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# Colorado HeartCycle Bicycle Club Newsletter

### Big Bend - The Forgotten Park October 8-16, 2005

What a fantastic trip across one of the most bicycle friendly parts of the country. Larry and Sherry Harris were the consummate organizers. Everything was organized and operated to a "T". The lunches were a moving feast everyday, and Sherry's cookies spurred riders to get to the lunch stop fast.

The first day's ride was from Fort Davis and the historic and luxurious Limpia Hotel up through the Davis Mountains with a stop at the McDonald Observatory. The view of the mountains and val-

leys as we rode along was superb. A late afternoon thunderstorm dampened more than a few riders, but the wind pushed the others the last few miles into town. Texas Monthly describes this ride as one of the top ten in Texas.

The second day took us from Fort Davis down to Alpine. A

quick right turn into the mountains and a pass dropped the ride into the

Chilhuahnana desert. The El Paisano Hotel and the arts & crafts colony of Marfa made the evening's stay a wonderful bookmark. A group even made the pilgrimage to see the mysterious "Marfa Lights".

The third day started the descent to the Rio Grande Valley, through high desert, cattle ranches, and the famous ghost town of Shafter. The long descent into Presido on the Rio Grande was enjoyed by all, and the traffic on the road was extremely sparse. That night, the tour went across the border for another first rate meal, arranged by Larry and Sherry, in the vibrant Mexican town of Ojinaga. The Border Patrol



checked us all back into the States after a lengthy wait in a classic government waiting room. No pictures were allowed.

The fourth riding day was along the Rio Grande from Presido to the resort community of Lajitas. Lots of "rollers" kept us busy in the morning. Lunch was near the top of the steepest hill in Texas (15% grade). The hill, of course, was called "Big Hill". A couple members of the party did head back down the hill before they headed

up again.

Lajitas has a restored western town atmosphere; we were met by a chihuahua in costume (see photo); the "mayor" (a goat) entertained us by drinking bottle after bottle of beer. Another thunderstorm knocked out power late in the evening.

The next day we rode about five miles up the road toward the Chisos Basin and Big Bend National Park before we hit a section of roadwork the morning after a heavy rain. The sag wagon and support vehicles sputtered, swayed and splattered mud around the landscape and on the vehicle pushers as we maneuvered through the morass.

Once past that we rode into the Terlingua and Study Butte for a lunch stop. The ride into the park was into the wind until the last five miles uphill into the Chisos Basin. Fog rolled in and made the ride to the lodge a bit tricky.

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#### HeartCycle Contacts

Below are the names, responsibilities, phone numbers nd email addresses of key HeartCycle volunteers. Please contact the individuals for questions about their assigned areas. Send any regular mail to the HeartCycle PO Box with attention to the desired person. For questions about specific tours, please contact the tour leader(s).

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#### A few words from the president...

Welcome to the New Year and HeartCycle's 28th year of bicycle tours, training rides and social events. HeartCycle's membership is continuing to grow, and I would like to welcome all new members who have joined in 2006

The 2006 Tours offer a variety starting in March and continuing through October. There are two cycling opportunities within Colorado, a mountain bike tour, an international Holland barge tour, and various other tours throughout the nation. Whether you're riding on a training ride or an extended tour, please ride safe and always be aware of surrounding traffic.

We have a wonderful Board of Directors and Working Members for 2006!

I would like to thank all those leading tours, providing SAG support and leading training rides for their efforts on our behalf!

Social Events Director Luanne Ralph, Training Ride Co-Director Emily Rucker, and Tour Director Debbie Rudy have left the Board after completing their commitment. Many thanks for your contribution to HeartCycle!

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HeartCycle President



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The sixth day on the road was rest day at Chisos Mountain Lodge. Almost everyone went for a day hike into the park. Lots of wildlife was observed, especially on the trail to the Window. We enjoyed seeing and hearing the javelinas, who were foraging in the dense brush and wandered onto the trail. Because of their poor eyesight they rely on their sense of smell, and were comfortable being close to us (probably due to all of us having had a chance to shower). (see photo).



Day seven was a long day from Chisos Basin to Marathon, approximately 79 miles. The road crossed about five basins and ranges, but was most scenic. When you're riding across the desert one does get to see the tarantulas crossing the road. You would never see them in a car. We got to the edge of Marathon, the day after the Marathon, Marathon. Some of us got caught in a downpour just as we reached town limits. We stayed at the Gage Hotel, another classic restored hotel. A white buffalo graces the bar.

The last day was a ride from Marathon to Fort Davis with another right turn in Alpine. As people pulled in the vans were cleaned, the bikes put into cars and the adventure ended as we headed to our respective homes.

The route, the accommodations, and the work of Larry and Sherry made this a fun and unforgettable ride. A number of the party were repeating the ride from tours in the past. My advice - this is one for the ages and worth signing up for.

submitted by Tom Peterson and Laura Davis

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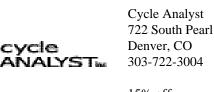


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open	Zion Mountain Bike Utah	April 9-14	\$700	Steve Ireland, 714-505-2438 irelandsteven@hotmail.com
open	Desert Ruins Colorado, New Mexico	May 20-28	\$1375	Mike Case, 303-744-0229 mikecase16@juno.com
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open	Bridger-Teton Utah, Wyoming, Idaho	July 30-August 5	\$950	Gordon & Deb Tewell, 720-304-9572 gtewell@worldnet.att.net
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open	Go For the Gold weekend Colorado	September 23-25	\$225	Diane Short, 303-763-9874
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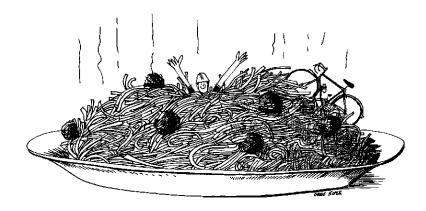
Rides will go if the temperature is at least 40 degrees and the roads are dry. Call the leader if the weather is questionable. You may also check our web site at http://www.heartcycle.org

All training ride participants, whether members of HeartCycle or not, are required to wear an approved bicycle helmet and to obey all traffic signs and signals, ride single file when there is automobile traffic within 100 yards, and to practice courtesy with other cyclists and motorists. Your cooperation is appreciated.

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For rides that require driving significant distances, please call the ride leader to confirm your participation. These rides will only go if at least 3 people call by the Thursday before the ride.

<b>Day</b> Sat	Date Feb 18	<b>Time</b> 10:30	Miles 43	<b>Start Location</b> Superior park & ride, SW corner US 36 & McCaslin Blvd.	<b>Ride Description</b> Louisville Loop	Leader Lee Cook 303-423-6661
Sat	Feb 25	10:30	41	Country Store, SE corner of Santa Fe & Town Center Dr., Highlands Ranch	Littleton/Highlands Ranch/ Parker	Luanne Ralph 303-798-6622
Sat	Mar 4	10:30	43	Hygiene Elementary School on east side of 75th St. in Hygiene	Hygiene/Loveland	Emily Rucker 303-442-8140
Sat	Mar 11	10:30	46	Parfet Park, 10th & Jackson St., Golden	Golden/MorgulBismarck	Mike Case 303-744-0229
Sun	Mar 12	10:30	51	Sedalia Elementary School on Rio Grande Ave. west of SH 67 in Sedalia	Sedalia/Larkspur/Palmer Lake	Lee Cryer 303-778-2305
Sat	Mar 18	10:30	40	Mineral Park & Ride, NW corner Santa Fe & Mineral, Littleton	Littleton/Roxborough	Mike Fife 303-679-9212
Sun	Mar 19	10:30	60	Bus Stop, SW corner US 36 and Broadway in Boulder	Boulder/Carter Lake	leader needed, call Lee Cryer at 303-778-2305 to volunteer



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