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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

Just got back yesterday from the HCBTC Bike Tour of the Natchez Trace Parkway. We had a great time. We started at Natchez Trace, Mississippi, and rode to Tupelo, Mississippi. It was just beautiful! Some of the things we saw during our ride on the trace: Mixed hardwood-pine forest, the Pearl River, Cypress Swamp, old Historic Inn (called stands during it's time), fields of cotton, where the Chickasaw and Choctaw Indians lived, where the Battle of Raymond (Civil War battle of in 1863) was fought, walked on the old trace and saw where travelers tramped the trail years ago that still remains today. And that is just some of the things we experienced along the trail. Also, part of the Parkway was paved with the smoothest material I have every ridden on. It was just like you bike glided over the pavement! I am sure we will be planning this trip again in the future. I would like to say a special "Thank you" to Vern Jeys and Roy Munro for planning such a wonderful trip!

Can't believe the first day of fall is Sept 23rd. I am definitely ready for cooler weather! It makes riding so much nicer.

Keep your eye on the web site for events we have planned for the next 3 months. The MS 150 is on Oct 7th and 8th. Lillian is the HCBTC Team Leader for this event lalylafave@hotmail.com.

November 4th is the HCBTC Fredericksburg Fall Frolic. Hedi Lynn and Vern Jeys are coordinating this event. So if you are interested in volunteering or have any questions contact Heidi or Vern . (bikentx@satx.rr.com or vjeys@satx.rr.com)

"Goliad Camp and Ride" on Nov 10th and 11th. Campsites are limited. So if you are interested in going please give me a call at 422-8039 or e-mail me at almccoy30@hotmail.com.

November's Member Meeting is when we will be voting on the Board members for 2007. Meeting date to be announced.

Not long until the end of 2006, but we still have a lot of things going on. So keep checking the website for rides and events. Hope to see you soon on a ride.

Happy Cycling!! Amanda

Club Officers Needed

The club is looking for future officers to serve in 2007. The following posts need to be filled: President, Vice President, Ride Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership, Website Editor, Publicity Tour Director, Beginner Rides and Club Historian.

We have no applicants for President and Beginner Ride Chair. Nominations must be submitted by no later than October 18th 2006. At the October meeting, nominations will be accepted from the floor. These names will be added to the ballot.

The ballots for the elections in November will be printed up with a column added for a write in candidate. No nominations will be accepted on election day.

There will be no absentee ballots. If you want to vote, you will have to attend the meeting.

Any member in good standing of the Hill Country Bicycle Touring Club, interested in becoming an officer or has any questions regarding the responsibility of an officers position, can contact one of the following nominating committee members: Vern Jeys, phone: (210) 675-0538, email vjeys@satx.rr.com, Ethel Pedraza, phone: (210) 414-8554, email: azardepe@hotmail.com or Heidi Lynn, phone: (210) 682-8107, email: bikentx@satx.rr.com.

October Club Meeting

The October club meeting will be Friday October 20th at the Hungry Horse at 12333 West Ave, (210) 349-2600. Social starts at 6:30 p.m., meeting starts at 7:15 p.m. See you there.

Welcome New Members

Mary Hargrove Stephanie Gordon
Bryan Hedrick Jim and Colby Young
Dana, Abel and Mia Gonzales
Ray Romero Lori Hernandez
John Escalera Alice and Ray Pearce
Michael and Sherry Murphy Bonnie Short
Elizabeth Aguilar Lucille Campos
Alvin Mendoza and Pamela Sabrsula

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

Monday Evening Brauning Lake

Ride. Meet 6:00 p.m. (4:30 p.m. starting October 9th) at Tom's Bergers for a 16 mile leisurely pace ride with rest stops. Some slight hills, but mostly gently rolling. Dinner at Tom's Bergers 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.

Tuesday Evening Rudy's Ride.

Ride starts at 6:00 p.m. (5:30 p.m. starting Oct 3rd). from Rudy's on Hwy 151 & Westover Hills for a hilly ride at a Medium pace (10 – 12 mph). We will cut the ride shorter (around 10 miles) then usually pending on day light. Dinner at Rudy's after the ride. Ride Leader: Heidi Lynn, phone: (210) 682-8107, email: bikentx@satx.rr.com

Wednesday Morning Stinson

Airport Ride. Meet 8:00 a.m. 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.

Wednesday Night Beginners Ride.

Unwind after a day's work on a flat, easy paced 11 mile (or shorter) ride on KellyUSA. Ride starts at 5:30 p.m. Meet at KellyUSA in the large parking lot at the corner of Duncan and Cricket. Please call or email Roy for directions if you're not familiar with the area. Ride Leaders: Roy or Laura Munro, phone: (830) 393-0818, email: royal@munro-online.com A map to the ride can be found here: Wednesday-Ride.jpg

Friday Morning Castroville Ride.

Meet 8:00 a.m. in the carpool parking area across from Sammy's in Castroville for a 30 mile ride. Ride leader is Vern Jeys (210) 675-0538 vjeys@satx.rr.com.

Weekend Rides

Saturday, September 30th,

Castroville Century and Half Century. Meet at the park and ride on US 90 and FM 471 across from Sammy's in Castroville. Century (100 miles) starts at 7:30 a.m. (sunrise) and Half Century (50 miles) starts at 9:00 a.m. Both routes will have SAG support and have stores around every 15 miles. Routes are mostly flat with a few rolling hills. Great rides to get ready for the MS 150. Donations accepted to help cover the cost of SAG support. Ride leaders are Chris Marsh (Century), phone (210) 681-5768, email chrismarsh@satx.rr.com and Vern Jeys (Metric Century), phone: (210) 675-0538, email: vjeys@satx.rr.com.

Saturday/Sunday October 7th & 8th, MS 150.

Join the HCBTC Team. See <http://biketothesea.ms150.org/btb/> for more information. Team Captain/Ride Leader: Lillian LaFave, phone: (210) 385-0381.

Saturday, October 7th, Lone Oak Café ride, (Map # 53). Ride starts at 8 a.m. Nice ride east of San Antonio.

This is a 26 mile (10-12 mph), mostly flat ride with optional shorter route available. Directions: Take US 87 East toward Loop 1604, meet at the Lone Oak Café on the left side of US 87 just before Loop 1604. Ride Leader: Heidi Lynn, phone: (210) 682-8107, email: bikentx@satx.rr.com

Sunday, October 8th, New Berlin

Ride. Ride starts at 8 a.m. in New Berlin. Come and join us for a 30-mile group ride at an easy (8-10 mph) pace in flat to rolling terrain. Lunch will be at New Berlin after the ride (home of the great pies!). Directions: Take I-10 East toward Seguin. Exit on Trainer Hale Road (FM 2538) and turn right on FM 2538 to New Berlin (8 miles). Ride Leader: Ride Leader: Amanda McCoy, phone: (210) 614-4475, email: amccoy@cfhp.com

Saturday, October 14th, Braunig

Lake Ride. Ride starts at 8:00 am. Meet at Tom's burgers & more for a 27 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: Vern Jeys, phone: (210) 675-0538, email: vjeys@satx.rr.com

Sunday, October 15th, 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, October 21st, McAlister

Park Off-Road Mountain Bike Ride. Meet at McAlister Park (back entrance off of Starcrest Blvd.), Pavilion #2 at 7:30 for a two hour off-road mountain bike ride, the ride will begin at 8:00 a.m. To get to McAlister Park Pavilion #2 exist east off of 410 at Nakoma. Turn right on to Starcrest. Exit at Wetmore and take the turn-around to get back on

Starcrest driving in the opposite direction (west). Take the first right off of Starcrest. This will be the back gate to McAlister Park. Continue on the park road to Pavilion #2. The ride will be strictly off road with no paved trails. Some of the trails have some rocks with only short hills. The trail will not be technically difficult (no more than a 2). Restrooms will be available. There is a good chance we will see white-tail deer. Ride leaders: Bob and Ann Caldwell (210-521-2887)

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Saturday, October 21st, Cibolo Ride. (Map #9). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at Harmon's Bar-B-Q for a 30 mile group ride at an easy 8 – 10 mph pace. Meet in Cibolo at Harmon's Bar B Q. To get to Harmon's Bar B Q take FM 78 east of Loop 1604. Go .6 mile past Niemetz park to Main Street in Cibolo and turn left. Harmon's Bar B Q is a few blocks on the right. Park in the back. Ride Leader: Sandy Martinez, phone: (210) 254-8003

Sunday, October 22nd, River Road Ride (Map #43). Ride starts at 8:00 a.m. Meet in the parking lot in Gruene, TX. for a 27 mile scenic ride along the picturesque Guadalupe River. The ride is rated one of the ten best in Texas by Texas Monthly Magazine. It is mostly flat with some rolling terrain along the riverbank and a couple of short, but challenging, hills. Directions: Take I-35 North past New Braunfels. Exit at the Canyon Lake sign (Exit # 191) and take FM 306 for 1.6 miles to Hunter Road (at a traffic light, also look for a small Gruene sign on the right). Turn left onto Hunter Road and continue for about half a mile where it dead ends in Gruene, and then take another left into the parking lot. Ride Leaders: Ken & Mouse

Kanagaki, ph: (210) 341-6883, email: kw2405@earthlink.net.

Saturday, October 28th, Floresville Ride. Ride starts at 8 a.m. Meet at Pecan Park in Floresville at for a 30-mile group ride at a moderate rate (12-14 mph) in gently rolling terrain. Directions: Take US 181 South from San Antonio to Floresville and turn right on FM 97. Pecan Park is on the right just after you turn off US 181 onto FM 97. Ride Leaders: Roy and Laura Munro, phone: (830) 393-0818, email: royal@munro-online.com

Sunday, October 29th, Ride to Bandera. Ride starts at 9:00 a.m. from behind the What-a-Burger on Loop 1604 and TX16 (Bandera Rd). This will be a 60 mile brisk pace (13 - 15 mph) ride to Bandera and back. See why Bandera is known as the "Cowboy Capital of Texas". Ride leader is Chris Marsh, phone (210) 681-5768, email chrismarsh@satx.rr.com.

Saturday, November 4th, The Seventh Annual Fredericksburg Fall Foliage Frolic. Hosted by the Hill Country Bicycle Touring Club. The tour brings people from all over the Texas to enjoy a weekend of riding and friendship in the scenic Hill Country of Central Texas. There are rides varying in length and degree of difficulty available each day. Ride Registration is only \$15 per rider if post marked by October 28th, \$20 after. Rider check-in will start 8:00 am. Saturday morning at Lady Bird Johnson Park three miles south of town on TX 16. Take Lady Bird Johnson Drive .7 mile to the Tatsch house across from the swimming pool. Registration includes supported rides with maps, rest stops, sag support, lunch and a ride souvenir for Saturday and maps for an unsupported ride on Sunday. The Frolic will be held rain or shine. More information and a registration form can be found on the Frolic website: <http://www.hcbtc.org/ffff>

Saturday/Sunday, November 10th - 12th, Goliad "Camp and Ride" Weekend. The club has reversed campsites for Friday and Saturday night, which checkout on Sunday. We will start Saturday's ride, November 11th, from Town Square at 9:00 AM. Ride the quite back roads around historic Goliad. We will have two groups, 25 mile and 55 mile. Could have a short ride on Sunday morning for those interested. If you are interested in camping contact Amanda McCoy, phone 210-422-8039, or email, almccoy30@hotmail.com.

December Holiday Party

The Hill Country Bicycle Touring Club will celebrate the end of another great year at our annual holiday party. This year is will be on Friday, December 15th starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Ivy Room at Independence Village. More information to follow.

Club Historian

Request for Information and Other Items from the HCBTC HISTORIAN (Cathy L. West)

What an exciting opportunity to have the Hill Country Bicycle Touring Club great moments and not so great moments documented as history and placed in some sort of order!

My plan is to display items using photo albums and scrapbooks. I would like to also have a file or notebook for brochures and other items as such of interest. Videos, etc. will also be kept in a file. Stickers and other similar items for accenting will be greatly appreciated.

Please note that all items donated will become the property of the HCBTC and will not be returned. And, by donating the items, you give your permission to place your photo in the collection and for possible viewing on the HCBTC web-site.

PHOTOS

* Please indicate NAME of the ride WHERE the ride was DATE of the ride

* Identify name(s) of riders, if any, in the photo

* Include "Photo Taken By: name of person" (so you may receive photo credit)

MISCELLANEOUS

* A History of the organization of the HCBTC

* Information regarding the HCBTC logo

* Founding members, etc.

* Advertisements and/or articles on the HCBTC

* Articles on members

As a "non-rider" I am relying on your support and input to keep this project headed in the proper direction. My current Internet access is only through my employer (cathywestsatx.rr.com). I also do not have printing available off the Internet. If you choose, items may be mailed directly to my home. And, please feel free to call or write. We have an answering machine at home.

Cathy L. West (Husband and Rider - David A. West)
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(210) 923-7517 - work (M-F 7:30am - 4:30pm)

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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 18 N. Loop 1604 West

San Antonio, Tx 78232, 210-892-0123

Britton's Cycles, 16636 Hwy 281N, 656-1655 and 803 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 133, 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

A big thanks for their support to our club.

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