

December 2002

Date: 7-Dec-02
Event: Mission to Mission "Wheels for Meals"
Family Bike Ride Tour
Where: San Antonio, TX
Data: Ride starts at 10:00 AM at the Mission
County Park, in San Antonio.
Distance: N/A.
Info: <http://www.teamcure.org/>
Register: N/A.
Name: Rotary Club of San Antonio.
Phone: N/A.
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USCF - USA Cycling
www.usacycling.org

Texas Bicycle Racing Association
www.txbra.org

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

November 2002

Date: 23-Dec-02
Event: 20th Annual Turkey Roll
Where: Denton County Fairgrounds, Denton, TX
Data: Ride starts at 9:00 AM.
Distance: Route distances of 23, 35, and 63 miles.
Info: N/A.
Register: 1700 North Elm, Denton, TX, 76201.
Name: Denton Breakfast Kiwanis.
Phone: 940.387.9314.
Email: N/A/

Cole Bewley	33	31.5
Dean Wilkinson	34	31
Tim Carter	35	29
Glenn Dyson	36	25
Ron Ennis	37	24.5
Ray Middleton	38	24
Robert McLamore	39	23
Ron Murtha	40	21
Eddie Holsopple	41	20
Thomas Anderson	42	20
John Brown	43	19
Mike Fillis	44	16
Steve Moore	45	16
Casey Gordon	46	16
Lyle Strickland	47	15.5
Bill Parmelee	48	15
Ray Allen	49	15
Ray Brintle	50	15
Vincent Murphey	51	15
Mike Winfrey	52	14
Larry Govera	53	14
Wally Swanson	54	14
Robert Lee	55	12.5
Jay Syvertson	56	12
Jason Moore	57	11
Dave Hyland	58	11
Mike Heskett	59	11
Larry McCune	60	11
Roy Shockey	61	10
Jack Englant	62	10
Dan Driscoll	63	10
Andrew Jackson	64	10
Richard Velasquez	65	10
Nathan Beltz	66	9.5
Art Rodriguez	67	9
Jason Priakos	68	8.5
Jason Rodriguez	69	8.5
Scott Eager	70	8.5
Oscar Fimbres	71	8
Dale Young	72	7.5
Nolan Brett	73	7.5
Kyle Simpson	74	7.5
Larry Price	75	7
Jerry Murphy	76	6
Gary Beavers	77	6
Ricky Wray Wilson	78	6
Damian Chavarria	79	5.5
Jeff Englant	80	5
Art Pacione	81	5
Bill Sharp	82	3
Emerson Tongco	83	3

Joe Bruno	84	3
Bill Hadley	85	3
John Blakely	86	3
Justin Wellborn	87	2
Rich Miller	88	2
Richard Vincent	89	2
Billy Mason	90	1
Dana Dillard	91	1
Dick Meisch	92	1
Matt Sauls	93	1
Matt Cox	94	1
John Hazard	95	1
Tom Hall	96	1
Female ROY riders		
Robbie Merritt	1	127.5
Pam Bates	2	80
Deanna Showalter	3	68
Amy Kirsch	4	40
Andrea Schneider	5	17
Lauren Schneider	6	6
Amy Matson	7	3
Nichole Beck	8	2
Julie Bryant	9	2
Riding Participation		
		1265
Member of the Year		
Lauren Schneider	1	52
Becky Middleton	2	40
Jamie Connally	3	39

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.

Roof Rack for Sale. Debbie Freeze has a roof rack and windscreen, for cars/trucks with gutters, for sale. She will sell it for \$100. Contact her at D.Freeze@hotmail.com.

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

CONTACTS

Team Bicycles Inc. Website

<http://www.teambicyclesinc.org>

Jamie Connally – TBI President

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.

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 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 October 5, 2002:

Male ROY riders		
Don Merritt	1	155.5
Chris Dow	2	103.5
Mike Reade	3	102
Tino Sonora	4	94
Mike Talifero	5	90.5
Andy Hollinger	6	86
Jerry Vargas	7	76.5
Joey Spragins	8	75.5
Wayne Alexander	9	75
Steve Bates	10	72.5
Justin Bates	11	60
Thomas Fitzgerald	12	60
Craig Hardin	13	59
Fran Booth	14	58.5
Steve Covington	15	56
Zac Ford	16	55.5
Jamie Connally	17	53
Eric Reyes	18	50
John Woodson	19	50
Randy Wallis	20	48.5
Kolt Bates	21	47
Barry Klunder	22	44
Nathan Larimer	23	43.5
Brian Bordovsky	24	40
Elvin Rogers	25	41.5
Greg Kloesel	26	39.5
Mark Hargis	27	38.5
Pat Stubbs	28	37.5
Rodney Tayon	29	37.5
Pierre Kerkhof	30	35.5
Geoff Stout	31	35
Kyle Miller	32	33.5

with George Haggerty so we will find out more at that time.

If you missed the meeting you also missed the cookies Lauren baked for us to consume. Mike Reade could not stay away from them as he is beginning his winter fat storing program.

We announced our continuing financial and racing support of the UTA collegiate racing team, and they will have the TBI logo on their jerseys and their team members will race for TBI in USCF events when ever possible.

LOUISIANA STATE SENIORS GAMES – BY JAMIE CONNALLY

Dean Wilkinson and myself went to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to race in the LA State Seniors Games Championship. It was my last chance to qualify for a spot at the Nationals next year in Virginia. Dean and I were previously qualified for the National time trials and he was qualified for the Nationals Road races so he went with me to help me get qualified for the road races also.

I had to finish 1st or 2nd overall to qualify in the 20K and 40K. I blew the finish of the 40K Road Race on Saturday (got gapped on the last serious climb and had to chase for 2 miles solo, and Dean lost track of me in the pack).

I caught the pack at 200 meters to go and went through them to the final uphill turn to the finish, but was not able to sprint, and finished 4th, 2 guys from LA were just ahead of me and Dean went ahead and got 3rd when I drug myself to the line.

On Sunday Dean finished 2nd in the 10K TT and 1st in the 5K TT (congratulations), while I sat them out to put all my efforts in to the final 20k Road Race.

With 500 meters from the finish, into a strong head wind, there was a crash and I reacted by jumping for the finish and lead until 10 meters from the line when 1 guy from LA got around me but I got 2nd and qualified for the 20K road race at the Nationals. Unfortunately, Dean was caught up in the crash and went down and broke his scapula and dislocated his A/C joint. He was driven from the crash back to the start line by the SAG wagon, so he took a DNF but he still gets his ROY points. We took him to a local hospital and got him patched and then I drove us straight home from there. He is at home and is OK, just a little sore but should be back on the bike reasonably soon.

Final score: TBI got 1 National qualifier, 4 medals and a slightly broken racer from 6 entries in 4 races. Plus I got to preach the gospel according to Jim to the guys in Louisiana about TBI and got a few nibbles about picking up more members from out of town. I took the club video camera and they used it to tape the finishes and it sure came in handy as they had no way to get results from a pack sprint without it. It was a lot of effort and time but we did get the message to the guys from LA that the Texas racers, especially those from TBI, are here to race.

I think I am going to drop out for a while and think about getting fat again this winter. I have lots of work to do at home that got put off all season!

NOMINATIONS FOR CLUB OFFICERS

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.

AWARD ELECTIONS

The website has been updated with a link to allow our TBI members to submit the votes for the Awards. Visit www.teambicyclesinc.org to vote, before the end of October.

This gives the opportunity to vote for several of fellow members and recognize their progress and effort in cycling and on behalf of the team.

The nominations for this year are summarized as follows:

Most Improved Rider: the nominees are Kolt Bates, Pam Bates, John Woodson, Zac Ford, Andrew Jackson, 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: the nominees are Andrea Schneider, Amy Kirsch, Pam Bates and Steve Bates.

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

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Next Meeting at the Bicycles, Inc. Bedford store.

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

KNOW YOUR TEAM MEMBERS

There are so many words that could be used to describe the "do-or-die" attitude of the following team member. Pam Bates is the newly crowned double Texas State Road Race Champion, for Category 4 Women and 35+ Master Women. This was accomplished after having chased every single weekend for the previous month, and each time she got back on her bike and finished the events. And this was her first year of racing! It is going to be a very long winter for her competitors!



OCTOBER 7TH MEETING NOTES

The meeting was held at the Arlington store, with good participation from our members. Very important issues were discussed, and these coming months will require several important and critical decisions from our membership.

Jamie asked for help in deciding what events to promote next year, as the TXBRA meeting is December 7th in Houston, and we have to have a schedule and an outline of our events, dates, format and basics. Possible events include a Road Race in Mineral Wells (2 day event), a mass start Road Race in Copperas Cove, when to do the Top Gun race, and deciding about hosting the State Time Trials again, etc.

We are looking into setting up TBI as a charity-based organization, to allow us to attract a wider base of sponsors and to give us a way of helping out the community also. Considered a club ride to either Cooks Children's Hospital or Toys for Tots. We would have to organize our club in a more business-like manner, and would wind up giving away a percentage of our revenue to selected charities.

In yet another show of total commitment to the team and club, Don Merritt was sporting a new "permanent" tattoo on his left calf, and it is the TBI logo. Jamie announced that he would dedicate more effort, for the next 2 years, towards getting more TBI women racers to work with Pam Bates. Now that our team has gotten a large and fearsome Masters and Seniors Games racing team, we can concentrate in doing the same for our female members.

We asked for suggestions as to the venue for our December meeting and awards banquet, and it looks like we will still be at last year's location but maybe in a larger room up front.

Michael Talifero is still in chemotherapy (he is about 1/2 way through it), and it is our hope that the results are going to be a 100% recovery. He is a bit tired, and is at home and welcomes visitors at 601 Steeplechase in Bedford, and calls at (817) 577-9900. He is planning for the future as a TBI racer again, and is working towards getting his certification as a USCF coach. He is going to be great at it (and like we have always done, TBI will pay for any member's second USCF license such as Referee, Coach, Mechanic, etc.).

Becky Middleton informed us this week with the news that her referee clinic was postponed until after the TXBRA meeting in December, as there are going to be some serious changes in the USCF and its local organization concerning referees. The new director for the USCF will be at the TXBRA meeting