

The Seat Post

The Newsletter of Team Bicycles, Inc.

FEBRUARY 2002

Next Meeting at the Bedford Shop

(ON MONDAY, MARCH 4TH, 2002, AT 7:00 P.M.)

FEBRUARY 4TH MEETING NOTES

The February meeting saw the participation of just a few members, around fifteen or so, at the Arlington shop.

We had a great showing for the Super Bowl ride to Dallas on February 3rd. Thirty-eight members started from Arlington, while 29 people started from the Bedford shop. We also had Scott with the sag wagon providing support. We got to the Spaghetti Warehouse early, and after lunch, headed back under cloudy skies and temperatures in the low 40's. It was a great day for riding.

Jim mentioned the Senior Games, to be held at Wichita Falls on June 1st and 2nd. We need your participation, especially for the female racers. We need you to show up and get a lot of medals!

We have an issue regarding the newsletter. We have lost our sponsorship covering the postage costs for a general mail-out every month. This will require several adjustments. The newsletter will be posted at the web site; several paper copies will be mailed to bike shops in the area, and to those few members that might not have web access readily available. Several copies will also be available at the next meeting, for pick up. The costs associated with mailing the newsletters have become too much for the club. Please let Andy know if these special circumstances will not work for you, and he will let you know how to solve the issue for you. Also, you should note that the newsletter is getting smaller.

The club will have a Category 4 female team this year. This is great news, as it will allow better results at the events where we participate. Most of the jerseys are gone and the reorder is not due till the second week in March, but we have skin-suits (\$100) and jackets (\$75) still available. Get in touch with Andy to purchase one.

A software developer approached Jim with an offer to provide samples of the hardware and software

needed for automating the timing and scoring at events (very similar to the system used for road-racing events). Several samples will be given to Jim to try out. At this time, we do not have details about the costs involved. More information will be available in the near future.

There will be a TXBRA race at the end of the month, at Pace Bend (some 25 miles west of Austin). The racecourse is a loop of around 9 to 10 miles, with nice roads and good support. Check the web site and The Forum for more information.

The Sunday afternoon ride is a great place to recover and share some time with your friends from the club. This is a 35-mile or so conversational ride, and you should not miss it.

Lago Vista is also coming up soon. This is a great event. The team has two rooms available, for Friday and Saturday, so, for information; go to The Forum at the web site, and check to see if there is still some room available.

With the return to Daylight Savings time, we will start a beginner's ride, at 6:00 PM, from the Bedford shop. This will be approximately 10 miles in length, and it is for the benefit of new customers of the shop. Volunteers are needed to lead this group. Please let Andy and Jim know if you plan to be a volunteer.

PUBLISHER'S NOTE:

One of the great, unsung heros of any organization is the newsletter editor. It's a hard job putting together worthwhile news for us every month. The newsletter is one of the most frequently visited pages on the website, so I know people read it. Next time you see Jerry - thank him for the work he puts in each and every month for our club.

GREAT DEAL FOR TEAM MEMBERS

Dr. Amy Kirsch-Talifero D.C. is offering a complimentary exam and first treatment for TBI members. Do not let a problem become worse by passing on this great offer. Call 817.577.9900 for an appointment today! This offer is good until 31-May-2002.

KNOW YOUR TEAM MEMBERS

These members are (from left to right) John, Oscar and our very own treasurer, Andy. They attend most of the rides, and always volunteer to help with our events.



RENEWALS

Send your check for \$35 (for new members) or \$85 (for members that need a new jersey), to Andy Hollinger, 836 Birdsong, Bedford, TX, 76201. Renew or join now, and enjoy all the benefits offered by the club!

TOM THUMB REWARDS

Use your reward card and tell them to activate in connection with Organization Number 8193 (MCW). A percentage of all your purchases will go into an account to help out the team. Therefore, shop at **Tom Thumb!**

ROY RESULTS FOR THE YEAR

We have a modified ROY (Rider of the Year) system for this year (as compared to previous years). Please note that there are no distinctions between female riders and male riders, for ROY points purposes.

Rider of the Year points are given to TBI riders who participate in organized riding activities. These points are assigned upon receipt of a results-message (telephone, note or e-mail) from the rider. Awards will be given at the end of the year for the Top 10 riders. To win, a rider must have actively supported each TBI sponsored Event. The point values are as follows:

Basic Point values:

A "Pay Ride," Rally, Club Special Event or USCF race: **1 point**.

Placing in a USCF race: **2 points**.

Competing in a TXBRA sanctioned USCF race: **2 points**.

Modifiers:

Being one of at least 4 TBI members in a USCF race in which a TBI racer places in Top 5: **1.5 points**.

Placing in a TXBRA sanctioned USCF race: **4 points**.

Being one of at least 4 TBI members in a TXBRA USCF race in which a TBI racer places in Top 8: **3 points**.

Participating in a "Pay Ride" or Rally in which at least 6 TBI members participate: **2 points**.

Participating in a "Pay Ride" or Rally in which at least 12 TBI members participate: **3 points**.

TBI also recognizes those who support bicycle racing by working at organized events. One point is awarded to each TBI member who supports an event for every 6 hours worked in that event.

Turn your monthly results in to Andy. Contact Andy Hollinger at 836 Birdsong, Bedford, TX, 76021, or at telephone number 817.282.7958.

These are the up-to-date results for the ROY points for this year (position, name, and points; equal points, equal position), as of January 2002:

ROY:

1. Nathan Larimer	3	2. Don Merritt	3
3. Robbie Merritt	3	4. Amy Matson	2
5. Andy Hollinger	2	6. Art Pacione	2
7. Glen Dyson	2	8. Jim Connally	2
9. Larry McCune	2	10. Mike Talifero	2
11. Bill Pamelee	2	12. Mike Reade	2
13. Chris Dow	1	14. Craig Hardin	1
15. Dana Dillard	1	16. Dave Hyland	1
17. Deanna Showalter	1	18. Dick Meish	1
19. Eddie Holsopple	1	20. Fran Booth	1
21. Jason Priakos	1	22. Joey Sparings	1
23. Larry Govers	1	24. Mike Filis	1
25. Pam Bates	1	26. Pat Stubbs	1
27. Ray Allen	1	28. Ricky Wilson	1
29. Tim Carter	1	30. Tom Hall	1
31. Wayne Alexander	1	32. Jerry Vargas	1

Member of the Year:

1. Jim Connally 3 2. Robbie Merritt 1

3. Dave Hyland 1

CLASSIFIEDS

TBi Team's clothing available! Give Andy a call at 817.282.7958.

New Membership or Renewal: \$35.

Jersey & Membership: \$85.

Second Jerseys: \$50

Shorts: \$50.

For classifieds, contact Jerry Vargas, 817.891.6823, or cjerryvargas@mac.com.

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Texas Bicycle Racing Association

www.txbra.org

Active - Event information and registration

www.active.com

North Texas Bicycling News

<http://www.bicycle-stuff.com/>

Track News

<http://www.superdrome.com> or

<http://clubs.yahoo.com/clubs/flyingdutchmanvelodrome>

Dallas Off-Road Bicycle Association (trail information) - www.dorba.org

CONTACTS - TBI SPONSORS

Bicycles Inc. - Bedford, TX. Corner of Brown Trail and Harwood. Call 817.268.6572. Also check out their shops in Ft. Worth, at 5039 Granbury Road, telephone 817.292.2911 and Arlington, at 1607 Bowen Road, and their telephone number is 817.461.5555. www.bicyclesinc.com

Specialized www.specialized.com

Aussie Apparel www.aussieapparel.com

Tom Thumb www.randalls.com

RIDING SCHEDULE

Saturday and Sunday Rides. From the Bedford shop at 9 AM. Training rides of 55 to 70 miles, intense and fast. Starts at 9:00 AM during the winter, and 8:00 AM during Daylight Savings Time.

Tuesday and Thursday Bedford Bicycles Inc. Ride starts at 6:00 PM during Daylight Savings Time. Located at Harwood and Brown Trail in Bedford. 817.268.6572. Training rides of 25 to 40 miles, intense and fast.

Tuesday and Thursday Night Ride Bedford Bicycles Inc. Ride starts at 5:30 PM during Standard Time. Located at Harwood and Brown Trail in Bedford. 817.268.6572. Training rides of 25-miles, steady and at a moderate pace.

Wednesday Arlington Bicycles, Inc. Ride starts at 6 PM during Daylight Savings Time. 1607 Bowen Road, Arlington. 817.461.5555. Moderate pace and distance.

RACING AND RIDING EVENTS

February 2002

Date: 23-Feb-02

Event: Weekend at Boernes Road Race

Where: Boerne, TX

Data: USCF categories. First race at 8:30 AM. Texas Cup Event.

Distance: From 85 miles for Pro/1/2 to 22 miles for Juniors and Cat 4 Women and Cat 5 Men.

Info: www.txbra.org/td2/wab/wab2.doc

Register: www.active.com

Name: Robert Kane

Phone: 210.930.6692

Email: rob@txbra.org

Date: 24-Feb-02

Event: Sam's Boat Pace Bend Road Race

Where: Pace Bend Park

Data: USCF categories. First race at 8:00 AM. Texas Cup Event.

Distance: From 80 miles for Pro/1/2 to 12.5 miles for Juniors 14 and under.

Info: www.uysinc.org/ph_pb_2002.doc

Register: www.active.com

Name: United Youth Sports

Phone:

Email: www.uysinc.org

March 2002

Date: 9-Mar-02

Event: La Primavera

Where: Lago Vista (North Austin), Texas

Data: USCF categories. First race at 8:30 AM. Texas Cup Event.

Distance: From 80 miles for Pro/1/2/3 to 20 miles for Cat 4 Women and Juniors.

Info:

<http://members.aol.com/theswanngroup/primavera.pdf>

Register: <http://www.bikereg.com>

Name: Don Hutchison

Phone: 512.441.0661

Email: thewanngroup@aol.com (Jay Swann)

Date: 10-Mar-02

Event: La Primavera

Where: Lago Vista (North Austin), Texas

Data: USCF categories. First race at 8:30 AM. Texas Cup Event.

Distance: From 80 miles for Pro/1/2/3 to 20 miles for Cat 4 Women and Juniors.

Info:

<http://members.aol.com/theswanngroup/primavera.pdf>

Register: <http://www.bikereg.com/>

Name: Don Hutchison

Phone: 512.441.0661

Email: thewanngroup@aol.com (Jay Swann)

Date: 23-Mar-02

Event: Fayetteville Stage Race

Where: Fayetteville, TX

Data: USCF categories. First race at 8:00 AM. Texas Cup Event.

Distance: From 60/6.2 miles for Pro/1/2 to 20/6.2 for Juniors under 15.

Info: <http://bmwalker.home.att.net/race>

Register: www.bikereg.com/races/

Name: Bonnie Walker

Phone: 512.340.6003

Email: bmwalker@att.net

Date: 23-Mar-02

Event: Steam-N-Wheels Bike race and Fun Ride

Where: Abilene, TX

Data: Age categories for women and men. Race starts at 10:00 AM.

Distance: From 48 miles for the race/fun tour and 32 and 19-mile fun rides.

Info: www.abilenetx.com

Register: N/A.

Name: City of Abilene Recreation Division

Phone: 915-676-6200

Email: abilene@abilenetx.com

Date: 24-Mar-02

Event: Fayetteville Stage Race

Where: Fayetteville, TX

Data: USCF categories. First race at 8:00 AM. Texas Cup Event.

Distance: From 93 miles for Pro/1/2 to 18 for Juniors under 15.

Info: <http://bmwalker.home.att.net/race>

Register: www.bikereg.com/races/

Name: Bonnie Walker

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Date: 24-Mar-02

Event: Flower Mountain Road Race

Where: Nacogdoches, TX

Data: N/A.

Distance: N/A.

Info: <http://race.bikeshopp.com>

Register: N/A.

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