

The Freewheel

The New Mexico Touring Society (NMTS), founded in January 1980.

A recreational bicycling club promoting safe enjoyable road and off-road cycling via organized day and overnight rides for all ages and abilities.



September 2024

Web Site: <https://www.nmts.org>

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The club offers a variety of one time rides and recurring weekly rides for all abilities. **Helmets are required on all club rides.** Please check the web site frequently throughout the month for more detail and latest updates.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dave Olson

I survived the heat. Some nice rides, but glad the temperature is down. For me and I suspect many, fall rides in Albuquerque are the best. Time flies, and we will soon need to seat new officers on the Board of Directors (BoD). I will not continue as President in the next year. As I have mentioned before, it is important to get fresh ideas into the club. In addition to the President next year, we still have openings for Secretary. I strongly encourage all of you to consider picking up the mantle of club leadership. If interested, please let me know at president@nmts.org.

As some know, I support e-bikes. Unless otherwise noted on the ride description, e-bikes are welcome on club rides. Most of my rides remain on non-electric bikes—trad bides. E-mountain bikes, my version, allow for a different approach on trails. More importantly, for us older riders it keeps us getting out there—road or mountain. I note the City of Albuquerque is opening most of the bike paths to e-bikes. Some trails, such as those shared with BLM, remain restricted. One complaint/concern posted recently in the Journal regarded people riding too fast on the Bosque trail (the unpaved one in the woods).

Here is my view for your consideration. An e-mountain bike (Class 1) will roughly double the power of a fit cyclist. The good is it allows climbs or “cleaning” a feature not normally achieved. Yes, it can climb faster. However, several factors influence speed such as rider ability; trail conditions and features (by example, very rocky, tight turns); and, most significantly, trail traffic (horses, pedestrians and other

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Welcome New Members!

Diana Bigelow
David McRill
Thomas Squier



Call for Balloon Fiesta Bike Valet Volunteers

This is a great way to promote bicycling and enjoy the Balloon Fiesta. The bike valet is located at one of the best locations to view all of the festivities. In addition, volunteers receive passes, shirts, a jacket and more in exchange for working 5 shifts. To volunteer send an email to Connor Boyle at balloonfi-estabikevalet@gmail.com by Sept 8th.

Upcoming One-Time Rides

Please check NMTS website for more detail

Date	Name & Contact info	Distance	Start Location & Description
Sept 18-28	Chickasaw Homeland Removal Ride Dave Atkins (505-681-1884) ddlatkins@gmail.com , dlatkins@centurylink.net	11 days, 600 miles	Pontotoc, MS Chickasaw Cycling Club (CCC) is hosting a trail of Tears ride that follows the Northern Route by which Native American tribes took when they were removed from their homelands in Mississippi, Alabama, and North Carolina.
Sept 21	Breakfast Burrito Ride Mark Pasnewski (505-350-9689) mpasnew@gmail.com	1 day 39 miles	722 Sagebrush Trail SE 25th and final edition of the ride.
Nov 22 & 23rd	El Tour de Tucson John Gillett (505-280-7612) jgillett@live.com	2 days Day 1: 34 or 55 miles Day 2: 32, 62 or 102miles	Tucson, AZ Pre-ride on Friday, official ride on Saturday

Treasurer's Report

As of August 31, 2024

Membership

Renewing Members	6
New Members in July	3
Total Members	163

Financial

Beginning Balance	\$8209.86
Total Income	\$198.02
Memberships	\$198.02
Total Expenses	\$609.40
ExSpace Storage	\$53.20
Rudy's BBQ	\$556.20
New Balance 8/31/2024	\$7797.67



Happenings & Announcements

[Seeking a revised NMTS Slogan](#)

Please send your ideas for an updated slogan to the free-wheel editor at freewheeleditor@nmts.org. It currently reads "Ride Smart—Think Safe—Have Fun!"

[2024 New Mexico Bicycle Guide](#) is available [here!](#)

[Strava Photo Sharing](#)

Are you willing to share your Strava photos with the Freewheel Newsletter? Drop the freewheeleditor@nmts.org a note and let us know.

NMTS Board

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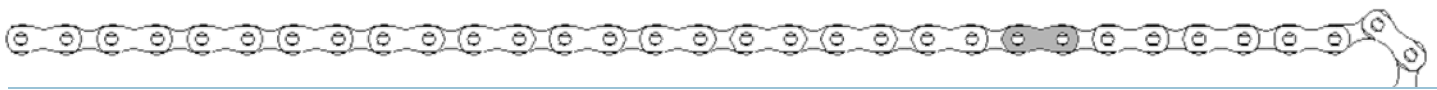
Ride Rating System

Mileage: Is total distance for the ride's route. Ride may include options for variations on the route and if so will specify additional distances within the ride description.

Pace: Is the speed a rider is expected to maintain on flat terrain with no wind. Think of it as an indicator of level of effort. Actual speed would be slower on climbs and faster on descents. The Pace is also not equivalent to average speed, because a route usually includes stops (rest stops, stop signs or lights, etc.), which will reduce the average speed.

Terrain: A descriptor of the ride's route terrain. In order from easiest to more difficult: flat; minor hills; moderate hills; frequent, steep hills; and advanced, difficult climbing.

- ◆ **The Freewheel** deadline is 6pm on the 1st day of the month.
- ◆ Please forward mileage information to Frank Bouchier, email: [mileage chair](mailto:mileage_chair) or 505-266-0323.
- ◆ Please send mileage ride sheets, change of address information and newsletter distribution to NMTS Treasurer, P.O. Box 1261, Albuquerque, NM 87103-1261 or email: treasurer.
- ◆ Send web information to Rob Brueckner, email: webmaster.
- ◆ Paid advertisements are accepted on a space available basis.
- ◆ Members may post free ads in **The Freewheel** and on the NMTS web site; see Members-only section on [web site](#).
- ◆ To submit a new ride, navigate to members only section on [NMTS web site](#).



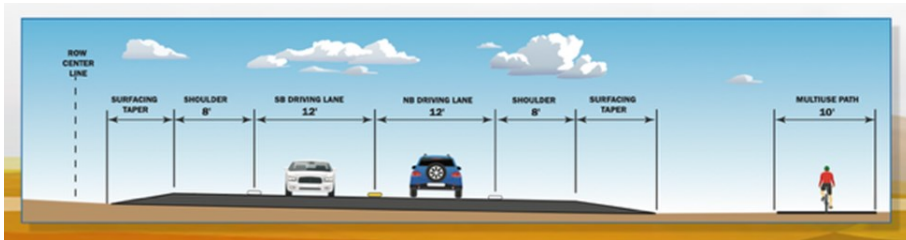
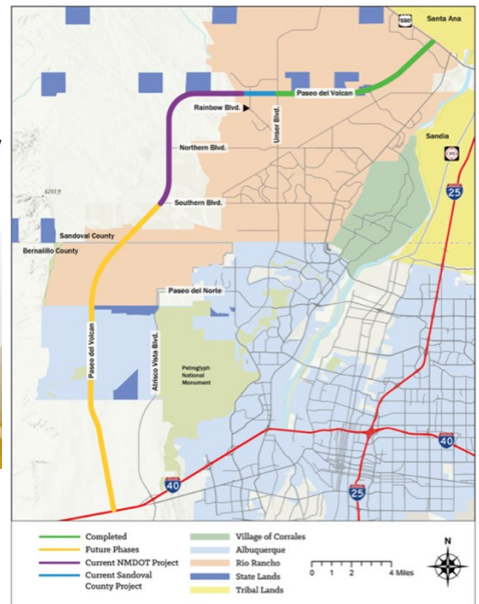
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Bicycle Advocacy Reports

Submitted by Chris Marsh

Extension of NM 347 (Paseo Del Volcan) west of Rio Rancho and Albuquerque

On August 14th, there was a public open house on the planned extension of NM 347 (Paseo Del Volcan) west of Rio Rancho and Albuquerque. When completed, this road will form a bypass to the Northwest of Albuquerque from US 550 to I-40. Part of this road has been opened in Rio Rancho for a number of years. Phase II that will continue the road west of Unser to Rainbow is about to be started. This meeting was on Phase III that will continue the highway from Rainbow to Southern. The final phase will finish the road from Southern to I-40.



The plans for Phase III include 12' driving lanes with 8' shoulders. There are also plans for a 10' bike path parallel to the road. This project is not yet funded but the final design is expected next year. Work on Phase III may be completed until 2030.

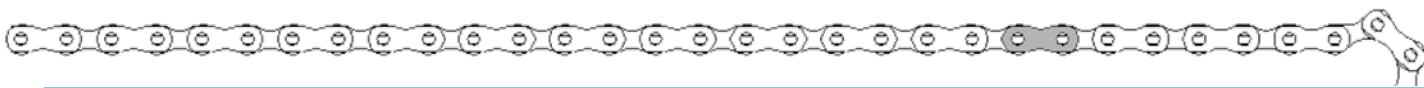
New Mexico Transportation Safety Summit

On August 27 - 28, the New Mexico Department of Transportation held a Transportation Safety Summit. The purpose of the meeting was to bring people together to discuss ways to move New Mexico to zero traffic-related fatalities. While all forms of transportation were discussed, the main topic was regarding pedestrian traffic fatalities. New Mexico had consistently ranked the worst state in the country for pedestrian fatalities since 2016. In 2018 there were 3.97 pedestrians killed in traffic per 100,000 people and in 2021 there were 4.82. The worst area for traffic fatalities is in Albuquerque on Central Ave, east of Downtown (in the International District). Also, per capita there are many pedestrian fatalities on tribal lands.

The good news is that over the past few years the rate of cyclists killed in traffic accidents on New Mexico roads has significantly decreased. New Mexico was one of the worst states for bicycle traffic fatalities in 2018 (11 fatalities) to one of the best (4 fatalities in 2022).

There was a much discussion on how to improve road design and educate people to make things safer. However, it should be noted that the most prevalent contributing factors in fatal crashes were 1- Driver Inattention (please don't drive while talking on your phone!), 2 - Driver under the Influence of Alcohol and 3 - Driver under the influence of Drugs. Also in 40% of the pedestrian fatalities the pedestrian had consumed alcohol (with 20% unknown). 70% of pedestrian fatalities were at night (with most of them in unlighted areas).

We can apply pedestrian fatality statistics to improve cycling safety - always watch out for traffic, be very careful while riding in the dark, and don't drink and ride. The conference was co-sponsored by the Center for Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety based here at UNM.



"...Get mileage credit for riding to/from club rides..."

NMTS Board of Directors Announcements

Club mileage reporting change!

The board has voted to allow riders to claim credit for the miles ridden to and from club rides, i.e. commute mileage to club rides. This change reflects encouragement to save on gas, reduce car traffic and increase fitness. Riders, of course, will not be covered under club insurance on their commute and thus encouraged to do so only if they are confident they can complete their ride in a safe manner.

To claim credit for your commute miles, let your ride leader know how far you plan to ride when you sign in for the ride. If your mileage differs from what you declared, let your ride leader know within a day of the ride so they can provide an accurate mileage report to the mileage chairman.

Earn a Free NMTS Membership!

To encourage more members to become ride leaders, the NMTS Board of Directors voted in June to award a free club membership to any member who leads five or more rides (or equivalent activities) in one 12 month period. Multi-day rides will get credit for each day of the ride. Equivalent activities would include putting out the monthly newsletter, monthly reporting on club finances, giving a presentation at a club meeting, organizing or hosting a club event, providing ride support, etc. Equivalent activities shall be determined by the NMTS President and the Ride Chair will track ride leader qualification.



Oak Flats loop rest stop, August 3rd.





“NMTS Total Miles Challenge award will be discontinued after 2024.”

President’s Corner (cont’d from page 1)



cyclists). Certainly not all challenges found in mountain biking occur on a road bike path. But one aspect common to both: **power is a capacity; speed is a choice.** The headwork and bike etiquette we extend to other trail or bike path users is independent of electric or trad bike.

Darcy Lewis is spearheading efforts to improve club visibility and increase club membership. If you have some thoughts, I encourage you to share them with her at freewheeditor@nmts.org.

We are changing how we report club miles. After some discussion, the BoD agreed to let riders include the miles they riding to and from a sanctioned club ride start. On check-in, the rider will include additional to/from home miles to the sanctioned ride miles. The ride leader will report the total to the ride chairperson, Frank Bouche. Clearly it is an honor system. One important caveat, the LAB gap insurance only covers the club member’s ride on the sanctioned portion. If you have questions, please contact Frank at ridechairman@nmts.org.

The BoD also discussed closing out the NMTS Total Miles Challenge award. We will present the award for 2024, but will not offer it beyond.

The club still holds items for member use with no usage fee. These include bike shipping containers, large canopy, foldable table, first aid kits, projector & screen, and ice chests. Until this month, we had maintained them in a commercial storage locker. However, with the increased fee occurring this year the BoD elected to relocate the items. They now reside in Dianne Cress’s garage—thanks Dianne! If you wish to check out an item, please contact Dianne (treasurer@nmts.org).



August 10th, Placitas end of road



“Bike valet volunteers needed at Balloon Fiesta, see the fiesta and earn great swag.”

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August One Time Ride Recaps

Date	Name	Summary
Saturday 8/3	Oak Flat - Gonzales Rd Loop John Ballenthin	Sixteen riders departed from Smiths' parking lot on a beautiful Saturday morning. The nicely paved road was a pleasure to ride as we climbed route 337. After a sag snack stop at the Oak Flat picnic area, some riders returned to Smiths (39 mi) while most continued on around the Gonzales Road Loop and completed a 44 mile ride.
Saturday 8/10	Placitas End of Pavement John Ballenthin	On a perfect morning for biking (slightly overcast and a bit cool) sixteen riders left the Los Ranchos Rail Runner parking lot, passed through Bernalillo, and headed up route 165 in Placitas. The sun had come out and the temperature had risen by the time we reached a sag snack stop at the end of the pavement and began our mostly downhill return ride. A welcome tailwind picked us up as we got back into Bernalillo and eased to the end of our 45 mile ride.
Saturday 8/23	The One True Algodones Out/Back	All speeds, Moderate hills, 40 miles.
Friday 8/30	Paseo de la Mesa-Dennis Chavez CCW	All speeds, Moderate hills, 46 miles . Start location Alameda Open Space
Saturday 8/31	Ride the Rail Runner Chris Marsh	All speeds, Flat, 45 miles. Ride to Belen, have lunch at Pete’s and catch the #706 train back.
Saturday 8/31	AOS - Bad Ass John Gillett	All speeds, Moderate hills, 36 miles. Start Location: Alameda Open Space Parking. A mostly flat ride with a climbing option

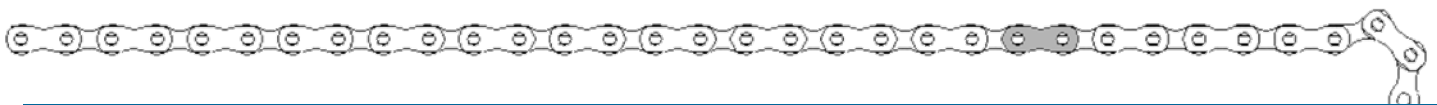


John G's birthday ride, August 8th



Weekly Rides

Sunday 9:00 AM	Chris Marsh, Dorothy Brethauer 505-362-9940, 505-504-5870 cmarsh1956@icloud.com, dmbreth@gmail.com	Sunday Bosque Trail, all paces, flat, 36 miles This is a variation of the familiar Sunday Bosque ride. We will have different ride leaders each Sunday. The basic route is to head south on Rio Grande Blvd (to avoid the crowds on the trail near the Open Space) and turn right to rejoin the bike path (at Candelaria, Campbell or further south). The group will pause at Rio Bravo and ride around the Chris Chavez loop, and head north again on the Bosque bike trail. New option to ride down to the Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge (for 36 miles). Participants have their choice of coffee shops - Java Joe's at 906 Park Avenue; Bike-In Coffee at 949 Montoya St. NW (accessible from the bike path south of I-40); or others. All paces; ride can be shortened if desired.	Alameda Open Space Parking
Sunday 9:00 AM	Rob Brueckner, Steve McKenzie webmaster@nmts.org	Sunday 50, 15(±1) mph, Minor Hills, 50 miles We do this ride for 50 miles just about every Sunday, so now we're making it public. It's a change of pace from the crowded Bosque trail, and also more mileage available on Sundays. Steve and I ride from home, so without that the mileage is a bit less than 50. Park in outer Home Depot lot or one of the parking lots on Jager Drive and meet at the exit to 550 just south of the Home Depot lot. Or meet us at Rail Runner on 313 or anywhere else along the way. Partial rides are welcome, and the more the merrier for coffee, usually at Starbucks on Alameda. Approximate route: ridewithgps.com/routes/42480405 .	Home Depot, Rio Rancho
Monday 9:00 AM	Jim Fordice 505-803-3640 jim@fordice.net	Flexible Monday Ride, 16(±1) mph, Moderate Hills, 40 miles This ride is intended for those who want to start their week off with a moderately challenging ride. The goal is to vary the course each week, do some climbing, and stop for coffee. A typical ride will be to climb up Tramway, add a finger or two into the foothills, descend Constitution, and loop back to the start via the North Diversion Channel. Other weeks we will do a loop on the west side or go to Mesa del Sol.	Alameda Open Space Parking
Monday 9:00 AM	Tom Sullivan 505-299-6545 tdsulli@outlook.com	Start the Week Rite Ride, All Paces There are two versions of this ride. 4th Monday (July 22nd) version is 22 or 29 miles from Alameda Open Space All other Mondays version is 12 miles from O'Bean's Coffee on San Rafael	See description
1st & 3rd Tuesdays 9:00 AM	Ralph Butler 505-377-1456 ralph.butler@gmail.com	Tuesday Fast Pace Ride, 20(±1) mph, Minor Hills, 50 miles Various routes around the ABQ Metro; sometimes North to Algodones.	Promenade shopping center
Tuesday 8:00 AM	Dave Atkins 505-681-1884 dlatkins@centurylink.net Frank Bouchier 505-266-0323	Tuesday NE / NW Loop, All Paces, Minor Hills, 46 miles Starting from the Flying Star Café on Juan Tabo, the route alternates with 1) the Bosque Trail route on even-numbered Tuesdays (July 2,16,30) with pickup points at Tramway and Manitoba, top of Tramway Hill, and Alameda Open Space (@9 am) and 2) the North Diversion Channel Trail route on odd-numbered Tuesdays (July 9,23) with the same pickup points. Optional food stop at Flying Star Café on Rio Grande Blvd. The specific even-day route is at https://ridewithgps.com/routes/32851185 ; the specific odd-day route is at https://ridewithgps.com/routes/32851904 .	Flying Star Café, Juan Tabo and Montgomery
Tuesday 8:15 AM	Chris Marsh 891-3464 cmarsh1956@icloud.com	Tuesday Westside Ride, All Paces, Moderate Hills, 40 miles This ride is planned to meet "Tuesday NE / NW Loop" ride group at Alameda Open Space at 9am. Start at the Rio Rancho Sports Complex (by the Dog Park). Go to https://ridewithgps.com/routes/33005636 (even Tuesdays) https://ridewithgps.com/routes/46078778 (odd Tuesdays) for the specific route. Optional food stop at Flying Star Café on Rio Grande Blvd.	Rio Rancho Sports Complex (by the dog park)



Weekly Rides (cont'd)

<p>Wednesday 9:00 AM</p> <p>Jeffrey Hagemann 505-720-4926 hagemannjeff@gmail.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday Out and About Ride, 13(±1) mph, Moderate Hills, 35 miles</p> <p>Ride usually alternates between a westside ride (odd) and eastside ride (even). Adjustments to route may be made depending on weater and wind conditions. Please check website weekly for update. Usually back to AOS by noon.</p> <p>Sept 4 Eastside --(Michael Thomas) ridewithgps.com/routes/39681262</p>	<p>Alameda Open Space Parking</p>
<p>Thursday 8:00 AM</p> <p>Dave Atkins 505-681-1884 dlatkins@centurylink.net</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday NE / NW Loop, All Paces, Minor Hills, 55 miles</p> <p>This ride will meet up with the Thursday Westside ride at the Alameda Open Space (AOS) at 9 and continue on together to the food stop. The specific route is at ridewithgps.com/routes/32871428.</p>	<p>Flying Star Café, Juan Tabo and Montgomery</p>
<p>Thursday 8:15 AM</p> <p>Chris Marsh 505-891-3464 cmarsh1956@icloud.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday Westside Ride, All Paces, Moderate Hills, 50 miles</p> <p>This ride is planned to meet "Thursday NE / NW Loop" ride group at Alameda Open Space at 9am. Start at Rio Rancho Sports Complex in Rio Rancho (by the dog park). Optional food stop at various locations around Albuquerque.</p>	<p>Rio Rancho Sports Complex</p>
<p>Thursday 9:00 AM</p> <p>John Gillett 505-280-7612 jgillett@live.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday Fast-Paced Ride, 19(±1) mph, Minor Hills, 42 miles</p> <p>Various routes around the ABQ Metro and East Mountains. Thursday's start location and route will be posted on the NMMS web site by mid-day on the preceding Wednesday.</p>	<p>Various locations, please check web-site.</p>
<p>Thursday 2:30 PM</p> <p>Steve McKenzie 408-416-7278 sbmckenzie@gmail.com Resumes Sept 26th</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday Gravel, 12(±1) mph, Flat, 20 miles</p> <p>Easy gravel ride south to Central or Bridge St and back. Please text Steve if you plan to attend.</p>	<p>Boxing Bear</p>



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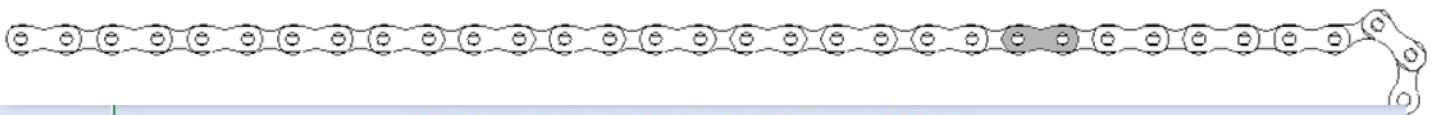
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August 2024 NMTS Mileage Report

2024		2023		2022		2021		
Period	Trips	Miles	Trips	Miles	Trips	Miles	Trips	Miles
Jan	204	6,571	243	8,117	285	10,766	103	3,717
Feb	226	7,091	200	6,759	194	7,312	131	4,527
Mar	218	6,960	245	8,741	275	10,412	258	10,186
Apr	284	9,519	329	12,088	330	12,138	242	9,878
May	224	7,661	334	12,772	353	12,794	300	11,418
Jun	262	8,911	306	11,523	330	12,138	288	11,132
Jul	342	12,142	323	11,550	433	15,766	388	14,573
Aug	328	11,897	318	12,222	332	11,926	366	13,976
Sep			283	10,819	331	11,449	335	12,721
Oct			256	9,303	233	8,520	241	9,825
Nov			251	9,220	235	8,601	331	12,457
Dec			219	7,665	245	8,444	247	9,123
Total	2088	70,752	3307	120,779	3576	130,266	3230	123,533

Mileage Notes: This month featured 328 rides with 328 individual trips riding 11,897 miles.

Currently reported mileage includes the following:

Club Miles: miles recorded while participating in group club rides.

Club Rides and Trips: Number of club rides. Multi day rides will yield more than 1 trip.

Young Rider: Club miles recorded by members under 40.

New Member: Club miles recorded by those in their first full calendar year of membership.

Working Stiff: Club miles recorded by members who are employed full time. Send a note to mileagechairman@nmts.org if you would like to be included.

Total Miles: Miles recorded bicycling outdoors using the Ride With GPS Total Miles Challenge.

Commuting Miles: Miles recorded on the Ride With GPS Commuting Miles Challenge.

Details for all of the NMTS mileage programs are available at <https://www.nmts.org/club.php> in the linked "Club Miles Program" and "Total Miles Program" documents.

Club miles, rides and trips are collected by default for all club members. If you would like to have your data omitted from this report or would like to be included in the Young Rider or Working Stiff categories send an email to mileagechairman@nmts.org.

The mileage tables shown on the following pages use the color coding nomenclature shown below.

Red: New Member in 2022
Blue: New Member in 2023
Green: Working Stiff



August 2024 Club Miles

(in order of Mileage Total for the month, descending)

Name		Name		Name		Name		Name	
Atkins, David	709	Titus, Barbara	279	Carino, David	156	Shepherd, Max	87	Rafferty, Faye	36
Marsh, Chris	701	Fellows, John	278	Sanchez, Yvonne	152	Olewine, Michael	86	Born, Wally	35
Randour, Charles	478	Young, Wesley	263	Sundt, Daniel	142	Lewis, Darcy	82	Sundt, Michelle	30
Gillett, John	451	Denning, Dean	262	Fodness, Mark	136	Wagner, Brian	81	Yeomans, Rick	29
Shaw, Gary	451	Fordice, Jim	245	Bouchier, Frank	134	Gee, James	77	D'Lamater, Susan	28
Higginbotham, Dale	450	McKenzie, Steve	244	Olson, David	113	DeMay, Johanna	64	Taylor, Ronald	24
Olewine, Lisa	428	McCoy, Russ	236	Waggoner, Bob	112	Clifford, Rosella	56	Yeomans, Nancy	23
Hagemann, Jeffrey	417	Wagner-McCombs, Crystal	192	DeMay, Will	108	Lee, Jon	47	Stevens, Hal	20
Titus, Greg	370	Ferrell, Will	191	Brethauer, Dorothy	108	Sullivan, Thomas	46	Marino, Jan	16
Brueckner, Robert	339	Sturtevant, John	189	Myers, Rick	108	Riggs, Roger	46	Born, Elizabeth	15
Martinez, Albert	321	Peterson, Brad	174	Gorenz, Fred	102	Simonson, Don	46	Britt, John	8
Ballenthin, John	300	Evans, Holly	173	Duarte, Jerry	99	Hall, Mike	45		
Golden, Thomas Kevin	292	Levine, Ken	172	Garner, Darlyne	97	Ballenthin, Linda	42		
Butler, Ralph	284	McCulloch, Mary	156	Wingate, Bill	92	Roddy, Patrick	40		

August 2024 Club Miles by Name

Name		Name		Name		Name		Name	
Atkins, David	709	Denning, Dean	262	Hall, Mike	45	Olson, David	113	Sundt, Michelle	30
Ballenthin, John	300	D'Lamater, Susan	28	Higginbotham, Dale	450	Peterson, Brad	174	Taylor, Ronald	24
Ballenthin, Linda	42	Duarte, Jerry	99	Lee, Jon	47	Rafferty, Faye	36	Titus, Barbara	279
Born, Elizabeth	15	Evans, Holly	173	Levine, Ken	172	Randour, Charles	478	Titus, Greg	370
Born, Wally	35	Fellows, John	278	Lewis, Darcy	82	Riggs, Roger	46	Waggoner, Bob	112
Bouchier, Frank	134	Ferrell, Will	191	Marino, Jan	16	Roddy, Patrick	40	Wagner, Brian	81
Brethauer, Dorothy	108	Fodness, Mark	136	Marsh, Chris	701	Sanchez, Yvonne	152	Wagner-McCombs, Crystal	192
Britt, John	8	Fordice, Jim	245	Martinez, Albert	321	Shaw, Gary	451	Wingate, Bill	92
Brueckner, Robert	339	Garner, Darlyne	97	McCoy, Russ	236	Shepherd, Max	87	Yeomans, Nancy	23
Butler, Ralph	284	Gee, James	77	McCulloch, Mary	156	Simonson, Don	46	Yeomans, Rick	29
Carino, David	156	Gillett, John	451	McKenzie, Steve	244	Stevens, Hal	20	Young, Wesley	263
Clifford, Rosella	56	Golden, Thomas Kevin	292	Myers, Rick	108	Sturtevant, John	189		
DeMay, Johanna	64	Gorenz, Fred	102	Olewine, Lisa	428	Sullivan, Thomas	46		
DeMay, Will	108	Hagemann, Jeffrey	417	Olewine, Michael	86	Sundt, Daniel	142		



Year to Date Club Trips & Mileage

(in order of Mileage Accumulation descending)

Name	Rides	Trips	Miles	Avg	Name	Rides	Trips	Miles	Avg	Name	Rides	Trips	Miles	Avg
Marsh, Chris	111	116	4648	40.07	Waggoner, Bob	26	26	656	25.23	Elrod, Lisa	5	5	183	36.6
Brueckner, Robert	85	85	3289	38.69	Wagner-McCombs, Crystal	25	25	977	39.08	Dunlay, Terry	5	5	142	28.4
Atkins, David	79	81	3476	42.91	Levine, Ken	24	24	575	23.96	Clifford, Rosella	5	5	124	24.8
Hagemann, Jeffrey	76	76	2789	36.7	Evans, Holly	24	24	557	23.21	Carino, David	4	4	225	56.25
Bouchier, Frank	70	70	2996	42.8	Fellows, John	21	21	724	34.48	Frizzell, Erin	4	4	150	37.5
Gillett, John	61	61	2481	40.67	Duarte, Jerry	21	21	557	26.52	Marino, Jan	4	4	56	14
Young, Wesley	61	61	1888	30.95	Olewine, Lisa	20	20	929	46.45	Marks, Peter	3	3	135	45
Sturtevant, John	58	58	2361	40.71	Ballenthin, John	20	20	765	38.25	Shepherd, Max	3	3	126	42
McKenzie, Steve	58	58	1991	34.33	Perkins, Patrick	20	20	523	26.15	Valdes, Norberto	3	3	116	38.67
Ferrell, Will	55	55	1085	19.73	Wagner, Brian	17	17	623	36.65	Foltz, Eric	3	3	110	36.67
Shaw, Gary	53	53	2169	40.92	Sundt, Daniel	16	16	463	28.94	Torres, Richard	3	3	96	32
Titus, Greg	52	52	2168	41.69	Simonson, Don	16	16	286	17.88	Ware, Eric	2	2	102	51
McCulloch, Mary	52	52	1786	34.35	Denning, Dean	15	15	645	43	Wingate, Bill	2	2	92	46
Fodness, Mark	47	47	1636	34.81	Britt, John	14	14	547	39.07	Roddy, Patrick	2	2	78	39
Sanchez, Yvonne	45	45	1527	33.93	Lewis, Darcy	14	14	525	37.5	Sundt, Michelle	2	2	67	33.5
Fordice, Jim	43	43	1661	38.63	Olson, David	14	14	404	28.86	Hagemann, Susan	2	2	28	14
Butler, Ralph	41	41	1692	41.27	DeMay, Johanna	14	14	339	24.21	Gaza, Bob	2	2	24	12
Martinez, Albert	40	40	1199	29.98	Hall, Mike	14	14	207	14.79	Davila, Mike	1	1	48	48
Taylor, Ronald	40	40	346	8.65	Riggs, Roger	13	13	501	38.54	Peach, Justin	1	1	44	44
McCombs, Darrell	39	39	1611	41.31	Mitchell, Fred	13	13	456	35.08	Ballenthin, Linda	1	1	42	42
Titus, Barbara	38	38	1422	37.42	Lee, Jon	13	13	400	30.77	Zucosky, Jane	1	1	36	36
DeMay, Will	36	36	914	25.39	Briscoe, Rob	10	10	373	37.3	Zucosky, Alex	1	1	36	36
Higginbotham, Dale	35	35	1486	42.46	Myers, Rick	10	10	355	35.5	Born, Wally	1	1	35	35
Sullivan, Thomas	35	35	570	16.29	Peterson, Brad	9	9	380	42.22	D'Lamater, Susan	1	1	28	28
Rafferty, Faye	31	31	436	14.06	Gee, James	8	8	301	37.63	Morganti, Chris	1	1	25	25
Randour, Charles	22	29	1249	43.07	Pasnewski, Mark	8	8	241	30.13	Morganti, Art	1	1	25	25
Garner, Darlyne	29	29	877	30.24	Keith, John	7	7	318	45.43	Yeomans, Nancy	1	1	23	23
McCoy, Russ	28	28	1137	40.61	Jacobson, Ken	7	7	311	44.43	Stevens, Hal	1	1	20	20
Okamoto, Yoshihiro Roy	28	28	732	26.14	Olewine, Michael	5	5	217	43.4	Born, Elizabeth	1	1	15	15
Golden, Thomas Kevin	21	27	1074	39.78	Yeomans, Rick	5	5	196	39.2					
Brethauer, Dorothy	26	26	822	31.62	Gorenz, Fred	5	5	188	37.6					



NMTS Total Miles Challenge 2024

(in order of mileage, descending)

To join the Challenge visit <https://ridewithgps.com/clubs/5019-new-mexico-touring-society/challenges>

Name	Name	Name	Name
Foltz, Eric	8326.7	Lee, Jon	3508.3
Brueckner, Robert	4109.0	Young, Wesley	3500.6
Shaw, Gary	3949.5	Gillett, John	3446.6
Hagemann, Jeffrey	3701.7	Mckenzie, Steve	3426.6
Sturtevant, John	3523.1	Titus, Greg	3405.1
		Bouchier , Frank	3232.6
		Ballenthin, John	2521.8
		Mathes, John	2302.5
		Martinez, Albert	2275.9
		Randour, Charles	1722.1
		Briscoe, Rob	1303.9
		Britt , John	1003.3
		Perkins, Patrick	681.5

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Zoom Meeting: Sunday, 7pm, August 25, 2024

Attendees:

Dave Olson	Dianne Cress	Bill Thompson	Chris Marsh
Rob Brueckner	Dave Atkins	Darcy Lewis	Jeff Hagemann

Old Business:

1. **ACCEPTED** without objection minutes from June 2024.
2. The Annual Awards and Recognition Dinner
 - a. Agreed Awards dinner to remain at restaurant and include club meeting.
 - b. Agreed Club Volunteers to be separate potluck at private location.
 - i. Chris Marsh has volunteered his house for this year.
3. Discussion: miles recognitions:
 - a. **Closed:** The BoD agreed to abolish the Total Miles award. Keep 2024
 - b. **Agreed:** We will publish variety and frequency of rides in Freewheel.
 - c. **Agreed:** Beginning at the 2024 Awards, NMTS will present virtual trophy in lieu of a physical.
 - i. **Action:** Create a graphic and post names electronically for permanent display on NMTS website.
 - ii. The 2024 awardees may retain the physical plaque.
4. NMTS will support Bike ABQ for the Balloon Fiesta bike valet.
 - a. Balloon Fiesta (Frank Bouchier) is the NMTS point of contact
 - b. Bike ABQ Conner Boyle is lead
 - c. Action: Need NMTS stickers for Donation boxes.
5. The NMTS shall recognize significant contributors with a small gift. Under consideration are items such as socks, mugs, hats, and so on. In the interim the BoD will continue to offer mugs while supply remains. As previously decided, members making significant contributions will receive a free annual membership.
6. Darcy Lewis discussed future actions to promote club visibility and increase future membership.
 - a. Reviewed short survey of what other clubs are doing (search results, website, messaging)
 - b. Next Steps
 - i. Connect with leaders of other clubs to learn about their challenges and best practices (e.g. Cycling Peeps, TAAS and NMMC).
 - ii. Reach out to Rob Brueckner to discuss adjusting NMTS web page meta tags for improved search.
 - iii. Reach out to nmccycling.org to determine if we can update our location and content on their page.



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- iv. Consider a new tag line, discuss with other members, share with the BoD.
 - v. Gather unique selling propositions for NMTS and share with the BoD.
 - vi. Review other club pages and identify features that may lead to attracting new members and engaging our membership better - share with the BoD.
 - vii. Gather information on why members are not more active - share with BoD.
 - viii. Gather list of newsletter benefits and determine if there are alternatives for each - share with BoD
7. Dianne Cress updated Fall Picnic plans, September 1.
- a. Organization in place for picnic at Old Town Farm (Bike-n-Coffee).
 - b. There is no sanctioned ride to and from picnic.
8. **CLOSED:** The NMTS will no longer maintain a storage locker. For now NMTS owned items reside with Dianne Cress.
9. **ACCEPTED:** (Rob Brueckner lead discussion) Include as club miles those miles gained riding to/from home to sanctioned ride start point.
- a. The rider will inform the ride leader on ride sign up the total of miles to/from home added to the sanctioned ride miles.
 - b. Notify riders the LABS gap insurance does not include non-sanctioned to/from home miles.
10. **IN PROGRESS:** In lieu of providing a hard copy of the Freewheel to bike shops in town, the Club will provide, for display, a poster with an QR code allowing scan and easy access to the NMTS website. Chris Marsh is leading this project.

New Business:

- 1. **OPEN:** Club officers for 2025.
 - a. **ACTION:** Establish nominating committee and designate chair.
 - b. Note: Efforts should begin now to find President, Vice President, and Secretary as well as to fill other announced vacancies.
- 2. **CLOSED:** As agreed, club members who have distinguished themselves by their contribution shall receive free membership.
 - a. **AGREED:** Upon recognition, the member should be notified by the BoD and recognized in the Freewheel and website.
- 3. NMTS club functions for remainder of year.
 - a. Christmas party: Wes Young will host at his apartment complex.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm



NMTS Membership Application and Renewal Form

Make checks or money orders payable to:

New Mexico Touring Society

P. O. Box 1261

Albuquerque NM 87103-1261

New Member []
Renewal []

Membership Type:

Individual (\$25/yr)

Family (\$30/yr) *Specify names below*

Name _____

Physical Address _____

E-mail address _____ Phone: Cell _____

All family members must live at the same address

Family Member Name: _____

E-mail address _____ Phone: Cell _____

Family Member Name: _____

E-mail address _____ Phone: Cell _____

NOTE: *Indicate with an * next to the item any information you DO NOT want to appear in the club directory.*

NMTS is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting safe recreational cycling and bicycle advocacy. Our membership includes road cyclists, mountain bikers and tourists of all fitness and skill levels.

Please print a waiver form <https://www.nmts.org/Documents/LABwaiver.pdf>

Have everyone read and sign it and mail it in with your application.

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