

Hale on Wheels Cycling Club

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Special points of interest:

- * Its Christmas time
- * Meet the Martinez family

MERRY CHRISTMAS

It's Christmas and winter time, so I doubt many have been riding during the last two months. But remember Spring will come again, so stay in shape for the next riding season by riding when the weather allows, riding a stationary bike, (really boring), or at the Y with spinning classes.

But I hope all of you have been good boys and girls, so maybe Santa will bring you some goodies. And if you haven't been so good, there is always next year to try again.

Remember, we still have a cycling club (at least on the books), so there will be events and activities to come.

Our member Angel Carroll is moving to New Mexico for great educational and job opportunities, and we will miss her, but the good news is, she will be back to ride with us from time to time. Good luck, Angel.

Meet the Martinez Family: Great cyclists and supporters of our club.



Gabriel and Ofelia



Lupita, Edgar and Gabriel at Hotter N Hell, arriving at 4 AM to get at the front of the 100 mile line

It all started on April 19, 1981; that was the day I met Ofelia in downtown Monterrey, MX. It didn't take me too long to sense our chemistry and to recognize that I should take care of her for the rest of my life. That summer, while still in university, I began working for a research laboratory (the same Azteca Milling group). In 1982, I was offered a permanent job, and during March in 1983, I was transferred to the Edinburg, TX facility. Ofelia and I set off on a vast, incredible journey which began the day of our marriage in 1986. We moved to Plainview in 1990, and as another blessing, our kids, Lupita (1993) and Edgar (1995), were born.

I began riding bikes almost 12 years ago. Ofelia said that I was too heavy, so she gave me a bicycle as a birthday present in 1999. Since then, I have taken great pleasure in the sport. Initially, I rode only mountain bikes, but a couple of years later, I bought my first road bike and, as a personal choice, decided that I would rather stick with the road bike. I have participated in several road biking events that take place throughout west Texas and central Texas. My two most important events are Fort Davis Cyclefest and Hotter Than Hell 100.

With biking comes many satisfactions. My first great satisfaction is *having the opportunity to be with all the people I know and being able to share their friendship*. Second, is the *challenge*. The third, and my greatest treasure, is **riding with my kids** (this year we did Hotter Than Hell 100), and the fourth (the most important) is the fact that **Ofelia is always with us**, always providing assistance and love (she helped us during all the training process for HHH 100, 3 months).

Biking has definitely been very good to me in several different ways, by allowing me to enjoy the beauties of West Texas, giving me first-class health, and by providing quality time with my family.

The most rewarding experience of all these years: riding with my kids 100 mi (frankly, 102.6) plus the challenge of the high temperature and 13000+ cyclists.

See you on the road. Gabriel

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Barrera	Frances	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Bertsch	John	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Bertsch	Kathy	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Carroll	Angel	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Carroll	Greg	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Carthel	Fonty	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Cherry	Lisa	[REDACTED]	
Earhart	Jeff	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Estrada	Tomas	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Fox	Tara	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Gomez	Ramiro	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Griffin	Les	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Hardage	Tim	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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