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THE END OF CYCLING IN TEXAS!

Under Texas Senate bill 238 sponsored by Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, cyclists no longer would be allowed to ride two abreast on roads; farm or ranch roads without shoulders would be off-limits; and bike riders would have to wear slow-moving vehicle emblems.

A similar House bill is being prepared by Rep. Rick Green, R-Dripping Springs. It would bar cyclists from state roads that have speed limits of 55 mph or more, or that are used by more than 2,500 cars a day, said Casey Blackburn, Green's aide.

These bills are being promoted by the Texas Farm Bureau at the urging of Hill Country farmers. Some farmers comments on the bill include the following:

"You can talk to whoever you want to out here in the country and they'll tell you the bikers are dangerous."

"If you meet them on a corner or down a hill carrying a load, it's hard or sometimes impossible to stop. You can sit on your horn, and they'll move over, but they won't ever go into the grass."

"All of the bicyclists are upset, and all of the farmers like it."

"They just take up the whole side of the roadway, and they won't yield."

"I'd just as soon not have any darn bikers on the road."

Such measures would effectively end cycling as we know it in Texas. The Farm Bureau tried to get similar bills through the Texas legislature around 10 years ago. It failed then and hopefully it will fail again.

The Texas Bicycle Coalition is trying to fight the bills. Check out their web site at <http://www.biketexas.org>.

Other organizations against the bill include the Texas Association of Convention and Visitors Bureaus. Towns such as Fredericksburg and Kerrville that are popular winter tourist destinations for cyclists are also concerned.

New Members

James and Maria Thoue
John Ahnert
Frank Quirk
Michael and Cynthia Bean
Patricia Pheister
David Luckenbach

Welcome!

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Club Rides

Saturday, March 3rd, Lockhart Ride. Meet at Lockhart Texas on the north-east corner of the town square at 9:00 AM. Ride will be approximately 30 miles. Lunch at Blacks after the ride ("Best BBQ ribs & brisket in Texas"). Directions: Take I-10 towards Houston. Get off at the Luling exit. Take a left to Luling. Stay on road to Lockhart. Ride leaders: Jackie & Vern Jeys 210-675-0538, v.jeys@worldnet.att.net.

Saturday, March 10th, Camp Verde Ride. Meet in downtown Medina, TX at 9:30 AM (just look for cyclists) for a 30 mile ride to Camp Verde and back. Medina is located north of Bandera on Hwy 16. This is a scenic ride but does have a few hills. Since it is an out and back, any desired shorter distance could be ridden. We can eat afterwards at the Apple Store or go back into Bandera and eat at the Old Spanish Trail Restaurant. Ride leader: Diane Sellers 830-985-3317, cycledi@aol.com.

Sunday, March 18th, Stonehenge Ride. Meet at 10:00 AM in the parking lot across the street from Mamacita's restaurant in Kerrville. We will ride to a replica of Stonehenge in Hunt, TX for the equinox. To get to Mamacita's, take I-10 60 miles northwest to the first Kerrville exit (Hwy 16). Turn left on Hwy 16 and go about two miles to Hwy 27. Turn right on Hwy 27. Mamacita's is at 215 Junction Highway on the left. Park across the street. Lunch at Mamacita's after the ride. Ride leaders: Chris & Jan Marsh 210-681-5768, cmarsh@texas.net.

Saturday, March 24th, Taft High School Ride. Spring in to spring, dust off your cleats. Meet at 9:00 AM at Taft High School for a 27-1/2 mile loop with Martha. Directions: Approx. 1 mile west of Loop 1604 on Culebra/

FM 471. Lunch at Bill Millers on Potranco & 1604 after the ride. Ride leader: Martha 210-521-3520.

Saturday, March 24th, Club Meeting. Join us for our March club meeting at 12:00 noon on March 24th at Bill Miller's BBQ on Loop 1604 and Potranco (after Martha's Taft High School ride). Join us and help plan our club's activities. Contact Pam Tucker 830-990-926, ptucker@ctesc.net, for more information.

Sunday, March 25th, Mission Ride. Meet at Spaghetti Warehouse (downtown on Houston street a few blocks east of I-37). Easy paced ride of 23 miles. Let you know later where we plan to eat. Ride leader: Jackie 210-675-0538, jackiejeys@yahoo.com

Sunday, April 1st, April Foolishness Festival Ride. Meet at 8:00 AM in Art, TX for 15 or 32 mile ride before Festival starts. Terrain is gently rolling with very low traffic. Festival, headquartered at the HooDoo Cafe in Art, will feature Mountain Oyster Cookoff, Worst Elvis Impersonator Contest, Lawyer Jokefest, and other foolish activities (including real food). Directions: From I-10 at Comfort exit Hwy 87 north through Fredericksburg to Mason, then turn right on Hwy 29 for 7.5 miles to Art. (If you blink, you might miss it). Parking available at Post Office, HooDoo Cafe, or along roadway. Ride leader: Pam Tucker 830-990-9261, ptucker@ctesc.net. For more information about the Festival, contact Jim Runge at 830-990-4478, rungini@hotmail.com.

Friday, April 13th. Free Friday Fredericksburg Frolic. The San Antonio Wheelmen won't be having any Fredericksburg rides this year for the Easter Hill Country Tour so we will. Meet at 9:00 AM behind the courthouse on Main Street in Fredericksburg for a forty mile ride up to Willow City. Join us for lunch after the ride. Ride leaders: Chris & Jan Marsh 210-681-5768,

cmarsh@texas.net.

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Friday-Sunday, April 27-29th, Canyon of the Eagles Weekend. It is a beautiful facility with cycling, hiking, fishing available, along with a program at the observatory Friday night and a storyteller, Saturday night. You do not need reservations for either of these programs.

LODGE: I have reserved two single rooms (1 queen bed) and two double rooms (2 queen beds), for Friday and Saturday nights, but the prices have gone up since we were there last year. Both are \$117 per night. If you would like to stay at the lodge, please call 1-800-977-0081 and reserve your rooms by March 26th. Tell them you are with HCBTC.

CAMPING: Texas Parks and Wildlife handle the camping reservations and they do not allow group reservations unless they are paid for up front. Again, check the website for descriptions of the two camping areas. Tanner Point is \$10 per night, plus a \$5 registration fee. Chimney Slough is \$12 per night, plus the \$5 registration. You have to walk about 30 yards into Chimney Slough, but it has water. Tanner Point does not have water, but you are adjacent to the lake. They all have picnic tables, fire rings and tent pads. Restrooms and showers are available. If you want to camp, you need to make your reservations SOON. The number to call is 512-389-8900 and Canyon of the Eagles is an LCRA campground. They also have

an RV campground if any of you have RVs.

HIKING: There are 7 miles of hiking trails. We have hiked a couple of them and the ones we did were easy. There is one short trail that's especially nice for children.

CYCLING: Canyon of the Eagles is 15 miles off the main county road. The only ride we can do without driving a distance out of the park is to simply ride the 15 miles to the turnoff and back, which should be a nice ride on a fairly quiet road. We can do that Saturday and maybe hike on Sunday.

RIVER CRUISE: The Vanishing Texas River Cruise leaves from the fishing pier. If you are interested in going on the cruise, the number for reservations is 1-800-4-RIVER-4. It might be a fun activity Saturday night instead of the storyteller.

LOCATION: Take 281 north to Burnet, turn left on Hwy 29, turn right on RR Road 2341 just outside of Burnet, and drive 15 miles until the road deadends at Canyon of the Eagles.

If you decide to go, please call or e-mail me so I can send along any further information or changes: Diane Sellers, Cycledi@aol.com, 830-985-3317. The web site, in case you copy this but delete it from your PC, is www.canyonoftheeagles.com/

Saturday - Sunday, May 19th-20th, Schulenburg Painted Churches Weekend, 9:00 AM (each day). Join the Austin Cycling Association and the Houston Bicycle Club for this classic weekend now in it's 16th year. More information in the next newsletter. Contact Chris Marsh for more information at cmarsh@texas.net, 210-681-6768.

Coming in May - Memorial Day Weekend - Davis Mountain Weekend Mini Tour. Cycle, star gaze, and eat great food. Watch for more informa-

tion. Ride leaders: Chris & Jan Marsh 210-681-5768, cmarsh@texas.net.

Recurring Rides

Every Wednesday Night Ride Ice Cream Ride. (Starting April 4th) Meet at 6:30 PM in the Albertson's parking lot at 1604 and Bandera for a 20 mile ride. We will have ice cream at the Baskin Robins after the ride. Call Chris or Jan Marsh 210-681-5768, cmarsh@texas.net for more information.

Other Area Rides

Sunday, April 8th, Ride for the Roses. Austin, TX. Sponsored by the Lance Armstrong Foundation. <http://www.laf.org/>

Friday-Sunday, April 13-15th, Easter Hill Country Tour. Kerrville, TX.

Saturday April 14th, 12th Annual Bluebonnet Bike Tour. Burnet, TX, Registration opens at 7 AM at the Burnet Annex Gym located between the High School and Middle School on North Main Street. Take Hwy 281 north, turn right on 5th street. The school is one block east of the highway. The ride starts at 9 AM sharp. Early entry fee before April 7th is \$20, thereafter \$25. Contact Rick Espitia at 512-756-6640 or Nathan Brown at ntb8550@aol.com for entry forms. Online registration available through <http://www.signmeupsports.com/>

Saturday, April 21st, Medina Valley River Ride. Castroville, TX.

Saturday, Sunday, April 28-29th, Hill Country Ride for AIDS (HCRA). Austin to JBJ Park and back. <http://www.hillcountryride.org> For more information call 512-965-RIDE or e-mail info@hillcountryride.org.

Saturday, May 12th, Shiner Bash. Bike from Austin, San Antonio, or Houston to Shiner.

June 3-9th, Texas Chainring Challenge

Bicycling Basics and Beyond

Saturday March 17-April 14th. The class will begin Saturday, March 17th, and continue through Saturday, April 14th. There will be five Saturday morning on-the-bike classes at various locations around the city from 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon. There will be four Tuesday evening classes at Alamo Heights High School on Broadway from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM.

The class is intended for beginning and intermediate cyclists. Subjects covered include minor adjustments to the bike; flat fixing; roadside repairs; riding safely in traffic; group riding; emergency maneuvers; fitness development; hill climbing, and more. The course material is based primarily on John Forester's "Effective Cycling" program. Previous students have been very generous in their praise of the course as a fun learning experience.

A half-dozen experienced cyclists, including members of the San Antonio Police Dept. bicycle patrol, are the presenters in the course.

The first class will be at the gazebo at Building 592 at Dickman Rd. and Harry Wurzbach/Old Austin Rd. on Ft. Sam Houston at 8:00 AM on Saturday, March 17th.

Participants may sign up by calling Northeast ISD Community Education at 657-8872 with Mastercard or VISA only; or before the first class on March 17th, cash or check only. Fee for the course, course manual, and other materials provided to the students is \$50.00.

Enrollment is limited and space is assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Contact Stan Kuenstler 824-6983 for more information.

Club News

The Prez Sez

Volunteers are the central thrust for any bicycling club. We have been fortunate to have a variety of rides led by our volunteer members, and I want to thank each and every one of you. A good variety of rides have been scheduled for the next months. I hope that many of you will be able to join in on the fun.

I want to thank those of you who have sent letters to state senators imparting your opposition to SB 238. The latest information is that Senator Wentworth is considering revisions to the bill, and is asking constituents to inform him of possible suggestions. It is important that we continue to send letters to him, as well as to the members of the Senate State Affairs Committee. The address for state senators is P.O. Box 12068, Austin, TX 78711

In addition to sending letters, it is vitally important for us, as cyclists, to impart the correct image of law-abiding citizens while we are operating our bicycles on public roads. We must remember that we are sharing the road with automobiles, and that others view our behavior as universal behavior for all bicyclists. So, I would like to remind everyone to ride single-file when autos are overtaking us, and to observe all traffic regulations according to the Vehicle Code.

I'll be seeing you on club rides, and wish you all Happy Cycling.

-- Pam Tucker

Classified Adds

Club Jersey for sale. The jersey was way too small for me even though it is listed as a size 8 (XXXXL). So, if you want a large jersey, I have one. Contact Kent Ashenfelter <kashenfelter@satx.rr.com>

Club Jerseys

We sold out all the club jerseys but we can make a new order with as few as six. If anyone wants to be in charge of a new club jersey order or wants a club jersey, please contact Chris Marsh or Pam Tucker. We need \$46 and your size to get in this order. It takes around two months to get the jerseys made.

Future Club Events Planned

At the February Club meeting we voted to hold our 2001 Club Century on Saturday, October 13th and the Second Fredericksburg Fall Foliage Frolic on November 9-11th. Anyone who wants to volunteer to help out with either event please contact Pam Tucker 830-990-9261, ptucker@ctesc.net.

Newsletter Advertizing rates

The Club has decided to sell advertizing in the newsletter. The rates are as follows:

	# of issues			
Size	1	2	3	6
1/8	\$10	\$17	\$25	\$45
1/4	\$17	\$30	\$45	\$75
1/2	\$30	\$50	\$75	\$125
FULL	\$50	\$90	\$125	\$200

Contact Editor Chris Marsh for more information.

Discount LAB Memberships

Anyone interested in a discount membership in the League of American Bicyclists contact Pam Tucker 830-990-9261, ptucker@ctesc.net. If you join through the club, you can get a membership for only \$20 (\$10 off the regular price).



Ride Leaders Needed

Anyone who wants to lead a ride please contact Vern Jeys 210- 675-0538, v.jeys@worldnet.att.net.

Club Maps on the Web

Fernando Galdos has started posting club maps on the club web site. Currently there are four maps available with more to come.

Club Featured on SA360.com

Our club is now featured on the SA360.com web site. They will list our rides as well as feature some of our club maps.

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Bali By Bicycle

Commercial bike tours of Bali, Indonesia cost \$100-\$200 per day. But anyone with some gumption and an itinerary to follow can tour Bali on their own for as little as \$20 a day for everything. At least, that's what I discovered during a 17-day solo bike tour of Bali in October 1995.

One of the most beautiful and exotic islands on earth, Bali is nonetheless webbed by a network of paved roads while beach and mountain resorts with a choice of inexpensive hotels and restaurants are spaced an easy day's ride apart.

Despite this development, much of Bali remains almost unchanged. Covering about 80 very hilly kilometers each day, my route led past lush, terraced ricefields to dense green jungles inhabited by playful monkeys and on to the cool, damp heights of rakish volcanoes.

Other roads took me on a roller-coaster ride around Bali's rugged shores, soaring over headlands with spectacular views then winding around crescent beaches jammed with hundreds of outrigger fishing canoes called prahus.

Almost daily, I encountered a major cremation or religious procession. Hundreds of sarong-clad men played gamelan music on gongs and drums--or carried huge platforms containing the funeral tower or palenquins or effigies of Hindu gods or animals. Meanwhile, files of statuesque women in traditional dress balanced pyramids of fruit and flowers on their heads as they walked.

Riding the backroads took me past innumerable village temples, in many of which costumed villagers were celebrating a variety of events, from a teen-ager's tooth-filing ritual to an epic Hindu play. The Balinese were extremely friendly and were anxious to meet and talk with westerners in their limited English. But nowhere did I meet another touring bicyclist.

To avoid the afternoon heat and humidity, I rose at 5 each morning and breakfasted in my room on bread and fruit bought the evening before augmented by instant coffee brewed in cold water. Few restaurants opened before 7 whereas I was on the road in the cool of the morning before

six a.m. when traffic was also very light. Though I made the ride alone and without sag support, I could easily have gotten a ride from a passing bemo (jitney mini-van) which operate almost everywhere.

Dehydration was once a problem for Bali bicyclists but nowadays every village shop sells bottled water. I also found that every published itinerary was poorly designed and based on an inadequate knowledge of Bali's roads.

Instead, I began my tour at Ubud, 25 miles from the airport, and the cultural heart of Bali's flourishing art, music and dance activity. I stayed here four nights, cycling each day up a different road to the heights of Mount Batur, Bali's most central volcano, and coasting back down to Ubud by a different route.

Back in Ubud each evening, I watched a spectacular dance performance--usually the elegant legong or the kecak monkey chant--performed with incredible verve and skill by up to 60 brilliantly costumed performers.

On my final ride up to Mount Batur, I continued on down a switchback road into the volcano crater and stayed overnight at a comfortable hotel. Next day came a wonderfully scenic 40-mile ride completely around the crater and its lake. And on the following day I hiked to the still-smoking summit of Batur itself.

From Batur's cool heights, a long downhill run led through thatched villages and around the slopes of Bali's largest volcano, Gunung Agung (3,100 metres), to the beach resort of Candi Dasa. Here, as elsewhere, every hotel had a choice of vacant rooms that for \$10 a night typically included a ceiling fan and all basic comforts except hot water (hardly necessary in this tropical climate--but more expensive air-conditioned rooms with hot water were available). And all rooms were within 30 meters of the ocean and beach.

From Candi Dasa, I followed a rugged 80 kilometer route that hugged the wildly scenic shore of the Seraya Coast. Though many roads in Bali were potholed and eroded, this one was so badly worn that motor traffic was virtually nil. Yet my mountain bike easily negotiated the ruts and holes.

That night I stayed at a homestay (budget

hotel) for scuba divers that fronted a beach with a sunken wreck only 50 meters offshore. With a rented mask, I snorkelled out over the wreck and watched a score of scuba divers in the transparent waters 20 meters below.

Then in a single day, I biked the length of Bali's north shore, with the lava-strewn cone of Gunung Agung high on the left most of the way. That night's stopover was in Lovina Beach, another top resort for snorkelling and dolphin-watching. Next came a superbly scenic ride up a mountain ridge high above a chain of lakes to the cool mountain resort of Bedugul for overnight. A final 70-kilometer downhill run led next day back to Ubud, my starting point.

By staying several nights at each stopover, I was able to explore almost every road in Bali on out-and-back day rides. Altogether, I covered about 1280 kilometers.

Drawbacks? I've already mentioned the need to forego a cooked breakfast and to start riding at daybreak to avoid the afternoon heat and humidity. Traffic was fairly heavy at times but I felt perfectly safe.

Consisting of bemos, a few light trucks and hundreds of motor cycles and scooters, drivers were extremely courteous and never attempted to overtake unless there was room. Every village had its mangy, barking dogs but none attempted to bite.

Given the energy and ability to cycle Bali's demanding hills, you'd have no trouble finding places to eat and stay, and the island is ideal for independent touring. June through October is the cool, dry season with fewest tourists in June and October.

If you're thinking of going, read Lonely Planet's Bali and Lombok guidebook (though their cycling advice was out-of-date). Detailed road maps are available in tourist centers. Bali is considered low risk for malaria. But only bottled water is safe to drink and it's best to skip salads in restaurants and stick to meals of well-cooked foods.

For a complete report on this tour with recommended itinerary, see my website www.ktc.com/~blodwen.

--Norman D. Ford

[Club member Norman Ford is a professional writer and lives in Ingram, TX]

A Bikecentennial Portrait: Jamey Stillings (Concluded)

Jamey, a young, heavily bearded man, sits legs folded a few feet from a campfire in the evening after dinner. He is dressed in nylon running shoes, black bicycle tights, a navy blue and gold 60/40 parka and a billed cap. Six or eight other people sit in an approximate circle listening to him. No one speaks. He doesn't say a word. The air is convincingly cool. The ponderosa pines are not seen above the crackling flames but their scent chills the air when the smoke moves away. Jamey holds his hand to his mouth, breathes deeply, slowly, and plays the harmonica. We stare into the flames, around the circle or into the invisible forest listening. The melodious blues near the camp do not echo back from the black night but, like the eventual sleepers, disappear in the dark.

Such camp scenes were Jamey's mystical moments in the voyage, the pay-offs for what he did during the day. He brought up the rear to help fix things, find people and take photographs. When the broken spokes and missing persons were miles ahead, I was sometimes back with him to consider five different angles of a weathered door, rustic barn or abstract shadow. At the Grand Tetons, he tapped on my tent flap to ride at dawn to capture the mountains with pink snow, their peaks ominously hidden in lavender/gray/white clouds all rising above the placid purple lake.

In the second and third weeks of the trip, Jamey developed an interest in Carol, the frisky, feisty secretary from California. Some of the group gossiped as to his intentions, but his motives were made clear at a camp near Big Hole Battlefield in Montana, when he and Carol declared that they both needed baths. Carrying away the group buckets, they disappeared behind the bushes and emerged all smiles. Jamey kicked co-leader Henry out of his tent and Carol moved in, but the infatuation won off a few weeks later as Carol's feistiness overwhelmed her friskiness. She moved back in with Linda.

The first night of the trip, Jamey had said

that a group name was important for group identity--the old togetherness bit-- but it wasn't until we had ridden 2200 miles to Pueblo, Colorado, that we finally succumbed to a democratic agreement on what our name should be. We sat around several tables at Bonanza, each with a different selection, some with steaks, some with fries, a few potato heads and meatless vegies, but we all had tossed salads, all of us.

It was the only food all fourteen people could agree on, and so in Pueblo Bonanza, all fourteen became one "TOSSED SALAD ITAWK526", fourteen ingredients thrown into one heaping bowl, the proverbial melting pot, and with "TOSSED SALAD" we were nourished. We made immediate plans to make celery-green t-shirts with cucumber-green lettering.

After Pueblo (the half-way point), Jamey's problems with the group shifted. In the first weeks of travel and through the ever-changing tyrannical terrain of the West, Jamey had striven to unite us in the newness of the experience; it was a two thousand mile introduction. Psychologically Pueblo should have been the place to end, but it was barely a place to stay. We rode east July 3, and everything went flat scenery was no longer the focus, people became the focus, and water fights, and where was the best "home-made" pie? Jamey was back there somewhere talking to wheat farmers, squirting his water bottle or saddling up to a long sought slice.

In Ash Grove, Missouri, Jamey decided to take a side trip to Springfield when he grew up. Out of curiosity to watch his sentimental ritual, I rode along. Jamey leaned his bike against a tree and stood looking at his boyhood home, a large two-story house with gingerbread trim, an upstairs sleeping porch and cast-iron Victorian fences. He held his camera up, a teenager peaked out the window and disappeared, said that it used to be a different color and a few things were changed, and took the picture, feeling it a sad still-life for all of the living that had occurred there.

Kentucky engaged Jamey's cultural perceptiveness. The matters of the group were almost mundane by then, and so he concentrated on the extremities of Appalachian living. Deep in the hills, his camera angled toward making statements, living

conditions, matching the inescapable, somber tone, and his harmonica reemerged.

After Kentucky's challenges, Jamey dealt with a lethargic lull in the group caused by Virginia's warm sun, warm people and comprehensible terrain. He rode his yellow-gold Hetchins with a mighty cluster of yellow Kirtland packs as if he were its mid-wife, tanning and singing songs. "Tuna Noodle Goo, it's a real winner, Tuna Noodle Goo, have some for dinner . . ."

I left Jamey outside the cheese shop in Williamsburg. We made our closing remarks--my throat was tight, my face taut. I realized that I loved him, respected him deeply for the resourcefulness, whimsy and joy he had worked to give us--all of this from a person so close that it seemed he was an example of what I might hope to achieve myself. He opened the door of the shop to go inside and looked back saying, "Until I see you again, friend."

He called me friend.

NEXT MONTH: Bill Von Ruden

--Lawrence C. Walker

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[Lawrence currently lives in Kerrville and leads bike tours for a living as the owner of Coyote Bicycle Tours. For information on his tours see his web site at <http://www.cyoteguy.com> or call him at 1-800-984-BIKE.]

Newsletter Info

Please submit items for publication in plain text with no formatting, to Editor Chris Marsh at our meetings, via email at cmarsh@texas.net, or by regular mail to Chris Marsh, 9835 Addersley, San Antonio, TX, 78254.

We welcome **paid advertisements**; please contact the editor for pricing and arrangements. Members may place a **classified ad** for free. All classified ads will run for one issue only, unless you make other arrangements.

The deadline for the next issue is **Wednesday, April 25th, 2001**. Touring Notes is created using Adobe PageMaker 6.5 and Adobe Acrobat 4.0.

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Membership Application

Come Join Us

This is not a racing club. This is a recreational club for all abilities. Most of our rides are leader led where we stay together in groups. Maps may be available for riders who want to ride at their own pace. In addition to rides, we have meetings, parties, picnics, overnight events, an on-line newsletter and email notices of the latest news and information. For more information, contact Pam Tucker ptucker@ctesc.net, (830) 990-9261 for more information.



Yes, sign me up today!

In submitting this application, I hereby make known that I will hold blameless in the case of accident, injury or damage of any kind, the Hill Country Bicycle Touring Club, its officers, members and volunteers. I recognize that bicycling is potentially dangerous, and I represent that I am a competent cyclist with safe equipment. I understand that all rides are on public roads and that I ride at my own risk. I further recognize that safety is a personal responsibility, and I agree to participate in keeping all Hill Country Bicycle Touring Club rides safe. Although bicyclists are not required by law to wear helmets, I understand that the Hill Country Bicycle Touring Club encourage the use of ANSI/SNELL approved helmets and that wearing such a helmet can greatly reduce my risk of serious and/or permanent injury.

Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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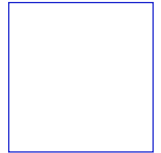
[Lead a ride, host a meeting or party, be an officer, etc.]

Membership is only \$5 per household. Send checks to: Jan Marsh, 9835 Addersley, San Antonio, TX 78254. Make checks payable to Jan Marsh.





Chris Marsh
9835 Addersley
San Antonio, TX 78254



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.

March Meeting

Join us for our March club meeting Saturday, March 24th, 12 Noon at Bill Miller's Bar B Q on Loop 1604 and Potranco (after Martha's Taft High School ride).

Join us and help plan our club's activities.

League of American Bicyclists

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

Check out our club website for more news and information:

<http://members.aol.com/hcbtc/home.html>