Hale on Wheels Cycling Club

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Special points of interest:

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- HAPPY EASTER
- DUES!
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In case you missed the memo, this coming Sunday is Easter, so the bunny wants to wish everyone a Happy Easter and remind you Spring is here and it's time to start riding again.

RIDING CHALLENGE NEWS



Some of the guidelines for the Riding Challenge have been changed—for the better.

First, the challenge will be run on an annual basis, i. e. for the calendar year.

Second, you can get bonus miles if you participate in an organized riding event, e. g. the "Cowboy Days Hale on Wheels", "Tour de Freedom", "Finish the Ride", etc. If you participate, you get to claim <u>double</u> the miles you actually rode.

Third, if you volunteer and work in an organized event, e.g. "Hale on Wheels/Hale on Feet", "Wayland Wellness Run II", "Finish the Ride", etc. or other event, you may claim **bonus miles** equal to the longest distance in the event.

Wow! What a deal!

Once again Mary Anna will keep up with your reported progress during the year. If you want to set a riding challenge goal for 2013, let Mary Anna know by email at

MEMBERSHIP DUES



We encourage all members to renew their memberships for 2013. Dues are \$25.00 per individual or \$30.00 for a family.

Send your payment to Randy Kaufman, 2308 West 5th, Plainview, TX 79072.

Dues need to be paid by June 30, 2013.

Dues are used to fund the End of the Riding Season Party. So, without your dues, no party. Bummer! Also, if you renew, you will continue to get this scintillating newsletter and all the other perks of membership. Huh?

TIME TRIALS

Soon, a time and place for time trials will be announced. Time trials are only for the purpose of letting members know the normal riding pace of other members. That way, on Club rides or other occasions, members will have a better idea of who else in the club rides at or near their pace, so members can match up for more enjoyable rides. It's usually not too much fun to watch another rider you were trying to ride with disappear over the horizon.

COMING TOURS

The <u>Tour de Freedom</u>, sponsored by Aaron Byrd and the Cotton Patch Café is coming up on April 6th, just the Saturday after next. Go to the club website to print an entry form.

SATURDAY CLUB RIDES



The Saturday morning CLUB RIDES are starting back up, beginning on Saturday, April 13th, at 8:30 A.M.

However, we have a <u>new meeting place</u>, i. e. The Ollie Liner Center. The route planned will go from there south toward Hale Center on Business 27 and then on the I-27 south service road and return. Of course, the group or any individual, can decide to take any route they wish and ride at any pace they wish.

Let's get a good group out to ride, and not be like the solitary rider above.





Monthly club meetings will take place during the riding season (March-October) with a "new season planning" meeting in January each year. Meetings will be at Broadway Brew at times and dates to be announced. Watch the website or for an email regarding meetings. Meetings are very relaxed and informal where you can get a great cup of coffee or glass of tea, discuss riding, tell war stories, other tall tales and/or lies about riding, and get to know your fellow members. So, be sure to come out for the meetings if you can. The club needs you there.

RIDE OF SILENCE



As many of you know, cycling clubs all over the country observe and participate in an annual <u>RIDE OF SILENCE</u> to remember and honor those cyclists who have been killed while riding and to promote awareness of cyclists by the motoring public. The ride is a slow (10-12 mph) ride through a city or town by a group of cyclists, riding together reverently and silently. There is usually some short, simple memorial service and a reading of the names of the cyclists remembered before the ride begins.

The ride is always held on the same day each year, May 15th.

Amarillo cyclists have sponsored a ride for several years and the West Texas Bicycle Association (Lubbock) is sponsoring one this year.

At the club meeting on March 26th, our club also discussed sponsoring such a ride, so look for more information to come.

If you want to help with the ride or have ideas about it, please get in touch with President Gabriel or Vice-President Ron A.

