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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. 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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Other people will be asked to help by agreeing to take over the other jobs necessary to run the PBBA for another year.

## CALENDAR OF WEEKLY RIDES

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***Tuesday & Thursday*** - From Race Pace to Intermediate - Leaves S.E. corner of Loop 338 & Hwy 191 (The Professional Center) at **5:30 P.M.**

***Tuesday*** – Tuesday Night ride - Grande Stadium Midland (Meet in the Northwest parking lot) 6:00 p.m. ride off. Medium Pace/ Recreational/Training Ride. Distance will vary due to weather etc., but usually 25+ miles. 1.5 - 2 hours. For up-to-date info contact Kelly Brammer (432) 559-5346, brammer10@aol.com.

***Wednesday*** Regular evening ride, leaves from Peytons at 6 pm, Easy to race pace. Dinner afterwards at Rosa's on Midland Drive.

***Thursday***- City ride by John Beane. Call Peytons for info. Leaves from Windlands Park, ride off at 6 pm, bring lights as the ride will be after dark. Ride to a restaurant, eat, return.

***Monday, Wednesday and Saturday Morning Rides*** – Odessa to Goldsmith - Call 563-0179 for information

***MTB Rides:*** Daily at the Odessa Mountain Bike Park

***Sunday:*** Easy Rider 3 pm from Peyton's Bikes no drop ride.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**March 16, PBBA Monthly Meeting** Monday 7 pm. , Beal Park Clubhouse

### **March 21, MTB Time Trial**

The PBBA has scheduled a time trial mountain bike race on March 21, 2015 at the Odessa Mountain Bile Park. The race will start at 10 AM and registration will begin at 9 AM. We will have a beginner course (approximately 3.5 miles) an intermediate course (approximately 6 miles) and an advanced course ( approximately 10 miles). The race will be further subdivided into age groups depending on the number of participants. We plan to provide prizes for the winners and lunch for everyone who races or provides support. The fee to race is only 5 dollars per entry and you don't have to be a PBBA member to race (but you will need to sign a waiver). Any additional donations to the club/park is greatly appreciated.

We have made a lot of improvements to the trail system. The trails are in great shape due to the moisture and the effort of club members to clean the trails of vegetation and rock debris.

We hope to get a big turn out so please try to make this event and tell all your friends. I know some folks don't like to race but it can be just a "fun ride" for those that don't want to compete. If you want to race in the open class and be at the front of the pack, please show up by 9:30 AM so we can get you properly placed.

I look forward to seeing you all at the race.

Steve Mitchell

**March 28. Tamale Ride** The Tamale Ride will take place at the PBBA mountain bike park in Odessa, Texas on Billy Hext and 191 (behind the fire station on Eastridge). Let's plan to ride beginning at 3 pm and have Tamales around 4 pm. Our PBBA mountain bike group has worked hard on this facility and this should be a good chance to showcase their improvements. We do ask that you bring a lawn chair. Note – last year there were some that either didn't have mountain bikes our just opted to ride their road bikes, whatever suits you! Looking forward to seeing everyone.

## Ride Schedule for 2015

Thanks to Doug Randel for compiling the following ride schedule for 2015. You can lay out your riding schedule from this.

Confirmed	Date	Description	Ride Leader	Contact #
yes	25-Jan	Friendship Ride	Doug Randel	432-254-8905
yes	Feb 7-8	Big Bend/Terlinqua	Kelly Brammer	432-559-5346
yes	28-Mar	Tamale Ride/Mountain Bike Park	Steve Mitchell	432-254-8905
	Spring	Robert Lee	Doug Randel	432-254-8905
	Spring	Coleman Ride	Gary Pitts	<a href="mailto:gpitts@centex.net">gpitts@centex.net</a>
	19-Apr	Balmorea Ride	Open	
yes	20-May	Ride of Silence	John Floyd	<a href="mailto:jfloyd@midlandtexas.gov">jfloyd@midlandtexas.gov</a>
yes	10-May	Police Memorial Ride	John Kerrigan	432-553-1432
yes	25-May	Memorial Day Ride	Kent Crowell	432-528-2891
	June	Ruidoso Ride	Fred Hunley	432-638-5715
yes	July 25 & 26	MS 150 Midland-Lamesa-Lubbock	Kent Crowell	432-528-2891
	August	Watermelon Ride/MTB park	Steve Mitchell	
yes	September 19 & 20	Cyclefest	Jasha Culteri	432-559-8948
		Moonlight Ride/Monahans Sandhills	Open	
yes	December	Midland Christmas parade	Kent Crowell	432-528-2891
yes	December	Christmas Light Ride	John Kerrigan	<a href="mailto:jkerrigan@midlandtexas.gov">jkerrigan@midlandtexas.gov</a>

Confirmed	Date	Rides of Interest	Place
Yes	March 14-21	Hell Week 2015	Fredericksberg, Tx
Yes	21-Mar	Steam N Wheels	Abilene, Tx
Yes	28-Mar	LBJ 100	Fredericksberg/Stonewall, Tx
Yes	April 3-5	Easter Hill Country Tour	Kerrville, Tx
Yes	9-May	Fredericksberg Gran Fondo	Fredericksberg, Tx
Yes	May 30-31	24 hrs in the Canyon	Canyon, Tx
Yes	June 27-28	Rough Riders 200	Angel Fire, NM
no	July	Tour de Gap	Buffalo Gap/Abilene, TX
Yes	29-Aug	Hotter Hell Hundred	Wichita Falls, Tx
	Oct	MDA Ride	San Angelo, Tx
Yes	7-Nov	Tour de Gruene	Gruene/New Braunfels, Tx
	Nov	Fredericksberg Fall Foliage Frolic	Fredericksberg, Tx

## Newly Overhauled PBBA Website by Matthew R. Hinman, [www.pbbatx.com](http://www.pbbatx.com)

Our new webmaster Matthew Hinman has incorporated our basic info and many new options in our revised website. We were 'desperately' in need of a new webmaster, and Matthew has shown himself already to be a dedicated pro in taking over our site.. We should be so lucky!

These are his comments and advice for the future:

Coming into the club as a new member was quite refreshing. I was warmly welcomed when I first walked in to the Beal Park Ranch House. It was nice to be part of the discussion, too. Soon, I was volunteering to not only update the PBBA website, but to completely overhaul it as well.

I'd like to share a few highlights with you regarding our new site. I built the site on the foundation of a content management system, or CMS. The CMS software I chose is made by Wordpress. Perhaps you have heard of it. It is one of the most widely used CMS platforms on the web, and one of the most well-supported and robust.

As a result, we've ended up with a fresh, modern site that is super-easy to update. All club officers now have the ability to update pages, add new posts, and upload photos to our new site and make changes instantaneously.

You may also have noticed that we've added a page for videos. While currently there are just a couple of videos picked from YouTube, I created an official PBBA YouTube channel by which officers (and anyone designated by them) can upload videos. This will make for additional ways to promote the PBBA to world.

One of the strongest ways you can promote yourself these days is through social media. Facebook and Twitter are the de facto standards for almost any entity these days. So, we now have a Twitter account @pbbatx, as well as the long-standing Friends of the PBBA Facebook group. Both of these are linked up on the website to show our tweets and our Facebook postings so the rest of the world can see that we are an active, vibrant organization here in the Permian Basin.

Another addition is the ability for mobile device users. You may not only view the site on your device easily, but you can add the site to your home screen. Currently, this feature is only for iOS users, but may work for some Android devices as well. An icon will be created and you can launch directly to the PBBA site from your home screen.

Part of keeping interest in the site is keeping it fresh. Don't let the content get stale, and always update after events with photos, videos, or just a brief update. So, if you want to contribute to the site, please contact any club officer.

Note, too, that some of the content we currently have up has been copied from the old site, and may be outdated. Rest assured that our club officers and volunteers are working to get the information current and up-to-date as soon as possible.

Now, a little about me. I moved to Midland early 2014 (yeah, I know, why didn't I join sooner?). Work brought me here and it looks like I'm going to be here for a while. I've been road cycling since 2012, and lost 60 pounds doing it. While my wife and daughter don't currently cycle, they are interested in fitness and being healthy.

Recently, I also took up mountain biking. So, you'll see me both at road events and at MTB events. Apart from working an 8 to 5 to make a living, I host two podcasts (internet radio shows). One is Voices of Texas (voicesoftexas.com) and Get Off the Couch (getoffthecouchnow.net). Both shows are available on iTunes and Stitcher. Get Off the Couch is a show focused on health and fitness through cycling. So, I welcome any cycling tips, gear reviews, or interviews on my show. (Editor's note: I started a similar website, [www.pedalyourselfhealthy.org](http://www.pedalyourselfhealthy.org) in 2003)

I've also been doing web programming for about 20 years. If you have questions about the website, feel free to ask me in the Google Group or Facebook Group. I'm happy to help!

## Women's Self Defense Class

The Midland Police Department has been hosting Women's Self Defense classes for several months now. The class has been very popular. I thought I'd check with my friends at the PBBA to see if anyone is interested.

Classes currently in session are full, but new classes can be planned. We would meet on a Friday evening from 6p-9p and Saturday morning from 9a-noon. There is no charge for the class. We are trying to get a feel for interest. Please email John Kerrigan with Midland PD at [jkerrigan@midlandtexas.gov](mailto:jkerrigan@midlandtexas.gov).

## Ride the Rockies?

Kent Crowell provides the following info for people who want to refresh their souls and prove their fitness by climbing beautiful mountains in Colorado for a week in June 2015.

<http://www.bicycletourcolorado.com>

Here is a link to the texting & driving discussion. I would encourage cyclists to contact Mr. Tom Craddick and let him know how you feel about riding or driving where distracted driving is widespread & preventable.

<http://kxan.com/2015/03/05/support-growing-at-capitol-for-statewide-texting-and-driving-ban/>

Test your cycling safety skills with these 25 questions.

<http://bikesafety.caa.ca/practice-test/index.php>

Bicycle humor. One got fat 1963.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=cQqAMkMmsfg>

Need to publish the dates & times of our board meetings.

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**IT IS TIME – Renew your PBBA Membership Now!!**

PBBA Memberships are now on an annual basis with all memberships expiring on January 1<sup>st</sup>

So, unless you have joined or renewed after September, 2014, we need for you to fill out a Membership Application and mail it to us as soon as is convenient.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS THE 25<sup>TH</sup> OF EACH MONTH. PLEASE SUBMIT ALL ARTICLES, PICTURES OR ANNOUNCEMENTS TO David Eggleston [dmeengr@gmail.com](mailto:dmeengr@gmail.com).**

Note from the editor

Thanks to all who contributed. If you get this newsletter via snail mail, you are missing out on pictures in color and live links to associated websites. If you would prefer to get it via e-mail, please let me know.

Dust off your writing, photography, and humor skills with articles for next month.