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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

As I write this after having done an absolutely enjoyable 22-mile ride today from San Jose Mission under warm, sunny skies, I'm encouraged that the end of this winter of continuous cold, gloomy days may be at an end. In other words, spring will soon be upon us! One thing that will occur for sure is an earlier start to Daylight Saving Time –on March 11, as decreed by Congress. Of course, the doomsayers are bringing up the specter of Y2K, but my bet that it will be another non-event. I hope I'm wrong! At least there will be another hour of daylight in the weekday afternoons where we might be able to get a few miles in under some safer conditions. Hopefully, we will all try to do so.

I also have some good news to report regarding my personal cycling interests. An unexpected Valentine present came on February 14 by way of a phone call from the Coordinator of the Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee (part of the Metropolitan Planning Organization). I have been selected to serve a 2-year term on this committee, and I am absolutely thrilled! In addition to the pleasure of being out on a bike for the health and recreational benefits, I feel that there is still so much that needs to be done to promote and improve the cycling community; This appointment should provide a good venue to help accomplish this. For sure, I can't do this alone, so I will be soliciting your help and comments as time goes by. I know I have a good team in place.

In the last meeting, we discussed the funding reduction for bicycle trails and other enhancement projects that was dictated by the Texas Transportation Commission. This came about as a result of the federal government significantly reducing the federal funds being available under the transportation bill. Unlike most other states, Texas took all the reductions out of the bicycle trails and other enhancements, rather than taking the cuts

across the board from the complete scope of the transportation bill. By the time you read this, you will have received a copy of a letter that I sent to each of the Transportation Commission members asking that they rescind the cuts as presently mandated. This has a serious impact on not only the cycling community, but on all communities that had intended on getting and using federal funds to spruce up their communities. I hope that you will take the time to write your own letter to these Commissioners to express your disapproval of how they have chosen to ignore the intent of Congress by how they have handled this federal funding reduction.

See you on the road

...Nolan

### March Club Meeting

Friday, March 16, March Club Meeting. Fire Mountain Grill, 7200 Bandera Rd. phone: (210) 684-9416. 6:30 p.m. social and dinner. 7:15 p.m., club business meeting. Guests are always welcome at the club meeting. Note: The Fire Mountain Grill manager has asked that all attendees plan to eat a meal (fixed price) at the restaurant, if at all possible. The meeting room is provided without charge to the club, but with the expectation that all meeting attendees will partake of the restaurant's offerings. Also, please identify yourself at the cash register as being with the HCBTC. This allows the restaurant to add a standard 15% gratuity to account for the server's duties throughout the evening. Thanks for your help.

### Welcome New Members

Stefanie Hunt  
Ray & Denise Marques  
James Kenna  
Lydia Kelly  
Joyce Brisken  
Judy Hammock

# Club Activities

## Recurring Rides

**Monday Evening Brauning Lake Ride.** Meet 4:30 p.m. (6:00 p.m. starting March 12th) at Tom's Burgers for a 16-mile leisurely paced 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.

**Tuesdays & Thursdays Evening Rides.** Ride starts from Roger Soler's Sports at 6:00 p.m. starting March 6 to October 2. 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 Leader: Lillian La Fave, phone (210) 385-0381

**Wednesday Morning Stinson Airport Ride.** Meet 9:00 a.m. (8:00 a.m. starting April 11th) at Stinson Airport for an 18 to 30-mile leisurely paced 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 Ride "Beginners Ride"** (Starting March 14th). Unwind after a day's work on a flat, easy paced 11 mile (or shorter) ride on KellyUSA. Ride starts at 5:30 PM. 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 9:00 a.m. (8:00 a.m. starting April 13th) 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.

## March Activities

**Saturday, March 3rd, Good News Lutheran Sausage Supper Ride.** Ride starts at 1:30 p.m. Meet at Good News Lutheran Church at the corner of Old Corpus Christi Road and Hwy 181 South. This is a 27 mile, SE Bexar County,

mostly flat, medium paced ride. After the ride plan to stay for the sausage supper, adults \$5 /children \$4. If you're not riding come anyway & enjoy home made sausage with all the trimmings served family style. Food will be served from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. You may purchase advance tickets but it is not necessary. Ride Leader: Sandy Barsun phone: (210) 635-8777, email: barsun@sbcglobal.net.

**Sunday, March 4th, Straight Shot Ride.** Ride starts at 10 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: Ken & Mouse Kanagaki, phone: (210) 341-6883, email: kw2405@earthlink.net.

**Saturday, March 10th, Vern's-Tom's Burger Ride.** Ride starts at 9:00 am. Meet at Tom's Burgers & More for a 27 mile (12 mph) flat to slightly hilly ride. Location I-37 & Donop Road. Ride starts at Tom's burgers & goes to Loop 1604 & Stuart Road, then back via Old Corpus Christi Rd. Ride Leaders: Heidi Lynn, phone: (210) 682-8107, email: cycle\_tx@yahoo.com and Vern Jeys, phone: (210) 675-0538, email: vjeys@satx.rr.com.

**Saturday March 10th - 11th, Bastrop Weekend.** Camp-Out at Bastrop State Park. Stay in one of the local hotels or drive up for the day. Saturday's ride will start at 9:00 a.m. at the entrance to Bastrop State Park. Ride the scenic "Lost Pines" area on Park Road One. This is one of the 10 best rides in Texas. Distance is 36 miles. There will be an optional flat route for those who do not want to do the hills on Park Road One. Sunday's ride will be a short flat ride along the Colorado River west of town. For those who are interested, there is an Excalibur Fantasy Faire (<http://www.excaliburfaire.com>) in Lockhart nearby. Enjoy entertainment, food and vendors at this annual event. Directions: Go 35 N toward Austin, take US 290 toward Bastrop. Ride Leader: Randy Frazier, phone: (210) 237-8740, email: papaastronomer@yahoo.com.

**Sunday, March 11th, San Jose Mission.** Ride starts at 9:00 am. Join me for a beautiful ride around San Antonio's Missions, for a distance of 22 miles, with a 29-mile option. Meet at the San Jose Mission parking area located off

Roosevelt Street about 2 blocks North of Southeast Military. Pace will be about 10 to 12 mph with frequent stops. Terrain is mostly flat with some minor hills. Ride Leader: Vern Jeys, phone: (210) 675-0538, email: vjeys@satx.rr.com.

**Saturday, March 17th, West Comfort Camp Verde Ride** (Map #56). Ride starts at 9:00 a.m. Distance: 35 miles (10-12 mph) with rest stops at Center Point and Camp Verde. Directions to ride from San Antonio: (take corresponding exit if coming from the north) IH-10 West to exit 524 onto Business 87 (Texas 27). This exit will take you over IH-10 so that you are traveling in a westerly direction. Follow the sign straight ahead "Comfort 1 mile". Bear left to TX 27 as you pass a Chevron station on your right. Park in car pool lot at the far side of the junction of TX 27 & 473. Ride Leader: Tommy McMillan, phone: (210) 674-1210.

**Sunday, March 18th, River Road Ride** (Map #43). Meet in the parking lot in Gruene, TX ride starts at 9:00 a.m. 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. Take another left into the parking lot. Ride Leaders: Diana Valdez phone: (210) 535-3373, email: valdez-d@sbcglobal.net and Donna Tawkoity, phone: (210) 725-6619, email: dtzko@sbcglobal.net.

**Saturday, March 24th, Cibolo** (Map #9). Ride starts at 9:00 a.m. at Harmon's Bar-B-Q for a 30-mile group ride at an easy 8-10 mph pace. Meet at Cibolo at Harmon's Bar-B-Q. To get to Harmon's Bar-B-Q in Cibolo, 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: Amanda McCoy, phone: (210) 614-4475, email: bikentx50@yahoo.com

**Sunday, March 25th, Castroville Ride.** Meet at 9:00 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. Ride Leaders: Mac and Evelyn McCormick, phone: (210) 614-5514, email: eemac2@satx.rr.com.

**Saturday, March 31st, Bill Miller Ride.**

You can sleep in, the ride will not start until 10:00 a.m., from Bill Millers [Phone: (210) 372-0760] in Helotes located on 12705 Bandera, corner of Leslie & Bandera. Distance is 27 miles, combination of flat & hilly terrain. Route will go to Exxon Station on 471 & the 211 loop. Optional shorter route of 22 miles to 471 & the Exxon Station and back is available. Ride Leader: Vanessa Leal, phone: (210) 496-3221, email: Vness.leal@yahoo.com & Yvonne Campos, phone: (210) 431-0902, email: yec@satx.rr.com.

## April Activities

**Sunday, April 1st, Po-Po's Ride.** This 30-mile ride starts at 9:00 AM. Travel I-10W past Boerne and take the Welfare exit (exit 533) to PoPo's Restaurant (about 1/4 mile). Park across from the restaurant. This is one of the most scenic and serene routes in our nearby Texas Hill Country – and we're doing it at the right time of the year! We will cycle through Welfare to Waring (mostly down hill), turn right, and again right at Zoeller Lane (in about 1/4 mi.). We then enjoy 5 miles of tranquility on Zoeller to FM 473, where we turn left. Rolling hills of FM473 take us into Comfort in 10 miles, to a rest stop at the Chevron convenience store, on Hwy 87, just beyond the Hwy 27 and 87 "Y". Exit Comfort by way of Hwy 87S; and then FM 289, where more hills bring us back to PoPo's. We will do this ride at a relaxed pace, and then replace expended energy at PoPo's Restaurant after the ride. Ride Leader: Nolan Kuehn, phone: (830) 755-8761, cell: (210) 355-2645, email: nolank@gvtc.com.

**Saturday, April 7th, San Jose Mission.** Ride starts at 8:00 am. Join me for a beautiful ride around San Antonio's Missions, for a distance of 22 miles, with a 29-mile option. Meet at the San Jose Mission parking area located off Roosevelt Street about 2 blocks North of Southeast Military. Pace will be about 10 to 12 mph with frequent stops. Terrain is mostly flat with some minor hills. Ride Leader: Ethel Pedraza, phone: (210) 534-4575, email: azardepe@hotmail.com.

**Saturday, April 14th, Beginner's Ride.**

Ride starts at 8:00 a.m. More information coming soon.

**Saturday, April 14th, Ride to Boerne.**

Meet 9:00 a.m. at the northwest corner of Loop 1604 and TX 16 (Bandera Rd) behind the What-A-Berger for a 40 mile ride to Bourne and back. This ride starts out with the riders going to Kerrville for the weekend (see the campout ride below). Contact Chris Marsh phone: (210) 925-2137, email chrismarsh@satx.rr.com for more information.

**Saturday/Sunday, April 14th/15th,**

**Kerrville Campout Weekend.** Meet 9:00 a.m. at the northwest corner of Loop 1604 and TX 16 (Bandera Rd) behind the What-A-Berger for a weekend ride to Kerrville and back. We will camp out at Kerrville-Schreiner Park on Saturday night. Total distance is 60 miles each day. The ride includes maps, limited luggage transport, camping and dinner Saturday night and breakfast Sunday morning. People are also welcome to come up for Saturday night to camp (there will be a day ride Sunday morning for those not able to ride round trip – see ride below). Additional volunteers are needed to help sag gear to the park and back. Also, space is limited so contact Chris Marsh phone: (210) 925-2137, email chrismarsh@satx.rr.com, if you plan to go or want to help out. Note that there is no over night parking at the start so contact Chris for instructions on where to park.

**Sunday, April 15, Kerrville.**

Rides starts 9:00 a.m. at the entrance to Kerrville-Schreiner Park for a 30 mile ride. This ride starts out with the riders returning to San Antonio (see the campout ride above). Contact Chris Marsh phone: (210) 925-2137, email chrismarsh@satx.rr.com for more information.

**Sunday, April 15th, San Jose Mission.**

Ride starts at 9:00 am. Distance of 22 miles, with a 29-mile option. Meet at the San Jose Mission parking area located off Roosevelt Street about 2 blocks North of Southeast Military. Pace will be about 10 to 12 mph with frequent stops. Terrain is mostly flat with some minor hills. Ride Leader: Vernon Jeys, phone: (210) 675-0538 vjeys@satx.rr.com.

**Saturday, April 21st, Beginner's Ride.**

Ride starts at 8:00 a.m. More information coming soon.

**Saturday, April 21st.**

Old Corpus Christi Road Ride Ride starts at 8:00 a.m. from Memorial Stadium on Roosevelt Road. 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. 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. Ride Leader: Bob and Ann Caldwell, phone: (210)-521-2887.

**Sunday, April 22nd, Llano Wildflower Ride.**

Ride starts at 9:00 a.m. This ride takes you through the scenic Llano countryside with a 38-mile or optional 24-mile ride distance. View map #40 by accessing www.hcbtc.org & link to MAPS. Meet at the Lone Star Inn, phone: (325) 247-4111, located on 700 W. Young Street, Llano, TX. Directions: I-10 West to Comfort. Take exit 523 at Comfort to US 87. Right on US 87 to Main Street in Fredericksburg. Left on Main Street to Llano Street (TX 16). Right on Llano Street to Llano (cross the river) to Young Street. Left on Young Street to 700 W. Young Street. Pace will be relaxed with frequent stops. Ride is slightly hilly, with a few reasonably steep hills. Pit-stop will be in Castell (best Bar-B-Q in town). Come out for the day or stay for the weekend, some of us will be staying at the Lone Star Inn. Ride Leader: Vern Jeys phone: (210) 675-0538, email: vjeys@satx.rr.com.

**Saturday, April 28th, Beginner's Ride.**

Ride starts at 8:00 a.m. More information coming soon.

**Saturday, April 28th, Marty's**

**Floresville Ride.** Meet at 8:30 a.m. for a 24 mile ride (10 mph/rolling hills). Directions: From San Antonio take I-37 south. Take 181 South (just after the 410 interchange) towards Floresville. Make a right on 97 west towards Pleasanton. Go approximately 8 miles and make a left (south) on FM 2505. House is 1 mile down on the right and is set back in the trees. You will see a mailbox (Zager) just before the driveway. The address is 8014 FM 2505 Floresville. Arrive early for coffee and donuts. Marty will grill burgers and hotdogs after the ride. Bring a side dish to go with burgers and hot dogs. Soft drinks will be provided. Ride Leaders: Marty Zager, phone: (830) 393-5233, email: jonelle@wtf-con.com.

**Saturday, April 28th, "Tour De Cure Training Ride"** (See Marty's Floresville Ride). Meet at 7:30 a.m. for a 59 mile ride (rolling hills). Ride will cover Floresville, Dewees, and Poth. There will be several rest stops but no sag support, so bring plenty of water. Directions: From San Antonio take I-37 south. Take 181 South (just after the 410 interchange) towards Floresville. Make a right on 97 west towards Pleasanton. Go approximately 8 miles and make a left (south) on FM 2505. House is 1 mile down on the right and is set back in the trees. You will see a mailbox (Zager) just before the driveway. Address 8014 FM 2505 Floresville. Arrive early for coffee and donuts. Marty will grill burgers and hotdogs after the ride. Bring a side dish to go with burgers and hot dogs. Soft drinks will be provided. Ride Leader: Sandy Barsun phone: (210) 635-8777, email: barsun@sbcglobal.net.

## Upcoming Club Events

Mark your calendar for the following Out-of-Town Bike, Camp & Hotel trips. More information will follow as we get closer to the event date. Please check our website for regular up-dates at [www.hcbtc.org](http://www.hcbtc.org)

**Saturday & Sunday, April 14th – 15th, Kerrville Camping Weekend.** Ride Leader: Chris Marsh, phone (210) 681-5768, email [chrismarsh@satx.rr.com](mailto:chrismarsh@satx.rr.com)

**Sunday, April 22nd, Llano Wild Flower Ride.** Ride Leader: Vern Jeys phone: (210) 675-0538, email: [vjeys@satx.rr.com](mailto:vjeys@satx.rr.com)

**Saturday & Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, Tour DeCure.** Team Captain: Sandy Barsun, phone: 210-635-877, cell 210-913-3815, email [barsun@sbcglobal.net](mailto:barsun@sbcglobal.net)

**Saturday & Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, Eighth Annual Fredericksburg Fall Foliage Frolic**

## 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>

Big thanks for their support to our club.

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