

2017 Ride List

FEBRUARY

Saturday, February 25, 2:00pm, **Big Dipper to the DQ Meet** at the Big Dipper, Higgins and 5th, for a sweet start to the cycling season. we'll ride off a few calories around town before we head to the DQ. Wayne Kruse, 721-3095.

Sunday, February 26, 11:00am, **River City Grill Meet** at Eastgate for an easy jaunt to work off yesterday's ice cream and refuel with a hearty lunch at River City Grill. Wayne Kruse, 721-3095.

MARCH

Saturday, March 5, 12:00pm, **Frenchtown Frenzy for Fries and Frolic** (30 mi.) - Leave from the Mullan Station, Mullan Road and N. Reserve. Breakfast or burgers at Frenchtown with several return route options. Always a well attended ride! Can we set a record? Tom & Sue Roy, 728-8319.

Sunday, March 6, 11:00am, **Tour de Turah** (25mi.) - Leave from Eastgate Center for a picnic at Turah Campground. Bring a sandwich or buy snacks at the campground store. Garrett Gunter, 552-3733, ggunter@bresnan.net.

Saturday, March 12, 10:00am, **Bitterroot Bumble** (54+ mi.) Meet at the Park and Ride lot 3 miles south of Lolo. Ride the bike path to Bell Crossing. Turn east, cross the river and take Willoughby Lane into the rolling hills of the East Side. Enjoy stunning views of the Bitterroots and meander down to Stevi for lunch at a local restaurant. Head back on the path or explore back roads and a few miles of gravel on the way back to Florence. Norman Singley, normsingley@gmail.com. 370-3739. *Option of meeting us at the Stevi Subway at 10:45am and just do the 20 mile south loop with us.

Sunday, March 13, 11:00am, **Happy Trails Lolo Bike/ Ped Trail** (38 mi.) Meet at the Conoco in Lolo and ride the bike path to Bass Creek Campground for a snack stop and then back to Florence for lunch at Cafe Firenze (great soup). Lech Szumera, 207-1225.

Saturday, March 19, 11:00pm, **Frenchtown Pond via Frontage Road (42 mi)**. Meet at Mullan Station, corner of Mullan and N. Reserve. Take the fairly quiet frontage to Frenchtown and a short bike trail to the pond. Bring a picnic lunch or a restaurant in Frenchtown is also an option. No ride leader. Just show and go.

Saturday, March 25, 10:00am, **Bitterroot Bumble (54 mi.)** Meet at Park/Ride lot 3 miles south of Lolo. Ride bike path to Bell Crossing. Turn east, cross river and take Willoughby lane into the rolling hills of the East Side. Enjoy stunning views of the Bitterroots and meander down to Stevi for lunch at a local restaurant. Head back on the path or explore back roads and a few miles of gravel on the way to Florence. Norm Singley, normsingley@gmail.com, 406-307-3739.

Sunday, March 26, 11:00am, **32nd annual Potomac Awful Burger Ride (55 mi)** Leave from Eastgate Center and ride Hwy. 200 to Potomac. Lunch at Cully's Bar and Grill. The Awful burger is not on the menu anymore, but after 32 years the name just stuck. Jim McKinny, 406-543-3988, jamesmckinny@AOL.com. For a shorter ride option meet at Milltown Town Pump at about 11:30 to meet the group from Missoula.

APRIL

Sunday, April 2, 11:00am, **Ninemile- Frank Winkler Memorial (55 mi.)** Meet at Mullan Station, corner of Mullan and N. Reserve. Ride to Ninemile for a picnic on the porch at the historic Ninemile Ranger Station (one short stretch of well graded gravel). Bring food and snacks. No leader. Just show and go.

Sunday, April 9, 10:00am, **Stevi CheeseBurger Boogie (60 mi)**. Must be at least the 40th annual. Meet at Diamond Lil's at corner of Brooks and Reserve. Take the new bike trail to Lolo and hook up with the Lolo Bike/Ped Trail all the way to Stevi. Lunch to be decided by all. For a shorter ride option meet at Lolo Conoco at 10:45am to catch the Missoula group. Chris Jaucquet, 406-539-0032, chrjau@gmail.com.

Saturday, April 15, 9:30am, **The WYE to Alberton Ride (54 mi.)** Meet at the Muralt's Travel Plaza. Ride from Wye to Alberton via the 9 Mile Ranger Station and the frontage road. Lunch at the River Edge Restaurant. A couple miles of gravel at the Ranger Station. Alden Wright, 406-542-1966, biking@ftml.net

Sunday, April 16, 11:00am, **Easter Tour of the Town (50 mi.)** Meet at Eastgate Center. Hop on the bunny trail for a pavement ride up the Rattlesnake, Grant Creek, Miller Creek and finally Pattee Canyon. Bring snacks. Chris Jaucquet, 406-539-0032, chrjau@gmail.com.

Saturday, April 22, 10:00am, **Corvallis Cruise (60 mi.)** (78 mi.) Meet at the Town Pump Food Store in Woodside (the Corvallis junction with Highway 93). The route will be a circuitous loop on both the west and east sides of the Bitterroot Valley. Sometimes riders include Skalkaho and/or Sleeping Child Roads for extra miles. Leader could be coerced into de-briefing at Hamilton Brewery. Other pertinent information will be available at pre-ride meeting. Tim Marchant, 406-250-7228, highplainsdrafter@gmail.com.

overnight ride Saturday-Sunday, April 22 - 23, **21st Annual Hot Springs Ride** Starting in Ravalli, ride through beautiful countryside to Plains for lunch and then to Hot Springs. See Oreo cows, bluebirds, bighorn sheep and yaks! Soak in the fabulous hot springs at the Symes Hotel and enjoy live evening entertainment. Return on Sunday through scenic Camas Prairie. 62 miles Saturday and 41 miles Sunday. \$10 deposit by April 10. RSVP – Diane Norem, 728-4126, drnorem@gmail.com.

Sunday, April 17, 10:00am, **Lunch at Lubrecht (60 mi.)** Meet at Le Petit Outre Bakery on 4th St.W. Ride out Highway 200 to the Lubrecht Forest and a picnic in the woods. Chris Jauquet,593-0032, chrjau@gmail.com.

Saturday, April 29, 10:00am, **Bearmouth to Drummond (40 mi)** Carpool from Eastgate Center at 9:00am or meet at Bearmouth Alpine Chalet at 10:00am. Frontage road with farms and ranchland and views of the Clark Fork River. Don't forget about the 10 hills. Lunch at Parkers known for 100 different kinds of hamburgers. Kathleen Wills, 406-241-0012

Sunday, April 30, 10:00am, **Clark Fork Frontage Ride (56 mi.)** (54 mi.) Meet at Tarkio/I-90 exit at 10:00am. Ride the frontage road from Tarkio, through Superior to St Regis. See eagles, Ospreys and experience a quiet two lane road, 3 miles of packed gravel. Lech Szumera 406-207-1225.

MAY

Sunday, May 6, 10:00am, **The Lake County De-VELO-pment (45 mi.)** Carpool from McCormick Park at 8:45am for a 10:00am start/pre-ride at Lake County Fairgrounds/Ronan High School. Ride Round Butte Rd. to Valley View Rd., then north toward Polson. Continue on Kerr Dam Rd. and eventually come to 7th Ave West. Ride east to the bike trail. Return to Ronan on the trail along US 93. Apres-ride refreshments at Ninepipes Lodge. Tim Marchant, 406-250-7228, highplainsdrafter@gmail.com.

Sunday, May 14, 10:00am, **Lunch at Lubrecht (60 mi.)** Meet at Le Petit Outre on 4th Ave. W. Ride out Highway 200 to the Lubrecht Forest and a picnic lunch in the woods. Bring a hearty lunch. Perhaps we will even see "Churchill" the Great Horned owl. Chris Jaucquet, 406-539-0032, chrjau@gmail.com

Saturday, May 20, 9:00am, **Sula to Wisdom- Paul O'Connell Memorial (80 mi.)** Carpool from McCormick Park at 7:30am for a 9:00am start at the Sula Store. Double your divides and quattro your passes! With limited supplies at the Wisdom store and Big Hole weather, be prepared with back-up fuel and lunch. Norman Singley, normsingley@gmail.com, 370-3739.

Sunday, May 21, 11:00am, **The Moveable Feast is Back !!! (40 hearty miles).** Join us for a progressive dinner ride to 4 different MOBI homes for appetizers, soup, main course/salad, and dessert. We will ask each rider to bring something to one of the food venues. Call Margie @ 406-728-2455 to reserve your spot.

overnight ride Saturday - Sunday, May 27 - 28 ***overnight ride*** Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes. A 71 mile scenic paved trail from Mullan to Plummer. We will bicycle 56 miles from Mullan to Harrison on Saturday, stay in a B&B Saturday night, and bike back on Sunday. You will need to make B&B or motel reservations as soon as possible (and it might be too late by the time that you try)---contact Sally or Alden for advice. A subgroup may continue to Plummer and return to

Harrison on Saturday. Since we do not anticipate car support, you should expect to carry your gear. Sally and Alden Wright, 542-1966, biking@fastmail.fm

Sunday, May 28, 11:00am, **Turah Taper Ride** (25 mi.) Meet at Eastgate Center. You've trained hard and your legs deserve a rest. Spin easy today and again on a ride or two this week. TOSRV West will be great! Jan Grant, cjanski2@gmail.com.