising. I knew I wanted to stop at Rest Stop #7 after passing #6 and Hell's Gate. The atmosphere was festive at Rest Stop #7. The DJ was playing music and the cyclists were taking a well deserved break. Since we had passed Hell's Gate and none of us were racing, everyone was having a good time. The ride is ours now. Before I left in the August heat, another cyclist mentioned that he would stop at every remaining rest stop and at shade trees by the road.

I pressed on, but the heat was really taking its toll. Any small amount of shade was appreciated. I began to see bikes on the back of trucks and vans as cyclists chose their safety over completing the ride. I wondered if I could make it in the heat. Fortunately, we got a little cloud cover. My pace was not impressive during the last few miles, but I finished!



## SAVE THE DATE!

Bike through the eclipse on Saturday, October 14th during the Eclipse Festival at UTPB.  
Put the event on your calendar and watch the next newsletter and Facebook for details.



Have you seen the new, 2023 PBBA jersey design? The orders from the first Jakroo store opening have been delivered. The store can open again if demand exists so please let Kathy Hester know if you are interested. Plans are to create a long sleeve jersey for fall/winter; therefore, be on the lookout for details.



**NOV. 11**

**2023**

**VETERANS  
GRAVEL GRIND**

**VETERANS DAY WEEKEND**

**NEW VENUE/NEW ROUTE**

**LAKE COLORADO CITY STATE PARK**

- 8 AM MASS START.
- FULL GRIND 73 MILES
- HALF GRIND 50 MILES
- QUARTER GRIND 24 MILES

Support Veteran bike-packing all while riding some of the best gravel in Texas along a scenic route over the Colorado River

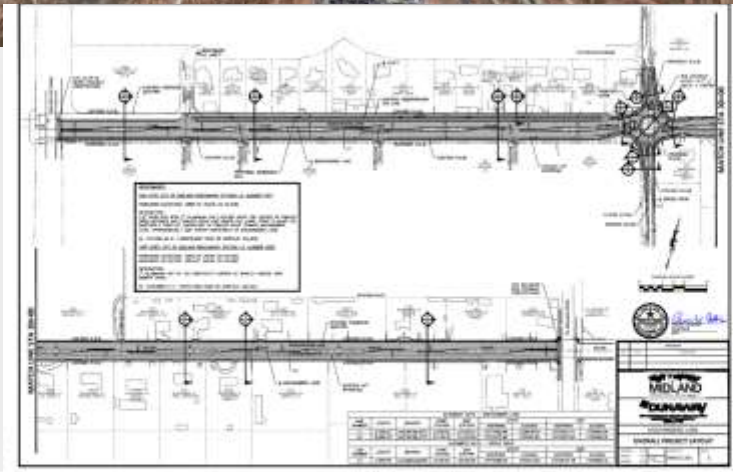
**FULL GRIND MALE/FEMALE  
1ST PLACE  
PRIZE**

**\$1200**

**CONTACT US**

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**PRESIDENT@VIMRACING.COM**





Change is coming, but not immediately!

**Mockingbird** in Midland is frequented by riders going to Greentree and on out to Avalon Loop for the Wednesday Night Worlds. Mockingbird will be extended through to Holiday Hill Road. Riders can eventually expect a signal light crossing Midland Drive. There will be a traffic circle at Oriole and Mockingbird. Two lanes each direction from Midland Drive to Holiday Hill with concrete islands in the middle and bike lanes going east and west should offer cyclists some protection from traffic. Expect some disruption to riding with utility construction work and eventually paving. The project won't bid until the second quarter of 2024 so disruption is not in the near future.

**Briarwood** is going to be widened from Avalon street to near highway 158. The bike lanes that riders already enjoy will be extended the distance of the project too. Utility work will start in the next 90 days and last almost a year. Once the utilities are finished, the paving project will begin.

## MONDAY



M&M Ride

Monday 6:15 pm, Mission Fitness Parking Lot, Odessa

All Levels

## TUESDAY



Women's Ride

Tuesday 7:00, Bush Tennis Center

All Levels

## WEDNESDAY



Trek Store Ride

Wednesday 6:15

Wednesday Night World Race

Greentree Ride— all level ride

## THURSDAY



Thursday Night Thrasher

Watch FB posts for times

Not a no drop, Valley View

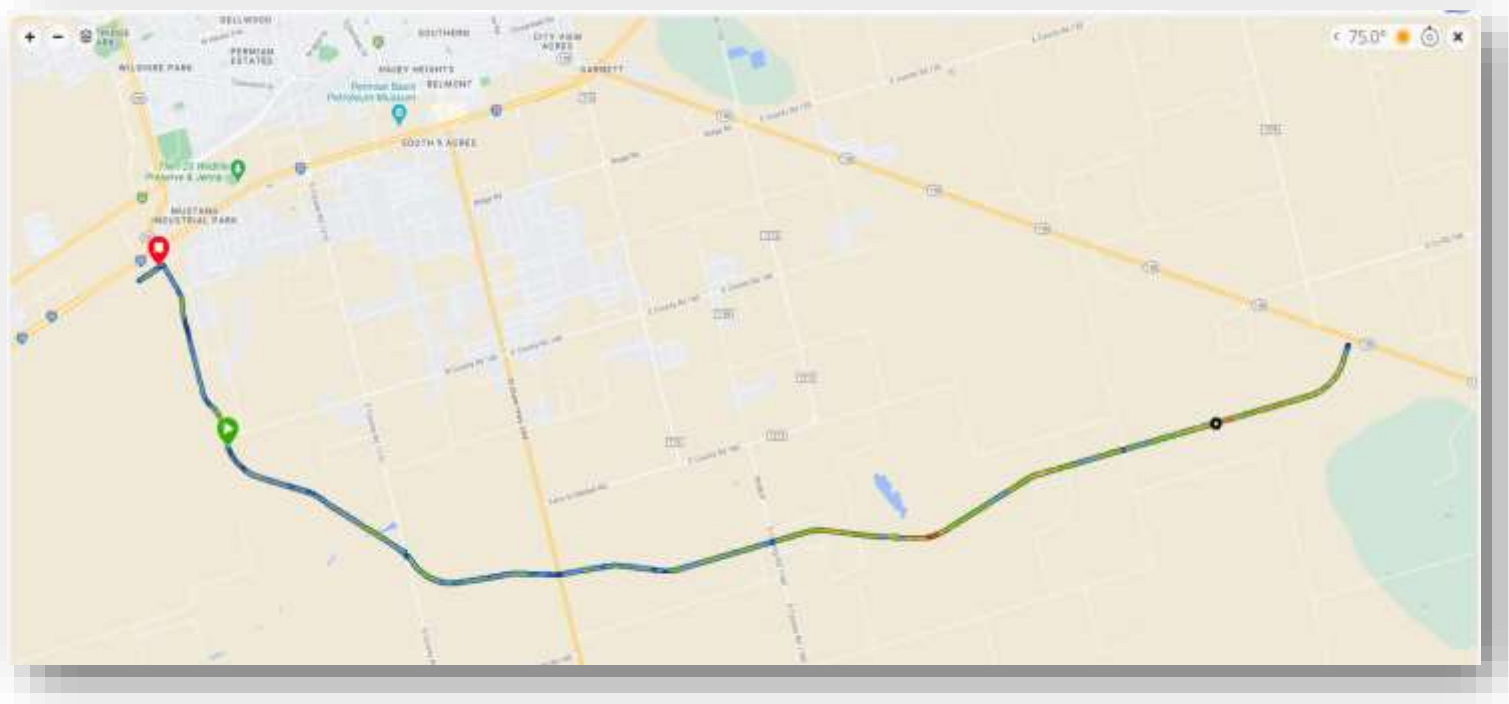
## SATURDAY



Saturday Holy Cross Ride

Time varies— watch Saturday Holy Cross Ride FB page, recent ride offs at 7:30 a.m.

All levels, 5110 N. Garfield



### **Southern Reliever Route**

Riders are beginning to frequent the southern reliever route on weekend mornings. This is not a formal ride yet, but watch FB posts for pop up rides. The above route is from my Garmin. Mike and I started our ride by parking at the DK convenience store at the intersection of loop 250 and Interstate 20. I would not recommend that start location as it was very busy with traffic on our return route. The closure of the Midkiff/ I-20 overpass has created a detour to this area which will probably last 12– 18 months (?). Riding out and back from that start was a forty mile ride with a 1.5 mile add on west of the store. I saw about a dozen riders on the route. Many of these riders parked at a county road about 4 miles west of 158. They did an out and back to 158 then continued west before returning east to their cars. I am not sure of their mileage. One rider told me their route was 28 miles. Their route avoided some of the traffic that Mike and I encountered. It is very smooth asphalt with a striped shoulder. The speed limit for the traffic was 55 mph, but there was not much traffic. It is a nice route to explore your average speed compared to the frequent stops of city routes. There are a couple of stops . Riders need to be very cautious crossing Highway 349 as it is busy and high speed. I will probably ride it for a change of pace. It is isolated with no restrooms and typical West Texas landscape. A coyote sitting in the middle of the rode in front of us was unimpressed with cyclists in his territory until he decided to lope along.

It's a nice change of pace, but be careful out there (and everywhere).

-Kathy Hester



# SEPTEMBER 23 & 24



## THE RACING POST

## THE ROAD CHAMPIONSHIP



### WEEKEND:



### BILL WEIDLEIN MEMORIAL



### VIOLET CROWN

### THE FORT CAVAZOS CHALLENGE: 14

USAC permit 2023-8741

\$45 price on 2<sup>nd</sup> Race

### FULLY CLOSED, FULL LOOP COURSE

Different Direction each day!



WILLIAMS RACING ACADEMY



SAT SEPT 23							
COUNTER CLOCKWISE EVENT	START	LAPS / MILES	PURSE (PLACES)	PRIZE	FIELD LIMIT	CHAMP. JERSEY	EVENT SPECIFIC NOTES
Chris Hipp & Caleb Fuchs Memorial P1,2 Championship	0710 7:10A	3 / 69	Trophies (5) \$1,000 3 places	★	100	★★	Medals / Jersey
Ivan Mukasa Memorial Cat 3 Championship	0720 7:20A	2 / 66	Trophies (5)	★	100	★★	Medals / Jersey
Megan Baab Memorial Women P,1,2 Championship	0730 7:30A	2 / 66	Trophies (5) see Notes	★	100	★★	Medals Scored Separately from W3 \$1000 - 3 places for combined W123 race
Missy Hardeman Memorial Women C3 Championship	0730 7:30A (See Note)	2 / 66	Trophies (5) See Notes	★	100	★★	Medals Scored Separately from WP12 (IF over 25 pre-reg W3 will have a separate start & 1000 3 Place Purse)
James Bailey Memorial Cat 4 Championship	0745 7:45A	2 / 66	Trophies (5)	★	100	★★	Medals IF Available
Calvin Middleton Memorial Cat 5 Championship	1410 2:10P	1 / 33	Trophies (5)	★	75	★★	Medals
Women Cat 4 Championship	1420 2:20P	1 / 33	Trophies (5)	★	100	★★	Medals
Women Cat 5 Championship	1430 2:30P	1 / 33	Trophies (5)	★	75	★★	Medals
Open	1440 2:40P	1 / 33	Trophies (5)	★	Wave Max 75	No	
Military Open	1440 2:40P	1 / 33	Trophies (5)	Free	See above	No	Open to all serving military personnel / must have either annual or 1 day license



## **PBBA 2023 Officers and Chairpersons**

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