

# Tortilla Flats Wednesdays

May 24<sup>th</sup> - August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006 every Wednesday at 5:30 pm sharp:

White Mountain Road Club presents a 12 race series on Wednesday nights racing with your friends. This will be a USCF sanctioned race series for cash prizes for all USCF racers. The "B" race will be for Women, juniors, Cat 5, and Cat 4 only. The "A" race will be for Cat 1-3, and anyone that thinks they can climb like a goat. Separate women's race for 3 or more women.

THE COURSE: A 39-mile total out and back course with 11 miles of really difficult climbing. There are lots of rollers and steep winding descents, very few flat areas, and most important, very few cars (usually less than 10 total). There is beautiful, smooth pavement, and gorgeous scenery. Vertical gain is 3500'.

THE RULES: All USCF rules apply. There is only one intersection at a distance of  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile from the start. The groups will roll **neutral** to the intersection at highway 88 and turn right. The race can then go its own pace until it reaches the first one-way bridge. Entering the bridge with cars coming the opposite way is an automatic disqualification from the race. The same rules apply when you cross the next bridge before the climb to Tortilla Flats. Turn around at the "end of pavement" sign, just past the mile marker 220. If you are dropped long before the turn around, you can turn and jump in with the group as they pass you on the descent. If you choose this method you are ineligible to contest or help in the sprint. When you start the 5-mile descent there are 2 steep 90-degree left turns where you **must** use your brakes, or you will go over the side of the mountain into the cholla. When the groups finish they **must** yield to cars before turning left onto Nodak Rd. at mile 200. There is still a  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile uphill to the finish line so there is no reason to attack into the left turn. Any time after the turn onto Nodak is okay. Finish line is at the Mining Camp Restaurant.

THE DIRECTIONS: Highway US 60 east or Brown Road east to Highway 88 east. Follow the highway toward Canyon Lake, but turn right on Nodak just before mile 200. Follow signs to the Mining Camp Restaurant at the base of the Superstition Mountain. Don't park in front of the big tree. It is reserved for registration.

THE PRIZES: ***New for 2006:*** Custom race leader's jersey for the "A & B" overall leaders. Bring it back washed the next week if you lose the lead. Race leader is required to wear leader's jersey. 3 double points races for each group on, June 14<sup>th</sup>, July 12<sup>th</sup> and August 9<sup>th</sup>. **\$6** of each entry goes to the weekly cash prize for the top 3 places of each race. Cash will be paid 5 deep with 15 or more per field. Point's series for each category: 5 for 1<sup>st</sup>, 1 for 5<sup>th</sup>. Winner of "A" series gets **\$250**, "B" series gets **\$150**.

THE DETAILS: \$10 entry for all riders per week, or \$90 for the whole series of 12 races. 5:30pm start for the "A's" & "B's". Restrooms at the start till they close for summer, then 1 mile back down the road after June. Don't forget to thank the Mining Camp Restaurant when you go inside their excellent place of business. The whole race will take about 2 hours. Bring 3 water bottles and spare inner tube, patch kit and pump. There is no follow vehicle, unless you supply one. USCF license required, 1-day license available to new racers. Helmets required. No aero-bars. Jersey must have sleeves. Keep your race number and pins for each week that you race of the series.

QUESTIONS: Call Dave Reid (480) 497-8832 or Dave Huddleston (480) 732-1362 evenings until 8pm. See you there.