

West Texas Cycling News



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Lubbock Bicycle Club



NEWS

WEST TEXAS CYCLING ASSOCIATION

Big Bend Tour

Carol and Kenneth Clowes are going to be our support for the Big Bend Trip this year. They will need to know those who intend to go so please advise Ken or Carol by email. This fantastic ride will cost \$40 per head. Your money will need to be given to Carol or Ken by 20th Feb. WTCA is booked for the nights of March 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Dinner will be provided on Thursday and Friday nights at the campsites. Dinner on Saturday will be at the Chisos Lodge at participants expense. Breakfast, lunch and snacks will also be provided. Breakfast on the Sunday will again be at the Chisos Lodge. Please join us for lots of fun and companionship, it is sure to be a blast.

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Weekly Ride Schedule

Saturday – Road

Ride: Moderate ride of 30-50 miles

Location 1: Church on the Rock
10503 Slide Road

Location 2: Chisum Truck Stop
2610 NE. Slaton Rd.

Time: 12:00pm

Rating: 33 to 3333

Sunday – Road

Location: 4010 26th Street

Organizer: Pat Crawford, 786.2941

Time: 12:00pm

Rating: 33 to 3333

Sunday-Road

Ride: 45 miles + on varying routes

Location: 3003 57th Street at Elgin

Organizers:

Rod Hobson 797-8158

Carl Stokes 786-4146

Jürgen Heise 792-8573

Time: Check with Rod, Carl or Jurgen
(9:30 am)

Rating: 33 to 3333

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General disclaimer

The general disclaimer for all official WTCA rides:

All cycling activities by the WTCA *require* that participants wear a helmet.

For everyone's safety,

- obey all traffic laws
- stop at stop signs
- stay on the shoulder on highways that have one
- leave headphones at home

All of us need to be totally committed to making every one of our rides as safe as possible.

For everyone's goodwill,

- please be punctual!

All rides leave at the designated time.

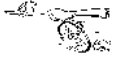
Rides are rated as follows:

33 easy pace 12–17 mph;

333 moderate, 17–22 mph

3333 fast in excess of 22 mph

Next Meeting at Bobby and Donna
Stewarts house 5506 70th Street
February 13th at 7:00



The Right Time To Get Your Gear

February 13, 2009 by [Darren Alff](#)

When is the best time to purchase the equipment you will need for your bicycle tour?

RIGHT NOW!!!

If you are planning a bicycle tour for this summer or for any point in the future, NOW is the best time to get your gear.

Here's why:

1) Lack Of Supply

Most bicycle tourists travel during the months of April, May, June, July, and August. Many of these travelers wait until the last possible moment to get their gear. They plan out their route and know where they are going to be sleeping along the way, but for one reason or another, they wait until the last possible moment to purchase their bikes, their panniers, or their trailers.

Because all these people are traveling at relatively the same moment in time, hundreds and hundreds of people from around the world try and purchase a limited number of bicycle touring products all at once.

If you order early enough, you get the brand/style/color you wanted. But if you wait, you take a risk and there's a chance that the bike, the style of pannier, or that particular jersey you wanted is going to be out of stock when it comes time to make your order.

Bicycle touring is small sport enjoyed by just a couple thousand people each year. Because "bicycle touring" is not a huge money maker for the cycling industry, products such as touring bikes, panniers and trailers are made in limited quantities and finding these products can be difficult during the prime tourist season.

For example, most pannier companies make just a few dozen products before selling the ones they have in stock and putting in an order for more. Trailers are the same. And you may have already discovered this, but your local bike shop probably doesn't carry touring bikes of any kind... and if they do, consider yourself lucky!

My point is that there are a limited number of bicycle touring products on the market at any one time and if you wait until the last possible moment, there's a chance you won't get the product you wanted... or at the very least, you won't get the product you wanted in time for the start of your tour.

(As a side note, this happened a bunch last year! I was getting calls and emails like crazy from people who were trying to find a particular pannier, or handlebar bag, or bike, or whatever... and everywhere they looked, they were out of stock. Because of the limited number of products available to bicycle tourists at this point in time, this does actually happen. You've been warned!)

2) More Time Means More Comfort

More important than simply risking an "out of stock" situation, ordering your bicycle touring gear now is crucial because the longer you have the gear in your possession, the longer you have to get comfortable with it.

I've mentioned this time and time again here on [BicycleTouringPro.com](#), but when you step out on the first day of your bicycle tour, you want to be as comfortable as you possibly can be. You don't want to start your tour having never ridden your bike before, with your panniers completely overstuffed, or with a trailer you have never pulled. Make it easy on yourself, get your gear now, and practice riding with your "stuff" before you even leave home.

3) This Is Going To Be A Popular Year For Bicycle Travel

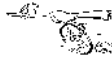
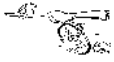
Finally, you should get your gear now because I have a feeling this summer is going to be one of the most popular bicycle touring seasons ever!

With the economy in a lurch and the environmental movement at an all time high, more and more people are looking for earthy friendly and inexpensive ways to spend their summer vacations. As you know, bicycle touring fits perfectly into these two categories.

With more people planning bike trips than ever before, touring products will be highly sought after and not always in supply. The longer you wait (as I mentioned above), the less chance you have of getting the touring products you want for your upcoming bicycle adventure.

If you get anything from this article, it should be this: There isn't really a "best time" to purchase your bicycle touring gear. The earlier you get it, the better. But if you have a tour in mind and you're even the slightest bit worried about making sure you get what you want, don't wait too much longer. Order your bike, your panniers, your trailer, your stove, your whatever..... **NOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**





TMBRA Upcoming Events

Sun & Ski Sports 2012 Texas XC Mountain Bike State Championship Series

Bikesport Presents the Warda Race

Feb. 11-12, 2012
Warda, TX
[Race Flyer](#)
[Register](#)

STORM Hill Country Challenge

Feb. 25-26, 2012
Comfort, TX
[Race Flyer](#)
[Register](#)

Mellow Johnny's Classic

Mar. 3-4, 2012
Dripping Springs, TX
[Race Flyer](#)
[Register](#)

Solovaca Cat Claw Classic

Mar. 17-18, 2012
Glen Rose, TX
[Race Flyer](#)
[Register](#)

GHORBA Big Ring Challenge

March 31 - Apr. 1, 2012
Coldspring, TX
[Race Flyer](#)
[Register](#)

Pace Bend Race

Apr. 14-15, 2012
Austin, TX
[Race Flyer](#)
[Register](#)

CLUB RIDE NOTICE

Club Members,

We had established two Saturday rides both leaving at 12:00 noon at a club meeting this past fall, one from Church on the Rock and one from Chisum Travel Center. However, most of us were opting for no hills as we were getting back into shape in January and were leaving from Church on the Rock. For February several people suggested starting to ride from Chisum so that we could get some hills in before our tour in Big Bend the first weekend in March. So the Church on the Rock is still an option for February if you don't want to climb, but most will be meeting at Chisum for the typical T/Th summer routes.

Club Tours

Mark your calendar for the upcoming WTCA tours:

Big Bend National Park - March 1-4
Fort Davis - May 26-28

The following are WTCA tours needing hosts, who will determine the exact dates:

Post to Gail (spring)
Caprock Escarpment (spring)
Rails to Trail (spring)
Quitaque Quest (fall)

Popular Tours Supported by WTCA Members:

Easter Hill Country Tour, Kerrville - April 6-8
Tour De Muleshoe (mid-June)
Tour De Nowhere - July 28 - Levelland - www.tourdenowhere.com
Roll For the Cure, Hobbs - August 11
HotterNHell, Wichita Falls - August 25



TMBRA RACE INFO. CONT.

DORBA Dash
 May 4-5, 2012
 Cedar Hill, TX
 Race Flyer
 Register

Sun and Ski Sports Presents the Rocky Hill Roundup
 May 19-20, 2012
 Smithville, TX
 Race Flyer
 Register

**2007 Fuji Roubaix RC Road Bike 56 cm**

- Aluminum frame -- 56cm • Carbon Fiber forks & stays
- Shimano Ultegra rear derailleur
- Shimano 105 front derailleur & speed shifters Includes the following:
 - Large Topeak Quick Click Wedge Pack
 - Two bottle cages
 - Cateye bike computer
 - New handle bar tape
 - New tires
 - Recently tuned and inspected by local bike mechanic

Please call 806-781-4067

Texas Road Racing

TXBRA UPCOMING EVENTS

Event	Location	Date
R: Tour of New Braunfels	New Braunfels	1/28/2012
R: Tour of New Braunfels	New Braunfels	1/29/2012
R: 2011 Texas Cup Road Awards	Castroville (San Antonio)	2/4/2012
R: Bike World Alsatia	Castroville (San Antonio)	2/4/2012
n Country Omnium		
R: Bike World Alsatian Country Omnium	Castroville (San Antonio)	2/5/2012
R: University Oaks Criterium	San Antonio	2/12/2012
R: Mineral Wells Stage Race	Mineral Wells	2/18/2012
R: Mineral Wells Stage Race	Mineral Wells	2/19/2012
R: Walburg Classic	Walburg	2/25/2012
R: Pace Bend Road Race	Spicewood (Pace Bend Park, Travis County)	2/26/2012
R: La Primavera Lago Vista	Lago Vista, Texas	3/3/2012
R: La Primavera Lago Vista	Lago Vista, Texas	3/4/2012
R: Denton Crit	Denton	3/10/2012
R: Horse Country TT	Aubrey, TX	3/10/2012
R: Kenny Hill Autowerks Spring Classic @Driveway	Driveway Austin, 8400 Delwau Lane, 78725	3/11/2012
R: Fayetteville Stage Race	Fayetteville	3/17/2012
R: Fayetteville Stage Race	Fayetteville	3/18/2012
R: Ronde von Manor	Manor	3/24/2012
R: Ronde von Manor	Manor	3/25/2012
R: Come and Take It Omnium	Gonzales	3/31/2012
R: Come and Take It Omnium	Gonzales	4/1/2012
V: The Classic	Alkek	4/14/2012
R: KingRacingGroup Crit	Dallas	4/14/2012
R: Rockwall Criterium	Rockwall	4/15/2012
R: University Oaks Criterium	San Antonio	4/15/2012
R: The Matrix Challenge p/b Richardson Bike Mart	Downtown Dallas, Texas	4/21/2012
R: The Matrix Challenge p/b Richardson Bike Mart	Downtown Dallas, Texas	4/22/2012
V: The Keirin	Alkek	4/28/2012
R: Fort Davis Hammerfest	Fort Davis	4/28/2012
R: Fort Davis Hammerfest	Fort Davis	4/29/2012
R: Coldspring Road Race	Coldspring	5/5/2012
R: Houston Grand Crit	Houston	5/6/2012
R: Horse Country TT	Aubrey, TX	5/12/2012
V: Matrix Track Cup p/b Richardson Bike Mart	Frisco	5/12/2012
V: Matrix Track Cup p/b Richardson Bike Mart	Frisco	5/13/2012
R: University Oaks Criterium	San Antonio	5/13/2012

Carlsbad Classic

The Carlsbad Classic in Carlsbad New Mexico will be April 21st and 22nd It is said that this race will "offer challenges that will make any racer shake in his bibs". The Carlsbad Velo Cycling Club can't wait to see you and your bikes at their big race. Online registration can be accessed from the Carlsbad Velo Cycling Club website at <http://www.carlsbadvelocyclingclub.com/> under the "Cavern City Classic" tab!
www.newmexicosportsonline.com

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Strum at the following email address stumster1218@hotmail.com or contact Steve Kouba at velookie@hotmail.com.





TXBRA UPCOMING EVENTS

Event	Location	Date
R: Georgetown Grand - State Crit	Georgetown	5/19/2012
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R: Bike the Bricks	McKinney	5/25/2012
R: Gary Glickman	Dallas	5/26/2012
R: GS Tenzing Crit	Plano	5/27/2012
R: GS Tenzing Crit	Plano	5/28/2012
V: The Sprint	Alkek	6/2/2012
R: Tyler Road Race	Tyler	6/2/2012
R: University Oaks Criterium	San Antonio	6/3/2012
V: Superdrome Dollar Nite	Frisco	6/9/2012
V: Speed Races at the Superdrome	Frisco	6/16/2012
R: Summer Time Trials	Mineral Wells	6/16/2012
R: Summer Time Trials	Mineral Wells	6/17/2012
V: Juniors and Masters State Championship	Frisco	6/22/2012
R: Horse Country TT	Aubrey, TX	6/23/2012
V: Juniors and Masters State Championship	Frisco	6/23/2012
V: Juniors and Masters State Championship	Frisco	6/24/2012
R: University Oaks Criterium	San Antonio	6/24/2012



Randy Mulsow
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**WTCA Minutes - January 9, 2012**

Randy and Sandra's House-4606 23rd

- Meeting called to order by Pat Crawford at 7:05p.m.
- Minutes of the December Christmas Party/Meeting were discussed and moved to approve by Carol, seconded by Pat. Pat Crawford announced the new officers:

WTCA

President: Pat Crawford
 Treasurer: Pat Gerdemann
 Secretary: Liza Muse
 Newsletter Editor: Tonda Elliott
 Competitive Events Coordinator: Jürgen Heise
 Tour Director: Randy Mulsow
 Webmaster: Brian Alger

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President: J.D. Booker
 Treasurer: Lori Lashomb

Chaparral Cycling Club

President: Carl Stokes
 Events Coordinator: Jürgen Heise

- Pat G. gave the treasurer's report.
- Pat C. expressed appreciation for Johnny and Anna Withers attending the December Christmas Party. Their company was enjoyed by all.
- Officers Reports
- Upcoming tours:
 - Big Bend 1st weekend in March: March 1-4
 - Discussion about Big Bend Finances followed. Carol said that the tour was 'in the hole' last year at \$35 per person. She suggested raising it to \$40. In the past, overages were covered by the LBC treasury. Randy proposed that tour hosts should get a free tour. Carol concluded that the Big Bend tour fee is \$40 this year. That covers camping fees (not entry fees to the park), 1-2 lunches, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners. The Club has reserved sites #47, 49, 98, 96. RV's need to reserve their own site. The tour fee should be paid to the Clowes by Feb. 20 th.
 - Sr. games in San Antonio on the last weekend in March 31, a triathlon on 25th; and the Steam-N-Wheels is on March 24 in Abilene.
 - Easter Hill Country tour April 8. Club members are encouraged to contact Pat C. for information.
- Day Tours
 - Tailwind Century
 - Caprock Escarpment usually held in early May
- Race reports
 - Bobby Steward reported that the Southland loop ride had 13 people.
 - The cycle-cross race on Dec. 9 had 7 racers competing.
- Pat C. thanked last year's officers for their service.
- Mileage goals – club members are encouraged to consider doing this
 - Mix up on awards? Gerdemann will correct Bill Ritchie and Susan Algers to correct awards.
- Weekly ride times are the same until April 1.
 - The first time trial of the spring will be held at 6 on March 12.
 - On April 1, the Saturday club ride will go to 10 a.m.
- The next meeting is at Bobby and Donna Stewart's on Feb. 13.
- Marcia moved to adjourn, Marta seconded the motion.



First Name	Last Name	Goal	YTD	%	Dec	Jan
Brian	Alger	4,000	561	14.03%	159	402
Susan	Alger	3,200	318	9.94%	146	172
William	Asquith	2,012	262	13.02%	62	200
Bryan	Bednarz	2,000	146	7.30%	54	92
Bill	Boon	1,500	28	1.87%	20	8
Mike	Briggs	3,000	316	10.53%	28	288
Carol	Clowes	3,000	18	0.60%	18	
Phyllis	Crowell	300	63	21.00%	25	38
Stephen	Crowell	3,000	132	4.40%	80	52
Celeste	DeVilliers	1,000	41	4.10%	0	41
Jackie	DeVilliers	2,012	475	23.61%	191	284
Jim	DeVilliers	3,000	387	12.90%	155	232
Wendy	Dempsey	2,500	201	8.04%	62	139
Kyle	Elliott	1,200	53	4.42%	0	53
Tonda	Elliott	1,500	134	8.93%	14	120
Larry	Farley	2,000	60	3.00%	20	40
Judy	Fleming	3,100	620	20.00%	225	395
Pat	Gerdemann	4,000	305	7.63%	100	205
Keith	Gilmore	2,500	295	11.80%	145	150
Steve	Gross		190	#DIV/0!		190
Tony	Gunn	5,000	0	0.00%	0	0
Jürgen	Heise	5,000	299	5.98%	121	178
Brian	Hester	3,500	322	9.20%	136	186
Rod	Hobson	5,000	866	17.32%	404	462
Randy	Holloway	5,000	447	8.94%	86	361
Michael	Ivins	3,000	392	13.07%	86	306
Mike	Kelley	3,000	180	6.00%	180	
George	Lange	8,000	661	8.26%	302	359
Lori	LaShomb	2,012	259	12.87%	85	174



First Name	Last Name	Goal	YTD	%	Dec	Jan
Mark	Loveland	3,500	316	9.03%	74	242
Rell	Malone	5,000	297	5.94%	131	166
Penny	Mason	1,500	332	22.13%	116	216
Rick	Mason	3,400	599	17.62%	285	314
Jeff	Mlady	1,968	7	0.36%	7	
Randy	Mulsow	2,500	155	6.20%	0	155
David	Nelson	2,000	85	4.25%	15	70
Derek	Oler	7,500	931	12.41%	415	516
Andy	Orsa	3,000	0	0.00%	0	0
Dell	Purdy	4,000	714	17.85%	316	398
Michael	Riojas	2,500	280	11.20%	85	195
Bill	Ritchie	4,000	354	8.85%	65	289
Marta	Rosas	2,012	235	11.68%	69	166
Caitlin	Ryan	1,600	393	24.56%	196	197
Hamed	Sari-Sarraf	3,000	335	11.17%	145	190
Mark	Smith	3,512	0	0.00%	0	
Renaee	Smith	2,012	0	0.00%	0	
Smitty	Smith	7,000	711	10.16%	319	392
Bobby	Stewart	3,500	434	12.40%	147	287
Donna	Stewart	1,000	77	7.70%	12	65
Sandra	Torres	2,700	144	5.33%	0	144
Doug	Webb	1,500	261	17.40%	125	136
Cheryl	Weber	2,012	264	13.12%	136	128

LEGEND

- Mileage report has been submitted for this month (zero or more miles)
- No mileage report has been submitted for this month
- Mileage goal reached



WTCA (CHAPARRAL CYCLING CLUB / LUBBOCK BICYCLE CLUB)—Membership Application

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (home) _____ (work) _____ e-mail _____

List additional family members _____ Your Birthday _____

				Type of Membership	
				(please check one)	
Name _____	Sex _____	Birthday _____	Age _____		
Name _____	Sex _____	Birthday _____	Age _____	___ Family \$25	
Name _____	Sex _____	Birthday _____	Age _____	___ Individual \$20	
Name _____	Sex _____	Birthday _____	Age _____	___ Newsletter only \$15	

I am interested in ___ Weekly rides ___ Touring ___ Racing ___ Triathlons ___ MTB

In consideration of being admitted to membership in the WTCA, I do hereby release and forever discharge (for myself, my heirs, administrators and executors) the WTCA, its officers, members, sponsors, and every other person who because of his or her position as an officer or participant in a WTCA event, of any type of liability to me for any injury or damage whatsoever that I may sustain or incur arising out of or as a result of any WTCA race, ride, or event of any type. I understand that under certain conditions, bicycle riding and racing may be hazardous to my person and health. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the above-mentioned from and against all claims and actions by others for any act or omission on my part in connection with any WTCA event. I agree to ride safely at all times, to obey the traffic laws, and to wear a helmet.

Signature _____ Date _____
(Parent or Guardian must sign for minor children)

All memberships are for one year from receipt of payment. **Please indicate whether this is a renewal.** Please send your check (**payable to WTCA**) and this completed application to

WTCA
c/o Pat Gerdeman
PO Box 94537
Lubbock TX 79493

Check if this is a
Renewal

Check if this is a
New Membership