

The Seat Post

Next Meeting and Christmas Party at Ryan's Steak House.

(ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, 2002, AT 7:00 P.M. BRING YOUR SPOUCES AND KIDS.)

KNOW YOUR TEAM MEMBERS

There are many members who continue to support our club time after time, always present for the events that TBI supports. One such member is Mark Hargis. He can be found at most rallies and bicycle tours in the area. Next time you see him, remember he is another long-term member of our team, and a good cyclist to ride with even if he does do dirt bike riding in the winter.



NOVEMBER 4TH MEETING NOTES

The meeting was held at the Bedford store, with a very good crowd showing up. Several announcements were made by Andy and Jamie, including news about new sponsors.

We were joined by Laurie and Chris, from the Smoothie King store in Hurst. They represented our newest sponsor, Smoothie King. They have a great product (samples were given to all in attendance), and their store also provides a large assortment of vitamins, health food, nutrition supplements, and related products. They are offering a 15% discount for TBI members (as long as your membership is in good standing, meaning, dues are paid in full). They are located at Pipeline Road, by the Northeast Mall, across

from Ultimate Electronics. Please give them a visit and enjoy their products, and take advantage of the discount offered to TBI.

Andy announced that Specialized is coming back as a sponsor of the team. We need to thanks Scott for the relationship with Specialized, that has helped secure their sponsorship.

Don Merritt continued to accumulate success after success, by becoming the TXBRA Men's Champion, for the Masters 45+ category. Congratulations to Don, as he earned this distinction with a lot of hard work and determination. It was a long season, and Don prevailed due to pure guts and sweat.

We talked about the upcoming racing season for 2003, and our involvement with TXBRA. More specifically, the date of the Top Gun Criterium, the Sunday after the Victory Circle Race. Should we continue with this setup? Should we hold our race on Saturday, in order to maximize exposure to more racers (and not to lose money as we did last year). Comments ??

We are considering running a race at Mineral Wells, perhaps during the Spring or during the Summer, or even Fall. Granbury is also a possibility, as the city has shown interest. Mike Reade will continue to look into this possible event. Because we will need many volunteers to support this event(s), we might have a mass start-type of race, perhaps we just a couple of categories, to make it more manageable for the team.

George Heagerty, USCF Coordinator, is moving to Colorado. TXBRA will take over the responsibilities of the Coordinator, for the USCF, in behalf of the members. Annual meeting is Dec. 7th in Houston.

There is a new Forum online, thanks to Andy. This new Forum requires registration, which will allow for certain level of privacy for TBI members.

Pierre presented training materials for the members, with copies distributed to all who wanted them. Pierre still had some openings for his training program. For more information, please get in touch with Pierre (use the Forum to get in touch with him).

The Tuesday and Thursday night rides with Nick are back! Riders meet at Bicycles, Inc., in Bedford, at 5:30 PM. The ride is approximately 34 miles in length, and front and rear lights ARE REQUIRED. The winter garage spin training sessions at Andy's are on. Warm-up between 6:00 and 6:30 PM, spin for one (1) hour, and have fun.

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 (n our jersey) 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 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 **final** results for the ROY points for this year (position, name, and points; equal points, equal position), as of **November 1st**, 2002:

Final ROY Points 2002:

Female Riders:

1. . Robbie Merritt	137.5	2 Pam Bates	82
3. Deanna Showalter	71	4. Amy Kirsch	40
5. Andrea Schneider	17	6. Lauren Schneider	6
7. Amy Matson	3	8. Nichole Beck	2
9. Julie Bryant	2		

Male Riders:

1. Don Merritt	174.5	2. Tino Sonora	108
3. Chris Dow	103.5	4. Mike Reade	102
5. Mike Talifero	90.5	6. Andy Hollinger	86
7. Wayne Alexander	77	8. Jerry Vargas	76.5
9. Steve Bates	76.5	10. Joey Spragins	75.5
11. Tom Fitzgerald	67	12. Francis Booth	65.5
13. Justin Bates	62	14. Craig Hardin	59

15. Steve Covington	56	16. Zac Ford	55.5
17. Jamie Connally	55	18. John Woodson	54
19. Eric Reyes	50	20. Kolt Bates	49
21. Randy Wallis	48.5	22. Barry Klunder	44
23. Nathan Larimer	43.5	24. Elvin Rodgers	41.5
25. Brian Bordovsky	40	26. Greg Koesel	39.5
27. Mark Hargis	38.5	28. Patt Stubbs	37.5
29. Rodney Tayon	37.5	30. Pierre Kerkhof	35.5
31. Geoff Stout	35	32. Dean Wilkinson	35
33. Kyle Miller	33.5	34. Cole Bewley	31.5
35. Tim Carter	29	36. Glen Dyson	25
37. Ron Ennis	24.5	38. Ray Middleton	24
39. Rob McLamore	23	40. Ron Murtha	22
41. Eddie Holsopple	20	42. Thomas Anderson	20
43. John Brown	19	44. Dan Driscoll	19
45. Mike Filis	16	46. Steve Moore	16
47. Casey Gordon	16	48. Ray Allen	16
49. Lyle Strickland	15.5	50. Bill Parmelee	15
51. Ray Brintle	15	52. Vincent Murphy	15
53. Mike Winfrey	14	54. Larry Govera	14
55. Wally Swanson	14	56. Robert Lee	12.5
57. Jason Rodriguez	12.5	58. Jay Syvertson	12
59. Jason Moore	11	60. Dave Hyland	11
61. Mike Heskett	11	62. Larry McCune	11
63. Roy Shockey	11	64. Jack Englant	10
65. Andrew Jackson	10	66. Richard Velazquez	10
67. Nathan Beltz	9.5	68. Damian Chevarria	9.5
69. Art Rodriguez	9	70. Jason Priakos	8.5
71. Scott Eager	8.5	72. Oscar Fimbres	8
73. Dale Young	7.5	74. Nolan Brett	7.5
75. Kyle Simpson	7.5	76. Larry Price	7
77. Jerry Murphy	6	78. Gary Beavers	6
79. Ricky Wilson	6	80. Jeff Englant	5
81. Art Pacione	5	82. John Blakely	4
83. Bill Sharp	3	84. Emerson Tongco	3
85. Joe Bruno	3	86. Bill Hadley	3
87. Justin Wellborn	2	88. Rich Miller	2
89. Richard Vincent	2	90. Billy Mason	1
91. Dana Dillard	1	92. Dick Meisch	1
93. Matt Sauls	1	94. Matt Cox	1
95. John Hazzard	1	96. Tom Hall	1

Member of the Year:

1. Lauren Schneider	52	2. Becky Middleton	41
3. Jamie Connally	41	4. Robbie Merritt	9
5. Don Merritt	8	6. Billy Mason	8
7. Mike Heskett	8	8. Andy Hollinger	7
9. Jerry Vargas	7	10. Randy Wallis	7
11. Ron Ennis	7	12. Ray Middleton	6
13. Ray Allen	6	14. Deanna Showalter	5
15. Emerson Tongco	5	16. Roy Shockey	4
17. Oscar Fimbres	4	18. Francis Booth	4
19. Mike Filis	3	20. Barry Klunder	3
21. John Brown	3	22. Mike Reade	2
23. Dave Hyland	2	24. Pam Bates	2
25. Steve Bates	2	26. Kolt Bates	2

27. Justin Bates	2	28. Nathan Larimer	2
29. Chris Dow	1	30. Amy Kirsch	1
31. Amy Matson	1	32. Cole Bewley	1
33. Art Pacione	2	34. Jay Syvertson	1
35. Linda Margraf	1	36. Mike Talifero	1
37. Nathan Beltz	1	38. Rodney Tayon	1
39. Mark Hargis	1	40. Richard Velazquez	1
41. Andrea Schneider	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: \$40.

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

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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>
[e](http://www.superdrome.com/)

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, Arlington, at 1607 Bowen Road - their telephone number is 817-461-5555 and in Keller - 101 Town Center Ln. - phone number: 817.379.2453 .
<http://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 Arlington and Bedford shops. Training rides of 55 to 70 miles, less intense in winter. Starts at 9:00 AM during the winter, and 8:00 AM during Daylight Savings Time. Also at 2:00 PM on Sundays from the Bedford shop there is a "conversational" ride for everyone, distance is usually in the 35 mile range.

Tuesday and Thursday Bedford and Keller Bicycles Inc. No rides during winter months at 6:00 PM.

See night ride listings.

Wednesday Beginners Ride Bedford Bicycles Inc. No rides during winter months at 6:00 PM.

See Tuesday and Thursday Night Ride listings.

Tuesday and Thursday Night Ride Bedford and Keller Bicycles Inc. Rides start at 5:30 PM during Standard Time. Located at Harwood and Brown Trail in Bedford 817.268.6572 and at 101 Town Center (Off FM 1709 and Bear Creek Pkwy) in Keller . 817.379.2453 Training rides of 25-35 miles, steady

and at a moderate pace. **Lights are an absolute requirement.**

Wednesday Arlington Bicycles, Inc. No rides during the winter months on Wed. but **Indoor wind trainer sessions are offered beginning at 7:00 PM 817.461.5555.**

RACING AND RIDING EVENTS**November 2002**

Date: 23-Nov-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/

Date: 29-Nov-02
Event: Traditional Post-Turkey Day Ride
Where: Hood County Court House, Granbury, TX
Data: Ride starts at 9:00 AM. Lead by Mike Reade.
Distance: Route distances of 50-80 miles. Pace of 18 mph, regroup as needed. No-one dropped !!!
Info: See flyer on website : Teambicyclesinc.org
Register: Not required, everyone invited for free.
Name: Team Bicycles Inc.
Phone: Mike Reade at 817 279-9210 Home No. or 817.235.5905 Cell No. on day of ride if you get lost.

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, Mission County Park

Distance: N/A.

Info: <http://www.teamcure.org/>

Promoter: Rotary Club of San Antonio