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**The Newsletter of the Hill Country Bicycle Touring Club**  
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## The Prez Sez

Welcome to all of our new members. Many of you are fairly new to cycling, and we want you to feel welcome on any of our rides. Plan to join us at our monthly club meetings, where you can become better acquainted with other members. I think you'll find us to be a very friendly group of avid cyclists.

For those of you who missed the April Foolishness Festival in Art on April 1<sup>st</sup> (no, it was not an April Fool's joke), the display of wildflowers was spectacular, and the Festival was quite a novelty.

Many members have asked about ordering more club jerseys. Mary Bowman has volunteered to be the club jersey coordinator. Get in touch with Mary at (210) 692-9099 if you wish to order.

We cannot yet say that SB 238 has been improved by the revisions submitted by Senator Wentworth. The revised bill would require all cyclists to ride single file when cars are in sight, and would give county officials the authority to decide if their roads are too dangerous for bicycles. Bicyclists from San Antonio met with Senator Wentworth on April 9<sup>th</sup> to try to convince him to let his bill die. He seems to be moving it forward. We still need to send him, and the members of the State Affairs Committee, letters of opposition.

Be sure to check our website frequently for any new rides or events that have been scheduled after the newsletter has been published.

I hope to see and get more acquainted with many of you on the coming club rides. Happy Cycling!

-- Pam Tucker

## New Members

*Sue Trezza  
Lynn Francis  
Bill Corsbie  
Sam Hopkins  
Karen Jo Sosville*

**Welcome!**

## Senate Bill 238

SB238, Senator Jeff Wentworth's bad bike bill is set for hearing in the State Affairs committee on Monday April 30, 2001.

If you are coming to Austin to testify please let TBC know. Be prepared for a long day, it may run from 11:30am to 5:30pm or longer. [bikemail@biketexas.org](mailto:bikemail@biketexas.org)

Keep watch on the web site to follow this critical bill. <http://www.biketexas.org>

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## Club Activities

**Sunday, May 6th Spaghetti Ride.** 8:00 A.M. Meet at Columbus Park, the corner of W. Martin Street & Columbus (downtown S.A.) for rides 20 to 40 miles. After the ride, we will attend Christopher Columbus Society. annual spaghetti dinner ride. Cost is \$6.00. Ride leader is Martha Espinoza, (210)521-3520.

**Sunday, May 13th, Fredericksburg Ride.** Meet at town square on Main street, behind the Court House. Ride will start at 9:00 AM, & go to to Luckenbach for a 34 mile loop. A 23 mile loop is also available. Ride leader is Pam Tucker, (830)990-9261, ptucker@ctesc.net.

**Sunday, May 13th, Club Meeting.** After the Fredericksburg ride, meet at Pam's house, 605 W. Hackberry for a BBQ lunch. Pam will provide the meat. Please bring a side dish & drinks of your choice. (Maybe she will also make some of her famous borracho beans--no promises). For further information, please contact Pam Tucker, (830)990-9261, ptucker@ctesc.net.

**Saturday-Sunday, May 19th-20th, Schulenburg Painted Churches Weekend.** 9:30 AM (each day). Join the Austin Cycling Association and the Houston Bicycle Club for this classic weekend now in it's 16th year. Rides start in Schulenburg from the historic Von Minden Hotel. Contact Chris Marsh for more information at (210) 681-6768 or cmarsh@texas.net.

**Memorial Day Weekend, May 26th-28th, Davis Mountain Weekend Mini Tour.** This is one of the most scenic areas to ride in Texas. At 5,000 to 6,000 feet elevation, you will enjoy cool dry nights and comfortable days in this remote part of the state. Ride through the desert, mountains and forests. Camping and lodging is available at Davis Mt. State park. <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/davis/>

davis.htm. The Indian Lodge at the State Park has rooms. For reservations call (915) 426-3254.

There are still lots of campsites available. Chris Mash has a campsite in Keesy Canyon and have room for one more vehicle. Check <http://www.reserveamerica.com/usa/tx/dmsp/> or call (512)389-8900 for reservations. There are also hotels in Ft. Davis.

The park is reached by traveling 1 mile north of Fort Davis on State Highway 17 to State Highway 118N, then west on State Highway 118N for 3 miles to Park Road 3 entrance.

Weekend activities include: Saturday--Ride to Alpine and back (up to 50 miles) or tour historic Ft. Davis. Saturday Night--Go to the Star Party at McDonald Observatory. Sunday--Do the 78 mile loop through the mountains or just climb up to the observatory (20 mile round trip). Ride the highest road in Texas. Monday--Ride part way to Balmorhea and return home.

We need volunteers to help SAG some of the longer routes. Contact Chris Marsh for more information at (210) 681-6768 or cmarsh@texas.net.

**June 9th, Utopia Ride.** Meet at 9:00 AM in Utopia in the City Park opposite the Lost Maples Cafe where we will eat afterwards. One of the prettiest rides in the State of Texas, this 50 mile loop goes from Utopia to Vanderpool and returns via Leakey and the Frio River valley. Hills involved! Those wanting a shorter, flattish ride (30 miles) might want to do an out-and-back from Utopia to Lost Maples State Park. A more-hilly, but less trafficked shorter ride, goes from Utopia to Garner State Park and back (also about 30 miles). Contact William Hudson at (210)824-7058 or 824-6910 or rwsh@att.net for more details.

**Sunday, June 17th, Stonehenge Ride** Meet at 10:00AM in the parking lot across the street from Mamacita's res-

taurant in Kerrville. This will be a 25 mile ride to a copy of Stonehenge near Hunt, TX and back. To get to Mamacita's, take I-10 60 miles northwest first Kerrville exit (Hwy 16). Turn left on Hwy 16 & go about 2 miles to Hwy 27. Turn right on Hwy 27. Mamacita's is at 215 Junction Hwy on the left. Park across the street. We will have lunch there after the ride. Ride leaders are Chris & Jan Marsh, (210)681-5768 cmarsh@texas.net.

**Saturday June 30th, New Berlin.** Meet at 9:00 AM. Take IH-10 East towards Seguin, TX. Exit on Trainer Hale road. Trainer Hale is just East of the rest stop on IH-10. Take a right on Trainer Hale 8 miles to New Berlin. Park in lot Northeast of the Restaurant/filling station. We will have lunch there. Their lunch is good; their pies are outstanding. Ride leaders are Vernon & Jackie Jeys, (210)675-0538 v.jeys@worldnet.att.net.

**Wednesday, July 4th, Vern's Birthday Ride.** Meet at 6:00 AM at the carpool parking lot across from Sammy's in Castroville. Ride will be 70 miles & will loop to Devine & back. A picnic to follow ride. Vern will be 70 years young. More details as date approaches. Ride leader is Vern Jeys (210)675-0538 v.jeys@worldnet.att.net. **Watch for more information about the Club Picnic in the next newsletter.**

### Recurring Rides

**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.

### Free Ice Cream

On Wednesday May 2nd there will be free ice Cream on the regular Wednesday night ride. Baskin Robins is giving away ice cream on that evening.

## Other Area Rides

**Saturday & Sunday, May 5th & 6th, All-City Bike Ride.** The Water Oriented Recreation District (WORD) of Comal County will sponsor an all-city bike ride. River Valley Resort / Rio Raft on River Road will be the host outfitter with all rides starting and ending at Rio Raft. A BBQ cookout will be held at 4pm on Saturday for all riders and their families. For camping, cabin, or RV info, call Rio Raft at (877)RIO-RAFT, or visit [www.rivervalleyresort.net](http://www.rivervalleyresort.net), or Canyon Lake Chamber of Commerce, (830)528-2104 or [www.canyonlakechamber.com](http://www.canyonlakechamber.com). Gruene Bikewurks will provide SAG support. For additional info, call Carol Voges at (830) 226-5225, or Gruene Bikewurks, (830)625-1711 or [home.swbell.net/gruenebw](http://home.swbell.net/gruenebw).

**Saturday, May 12th, Shiner Bash.** Bike from Austin, San Antonio, or Houston to Shiner, 90 miles one way. Start at 7:00 AM for each route. Entry fee is \$25 until April 30th, \$30 thereafter. Return bus ride from Shiner \$30.

**Saturday, May 12th, Wildflower 100.** Meet at Rolling Oaks Mall at 8:00 AM for rides of 13, 25, 35, 50, 70 miles. Rolling Oaks mall is located on Loop 1604 at Nacogdoches. Entry fee is \$22. until April 28th, \$26 thereafter. Check with local bike shops for application.

**June 3-9th, Texas Chainring Challenge.** Loop starting and ending in Longview, TX, cost \$300. Sponsored by the Longview Bicycle Club. Call (800)374-BIKE or go to [www.texaschainring.com](http://www.texaschainring.com) for more information.



## May is National Bicycle Month

San Antonio activities include:

May 1st-16th, Bike to school

May 8th, County Proclamation Commissioners Court

May 10th, City Proclamation, 1:00 PM, City Council Chambers.

May 18th, Bike & Hike to work day

May 19th, Bike & Hike Festival 8:00 am to 12:00 noon, Travis Park. Group Rides from the Quarry Market and Mission San Juan at 8:00 am. to Travis Park. Enjoy music refreshments and more. Call Martha Espinoza, 521-3520 for more information.

### Ride Leaders Needed

Please contact Vern Jeys at (210) 675-0538, [v.jeys@worldnet.att.net](mailto:v.jeys@worldnet.att.net). if you wish to lead a ride.

## 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](mailto: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 adds will run for one issue only, unless you make other arrangements.

The deadline for the next issue is **Wednesday, June 20th, 2001**. Touring Notes is created using Adobe PageMaker 6.5 and Adobe Acrobat 4.0.

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*The Davis Mountains*



# The Best of Western Ireland (part 1)

by Norman D. Ford

On April 22, 1999, I flew from San Antonio, Texas, to Shannon, Ireland, took my bike box on a bus to nearby Limerick City, and next day began a 21-day solo tour of Ireland's West Coast.

Far from busy main highways, I spent day after day cycling on narrow country roads that wound and soared over great headlands and peninsulas, each ringed by massive sea cliffs, and around the long sea inlets that slashed inland. Though motorists were unbelievably courteous and patient, it was soon clear that most main roads were narrow and often filled with cars and trucks.

As a result, I focused on cycling through the incomparable seascapes, and the equally dramatic landscapes like the rich brown and purple bogs and mountains of Mayo and Connemara. In fact, I spent so much time exploring Ireland's lightly-trafficked backroads that I wasn't able to cover all the places I had planned to. There simply wasn't time to cycle the famous Ring of Kerry and the Dingle Peninsula nor to take the ferry to the Gaelic-speaking Aran Islands.

Then, on the last day of my tour, while riding the train back to Limerick, I met a group of 4 American cyclists from Pennsylvania. Jerry and Ethel Shank, and Ed and Rhoda Longenecker had just spent a week cycling a similar route to mine and their trip had included an overnight visit to the Aran Islands. As we rode the train together, I also learned that the 4-cyclists (as I shall call them) were headed for Killarney to spend a second week cycling the Ring of Kerry and the Dingle Peninsula.

After we all returned home, Jerry sent me a day-by-day journal of their trip. Each of the four had written one-fourth of it. And since I've drawn on their journal to fill in details about the areas I missed, I gratefully acknowledge their assistance. Their log helped me immensely in describing how to tour the best of western Ireland by bicycle--while minimizing travel on main roads and maximizing biking on rural lanes through colossal scenery.

For good measure, I've also drawn on the experiences of other cyclists I met to add an extension to Donegal, a wild, rocky land where  
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## News From the April Club Meeting

We have 87 members.  
We have around \$240 in the bank with our major expenses for the year paid.  
For liability reasons, ride leaders need to be club members and get the sign-in sheets to Vern Jeys after the ride.  
We have lots of activities planned (see the list elsewhere in this newsletter).  
The next meeting will be May 13th after the Fredericksburg ride.

## Newsletter Advertising rates

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

Size	# of issues			
	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.

## Ireland (continued from page 4)

lonely roads wind past awesome sea cliffs and great sea loughs and spectacular inlets. While my itinerary may still not be perfect, anyone who follows it is fairly guaranteed a world class bike ride.

The main itinerary takes 16 days. Or it could take 24 days or more if you add Donegal. Shorter versions are also easy to plan. In 10 days, for example, you could ride from Limerick north to Westport and return to Limerick by train. Just about all Irish trains carry bikes and Ireland's rail lines are key to designing a shorter trip. Buses also carry bikes when space is available and both buses and trains can be used to avoid having to cycle on busy main roads.

So here is a day-by-day account of the tour. (Also listed are overnight accommodations used by myself and the 4-cyclists: GH = Guest House and B&B = Bed & Breakfast.) Be sure to read the additional advice given at the end of this report.

**DAY 1: Limerick to Ballybunion, 88 kms.** Leaving Limerick was no problem. From Waterloo Guest House, where I stayed, I simply cycled west on O'Connell Street and continued on the "hard" shoulder of N-21 for 60 kilometers to Abbeyfeale. The "hard" or paved shoulder was 2 metres wide and was like having my own private bike path. N-21 led right past the thatched cottages of Adare, acclaimed as Ireland's most beautiful village. Then I followed R555 and R553 through the very Irish town of Listowel to the beach resort of Ballybunion--a fast, easy ride through flat-to-rolling farmland. Perched on clifftops overlooking bays and beaches, the colorful town of Ballybunion offers scenic walks along the cliffs both north and south. GH. Eagle Lodge.

**DAY 2: Ballybunion to Kilkee, 56 kms.** Today began with a wonderful clifftop ride through Beals followed by a car-ferry cruise across the Shannon to Kilrush in County Clare. Like so many Irish towns, Kilrush was full of pubs and brightly-painted houses. Traffic increased on N-67 into Kilkee but was never a problem. I found Kilkee a picturesque beach resort strung around a lovely bay with huge breakers crashing on an outer reef. Large new resort developments under construction may diminish Kilkee's charm in future. Meanwhile, don't miss the scenic walk along the clifftops south of town. And do cycle the narrow road that parallels the trail and roller-

coasters along rugged cliffs to Castle Point and on down to Loop Head, a rewarding ride of 25 kilometers each way. B&B. Harbour Lodge, on seafont.

At this point, you must look ahead to Day 5 and decide whether to take the ferry from Doolin (near Lisdoonvarna) to Inishmore, largest of the Aran Islands, where you will stay overnight and continue on Day 6 by a different ferry line to Rossaveel in County Galway. Rossaveel is near the route of the Day 6 ride to Clifden.

By taking the ferries (recommended), you avoid cycling through the busy industrial city of Galway (less desirable). But you must make ferry reservations in advance at a tourist office en route. Almost all larger towns have tourist information offices. Do check before booking to make sure that the boat you will travel by carries bikes. From Doolin, boats leave for Inishmore at 10 or 11 a.m., and you continue next morning from Inishmore to Rossaveel at 9 a.m. These sailings allow ample time to explore Inishmore and you stay overnight at a B&B on the island. Provided you can make ferry reservations, ride tomorrow only as far as Lisdoonvarna. If you decide not to visit Inishmore but to ride through Galway, cycle tomorrow as far as Ballyvaghan. If you would like to visit Inishmore but cannot make reservations on the Doolin ferry, it is possible to take the ferry over to Inishmore from Rossaveel which you pass on Day 6.

**DAY 3: Kilkee to Lisdoonvarna (72 kms) or Ballyvaghan (88 kms).**

From Kilkee, today's ride leads north on N-67. Take the Spanish Point loop (R482) around Milltown Malbay and at Lahinch, fork left on R478. For several miles this scenic road climbs steadily to the heights of the famous Cliffs of Moher. At the Visitor Center I locked my bike and walked to lookouts to view the tremendous 400-foot cliffs and the Viking watchtower. In late April, I passed about 20 tour buses on this road but all were carefully driven. No tour bus driver wants to be delayed by hitting a cyclist. Then R478 plunges down a long hill into Lisdoonvarna (B&B Marchmont). Or you can continue on N67 over Corkscrew Hill to Ballyvaghan (GH: Ballyvaghan Lodge). In either case, book your room for two nights.

Both Lisdoonvarna and Ballyvaghan lie on today's circular route and you start and end the ride at the same town. Starting from

Lisdoonvarna, for example, you climb uphill on R476 to Kilfenora and fork right on R480. By now you're in the Burren, a vast hilltop moorland webbed by ancient stone fences and vast domes of gray rock. Stay on R476 to the huge ruined hulk of Leamaneh Castle and continue on R480 to a lonely dolmen beside the road. Behind it, people have built an amusing series of miniature dolmens. On past fields where men dig peat by hand, the Burren road drops towards the sea and Black Head. Right about lunchtime you ride through the village of Ballyvaghan, where I saw more cyclists than anywhere else in Ireland. (Most cyclotourists I met were Dutch, German or American while others were from New Zealand, Britain, Denmark and even Poland, but bike touring doesn't seem trendy enough for the Irish themselves.)

Narrow R477, a popular bike route, winds on around Old Head, providing a balcony view of rocks and cliffs and thousands of seabirds. Vast expanses of blue sea reached away below as I pedalled on around Old Head and back to Lisdoonvarna--surely one of the most spectacular one-day rides in Ireland.

**Day 4: Burren and Old Head Loop Day Ride, 74 kms.**

**Day 5: Via Aran Islands.** Lisdoonvarna to Inishmore, 10 kms. From Lisdoonvarna, you cycle the ten kilometers to nearby Doolin and put your bike aboard the morning ferry for Inishmore. The ferry lands at Kilronan village, leaving ample time to explore this 8-mile long island before sundown. The 4-cyclists were able to bike around the island via a car-free trail that took them to the massive dry-stone fort of Dun Angus perched on a dizzying clifftop. Along the way, they also visited churches, graveyards and other relics of the island's ancient Gaelic culture which still endures. Several lively pubs present traditional music each evening. B&B. St. Brendan's, Kilronan.

The following morning, the 4-cyclists left by the 9 a.m. ferry for Rossaveel on the Galway shore where they joined the main route of Day 6.

*[Watch for the July/August issue for the rest of this article.]*

## A Bikecentennial Portrait: Bill Von Ruden

Soon after I landed in Eugene from San Francisco, the United 737 from Portland touched down. Among the conservatively dressed passengers, my jersey-colored Bikecentennial group was strewn, nervously searching for baggage, inspecting bicycle boxes, and eyeing other cyclists. We were to wait several hours for the school bus that would take us to Reedsport on the Pacific Coast where we would meet our leader and depart the edge for inland America.

We crowded around a long table in the lounge and ordered food to tide us over until we reached thertide. Events moved slower than my rampant anticipation. Small talk chattered by my toasted tuna fish, and I felt the strangeness of the situation --not knowing the people I would come to know so well. Already being there felt important.

Bill VonRuden flew in from Kansas via Portland. He stood over his bicycle box in great distress. The box had been pecked by the great bird, its sides dented and taped shredded. A few of us nonchalantly inspecting other's gear, stopped to gawk at this guy's problem. There, at the bottom of the box, a Campagnolo chainring protruded from the corrugation with five teeth broken off--probably in the big bird's belly. United he flew. In the airport lobby, we stood having divided opinions and suggestions for this Kansas-looking kid.

Bill stood there, tall and lanky, with wheat-colored hair, and a Kansas grin that occasionally broke into a fleeting frown. He stood shuffling on his huge, fluorescent Nike joggers, thinking about a situation he could never have imagined before. I have since forgotten what United did about the damage, but the wound seemed superficial as Bill rode several hundred miles on the chainring until he found a replacement.

The replacement Bill obtained was not a Campy original, but a Sugino facsimile. His frown and his grin broke back and forth as he explained over and over again that the Sugino would be all right for awhile but that he would have to get a Campy for his crank when he got some money from

home. He asked each time if we thought a Sugino would be all right and we said yes, seeing that he still wasn't sure. He was never sure-about his chainring or anything else.

Bill VonRuden was the son of a leading Hutchinson, Kansas doctor and extremely active mother. He was just out of high school and a three year junior racing career, and he wanted to be a man, ready to compete and able to win. He had an image created for him to protect--that he was a winner and graduate, that he could and would, but he hardly ever did. Bill's manhood, even in a communal Bikecentennial group, included food hut not the dishes, camping without the chores, freedom without responsibility. He had been raised in affluence and protection, so it was not that he wanted to fight sharing and helping and watching out for himself; he had just never been exposed to such burdens.

He was innocent, but not completely. Others in the group, so far from innocence, could not let him go. Bill knew the simple competition of bicycle racing, in which muscle mattered over mind, but some group members knew more about complex competitions of the mind. Bill could not sprint away from us: we were together for the long haul, and the finish line was not in sight.

But he tried. In his own mind, Bill competed on his own turf. Each day, camp would break and Bill would be off. He was the fastest rider in the group because he secretly felt that he had to be. He showed us that he could keep the pace, but he was also staying away from the rest of us, prolonging the gap in our misunderstanding. In the first month, we usually met for lunch.

Bill would be waiting for us, sometimes for hours. We wanted Bill to carry the peanut butter and jelly so that the rest of us wouldn't starve waiting for Linda, Debbie, or Jamie to show up. He reluctantly stuffed the jars in his huge packs.

In the beginning, Bill had seven or eight beautiful sew-ups in his packs (a die-hard racer). In Missoula, Montana, he had none. They succumbed to 1100 touring miles so he finally switched to clinchers, embarrassed all the while to be pushing touring wheels. He didn't have tire trouble again.

Bill's home was on the trail in Kansas, and plans were made a month in advance to have the group stay there. We all made jokes about Kansas probably because it aggravated us that we would have to ride the entire length of the state trying to survive boredom. But Bill defended his state with a fury, making us so many wicked witches that scare little girls and littler dogs by bicycle.

To him, there was no place like home, and he raced us all the way there. We called him the "Kansas Comet". A banner stretched across his home welcoming "Bunky and Friends." We had already been proven wrong about Kansas--it was the friendliest state on the trail-but this welcome was our best. We made the papers and rode our bicycles in circles down Hutchinson's main street in a huge Fourth of July parody. The entire city welcomed us from the sidelines.

After Hutchinson, the real Kansas seemed behind us, but the wind pushed us along. Now Bill was riding away from home again. He had proved us wrong about his home, but there was nothing to the east to show us, no goal left to race for, no visible support for himself. Bill slowed down. He had expended all of his energy and felt the rest an anticlimax--even though there was a challenging 100 miles left to go. In Illinois, Bill began to collect T-shirts from colleges and bike shops to remedy his dissatisfaction (by the end, we counted 21 in his packs). In Kentucky, Bill got sick and his Campagnolo derailleur snapped in half. He was dragging two days behind the rest of the group with Linda helping him along--almost alone in the depressing crevices of the Appalachians.

Bill barely made it to the Atlantic coast. His trip had been unwinding since Kansas and was almost at a standstill when he coasted to the shore. For Bill, a certain amount of pride came with the accomplishment and happiness--knowing that it was all over. At Yorktown, we all drank beer and ate junk in a fit of celebration, and he shuffled quietly, his grin and frown breaking back and forth. He flew home the next day.

NEXT MONTH: Bob Dunmire

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**Membership Application**

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**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](mailto: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.

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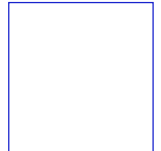
[Lead a ride, host a meeting or party, be an officer, etc.]

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





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## Member Discounts

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

**B & J Bicycles**, 8800 Broadway, 826-0177

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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.

## May Meeting

Join us for our May club meeting after the Fredericksburg ride, Sunday May 13th. Join us for a BBQ lunch at Pam Tucker's home, 605 W. Hackberry. Pam will provide the meat. Please bring a side dish & drinks of your choice. (Maybe she will also make some of her famous borracho beans--no promises). For further information, please contact Pam Tucker, (830)990-9261, ptucker@ctesc.net 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>