



Upcoming Activities

Hill Country Bicycle Touring Club

Recurring Rides

Monday Evening Brauning Lake Ride. Meet 6:00 p.m. at Tom's Burgers for a 16 mile leisurely pace ride with rest stops. Some slight hills, but mostly gently rolling. This ride is great for the "Experienced" and "Beginner's Plus" riders. 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 Vern Jeys (210) 675-0538 vjeys@satx.rr.com and Sandy Barsun (210) 635-8777 barsun@sbcglobal.net.

Tuesdays & Thursdays Evening MS150 Training Rides. Rides start from Roger Soler's Sports at 6:00 p.m. starting in June to October 4. To get there take Bandera road west to Helotes two miles past Loop 1604. Make a left turn on Old Bandera Road. This ride is Not recommended for beginners, lots of hills, miles will vary. Ride Leaders: Gian, (210) 669-2123, Lillian, phone (210) 385-0381.

Wednesday Night Ride "Beginners & Beginner's Plus 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 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.

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.

August Activities

Saturday, August 4th, Bear Moon Bakery Ride. Ride starts at 7:00 a.m. from at the Leon Springs Park and Ride parking lot (IH-10 and Boerne Stage Road) for a group ride of 30 miles over rolling terrain. We will stop at the Bear Moon Bakery in Boerne for a well deserved break. Directions to Leon Springs: Take I-10 West to the Leon Springs exit and go left on the service road to a 4-way stop. Take a left at the stop for one block to the parking lot on the left. Ride Leaders: Yvonne & Armando Campos, phone: (210) 431-0902, email: yec@satx.rr.com

Sunday, August 5th, Devine to Charlotte Ride. This is a 65 mile ride with rolling hills at a 12-14 mph pace. To beat the heat this ride starts at 6:30 a.m. from Triple C Steakhouse in Devine. Directions to Triple C: Take I-35 South of San Antonio towards Laredo. Take exit 122 at Devine to TX 173; make a right on 173 to Triple C on the left (about 200 feet). The ride will take us through Jourdanton, Charlotte and Bigfoot before heading back to Devine. There are a couple of convenient stores along the way however; not all of them are open on Sunday's; bring plenty of water & snacks. Lunch at the Triple C Steakhouse after the ride. Ride Leader: Randy Frazier, phone: (210) 237-8740, email: papaastronomer@yahoo.com

Sunday, August 5th, Beginner's Ride. Ride starts at 8:30 a.m. at Mission San Jose (south area). To get there from I-10 going east take Exit 573, at Probrandt turn right, at Mitchell Street make a left turn, at Roosevelt Street make a right turn, at Napier Street make a left turn. Please make sure you have the tools for your bike before the ride for example: extra tube for your bike, air pump or CO 2 and the range to change your tire. If you don't know what are the correct tools go to a bicycle shop and they help you with no cost. Ride Leader: Lillian La Fave, phone (210) 385-0381.

Saturday, August 11th, Ride to Castroville. Start 8:00 a.m. from Taft High School on FM 471 outside Loop 1604. This will be a flat 46 mile brisk pace (13 - 15 mph) ride to Castroville and back. See the new bike lane on FM 471 north of Rio Medina. We will eat lunch after the ride. Ride leaders are Chris and Jan Marsh, phone: (210) 681-5768, email: chrismarsh@satx.rr.com.

Sunday, August 12th, Castroville Ride. Meet at 8:00 a.m. in the Park and Ride lot across from Sammy's in Castroville for a 29 mile moderate paced (10-12 mph) group ride over mostly flat terrain. Directions: Take US 90 West to Castroville. Sammy's is on the left at the third traffic light when westbound just before the river bridge. Lunch to be determined prior to the ride. Ride Leader: Vern Jeys phone: 210-675-0538, email: vjeys@satx.rr.com

Friday, August 17th, Club Meeting. PizzaBella Restaurant, 14218 Nacogdoches (ph. 210-946-8667). Located south of Loop 1604. This restaurant offers a wide menu – pizza, Italian hot subs, specialty Italian items such as fettuccini, lasagna, stromboli, chicken parmesan, and calzones. Salads and burgers are also on the menu. 6:30 PM, social and dinner. 7:15 PM, club business meeting. Guests are always welcome at HCBTC meetings. NOTE: PizzaBella has requested that you call a day in advance if you select any of the Italian specialty items. Everything is made fresh!

Saturday, August 18th, Taft High School Ride. (Map #55). Meet on the west side of the Taft High School parking lot at 8:00 a.m. for an easy paced 27 mile group ride over mostly flat terrain. Directions: Taft High School is located on FM 471 (Culebra Road in the city) about one mile west of Loop 1604 W. Ride Leaders: Diana Valdez phone: (210) 535-3373, email: valdez-d@sbcglobal.net

Sunday August 19th, Po-Po's Ride. Meeting time is 8:00 a.m. Take I-10 West to exit 533 (Welfare exit) and go 1/4 mile to Po-Po's Restaurant. Park on the left, across from the restaurant. Our route will again take us down Waring-Welfare Rd., to the community of Waring. Turn rt. at the stop sign, go 1/4 mile, and turn rt. on Zoeller Lane. Assuming the low water crossing across the Guadalupe is navigable this time, keep going until we get to FM 473. This time, turn rt.; we will arrive in Sisterdale in a short while. If we're lucky, the winery may be open! Continue through Sisterdale, take FM 1376 toward Boerne. After crossing the Guadalupe, take a rt. on Marquardt which winds through some magnificent ranching country for about 5 miles. Turn rt. at the Cravey Rd. intersection. At Waring-Welfare Rd., turn left for the return to Po-Po's. We will have lunch at Po-Po's after the ride. Leader: Nolan Kuehn, Phone: (830) 755-8761, cell: 210-355-2645, email: nolank@gvtc.com

Saturday, August 25th, Elmendorf Ride. Ride starts at 7:00 a.m. There will be a 44 mile (12-14 mph) group ride (map #57) with optional 21 mile ride. This is a flat but very pretty and ultra-easy to navigate. Meet at the "Park n' Ride" on the south-west corner of the US 181 and Loop 1604. Easy to get to from either Loop 1604 to US 181 or the I-410 Loop to I-37 and then to US 181. Ride Leader: Heidi Lynn, phone: 210-682-8107, email: cycle_tx@yahoo.com

Sunday, August 26th, Bill Miller Ride. Helotes. Ride starts at 8:00 a.m. from Bill Miller in Helotes located on 12705 Bandera, corner of Leslie & Bandera. Distance is 22 miles, combination of flat & hilly terrain. Great for the Experienced and "Beginner's Plus". Route will go to Exxon Station on 471 and back. Ride Leader: Ethel Pedraza, phone: 210-414-8559, email: azardepe@hotmail.com

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