

Events Calendar

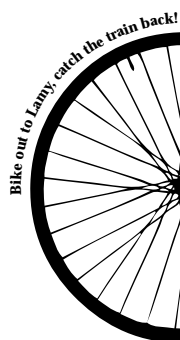
New Mexico is home to a very busy bicycling community, with organized rides, tours, and races for mountain bikers, road bikers and recreational touring cyclists all year round. The best place for info on events is the

Web. Several web sites have links to rides all over New Mexico and are updated regularly. See the article on websites, p. 8. Below we highlight just a few of the big rides in New Mexico this summer.

NW NEW MEXICO

Durango 100 July 23, 2006 100-mile loop, 84-mile loop, or 50-mile one-way. Start and finish in Durango, Colorado.
For more NW rides: velodeanimas.com/

SANTA FE



Rail Trail Fest

June 10, 2006

WWW.RAILTRAILFEST.COM

Lamy community members and the Santa Fe Southern Railway are organizing a fun ride for the whole family. Proceeds from the ride will support restoration efforts of the historic Our Lady of Light church building in Lamy. Tickets are \$20 with a train ride back to Santa Fe and \$10 without the train ride. \$5 extra if registering the day of the event. Register online at www.railtrailfest.com. Call 466-

6103 or e-mail zuli@springmail.com for more info, or visit www.railtrailfest.com.

Schedule: Bikes leave Santa Fe 7-9 am; Events in Lamy 10 am to 12:30 pm; Train leaves Lamy for Santa Fe at 1 pm.

Events (in Lamy)

- Bike toss
- Wheelie competition
- Bike-limbo competition
- Slowest-rider competition
- Bunny hop competition
- Best helmet adornment contest
- Best art bike
- Kids tire-toss
- **Lots of prizes!**

Things to see (in Lamy):

- The historic Our Lady of Light church building
- The new Lamy Rail Car Cafe, open and serving great food
- The new Lamy Railroad History Museum
- Santa Fe Brewing will host a cash beer garden from 11-1 PM
- Ice Cream at the Legal Tender Bar

SW NEW MEXICO

The 20th Annual Tour of the Gila will be in Silver City, May 3-7, 2006. This race is one of the most grueling stage races in the country. Great for spectators, too. www.tourofthegila.com/

The Santa Fe Century - 21 years Sunday, May 21st, 2006



Governor Bill Richardson heads out at the 2005 Santa Fe Century.



Sunday, May 21, 2006
Santa Fe, New Mexico

25, 50, 75 and 100 Mile Rides

2006 Santa Fe Century

BikeABQ will be providing support at one of the Santa Fe Century rest stops. If you are willing to join the BikeABQ team in supporting this great Santa Fe cycling event, please email Julie at jluna@tvi.edu

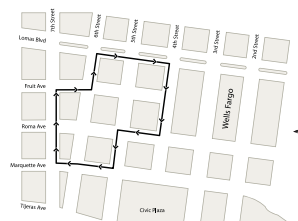
Albuquerque Century & Downtown Criterium

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The Albuquerque Century & Downtown Criterium is planned for the weekend of June 10-11, 2006. Saturday the 10th, will be the 25, 50 and 100 mile bike tours. Sunday June 11th, will be a series of sanctioned criterium races. Both days will start/finish at the Wells Fargo Bank in downtown Albuquerque. This years efforts are to create the growth of an annual event. The YMCA is the recipient for this fundraising effort. Proceeds go primarily to youth scholarships and programs

The whole idea is that we promote and educate about safe bicycling in New

Mexico. Sportz Outdoor has agreed to be the title sponsor, and there is talk of combining the annual Sandia Crest Challenge into this weekend for 2007. There is more information available at www.abqcentury.com.



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The Santa Fe Century - A Community Event

by Willard Chilcott, organizer

On Sunday May 21, the 21st annual Santa Fe Century will be held. This year, the event expects to bring over 3000 cyclists to Santa Fe plus hundreds of their companions. These bicyclists and their families are an important part of the city's tourist economy.

For the past several years, the Century's growth rate has increased through visits to the official web site (www.santafecentury.com) and widespread word of mouth. Ridership now increases by 10% annually, with 60% of the riders come from out of state.

The Century charges \$12.00 for the short routes and \$17.00 for the 103-mile long route. About one third will ride the short routes and two-thirds the long route. Although these fees are probably the lowest in the country for such an event, the Century pays its own expenses and does not solicit donations, though many local merchants allow us to purchase food & beverage products at their cost. As a co-sponsor, the St. Vincent Regional Medical Center allows the Century to use part of their parking areas for the event's venue. In addition, volunteers

from the New Mexico National Guard drive the sag-wagons.

The Albuquerque Chapter of Leukemia-Lymphoma Society uses the Century as an annual fundraiser thru their Team-In-Training (TNT) program.

We are optimistic about the Century's continued growth. Where else can cyclists find such a well organized event, with a beautiful scenic route, located in one of America's most attractive tourist towns, and for as low an entry fee?

The Century is not a race nor a fundraiser, but a generic cycling event appealing to all levels of cyclists. It is organized by and for recreational cyclists who want a community-based cycling event that appeals to all levels of cyclists, recreational and racers alike.

The Century's success depends on a loyal & dedicated group of volunteers and active community support.

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