



Take the Lane

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New Mexico Touring Society



Green multi day rides

Red added this week

4 Rides added this week

17 Aug (Thu) Frost Road Frenzy

(Original). All paced, moderate hills, 33 miles, starting at 8 AM from the Smiths on Tramway. This ride will start at Smith's on Tramway, head East on RT66(NM-333) to Old Sedillo Hill Road, then on to Meadow, Vallecitos and Frost Road to the Triangle. After a rest stop at the Convenience Store,



riders will take NM-337N(NM14) back to RT66(NM-333) and Smith's. A cue sheet is available in the Route Library. Depending on the wishes of the group, we may also opt to add an earlier rest stop at Zuzax and some climbing from the Triangle. It's supposed to be a hot day so riding in the East Mountains should be a little cooler than the City. Cindy Sommers, 505-681-6756.

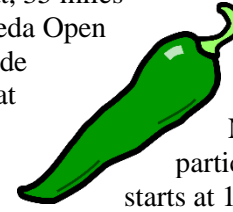
19 Aug (Sat) NM Law Enforcement

Memorial Ride. All paced, Moderate hills, 64 miles, starting at 7:30 AM from Roma Ave. The New Mexico Law Enforcement Memorial Ride is a fully supported bicycle ride beginning in Downtown Albuquerque, NM on August 19, 2017, and travels north 100 kilometers (64 miles) via NM HWY 14 to the NM



State Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Santa Fe, NM. The Memorial Ride pays tribute to all fallen Law Enforcement Officers in New Mexico and passes six locations where seven Officers were killed in the line of duty. Though the journey is not an easy one, each mile is a reminder of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their community. With your bib you will receive lunch and a complimentary ride (first 100 registrants) with your bicycle back to Albuquerque courtesy of the NM Rail Runner Express! A 30 kilometer ride will be an optional route to those wishing to participate in the event. The 30K will start at the same location and time as the 100K ride. It will finish at the James McGrane East Mountain Memorial Substation (48 Public Road, Tijeras, NM). Breakfast burritos donated by Golden Pride and other small snacks will be provided. There will be limited transportation back to the start for those who choose the 30K option. Personal transportation highly recommended. To register go to <http://www.active.com/albuquerque-nm/cycling/races/new-mexico-law-enforcement-memorial-ride-2017>. 100K is \$60, 30K is \$40. Please text or email ride leader to RSVP so I don't miss signing up anyone on ride day. John Gillett, 505-280-7612.

19 Aug (Sat) Chile Festival Ride. 14 mph paced, flat, 35 miles the Alameda Open Sunday ride stopping at the Center to there. It participate. Ed Kjeldgaard, 505-268-8835.



26 Aug (Sat) El Malpais . All paced, minor hills, 59 miles, starting at 9 AM. Meet at the intersection of NM 117 and I-40, which is exit 89, just east of Grants, NM. Park at the gas station/convenience store, away



from customer parking. The ride heads south on NM 117, along the eastern edge of the El Malpais lava beds. This is a two-lane road, but the pavement is good and there is very little traffic. At mile 18, we will stop and take a break at La Ventana natural arch, which is the largest in the state. Riders can turn around here for 36 miles round trip, or continue on to Lava Falls for a round-trip distance of 59 miles. This ride is has a gentle climb on the way out to La Ventana, but no significant hills. The scenery is fantastic, with wonderful views over the lava beds to the west and the steep cliffs of mesas to the east. Carpool from the Old Town parking lot on the west side of 20th St. just north of Mountain Road, leaving no later than 7:45 AM. There are restrooms at La Ventana, but no water or other services along the route. Bill Thompson, 505-299-0302.

19 Aug (Sat) Napoli Coffee with Optional Climbs.

All paced, moderate hills, 40 miles, starting at 7:30 AM from Napoli Coffee. Once again, I'm offering the tried and true Napoli Coffee ride. However, this time,



in addition to the basic 40-mile ride, riders are encouraged to do some climbing of their choosing, off Tramway or even La Luz. You'll

just need to text me at 505-681-6756 with your extra mileage. The basic route is the same. You can find the cue sheet in the Route Library. This is not a stay together ride but sub-groups and looking out for each other is encouraged and expected. This ride will not be swept. We'll be starting at 7:30 a.m. to get a jump on the heat. So if you're looking for an in-town ride with some climbing, I hope you'll join me. Cindy Sommers, 505-681-6756.

26-27 Aug (Sat/Sun) Bike MS Pedal Los Pueblos.

I have formed a New Mexico Touring Society Team, beginning in 1996, to raise funds for my favorite health-related charity, the National Multiple



Sclerosis Society. This is the 36th year that the Rio Grande chapter of the NMSS has sponsored such a ride and the 23rd year that I have participated. (I had planned to do the ride last year, but broke my hip on an NMSS club ride

on July 31, 2016.) The ride goes through picturesque small communities in northern New Mexico, including five pueblos. The Puye Cliff Dwellings part of the ride is particularly beautiful. The ride is well supported with bike mechanics, paramedics, ham radio volunteers, SAG wagons, rest stops with snacks and water every 10-12 miles, breakfast and lunch both days, and dinner Saturday. The ride starts each day at 7 am from Buffalo Thunder Resort & Casino in Pojoaque. Day 1 includes three ride lengths: 40, 65, or 96 miles. Day 2 includes two ride length options: 45 or 51 miles. Route maps and details can be found at to the event web site, http://main.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR/Bike/TXHBikeEvents?pg=entry&fr_id=28934 . Multiple sclerosis is a disease of the central nervous system that causes an array of sensory and physical difficulties (poor balance, vision problems, fatigue, poor tolerance to heat, and paralysis). After I began doing the ride, I was surprised to find out how many colleagues or friends have or know someone with MS and also that some individuals with MS actually do the ride. The funds raised through MS events (cycling and walking) are mostly used for research to find a cure for MS. The registration fee is \$45; the minimum fundraising is \$250. I will donate \$50 towards the fundraising of each individual member of the New Mexico Touring Society Team. To join our team or donate to our fundraising, see our team page, http://main.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR/Bike/TXHBikeEvents?team_id=528482&pg=team&fr_id=28934).

1 Sep (Fri) Rides Around Seattle. On August 31. I plan to be in Seattle and spend 11 to 12 days riding my old routes. The RAS (Rides Around Seattle) can be



very interesting, scenic and challenging. All rides will start and end at Log Boom Park in Kenmore so here is what I have in mind:

1. Ride Around

Lake Washington. The Burke Gilman Trail will take us around the lake, almost.

2. Ride around Lake Sammamish. This ride takes us east along the Sammamish River Slough where we might see some bald eagles.

3. Snohomish Loop. The route will take us north to the town of Snohomish which is very well known for its antique stores.

4. Other Rides. The Cascade Bicycle Club (cascade.org) has daily free rides that we could also join. One that I am particularly interested in is a ride that would take into the downtown area and along the waterfront and the fringes of China Town.

Riding possibilities are endless and we can pick and choose from the offerings of the CBC. The plan is to do all rides early in the morning to allow afternoon sightseeing. Now for the travel details. I plan on driving up so that Kathy can come too as well as to be able to take my bike. Each one who comes will be responsible for their own transportation and accommodation. There are a number of hotels near Kenmore, Bothell and Woodinville, both within about 5 to 8 miles from the starting point. I hope to find an AirBandB in Kenmore. Since each one of us will take care of our own travel and accommodations, we can stay as long as we want or leave early. Kathy has already informed me that we will be taking some side trips including Victoria, BC (Buchart Gardens) and some parks in Utah on the return drive. Please let me know if you are interested or have any questions. Saul Segura, 206-999-0519 or slsegura671@gmail.com

2 Sep (Sat) Labor Day Weekend Oak Flat Picnic Ride.

All paced, moderate hills, 34 miles, starting at 9 AM from Smiths near Tramway. Join us for a scenic ride along NM 333 (Old Rt. 66) and then south

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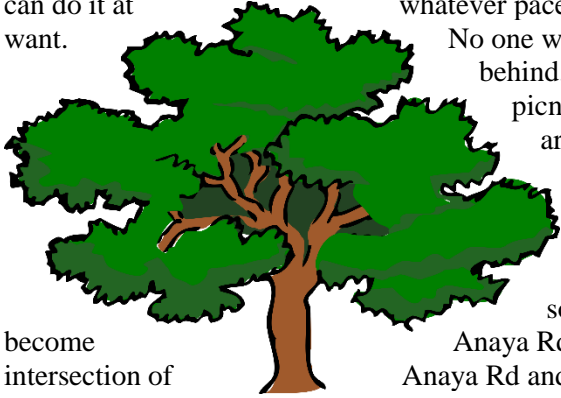


on NM 337 (Old Hwy 14) to Oak Flat picnic area. We have the Yucca picnic site reserved, which has plenty of tables to relax, eat, drink, and visit. There is a shelter to provide

shade and Forest Service restroom facilities. We will provide sandwiches, fruit & snacks, and desserts. The picnic is open to all NMTS members; anyone who chooses not to ride can still drive up to the Oak Flats picnic area and join in the fun. The picnic will start at 10:30 AM. PLEASE RSVP, NO LATER THAN MONDAY, AUGUST 28th, to Rosalie Rayburn at rosepatch3@hotmail.com or 977-2533 if you plan to participate; we need a head count for the refreshments. Bill Thompson, 505-299-0302.

2 Sep (Sat) Oak Flat Picnic Loop.

All paced, moderate hills, 12 miles, starting at 9:15 AM from Oak Flat parking lot. This is an easier, alternative ride for picnic attendees. Meet at 9:15 in the parking area where we will be having the picnic. The route is a loop with some uphill. Many may be familiar with this loop and can do it at whatever pace you want.



No one will be left behind. From the picnic parking area, turn left on Oak Flat Rd. It will curve south and become Anaya Rd. At the intersection of Anaya Rd and Gonzales (about 3 mi from the start), turn left. This is where there is some uphill to 217. At 217, turn right onto 217. Follow 217 at it curves right at an intersection in about 1.4 miles. 217 will intersect with 337 south of the turn onto Oak Flat Rd. So, at the intersection of 217 with 337, turn right. Continue until you see the turn onto Oak Flat Rd. Then just keep going uphill until you see the left turn where the vehicles are parked. For those who want a shorter ride, you can go past the intersection of Anaya and Gonzales and turn around when you encounter dirt and retrace. As an alternative to a road bike ride, those who would like to mountain bike on the trails in the Oak Flat area, just let me know you are doing that and you will get Club miles for what you do. Please do that with a buddy. PLEASE RSVP, NO LATER THAN MONDAY, AUGUST 28th, to Rosalie Rayburn at rosepatch3@hotmail.com or 977-2533 if you plan to participate; we need a head count for the refreshments. Dianne Cress, 505-294-2928.

4 Sep (Mon) Lee's Ride.

All paced, moderate hills, 56 miles, starting at 9 AM from Ft Marcy Park. This is the last ride that Lee Hilley led for the club, so



this ride is in her memory. Come on out and honor Lee's indomitable spirit. Here is Lee's description: This is not a particularly easy ride but all due

diligence will be directed toward the slug contingent so no one will be left behind. The ups and downs will be concentrated on the first half with some fun roller-coaster moments. This will be in newer developments in the NW area with PAVED ROADS! Lucky people. Then we'll dip south around the city limits and finally return to the start through the city. Directions to the start: Take I-25 exit 282 North (St Francis Drive/Santa Fe Plaza) and follow St. Francis north through town. Turn right at second intersection with Paseo de Peralta, left onto Old Taos Highway, the first right onto Murales Road, and then right into the Ft. Marcy Park parking lot at the top of the hill. Carpool from Sandia Casino – southern-most parking lot (2 right turns off of Rainbow). Bill Thompson, 505-299-0302.

9 Sep (Sat) Abiquiu Adventure Ride.

Sept. 9-10 based at Ghost Ranch, with a roughly 44-mile out and back ride on Saturday from Bode's store to El Rito where we would have lunch at El Farolito New



Mexican restaurant. Sunday we would drive through El Rito to the junction with NM554 and NM111, park in the large space

at the intersection and do a roughly 35-mile ride through farmland and forested areas to just beyond Vallecitos and back. Terrain both days involves some climbing and rollers but nothing too extreme. Hiking opportunities at Ghost Ranch or nearby Plaza Blanca

Accommodations available at Ghost Ranch:

Room rate per night for private room with bath including breakfast \$159 (without b/fast \$150)

Room rate per night for private room sharing a bath with one other room, \$149 (\$140 w/o b/fast)

Dorm accommodation, separate rooms w. twin bed or bunks, but shared bath down the hall, \$99 per night

Camping, \$35 per night for 2-tent site, access to showers and toilets. Dining hall onsite: breakfast \$10, lunch \$12 and dinner \$14. More information at:

www.ghostranch.org/visit/lodging-meals/ or call 505.685.1000. Bode's store about 12 miles away also has great burritos and other food.

RSVP to Rosalie Rayburn required by Aug. 15. 505-977-2533, rosepatch3@hotmail.com

9 Sep (Sat) Breakfast Burrito Ride. All paced, minor hills, 42 miles, starting at 8 AM. Join us for the 19th annual Breakfast Burrito Ride. We'll start at



Lucy and Big Al's Legal Services Depot and Quilting Supply Store, 722 Sagebrush Trail, SE. Take 4-Hills Road south from Central, right on

Stagecoach to the second stop sign, which is Sagebrush Trail. Turn right again, and the place is on the left side of the street, in the second cul-de-sac. The phone number is 293-8155 if you get hopelessly lost. We start eatin' at 8:00 and start ridin' at 8:30. Almost no climbing, no canyons, one small dirt patch for the adventurous, and all paces are welcome. Come on along. Mark Pasnewski, 505-241-2797.

12 Sep (Tue) Europe 2017 - Bordeaux to Toulouse

14 mph paced, flat, 184 miles, starting at 9 AM from Bordeaux, France. Pat and I are doing a self-



guided cycle tour this summer from Bordeaux to Toulouse, France and invite you to join us for another NMTS European adventure. Below is a partial description from the tour company's website. Email or call me for further information

and website links. Total mileage is 184 miles, with a daily average of around 37 miles. There is no better way to understand the heart of southern France than to cycle through it and feel the beat! This self-guided cycling tour begins in the cultural capital of Bordeaux and ends in the inviting metropolis of Toulouse, but that's only part of the story. Between them, you'll follow the spectacular Canal de Garonne, a lengthy 19th century waterway and designated UNESCO World Heritage Site, through quaint villages, blossoming countryside, and rows upon rows of highly cultivated vines. It's a journey through both the traditionally rural and the fiercely industrial aspects of this fascinating French region.

Our seven-day itinerary is mostly flat as it skirts a level waterway, making it perfect for first-timers, leisure cyclists, and families with children. We have carefully selected some wonderful places to stay along the way and will transport your bags between each one, but otherwise we'll stay out of your way. Once you've picked up your bikes, maps, and information packs, you are free to enjoy this stunning route at your own pace.

Richard Cullison, 505-280-1649, cullisonrf@gmail.com

16 Sep (Sat) Okie-Tex Star Party Daily Rides

17 mph paced, minor hills, 35 miles per day. Starting at Camp Billy Joe in Kenton, Oklahoma at 9 AM



MDT or at a time arranged by the riders. Rides will be held over an eight-day period (Sept 16 through Sept 23) in conjunction

with the 2017 Okie-Tex Star Party. The route each day will differ as decided by the participating riders. We generally ride different routes and distances each day. A short ride is about 25 miles. We ride from the camp north to the Colorado border, return to the town of Kenton, and then ride west into New Mexico. We usually go about three miles past the border to a bridge that crosses the Cimarron River and then return to the camp. A long ride (~ 45 miles) goes to Boise City, OK or Clayton, NM. We take interesting routes, crossing the Santa Fe Trail at different locations. On the ride to Boise City we frequently see antelope, tarantulas, and other wildlife. At ride end, we have lunch and get a ride back to the camp. The ride mileages will vary depending on short excursions off the main route that we may take. Jim Fordice, 505-803-3640.

16 Nov (Thu) Ride the Pima County Loop.

16 mph paced, minor hills, 55 miles, starting at 9 AM from Comfort Inn. I have participated in the Tour de



Tucson for a few years and have ridden a portion of the Pima County Loop (http://webcms.pima.gov/government/the_loop/). It is a very nice bike trail. This year I am going to depart from Albuquerque a day earlier than usual (Wednesday 15 November) so that I can ride the Loop (55 miles). The ride will be on Thursday 16 November which is two days before the Tour de Tucson. This will be a leisurely ride and we will stop as we want to take in the sights and check out the parks along the loop. If you are interested in joining me to drive to Tucson and/or doing the Loop Ride please contact me. Jim Fordice, 505-803-3640.