



**CycleMasters:** We are closing in on the beginning of October and the cooler bicycling weather that comes with it. Finally!

**For our October Saturday morning social rides, we will start our rides at 8am.** Our starting point (and breakfast location) is HOA1. And the HOA1 Roadrunner Grille is our breakfast location after the ride.

As in past months, here is the recap of what happened in September, and what is currently planned in October 2024 and beyond:

#### **OCTOBER SATURDAY MORNING SOCIAL RIDES:**

- **Start Location and Time:** HOA1 Bocce Ball courts parking lot at 8am.
- **Breakfast:** 9am at the HOA1 Roadrunner Grille.

#### **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:**

- None to report

Please make sure to say hello to all new members when you have the opportunity!

#### **RECAP OF PREVIOUS EVENTS:**

- **Wilcox Flyer:** About 10 CycleMasters participated again this year. Wilcox is a very eclectic and small Arizona rural town, and the surrounding country roads are great to ride. The temperature was good, and the wind was (somewhat) cooperative. If you did not ride this year, hopefully we will see you next year!
- **Pima County El Tour Loop de Loop:** Nine CycleMasters participated in the event on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. We started at Rillito Park on the Chuck Huckelberry Loop, rode at a leisurely pace for 11 miles east, and then returned back to Rillito Park. The “After Party” included music, food, beverages and several charitable beneficiaries and event sponsors with lots of giveaways and raffle prizes! We had fun and we hope to see you next year if you could not make it this year.

#### **CRITICAL CLUB NEEDS (NEW / CHANGED ITEMS ARE IN BLUE):**

- **SaddleBrooke Progress Leadership Role:** As most of you know, Rod Hutton (with his wife Denise) has accepted the President position on the 2025/2026 CycleMasters board. As you might not know, currently Rod is one of Rick Muck’s primary members on the Progress Delivery Leadership Team. So (assuming Rod is voted in at the 10/1/24 club meeting!), we will desperately need a replacement for Rod on Rick’s Progress Delivery Team. **Rod cannot perform both.**

Have you not volunteered in a while? We need you to lend a hand. The primary focus of the position is helping ensure we have adequate delivery folks once a month when the Progress is delivered. In other words, this is **NOT** a full-time position by any stretch! Please contact Rick Muck or Rod Hutton if you would like further details on the position, and especially if you would like to fill the position.



▪ **Saddlebrooke Progress Delivery Positions:** FYI, we now have two units (Unit #4 & 8A) without a permanent delivery person. In addition, we certainly can use more folks as substitutes. ***This past summer we had as many as six folks delivering more than one unit,*** and we certainly thank them for their service. You may not know that some club members on the regular and substitute delivery lists have been doing the job for years. With a club of our size, we need more members to stand up and support the Progress delivery. The Progress delivery takes a total of two to three hours of your time once a month. So, it is not a huge commitment!

Remember that the Progress delivery provides our club funding which enables our chartered charitable and social responsibility activities (such as bike donations to Oracle and San Manuel school systems) that we perform each year.

#### **CURRENT INTERNAL EVENTS AND REMINDERS (NEW / CHANGED ITEMS ARE IN BLUE):**

- **First, a “Safety Moment”:** Unfortunately, three of our club members had bicycling accidents in the past three weeks that resulted in broken collarbones, one concussion, one fractured vertebra and sore arms/legs. All of the accidents were **NOT** a result of excess speed; all resulted from relatively simple mistakes that cyclists should follow every time they get on a bike: 1) Keep your eye on the path / road; 2) Continually watch for danger areas (intersections, turns, sidewalks, bumpy surfaces, etc.), and; 3) Keep both hands on the handlebars when not drinking fluids or signaling to other riders. Please keep focused and safe!
- **Our new board starts in January 2025!:** Here is the current slate of candidates. During the 10/1/24 club meeting, we will vote to approve the list of candidates (nominations can also be made from the floor that evening with the consent of the nominee):
  - Co-Presidents: Rod Hutton and Denise Edwards
  - Vice-President (Rides-Focused): Marty Herbert
  - Vice-President (Social Activities-Focused): Julia Boyd (thru 2025 only)
  - Secretary: Wanda Ross
  - Treasurer: Mark Byl (thru 2025 only)
- **October 1<sup>st</sup> Club Meeting:** Please remember that our club meeting is from 5pm to 7pm on Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>! We will again meet at the HOA-1 tennis courts gazebo. Julia Boyd is now back in town (hooray!), and she will be sending out any remaining details on the event shortly. ***PLEASE BRING SOMETHING TO SHARE WITH 10-12 PEOPLE!*** The club will provide beverages (including water, soft drinks, beer and wine).

Also at the meeting, we have arranged for Lyon (Oro Valley Bikes manager) and his staff to be at the HOA-1 tennis courts gazebo early (by 4:30pm) to show off their newest bikes, let members take test rides, and answer any questions you may have. So, please arrive a bit early if you want to meet with the OVB staff!

▪ **New Club Shorts, Bibs, Wind Jackets (and current Jerseys?):** As I communicated in last month’s update, we are planning to have sample sizes for each item after Donna and John Sohikian are back in SaddleBrooke. We will take sizes and orders during the 3pm Tuesday happy hours at the Roadrunner Grille on 10/29/24 and 11/5/24.



We will need a minimum order of 10 pieces (any combination of items). The current special pricing, regardless of eventual quantity, will be \$72 for shorts, \$77 for bibs, and \$91 for wind jackets (tax and shipping to be added). With respect to the wind jackets, we do not know at this time if we will be able to get both designs. We are also checking to see if club members will be able to order additional jerseys. Design graphics for the shorts, bibs and wind jackets were provided in the September 2024 monthly update.

- **October 26<sup>th</sup> Halloween Breakfast Ride:** This Saturday morning breakfast will be hosted by Donna and John Sohikian. More details to follow.
- **December 4<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting:** Our club is still scheduled at the HOA-1 Activity Center for our end-of-year club meeting.

#### UPCOMING EXTERNAL EVENTS AND RIDES (NEW/CHANGED ITEMS ARE IN BLUE):

- **November 2nd GABA Tumacacori Ride:** Registration is currently open. The ride starts at Sopori Elementary School in Amato, AZ (just south of Green Valley), and includes 30-mile, Metric Century and Century distances. If you are interested in the ride, please talk with Rod Hutton or myself. You can find more information on the ride at the GABA (Greater Arizona Bicycling Association) website at: <https://www.bikegaba.org/>.
- **November 23d Tour de Tucson:** Registration is currently open. The ride takes place in the southern region of Tucson, and includes 32-mile, 63-mile and 102-mile distances. It appears that E-bikes may be allowed at all distances this year. But, E-bikes are not eligible for any placements awards and they must be pedal-assist (no throttle-only). There are a number of CycleMasters who ride the TdeT each year, so reach out to any one of them for further conversation. Also, you can find more information on the ride at the Tour de Tucson website at: <https://eltourdetucson.org/>.
- **Out-of-State Rides:** Nothing to report currently.

My best, Kurt