

The Seat Post

The Newsletter of Team Bicycles, Inc.

SEPTEMBER 2002

Next Meeting at the Bicycles, Inc. Arlington store.

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

SEPTEMBER 9TH MEETING NOTES

The best part of the meeting was to see Mike Talifero attend with his daughter. In case you are not aware of the details, Mike had a bike accident, and broke his back. During his treatment, it was discovered that Mike has a tumor on the area around his spine. Mike is receiving treatment, and will continue to do so for the next few months. After his full recovery, Mike will be back riding and hammering hard. We are all looking forward to trying to avoid getting dropped while chasing him. We wish Amy and Mike the best of results, and we know that this situation will be taken care of very soon.

The team welcomes several new members. They are Kelly Orr, John Frankowski, and Richard Vincent. We are looking forward to see you at our training rides, tours and races.

Several of our members continue to get great results. Joey Sparings finished 6th overall at the Stage Race held in Anderson. Pam Bates won two women races in a row, and Don Merritt made it three-in-a-row during the Moritz Wednesday Criterium series. Congratulations to these members.

NOMINATIONS FOR CLUB OFFICERS

It is that time of the year, and our support is needed to complete the process of nominating and selecting the club officers for the upcoming year, and well as the awards for our members.

Member nominations need to be submitted, for voting to be held by the general membership, for final resolution, for next meeting. This will allow time to complete the process before the Christmas party in December.

The nominations for this year are summarized as follows:

Most Improved Rider: the nominees are Kolt Bates, Pam Bates, Steve Bates, Robbie Merritt, and Eric Reyes.

Most Valuable Member: the nominee is Lauren Schneider.

Lifetime Members: The nominees are Robbie Merritt, Don Merritt, and Wally Swanson.

Best New Rider (new category suggested by Dave Hyland, approved by majority vote): the nominees are Andrea Schneider, Amy Kirsch, and Steve Bates.

USCF Coordinator: Dave Hyland has accepted this position. Congratulations and thanks for the help.

The following officer positions are open for nominations (with actual member holding the position): **President (Jamie Connally), Treasurer (Andy Hollinger), Director (Art Pacione), Racing Directors (Nathan Larimer, Don Merritt), Newsletter (Jerry Vargas), Race Promoter (open).** Submit your nominations and votes to Andy Hollinger as soon as possible. Thanks for the support regarding these important issues.

HOT ISSUE: OLD JERSEYS, NEW JERSEYS

This was THE hot topic of discussion at the meeting, with plenty of opinions being voiced by our members. Several members would like to make changes to the design of the jersey and shorts. One reason is to allow easy identification of team members in the middle of the pack during races, or in a breakaway up the road. Also, as a means of identifying racers from the rest of the membership, including the option of having a different color or design for each group). It goes without saying that this turned into a vivid discussion, to say the least.

Every member was given one minute to express her or his opinion. This turned out to be a very productive exercise. Based on the responses, we could say that we have close to a fifty-fifty split. The design of the jersey is approximately 10 years old. Scott (Bicycles, Inc.) made us aware that having two different designs would be of negative consequences in the eyes of our main sponsor. This option could

be seen as a split between members, and that would not help the shops or the club.

At the end of the discussion, the following process was accepted as a means for resolution of this important issue: Andy has added an area to the web site where you can find patterns for the jersey and shorts. Use these patterns for a design that you will like (or no design change). Submit your designs to Art Pacione (pacione@attbi.com), our point-person for collecting the designs. The time period to submit designs will end January 1st, 2003. At that time, Andy will try to post on the web the different designs submitted. Ballots will be made available to team members, and a vote will be held to select the design of the jerseys and shorts.

We need your help to support the Lonestar ride, to benefit the fight against AIDS. The volunteers are needed to provide sag support during September 28th and 29th. Please contact Ray Allen for additional information.

Again, it was good to see Mike Talifero at the meeting, and we wish you a fast and complete recovery from his accident and illness.

NEW KELLER SHOP LOCATION

The new Bicycles, Inc. store located in Keller, TX, will be our gathering place for the meeting on Monday, August 5th, 2002, at 7:00 P.M. The store is located at the Keller Town Center, 101 Town Center Lane, Suite 109. In the southeast corner of Rufe Snow Drive and FM 1709 (MAPSCO 23M). Hope to see you there to enjoy the new facility. You will get to meet the manager (Rick) and Paul, Nolan and Dick and the rest of the staff.

KNOW YOUR TEAM MEMBERS

The following member is Mike Heskit. Mike is a very valuable member of the team, due to his participation at many events, but most importantly, for his ever presence as a volunteer for our races, meetings and events. And, when we need radio equipment, Mike is there to lend a hand. The club owes a great deal of gratitude to Mike for his "always yes" disposition.



MS150 TO THE BRAZOS

It is never too early to start planning. The 10th anniversary of the MS150 to The Brazos is just around the corner. Make your plans and check your calendar for this event to take place on September 28th and 29th. This two-day event is lots of fun and serves a great cause. Hope to see you all there.

FEMMETRY WEBSITE NOW UP

The <http://www.femmetry.org> website is now up. WOMEN'S CYCLING WEBSITE LAUNCHED: WWW.FEMMETRY.ORG Santa Cruz, California (August 23, 2002)

Women unite! www.Femmetry.org is coming at you. Feeling a smidgen of angst because of a first date coming up that will be taking place off road on single-track? Log onto www.Femmetry.org and talk it out with fellow female cyclists. Intimidated about going into a male-dominated bike shop. Again, your sister riders at www.Femmetry.org can help you prepare for the encounter. The website will feature a chat room that will go well beyond the usual technical questions and answers and delve into cycling's personal side. Sort of like hanging out with other women and talking about life-is-like-a-bike kind of stuff.

"I feel like there is so much empowerment that comes from women sharing their feelings and stories," says Christi Feeter-Stark, marketing director at Wylder. "With the Femmetry website, women can bitch and moan, offer advice, or just log in and see what other women cyclists are talking about." Moderating www.Femmetry.org will be Ginny Oyhenart, an expert class mountain bike racer, who lives in Virginia. Ginny is a big fan of women-specific bikes and components and has been cycling for four years and racing for two.

"I'm very excited about the Femmetry website," says Oyhenart. "The site will give women of all different cycling experiences a chance to chat about anything, really. I expect the conversations to be lively, fun, and informative. Log onto the Femmetry website at <http://www.Femmetry.org>.

Femmetry is a fresh, new philosophy that incorporates every aspect of the female anatomy into women's bicycle and component design and production.

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

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 point's 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 September 15, 2002:

Don Merritt	1	130.5
Mike Talifero	2	90.5
Chris Dow	3	87.5
Mike Reade	4	86.5
Andy Hollinger	5	78.5
Wayne Alexander	6	72.5
Tino Sonora	7	71
Jerry Vargas	8	69.5
Joey Spragins	9	63.5
Steve Bates	10	63.5
Craig Hardin	11	59
Fran Booth	12	58.5
Justin Bates	13	55
Thomas Fitzgerald	14	54
Zac Ford	15	51.5
Steve Covington	16	53.5
Randy Wallis	17	47.5
Eric Reyes	18	46
Jamie Connally	19	46
Barry Klunder	20	44
Nathan Larimer	21	43.5
John Woodson	22	43.5
Elvin Rogers	23	39.5
Kolt Bates	24	39
Pat Stubbs	25	37.5
Greg Kloesel	26	35.5
Pierre Kerkhof	27	35.5
Geoff Stout	28	35
Rodney Tayon	29	34.5
Brian Bordovsky	30	34
Kyle Miller	31	33.5
Mark Hargis	32	31.5
Tim Carter	33	29
Cole Bewley	34	27
Dean Wilkinson	35	26
Glenn Dyson	36	25
Ron Ennis	37	24.5
Ray Middleton	38	24
Robert McLamore	39	23
Eddie Holsopple	40	20
Ron Murtha	41	19
Thomas Anderson	42	17
John Brown	43	17
Lyle Strickland	44	15.5
Bill Parmelee	45	15

Ray Allen	46	15
Ray Brintle	47	15
Mike Fillis	48	15
Vincent Murphey	49	15
Mike Winfrey	50	14
Larry Govera	51	14
Steve Moore	52	14
Wally Swanson	53	14
Casey Gordon	54	13
Robert Lee	55	12.5
Jay Syvertson	56	12
Jason Moore	57	11
Dave Hyland	58	11
Roy Shockey	59	10
Jack Englant	60	10
Dan Driscoll	61	10
Mike Heskett	62	10
Nathan Beltz	63	9.5
Larry McCune	64	9
Andrew Jackson	65	9
Art Rodriguez	66	9
Richard Velasquez	67	9
Jason Priakos	68	8.5
Oscar Fimbres	69	8
Dale Young	70	7.5
Nolan Brett	71	7.5
Kyle Simpson	72	6.5
Jason Rodriguez	73	6.5
Jerry Murphy	74	6
Gary Beavers	75	6
Jeff Englant	76	5
Art Pacione	77	5
Damian Chavarria	78	4.5
Scott Eager	79	4.5
Larry Price	80	4
Bill Sharp	81	3
Emerson Tongco	82	3
Joe Bruno	83	3
Ricky Wray Wilson	84	3
Bill Hadley	85	3
Justin Wellborn	86	2
Rich Miller	87	2
Billy Mason	88	1
Dana Dillard	89	1
Dick Meisch	90	1
Matt Sauls	91	1
Matt Cox	92	1
Tom Hall	93	1

Female ROY riders		
Robbie Merritt	1	115
Pam Bates	2	66
Deanna Showalter	3	60
Amy Kirsch	4	40
Lauren Schneider	5	6
Andrea Schneider	6	8
Amy Matson	7	3
Nichole Beck	8	2
Julie Bryant	9	2
Riding Participation		1155
Member of the Year		
Lauren Schneider	1	47
Jamie Connally	2	36
Becky Middleton	3	35

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: \$40.

For classifieds, contact Jerry Vargas, 817.975.6823, or cjerryvargas@mac.com.

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Active - Event information and registration
www.active.com

North Texas Bicycling News
www.bicycle-stuff.com/

Track News
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 Keller Bicycles Inc. Ride starts at 6:00 PM during Daylight Savings Time. Located at Keller Town Center, corner of Rufe Snow and Keller Parkway, in Keller. 817.379.2453. Training

rides of 25 to 30 miles, moderate intensity and always getting faster.

Wednesday Beginners Ride Bedford Bicycles Inc. Ride starts at 6:00 PM during Daylight Savings Time. Moderate-pace and a distance of approximately 10 miles. This is designated as a beginner's ride. Volunteers to be ride-leaders are needed.

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

September 2002

Date: 20-Sep-02
Event: Grand Prairie Grand Prix USCF Time Trials
Where: Lynn Creek Park, Grand Prairie, TX
Data: Racers will start at 5:45 PM. Cash payouts for top finishers. Free dinner for all racers. USCF categories for Women and Men, as well as Open category.
Distance: N/A.
Info: 900 Conover Drive, Grand Prairie, TX, 75051
Register: www.runnertriathletenews.com
Name: Grand Prairie Grand Prix
Phone: 972.264.1558 or 800.288.8FUN
Email: N/A.

Date: 21-Sep-02
Event: 15th Annual Southwestern Bell Grand Prairie Grand Prix Tour
Where: Lynn Creek Park, Grand Prairie, TX
Data: Rides start at 8:30 AM (100k). Late registration and packet pick-up starts at 6:00 AM.
Distance: Route distances of 25k, 50k, 75k, and 100k.
Info: 900 Conover Drive, Grand Prairie, TX, 75051
Register: www.runnertriathletenews.com
Name: Grand Prairie Grand Prix
Phone: 972.264.1558 or 800.288.8FUN
Email: N/A.

Date: 21-Sep-02 to 22-Sep-02
Event: Fort Davis Cyclefest
Where: Fort Davis, TX
Data: Bike Tour and Mountain Climb.
Distance: Route distances of 10, 25, 50, and 75 miles (tour) and 1.5 or 7 miles mountain climb.
Info: <http://www.peytonbikes.com/>
Register: N/A.
Name: Permian Basin Bicycle Association.
Phone: 915.699.1718 or 800.373.4764.
Email: N/A.

Date: 22-Sep-02
Event: SeaCoast Century
Where: Hampton Beach, NH
Data: N/A.
Distance: N/A.
Info: <http://www.leukemia-lymphoma.org/> and also at <http://www.teamintraining.org/>
Register: N/A.
Name: The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Team In Training
Phone: 972.239.0959 ext. 218 and ext. 219, or 800.800.6702.
Email: tnt@tx-no.leukemia-lymphoma.org

Date: 28-Sep-02
Event: 18th Annual Skittles Waco Wild West Century
Where: Indian Spring Park, Waco, TX
Data: Tour rides start at 8:00 AM.
Distance: Route distances of 10, 25, 50, 62, and 100 miles.
Info: <http://www.wacobicycleclub.org/>
Register: N/A.
Name: Waco Bicycle Club
Phone: 1.888.791.WWWC.
Email: wacowildwest@aol.com

October 2002

Date: 5-Oct-02
Event: 16th Annual Autumn in Bonham Road Bike Rally Combo
Where: Bonham, TX
Data: N/A.
Distance: Route distances of 11, 29, 39, 46, and 68 miles.
Info: N/A.
Register: 110 E. First Street, Bonham, TX, 75418.

Name: The Bonham Area Chamber of Commerce.
Phone: N/A.
Email: N/A/

Date: 5-Oct-02
Event: 11th Annual Pineywoods Purgatory Bicycle Ride
Where: Lufkin, TX
Data: N/A.
Distance: Route distances of 25, 52, 72, and 102 miles.
Info: <http://www.pineywoodspurgatory.com/>
Register: Event online registration available at the URL <http://www.pineywoodspurgatory.com/> or Pineywoods Purgatory, P.O. Box 161, Lufkin, TX, 75902.
Name: Jason Camp.
Phone: 936.632.4155 or 936.639.0979.
Email: N/A.

Date: 5-Oct-02
Event: 2002 Williams 100k Bike Ride
Where: Sam Houston Race Park, Houston, TX
Data: This is a fundraising event geared towards cyclists who are interested in helping The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The event starts at 7:00 AM.
Distance: Route distance is 62.5 miles, from Houston to Kemah, Texas. The finish is at the Kemah Boardwalk.
Info: http://www.leukemia-lymphoma.org/all_cal_detail.adp?item_id=70685.
Register: Event online registration available at the URL <http://www.hpdrelayteam.org/classic.htm>.
Name: Yvette Howard.
Phone: 713.680.8088.
Email: howardy@tx-gul.leukemia-lymphoma.org.

Date: 12-Oct-02
Event: Tour de Fire Ant
Where: Marshall, TX
Data: Ride starts at 8:00 AM.
Distance: Route distances of 10, 30, 45, and 62 miles.
Info: N/A.
Register: Tour de Fire Ant, P.O. Box 520, Marshall, TX, 75671.
Name: Fire Ant Festival.
Phone: N/A.
Email: N/A.