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# Touring Notes

## The Newsletter of the Hill Country Bicycle Touring Club A Recreational Club for Central Texas <http://www.hcbtc.org>

### President's Message

I can't believe that 2006 is almost over. I think we had a great year for the HCBTC. We had fun weekend rides, out-of town weekend rides and the wonderful Natchez Trace bike tour in Mississippi. Not to mention the success of our 2006 Fredericksburg Fall Foliage Frolic.

I would like to give recognition to the 2006 Board members for their time and contributions they have given the club this past year. Ken Kanagaki (Vice President), Jackie Jeys (Treasurer), Cynthia Weiner (Secretary), Sandy Barsun (Membership), Ethel Pedraza (Publicity), Chris Marsh (Website Editor), Heidi Lynn (Ride Chair), Vern Jeys (Tour Director), Mac McCormick (Beginner Rides), Cathy West (Club Historian). All their work and effort this year is to be greatly commended. As I have said many times, the success of this club is not because of one person. It is the effort of many that put so much of themselves in this club to make it what it is today.

I have seen this club grow tremendously during the past two years while I have been president. We are having an average of around 40 members attend the membership meetings. I think this is great. It is a way that members can get involved with what is going on with the club and get to know each other better, which makes riding with each other so much more enjoyable.

There are still some events coming up to look forward to:

Dec 2: "Mission to Mission" ride. We have over 30 members signed up

for this ride that is sponsored by the Mission Rotary Club to support "Meals on Wheels".

Dec 15: HCBTC "Holiday Party", details and directions are on the website. Plan on attending for some Holiday fun and social time together.

Dec 18: Christmas Light Ride, lead by Vern Jeys. Come out for a fun holiday ride to see the Windsor Christmas lights. Check the website for time and meeting place.

January 1, 2007, Start the year off right with a "New Year's day ride".

I would like to congratulate the 2007 Board: Nolan Kuehn (President), Ken Kanagaki (Vice President), Jackie Jeys (Treasurer), Heidi Lynn (Ride Chair), Diana Valdez (Secretary), Amanda McCoy (Membership), Chris Marsh (Website Editor), Ethel Pedraza (Publicity), Vern Jeys (Tour Director), Lillian LaFave (Beginner Rides), Mouse Kanagaki (Club Historian)

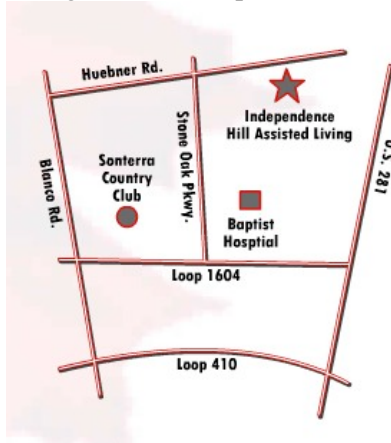
Looking forward to 2007 and all the rides and events to come for the Hill Country Bicycle Touring club.

Remember to keep safety first!  
Happy Cycling!

- Amanda

## Club Holiday Party

The Hill Country Bicycle Touring Club will celebrate the end of another great year at our great annual holiday party. This year the festivities will be on Friday, December 15th in the Ivy Room at Independence Hill Assisted Living at 20500 Huebner Road. Social starts at 6:30 p.m. with dinner and program at 7:00 p.m. The menu will feature Mexican food. Non alcoholic drinks will be provided, BYOB. Holiday casual attire. Reservations required by December 10th, include number of guests and contact Sandy Barsun at [barsun@sbcglobal.net](mailto:barsun@sbcglobal.net) or call (210) 635-8777. Independence Hill Assisted Living is located between Independence Hill Retirement Community (IHRC) and Independence Village, see the map below:



## Welcome New Members

Mikki & Larry Lynch  
Marian Vistuba  
Eileen & Michael Faz  
Irma Gutierrez  
Andrew Serrato  
Rick Hecksel  
Robert Stang  
Elizabeth Webb  
John & Lin Inkelaar

Amanda Thoms  
Gregory Cox  
Jeffrey Fallon  
Elisabeth Dillon  
Kay & Dale Childress  
Carol Machacek  
Ronda Jones  
Jill Maughan

## Club Activities

### Recurring Rides

**Monday Morning Helotes/ 211 Loop.** Ride starts at 7:30 a.m. across from the Helotes Bike Shop and Floores Country Store in Helotes. Join us for an early morning work out of 26 miles. This ride that takes us to loop 211 with rolling hills with a beautiful view in the Texas hill country. Directions to Helotes: Take Bandera Road West to Helotes. Travel through the Helotes shopping area and after passing the last traffic light make the 2nd left (opposite a feed store) onto Old Bandera Road and go two blocks to the meeting site. Ride Leader: Manuel Pena, phone: (210) 435-9237, email: [Manuel\\_Pena@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Manuel_Pena@sbcglobal.net)

**Monday Evening Brauning Lake Ride. (No ride Dec 18th or 25th)** Meet 4:30 p.m. at Tom's Burgers for a 16 mile leisurely pace ride with rest stops. Some slight hills, but mostly gently rolling. Dinner at Tom's Burgers after the ride. Take IH-37 Hwy South to Southton. Go Left on Southton to Donop (about 1 block) Left on Donop to Tom's Burgers (about 400 ft) on the right. Ride leaders are Vern Jeys and Sandy Barsun (210) 635-8777 [barsun@sbcglobal.net](mailto:barsun@sbcglobal.net).

**Tuesday and Thursday Evening Rides.** Meet at 6:00 p.m. from the park and ride at I-10 and Loop 1604. Make sure you have good lights! Ride leader is Lillian LaFave, phone: (210) 385-0381.

**Wednesday Morning Stinson Airport Ride.** Meet 8:00 a.m. (9:00 a.m. starting December 1st) at Stinson Airport for a 18 to 30 mile leisurely pace ride with rest stops. Take Roosevelt to 99th street. Go East on 99th to Mission Road. Right on Mission Road to Stinson airport. Ride is flexible. We take various routes. Ride leader is Vern Jeys (210) 675-0538 [vjeys@satx.rr.com](mailto:vjeys@satx.rr.com).

**Friday Morning Castrovilla Ride.** Meet 8:00 a.m. (9:00 a.m. starting December 1st) in the carpool parking area across from Sammy's in Castrovilla for a 30 mile ride. Ride leader is Vern Jeys (210) 675-0538 [vjeys@satx.rr.com](mailto:vjeys@satx.rr.com).

### Weekend Rides

**Saturday, December 2nd, Mission to Mission Ride.** The club will meet at 9:00 a.m. at Mission County Park Pavilion #2 (East White and Padre St. behind San Jose Mission) 6030 Padre Dr., San Antonio, TX 78214. See the webiste at <http://www.teamcure.org/missiontomission.htm>. for more information and registration form. The deadline for the Pre-registration is November 17th.

**Sunday, December 3rd, Bill Miller's Ride.** Ride starts at 12 NOON, from Bill Miller's (Phone # is 372-0760, park in

the back of the parking lot) in Helotes located on 12705 Bandera, corner of Leslie & Bandera. Distance is about 22 miles, ride is mostly flat. (Some Hills). Pace will be leisurely, with every effort made to stay together as a group. Route will go to Exxon Station on 471 & back. Optional, for you who feel energetic can do the 211 loop (27m). Ride Leaders: Ken & Mouse Kanagaki, ph: (210) 341-6883, email: kw2405@earthlink.net.

**Saturday, December 9th, Vern's - Tom's Burger & More Ride.** Ride starts at 9:00 am. Meet at Tom's burgers for a 29 mile flat to slightly hilly ride. Location IH-37 & Donop Road. Ride starts at Tom's burgers & goes to Loop 1604 & Stuart Road, then back via Old Corpus Christi Rd. E-Z pace with frequent stops. Ride Leader: Heidi Lynn, phone: 210-682-8107, email: bikentx@satx.rr.com

**Sunday, December 10th, Kirby Ride.** Ride starts at 8:00 a.m. from Lupitas Mexican Café in Kirby. Join us for a 33 mile group ride. Lupitas is located at 4950 FM 78 just east of I-410 (On the right side just beyond the Dairy Queen). Ride Leader: Mike and Cynthia Weiner email: mweiner1@satx.rr.com.

**Saturday, December 16th, Poteet Ride.** Saturday, December 16th, "Poteet Ride", ride starts at 9:00 a.m. from the VFW in Poteet. Join me for a 50 or optional 30 mile ride with gently rolling & some hilly terrain. Directions: Take Hwy 16 South to Car pool parking area, located just beyond VFW Bldg, as you enter Poteet, on the right hand side. Pace is 10 to 12

mph. Terrain is. Lunch at Don Juan's in Poteet after the ride. Ride Leader: Frances Santos Phone: (830) 276-3891 or (210) 213-3050

**Sunday, December 17th, Ride to Bourne.** Ride starts at 9:00 a.m. from behind the What-a-Burger on Loop 1604 and TX16 (Bandera Rd). This will be a 40 mile brisk pace (13 - 15 mph) ride to Bourne back. Ride Leader: Chris Marsh, phone (210) 681-5768, email chrismarsh@satx.rr.com.

**Monday, December 18th, Windcrest Christmas Light Ride.** Ride starts at 6:30 p.m. in the parking lot by Pets Mart located at the corner of Crestwind & IH-35 service road at 6:30 PM. Directions from North San Antonio, take IH-35 South. Take exit 165 to Walzem and turn left under IH-35 to service road. Left on service road to Crestwind. Right on Crestwind to shopping mall parking area. Directions from South San Antonio, take IH-35 North. Take exit 165. Go to Walzem, cross Walzem & stay on service road to Crestwind. Right on Crestwind to shopping mall parking area. Ride will be about 6 miles & takes in the more picturesque areas. We will go to Shoney's after the ride. Ride Leader: Vern Jeys, phone: (210) 675-0538, email: vjeys@satx.rr.com

**Saturday, December 23rd, Straight Shot Ride.** Ride starts at 9 a.m. from the Leon Springs Park and Ride parking lot (IH-10 and Boerne Stage Road) for a 21 mile easy paced ride, over hilly terrain via Camp Bullis, Ralph Fair Road, and a Straight Shot down hill for the last 5 miles of the ride. Ride Leader: Mary Bowman, phone:

(210) 692-9099.

**Sunday, December 24th, Christmas Eve, OPEN**

**Saturday, December 30th, Pre-New Years Eve Ride down Old Corpus Christi Rd.** Are you tired of sitting around the house gaining weight with stiff muscles during the holidays. Get a jump on your News Years Eve party and join Ann and Bob Caldwell for the Pre-New Years Eve ride down the Old Corpus Christi Road on 30 December, 2006. The scenic ride will follow Old Corpus Christy Rd. toward Floresville. It will be 42 miles of mostly flat to gentle rolling terrain at a 12-14 mph pace through cattle country and old farm communities. The Ride will begin at 8:00 a.m. at Memorial Stadium on Roosevelt Rd. To get to Memorial Stadium turn north off of 410 onto Roosevelt or turn south off of South East Military onto Roosevelt. From either direction, drive about two miles to Memorial Stadium. See you there. I hope you have a blessed Christmas and a safe and fun-filled New Year. Ride Leaders: Bob and Ann Caldwell (210-521-2887), email: dcnbob01@yahoo.com.

**Sunday, December 31st, News Years Eve, OPEN**

**Monday, January 1st, New Year's Day Ride.** Let's get the New Year started with Energy & Vitality. Dust of your bike, throw on your biking clothes and join us for our 8th Annual New Years Day Ride. You can sleep in, the ride will not start until 12 NOON, from Bill Millers (Phone # is 372-0760) in Helotes located on 12705 Bandera, corner of Leslie &

Bandera. Distance is about 22 miles, ride is mostly flat. (Minor hills). Pace will be leisurely, with every effort made to stay together as a group. Route will go to Exxon Station on 471 & back. Those who feel energetic on the first day of 2007 can do the 211 loop. Ride Leader: Heidi Lynn, phone: (210) 682-8107, email: bikentx@satx.rr.com & Vern Jeys, phone: (210) 675-0538, email: vjeys@satx.rr.com

**Saturday - Sunday, January 13th & 14th, Aransas/Corpus Christi Weekend.** On Saturday we will meet at 10:00 AM at the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge where we can see one of the rarest birds in North America; the whooping crane. The refuge has a visitor's center, hiking trails and a 16 mile paved road we can ride through. In Corpus Christi, you can see the Texas State Aquarium and other attractions. On Sunday we will ride along Corpus Christi Bay for a short ride before returning home. We are staying at the Holiday Inn in Corpus Christi (361) 289-5100. Ride Leader: Randy Frazier, phone: (210) 237-8740, email: [papaastronomer@yahoo.com](mailto:papaastronomer@yahoo.com).

## Member Discounts

The following Bicycle Shops offer members of the HCBTC a 10% discount. Be sure to ask what the discount applies to and show them your membership card.

BikeWorld, 5911 Broadway, 210-828-5558, 7148 Blanco Road 210-344-

2303 and 418 N. Loop 1604 West, San Antonio, Tx 78232, 210-892-0123

Britton's Cycles, 16636 Hwy 281N, 656-1655 and 802 E. Blanco Rd. Boerne, 830 816-2305

Hill Country Bicycle Works, 1412 Broadway, Kerrville, 830 896-6864 and 702 E Main, Fredericksburg, 830 990-2609.

Ride Away Bicycles, Huebner Oaks Shopping Center, 11075 IH-10 West, Suite 305, 696-9925 and 8509 Culebra Road, 520-4789

Cycle Logic, 12319 Wetmore Road, 210-490-8251

Planet Bike, 5819 NW Loop 410, Suite 153, 210-682-2050

Action Bikes, 2921 Pat Booker Road, 104 Universal City, TX, 210-657-0155

Bicycle Shack, 31007 IH10 West, Ste 105, Boerne, TX 78006, 830-755-5369

Gotta Ride Bikes, 28604 IH 10 W #5, Boerne, Tx, 830-755-8039

The Bike Platz, 1312 Common St, Ste 402-402, New Braunfels, TX 78130, 830-626-2453

Charles A. James Bicycle Co., 329 N. Main Ave. (Downtown) San Antonio, TX 78205, 210-226-7812 and 1203 S. W. Military Dr. (Southside), San Antonio, TX 78221, 210-923-3010

Bicycle Heaven, 20323 Huebner Road, Suite 108, San Antonio, TX 78258, 210-494-0035

Also, the Southwoods Bed and breakfast in Fredericksburg offers a 10% discount to members. 632 Southwoods Drive, Fredericksburg, TX 78624, 877-816-9100, <http://632southwoods.com>

A big thanks for their support to our club.

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