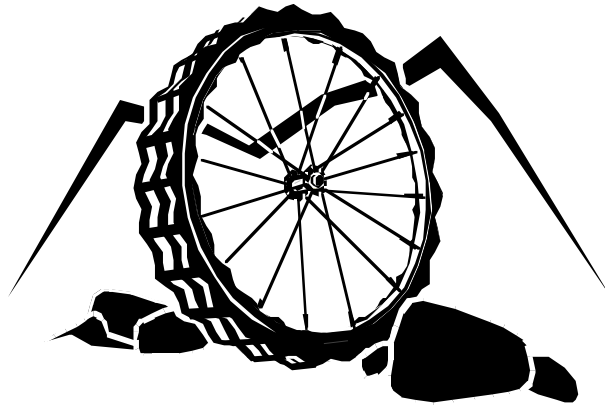




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"I should have bought a PMBC jersey."

This Month's Top Stories

- Message From The President
- Cruise L.A.
- Loads of Pictures

- Some of the usual stuff
- Handy addresses

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Things change pretty quickly sometimes. In the last newsletter that I wrote (November/December), I was griping about the National Forest closures and having nowhere to ride. Pretty much immediately after writing that, we got our first rain of the season

and the closures were finally lifted. Yay! Since then we had another little girl, Chloe, who my son John named, and things are pretty darn good. We've also had some nice rides like the Pearl Harbor Day Dive Bomb, many of the guys have been racing

Cyclocross, and racing started last weekend at Southridge in Fontana. Check it out because it's cheap racing (\$20) and a fun course. Too bad for those people I talk to in other parts of the country and in Canada who actually are having a real Winter. With my new job as an outside salesperson for Rocky Mountain, I'm trying to build up some more interest in my bikes so that local shops will want to sell them like Pasadena Cyclery has been since November – contrary to Scott's reporting last month. That means that I will be spending a lot of weekends dragging my sample bikes to the local races like the ones at Southridge. I'll have to get my riding done out there, but it means that I'll have to miss some regular PMBC rides. I'm planning on being at the State Series and AmCup races for sure. We'll see about the rest of them. Some of the club members have offered to help me out at the venues and I welcome anyone else who wants to stand around all day and hand out catalogs. I'll be doing demo rides at some events too, so if you want to ride one of our style suspension bikes, look for me at a local race. My company has also offered to be the bike sponsor for the club. So those of you who are actually racing this season, helping me out in my booth at different events, or are leading some rides can get a pretty good deal on one of our cool bikes through Pasadena Cyclery. Go to a meeting and find out the details.



Last month's PMBC meeting was moved at the last minute to Fuddruckers because it was Alan's son's birthday. I think we'll have the next one there too. It's just an excuse to eat there. We can handle it a few times, but after a while it gets pricey there. Remember that's the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm. In order to help others find us at the meeting, I'd like those who show up to wear your PMBC windbreaker or vest – if you have one. I'll find out what's left in PMBC gear, but I know that there are jerseys still left. Go by Pasadena Cyclery and buy one if you're a current member. At the next

meeting, we'll be planning our upcoming ride schedule.



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At the meeting, we'll probably also be talking about joining the LA Marathon Bike Ride again. It'll be early on March 2nd before the actual LA Marathon is run. We had a lot of fun on that ride last year, even though the lousy Peck, Tony, talked me out of riding my Dyno Kruiser, saying that it would be too hard and it would be too slow. Turns out, there were so many people on that ride that you can't really go fast anyway unless you fight your way to the front of the throng at 5am so you can show how macho you are on a fun ride. I'll be on that bike this year – unless I've got to tow a trailer. You should try to join us for this. It was kind of like a huge version of one of our taco rides, only longer and with about twenty thousand more people riding with you.

That's how many people seem to show up for the MWBA's Pancake Breakfast, which didn't happen last November because of the Forest Service closure. I griped a lot about that last time too. They said it would be rescheduled, so check their answering machine or website for details. You can also find out when and where the next trail work day will be held. I know you've been waiting to join them for trail work since they couldn't do any when the Forest was closed either. Here's their info: www.mwba.org or (626) 795-3866.

Go do some good work on our local trails and show

us how macho you really are.

That's all for this month except to remind any of you whose membership runs out this month, to renew. It's also time for some people to get a new USFS Adventure Pass. How long was that demo program supposed to run again, and are we getting an extension for the months that the Angeles and other National Forests were closed? Scott was right about me selling my GT bikes though, so buy them from me so I can pay for my Rocky Mountain sample bikes! I'm going back to watching my new baby sleep.

I'm out...

Martin



Señor Montaña Rocosa.

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Acura L.A. Bike Tour IX

by Ray Herrera

It's back again for the ninth year, the L.A. BIKE TOUR part of the Los Angeles Marathon. On Sunday, March 2nd 2003 at 6am, over 15,000 riders will roll through the streets of L.A. This is an annual event for me going back seven years. Long time friends that I normally won't see all year will come together for this ride. This is a fun ride that helps over fifty charities throughout Los Angeles.

Several of our PMBC members have done this ride before. Scott Dayman did it last year with his dad, and Martin (El Presidente) Gomez will be going again this year. This time he's riding his cruiser and being accompanied by his wife. Who knows, maybe we can get the Peck to go with his trailer and have us a regular convoy – "that's a big 10-4 good buddy." It's not what you ride or how fast you ride, it's about having fun while you ride.

Register by mail before Feb. 9th and it's only \$25. You can also register online at www.acuralabiketour.com DO NOT MAIL OR E-MAIL IN ENTRIES AFTER FEBRUARY 9TH; you will have to register at the Quality of Life expo in the Los Angeles Convention Center. Late registration is \$30. THERE WILL BE NO REGISTRATION THE DAY OF THE RIDE. You will have until 5pm Saturday, March 1st 2003 to register.

The course is about 22 miles with a couple of hills that are nothing to worry about. You start at USC and roll your way west, then hang a right at Crenshaw, then a left on Venice and then another right at Robertson. Before you know it, you're in the Wilshire District cruising down 6th St., then Olympic and back down toward USC. Once you pass the finish line you get to pick up your cool medallion and check out the booths, if any.

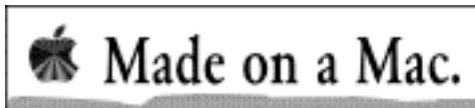
There is a wide spectrum of bikes, riders, and talent at this event. If you have never done this ride before, you are really missing an amazing event. At the start of every ride we watch the entire parade of riders go by until we are left with just the late comers, then we ride. All the bottle necking around the first few turns

is not as bad when your starting from the back of the pack. You get an amazing view of long streets stretching for miles, filled with nothing but bikes. Being in the back, you also get more of the spectators coming out and cheering you on as you ride by.



Last year's L.A. Bike Tour start (lightened up).

So, the money goes toward some good charities, and we do have these new PMBC jerseys to flash around (REPRESENT!). This ride will be on the schedule for March – rain or shine – and believe me, it has rained in the past.



Rides and Events



The mad, but stylish, Dive Bombers.

*Helmets required on ALL rides!
Call the RideLine at (626) 577-RACE for info*

Sunday, February 2 – Chilao/Mt. Hillyer Loop, ANF. Meet at Pasadena Cyclery at 8am. Ride Leader – Martin VanDerVeen.

Wednesday, February 5 – Club Meeting at Fuddrucker's Hastings Ranch at 7:30pm.

Saturday, February 8 – Beginner Ride. meet at Pasadena Cyclery at 8:30am. Ride Leader – Scott Dayman.

Saturday, February 8 – Southridge Mountain Bike Race Series, Fontana. Short track XC and Freestyle DH.

Sunday, February 9 – Taco Ride w/Tony The Peck. Meeting place TBA. Ride Leader – Tony Quiroz.

Sunday, February 9 – Southridge Mountain Bike Race Series, Fontana. XC/DH.

Saturday February 15 – Brown Mountain/EI Prieto Trail loop, Pasadena. Meet at the JPL parking lot at Windsor/Ventura at 8am. Ride Leader – Ray Herrera.

Saturday, February 22 – Beginner Ride. meet at Pasadena Cyclery at 8:30am. Ride Leader – Scott Dayman.

Saturday, February 22 – Southridge Mountain Bike Race Series, Fontana. Short track XC and Freestyle DH.

Sunday, February 23 – Josephine Peak/Strawberry Peak/Red Box to Switzers loop, ANF. Meet at Pasadena Cyclery at 8am. Ride Leaders – John Khao/Martin VanDerVeen.

Sunday, February 23 – Southridge Mountain Bike Race Series, Fontana. XC/DH.

* ANF=Forest Adventure Pass required

Classifieds

Schwinn Stingray 20" Wheel Boys' bike. From the last production run (1998) before Schwinn went bankrupt – again. Brand new in the box. Never opened. Blue color frame with the whole shebang (banana seat w/sissy bar, hi-rise bars, Schwinn grips and tires, etc...). Just like they made 'em in the 60's and 70's. Do you miss that bike from when you were growing up? Score one for your kid. They are still cool. \$350 OBO. Call Martin at: (909) 596-6603 or E-mail: martin@pmbc.org (1/2003)



2000 GT XCR1500 Small (15" effective center to center) fits riders from 5'2"-5'6". Frame made of Easton ProGram Elite tubing in Santa Ana, California. Built up with Rock Shox Judy SL fork, Fox Float RC rear shock with lockout with 4.75" of travel, Shimano Deore XT/LX components and Syncros bar, stem, and post. Choose Time or Shimano pedals. Never ridden off-road and ridden once on the street. Built it for my wife who hasn't had time to ride since we started having kids. Check it out, it's incredibly clean. \$1250 OBO. Call Martin at: (909) 596-6603 or E-mail: martin@pmbc.org (1/2003)



2000 GT Zaskar LE. 16.5" Frame in GT Team Colors. Fits riders 5'7"-5'11". Built in Santa Ana, California (before GT went belly-up) from Easton ProGram Elite tubing. Has Marzocchi Bomber Z2 Atom 80 fork and mostly brand new LX components and brand new wheels w/LX hubs

and Bontrager rims, Syncros stem and post and your choice of Shimano or Time pedals. This was my spare bike and hardly got ridden. Check it out, it's light, shiny, and fast. \$1099 OBO. Call Martin at: (909) 596-6603 or E-mail: martin@pmbc.org (1/2003)



Vistalight VL530 system. This comes with 15W and 10W handlebar mount lights. Two spare bulbs (10W and 15W) and a helmet mount. Two NiMH night stick batteries and charger. Buy the whole set for just \$75. Retail w/o the spare bulbs is about \$160. Call Doug Sullivan 626-683-8327 or doug@pmbc.org (9/2002)

Time pedals with two sets of cleats. These are the light green plastic ones, not the heavy aluminum ones. Buy them for \$45 so Martin G. is not the only one using Times. Call Doug Sullivan 626-683-8327 or doug@pmbc.org (9/2002)

For Rent: Serfas Bike Cases – \$20 per use. I have two of these cases available for rent. Each case will hold one bike, includes a copy of breakdown & shipping instructions. Two sheets of egg-carton foam in each case protects your pride & joy from overzealous shipping gorillas. You pick 'em up at my place in Costa Mesa, and bring 'em back after you're done using them. Call Mark at 714-343-8799 (cell) or e-mail at mark@pmbc.org (12/2001)



18" steel hardtail mtb frame – \$199 or best offer. Call Doug Sullivan 626-683-8327 or doug@pmbc.org (9/2002)



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