



March Upcoming Activities Hill Country Bicycle Touring Club

(3/1/2008)

March Recurring Rides

Every Monday Evening - Braunig Lake Ride *(effective March 10th, this ride will start at 5:30PM)*

Time and Place: 4:30PM; Tom Burgers at Hwy IH-37 & Donop Road
Ride Length: 15 to 16 miles. Pace will be leisurely 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.
Directions: Take I-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: Vern Jeys 675-0538 vjeys@satx.rr.com, and Sandy Barsun 635-8777 barsun@sbcglobal.net.

Every Wednesday Evening - "Beginners & Beginner's Plus Ride" *(effective March 12th, this ride will start at 5:30PM)*

Time and Place: 4:30PM; Kelly USA in the large parking lot near the intersection of Cricket and Duncan.
Ride Length: Unwind after a day's work on a flat, **easy paced 11 mile** (or shorter) ride on **Port San Antonio** (former KellyUSA). Please call or email for directions if you're not familiar with the area.
Directions: We meet at 4:00 PM at large parking lot near the intersection of Cricket and Duncan.
Ride Leaders: Laura or Roy Munro, phone: (830) 393-0818, email: laura@munro-online.com or royal@munro-online.com.

Every Thursday Evening – "Tour de Cure Training Ride"

Time and Place: 4:30PM; parking lot of Roger Soler Sport's in Helotes
Ride Length: Varies from 16 to 20 miles.
Directions: Take Bandera Road west of 1604, turn left at Old Helotes Road to Old Helotes. Meet in parking lot of Roger Soler's.
Ride Leader: Lillian LaFave, phone: (210)385-0381, email: lalylafave@hotmail.com.

Every Friday Morning - Castroville Ride *(effective April 11th, this ride will start at 8:00AM)*

Time and Place: 9:00AM; Castroville
Ride Length: 30 miles or more
Directions: Meet in the carpool parking area across from Sammy's in Castroville.
Ride Leader: Vern Jeys 675-0538 vjeys@satx.rr.com.

Every Sunday Morning – "Tour de Cure Training Ride"

Time and Place: 9:00AM; parking lot in Leon Springs behind Starbucks
Ride Length: Varies from 30 to 40 miles.
Directions: Take I-10 West, exit Leon Springs, proceed to 4-way stop, turn left, then go under I-10, proceed to shopping area. Meet in parking lot between Starbucks and Blockbusters.
Ride Leader: Lillian LaFave, phone: (210)385-0381, email: lalylafave@hotmail.com.

March Scheduled Activities

Saturday, March 1st, 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 \$6 /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. Take out available. You may purchase advance tickets but it is not necessary. **Ride Leader: Sandy Barsun**, phone: (210) 635-8777, cell (210) 913-3815, email: barsun@sbcglobal.net.

Sunday, March 2nd, Floresville Ride. 26 Miles with 20 and 40 mile options. Ride Starts at 9:00 a.m. Meet at the School Administration parking lot at the corner of US 181 and TX 97. This is a great ride that ranges from flat to rolling hills. Take 181 south into Floresville; at the first traffic light turn left, and then make an immediate right into the parking lot. **Ride leaders: Laura Laura and Roy Munro**, phone: (830) 393-0818, email: laura@munro-online.com or royal@munro-online.com.

Saturday, March 8th, Tour de Cure Training Ride. Castroville. Ride starts at 9 am in the Park and Ride lot across from Sammy's in Castroville for a 40 mile (12-14 mph) group ride over mostly flat terrain. Directions: Take Hwy 90 West to Castroville. Sammy's is on the left at the third traffic light when westbound just before the river bridge. **Ride Leader: Sandy Barsun**, phone: (210) 635-8777, cell (210) 913-3815, email: barsun@sbcglobal.net.

Sunday, March 9th, Club President's Tom's Burger Ride. Meet at 9:00 am at Tom's Burgers & More for a 27 mile flat to slightly hilly ride. 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. Directions to Tom's: Take IH-37 south, exit Southton Road; left on Southton to light (Donop Rd.); left on Donop to Tom Burger's & More. **Ride Leader: Vern Jeys**, phone: (210) 675-0538, email: vjeys@satx.rr.com.

Tuesday, March 11th, 2008, HCBTC Club Meeting. Place: Sea Island Restaurant. **Location:** 11715 Bandera Road, San Antonio, TX 78250. Near 1604 & Bandera Road. *Meeting will be in back room.* **Time:** Meal at 7:00 PM, Meeting to follow.

Program: This will be the third meeting of the 2008 HCBTC Membership group, where activities for the year will be discussed. In addition, on-going plans and support for the **LBJ 100 Bicycle Tour**, scheduled for **April 19th, 2008**, will be discussed., Please e-mail to Vern if there is something you want to put on the agenda for the meeting.

Saturday, March 15, ADOPT A HIGHWAY Clean Up Day. Clean Up Day at Government Canyon State Park is our ADOPT A HIGHWAY Clean Up Day. OUR Club believes in giving back to the community, and we have decided to adopt a highway along one of our popular riding routes. We have been assigned 2 miles of Galm Road by Government Canyon State Park.

Bring the family & your friends; we will meet for our 2nd quarterly road clean up @ 9:00 a.m. at the entrance of Government Canyon State Park on Galm Road. A short safety briefing will be given, remember to wear long pants, sturdy shoes and your yellow HCBTC T-shirt. Don't forget gloves, sun block, insect repellent & plenty of water to hydrate. Safety vests and trash bags will be provided to you. For planning purposes please contact Bob or Ann to let them know you of your availability. Last minute change of heart/time just show up. Make plans to stay for a picnic after the clean up. **Team Leaders: Bob & Ann Caldwell**, phone: (210) 521-2887, email: dcnbbob01@yahoo.com.

Sunday, March 16th, LBJ Ride. Meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Visitor Center parking lot of LBJ State Park off US 290 between Johnson City and Fredericksburg. There are three route options; 25, 39 and 56 miles. This will be a final "check-out" ride for the LBJ 100 Tour in April. The 56 mile route will be lead at a brisk pace (13 | 15 mph). Plan to eat and shop in Fredericksburg after the ride. **Ride leader: Chris Marsh**, phone: (210) 681-5768, email: chrismarsh@satx.rr.com.

Saturday, March 22th, TBD Ride. Open ride.

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Saturday, March 29th, Tour de Cure Training Ride. Elmendorf. Ride starts at 8 a.m., 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 Texas Hwy 181/1604 intersection. Easy to get to either via the 1604 Loop South to 181 or 281 or the 410 Loop to TX 37 and then the Floresville exit to TX Hwy 181. **Ride Leader: Sandy Barsun**, phone: (210) 635-8777, cell (210) 913-3815, email: barsun@sbcglobal.net.

Saturday, March 29th, Comfort Ride. Meet at 9:00AM. We're calling it the "Comfort" ride because (a) we have a short distance option, and (b) Comfort's where it starts! Take I-10W to the first Comfort exit. Proceed into Comfort on Hwy 27, to the Park & Ride on the right just beyond the S&S Supermarket. The route takes us back south on Hwy 27 across the Guadalupe River. Stay on FM 289 for one mile; then turn right on Holiday Rd. The first portion involves a little bit of climbing, but you will get a lot of downhill on this quiet country ranch road. Our route turns into Below Rd., then Big Joshua Creek Rd., before dead-ending into FM 289. With a left turn, the short option takes us back to Comfort (5 miles), for total distance of 14.7 miles. Those desiring can turn right for a 4.7-mile route to PoPo's. Then do a u-turn for a 9.7-mile route back to the Park & Ride. The total distance for this option is 24.1 miles.

Let's plan to pack picnic lunches for a trip to the Singing Waters Winery (just outside Comfort) after the ride. We can sample their wines; then buy a bottle to enjoy with our lunch at one of their picnic tables. The winery is about 4 miles down Mill Dam Rd., which is an immediate right turn off of Pankratz Rd. Pankrantz is a left turn immediately off of Hwy 27 N just beyond the small creek heading

out of Comfort toward Kerrville. Come join us for a new and interesting ride/adventure! **Ride Leader: Nolan Kuehn**, phone: **(830) 755-8761**, cell: **(210) 355-2645**.

Sunday, March 30th, Sea World/Westover Hills Ride. Ride starts at 9:00 a.m. Meet behind Rudy's BBQ on Hwy 151/Westover Hills close to Sea World. Join us for a 17 mile group ride at an easy to moderate pace. Although short, there are plenty of hills to make this a challenging ride. We will take in some scenic and hilly roads such as Weisman, Talley, Military, and Rogers. Two rest stops; recovery and lunch at Rudy's BBQ. **Ride Leader: Ray Marques**, cell phone: **(210) 669-9901**, email: CasaMarques@satx.rr.com.

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