



Touring Notes

The Newsletter of the Hill Country Bicycle Touring Club

A Recreational Club for Central Texas

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League of American Bicyclists

This club is affiliated with the League of American Bicyclists - Founded in 1880 as the League of American Wheelmen.

New Members

Ann Baird - Austin
Nancy Decker - Austin
Virgil & Jeane Fruth - Houston
Rhonda Lashley - Kerrville
Ransom Swofford - Houston
Lawrence Walker - Kerrville

Club News

Ride Leaders Needed

Anyone who wants to lead a ride please contact Mike Paese (210) 698-6625, topdog@stic.net.

New Club Web Site

Fernando Galdos has put together a great new club web site. Check it out at <http://members.aol.com/hcbtc/home.html>

Summer Meetings

The club decided to have our Summer Meetings at Rudy's in Leon Springs. They will be held on the second Sunday of June, July and August. We will meet at 8:00 am at the Park and Ride for a 30 mile ride followed by Bar-B-Q and a short meeting at 11:30 am.

Club Century

At the last club meeting the membership decided to have a fall century on Saturday, October 14th. It will be a mostly flat ride with stops every ten miles or so. Marth Espinoza volunteered her Father to help drive the route.

Member Discounts

The following Bicycle Shops offer members of the HCBTC a 10% discount:

B & J Bicycles, 8800 Broadway, 826-0177

BikeWorld, 5911 Broadway, 828-5558 and Blanco at Lockhill Selma 344-2303

Britton's Cycles, 4109 Naco Perrin, 656-1655 and 803 E. Blanco, Boerne, 830 816-2305

Pit Stop Bike Shop, 6501 Bandera Rd, 521-2453

Ride Away Bicycles, 8830 Huebner, 696-9925

A big thanks for their support to our club.

Reinventing the Bicycle Club

I've been a member of many local bicycle clubs since early 1974. Things have changed a lot over the years. I've seen many fast riders come and go. Over the past few years I have been increasingly frustrated with the local club here in San Antonio. I finally decided to start this club bringing together what I thought were the best aspects of all the bicycle clubs I have been in. I wanted to have a club that would focus on touring instead of racing or fitness. I also wanted every member to have a say in how the club is run. Most importantly, I wanted to have a friendly club that would welcome all riders.

When I started this project, I thought I would be successful if I had 30 members in six months. In a little over three months we have 42 members and are growing at a fast rate. The club is growing so fast I can hardly keep up with it.

Right now things are going great. We have liability insurance and are affiliated with the League of American Bicyclists. All our rides are group oriented. We don't just hand out maps and ride as fast as we can - leaving slower riders to fend for themselves. We have had two weekend tours, three membership meetings and several parties with many more activities planned. (All this for only \$5 in membership dues!) Many members are volunteering to help the club any way they can. If there is anything else you would like to see in the club or want to help, please let me know. After all, this is your club.

- Chris Marsh



Club Events

Saturday, May 6th, 9 am. Mountain Bike ride at Pedernales Falls State Park, about 8 mi east of Johnson City on FM 2766. Bring a picnic lunch & Frisbee. Dick Mauldin is the ride leader 830-997-3327.

Sunday, May 7th, River Road Ride. Meet at 9:00 am in Gruene for a 30 mile group ride up to Canyon Lake and back down the River Road. The group will ride around 12 mph. Eat at the Grist Mill after the ride. Ride leader is David Young at 210-655-0306 or salaw@texas.net.

Sunday, May 14th, Paul Bryan Memorial Ride. Meet at 8:00 am at Taft High School on FM 471 one mile west of Loop 1604. Rides are 28, 38, or 48 miles. Ride with the group on the 28 mile loop at around 12 miles per hour. Ride leaders are Vern Jeys at 210-675-0538 or Martha Espinoza at 210-521-3520.

Saturday, May 20th, BIKE FEST 2000. Meet at Travis Park at 9:00 am for a lot of activities including a Criterium, Mountain BikeTrialsDemo, and Mayor's Bike Week Presentations. T-shirts are available by calling 227-8651. www.samhd.org/healthed/bikeweek2000

May 27th - 29th, Memorial Day Weekend Campout. Camp at the Good Shepherd Campground in Utopia. Rides to Garner State Park, Leaky and Camp Wood. Call Ben Will 713-784-3662 or Benedwardwill@cs.com. This ride is hosted by the Houston Bicycle Club.

Saturday, June 3rd. Campout at Lost Maples State Park. Bring your bicycles. Dick Mauldin has reserved two tent sites, good for 16 people and four cars. Call Dick if you want a place. 830-997-3327.

Sunday, June 11th, Rudy's Ride and Meeting. Meet at 8:00 am at the park and ride at I-10 and Bourne Stage Road in Leon Springs for a 30 mile group ride. The group will ride around 12 mph. The group will eat at Rudy's Bar-B-Q after the ride. Ride leaders are Chris and Jan Marsh at cmarsh@texas.net or 210-681-5768.

Sunday, June 11th, Monthly meeting. Meet at Rudy's Bar-B-Q in Leon Springs (in the open area in the back) at 11:30 am for our monthly meeting. We will discuss future club activities. Contact Chris Marsh at cmarsh@texas.net or 210-681-5768 for more information.

Saturday, June 17th, Harper Ride. Meet at 8:30 am in Harper at the High School on Hwy 290. We're doing the Wendell Loop. One of the best rides in the Hill Country. Kinda Hilly at end. 20 miles.

Sunday, June 18th, Flatonia Ride. Watch for more details.

Saturday, June 24th, Comfort Ride. Meet at the Park and Ride on TX 27 in Confort at 8:00 am for a 35 mile ride on low traffic roads. See waterfalls and other scenery. The group will ride around 12 mph. Stay and eat after the ride. Ride leaders are Chris and Jan Marsh at cmarsh@texas.net or 210-681-5768.

July 1st - 4th, Davis Mountain weekend. We will hike and ride in the Davis Mountains/Big Bend region over the 4th of July Weekend. Contact Chris and Jan Marsh at cmarsh@texas.net or 210-681-5768 for more information.

Sunday, July 9th, Rudy's Ride and Meeting. Meet at 8:00 am at the park and ride at I-10 and Bourne Stage Road in Leon Springs for a 30 mile group ride. The group will ride around 12 mph. The group will eat at Rudy's Bar-B-Q after the ride. Ride leaders are Chris and Jan Marsh at cmarsh@texas.net or 210-681-5768.

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Saturday, July 29th, Medina Apple Festival Ride. Watch for details. Ride leaders are Chris and Jan Marsh at

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Sunday, August 13th, Rudy's Ride and Meeting. Meet at 8:00 am at the park and ride at I-10 and Bourne Stage Road in Leon Springs for a 30 mile group ride. The group will ride around 12 mph. The group will eat at Rudy's Bar-B-Q after the ride. Ride leaders are Chris and Jan Marsh at cmarsh@texas.net or 210-681-5768.

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Other Area Rides

Saturday, May 13th, Wildflower 100. San Antonio, 210-297-1550, Rolling Oaks Mall, Rides of 10, 25, 35, and 70 miles.

Sunday, May 21st, TNI Ride of Youth, 8:00 AM. Meet at Retama Park Race Track in Selma for a charity fund raiser benefiting Youth. Distances are 10, 25, 35, and 62 miles. For info call Dr. Richard Rigsby, (210) 494-7687. <http://www.northcentralrotary.org/>

June 4th -10th, Texas Chainring Challenge. 450 mile loop starting and ending in Longview. \$150 before May 1, \$200 after. 800-374-2453. Email leemccord@aol.com

Saturday, August 26th, Hotter'N Hell Hundred. Joe Schaelling, PO Box 2096, Wichita Falls, TX 76307, 940-322-3223.

Sunday, September 24th, Tour De Tots, San Antonio.

Saturday, October 21st, Mission's Tour de Goliad. 8:30 am. Goliad. 10, 30, 50, 100 miles. 800-848-8674 or 316-645-3563.

Saturday, November 6th, Tour de Gruene. 26, 36 miles. \$20 early \$25 late, Children under 12, \$12 \$15 late. T-shirts. First 500 entrants receive free Wurstfest ticket. 210-826-1077.