

# Ride Your Bike in The Heart of Arizona

Saturday, November 7, 2015

Start times: 125 mi: 7:00, 104 mi: 7:30, 44 mi: 9:00

Please join the Bull Shifters as we host this incredible event for our 9<sup>th</sup> year.

## Ride Options:

44 mile **Stent** route.

104 mile **Century** – the old route that you love

125 mile (**200 km**) RUSA sanctioned **Brevet**

## Cost:

\$45 Bull Shifter, ABC, GABA, RUSA members

\$50 for non-members

\$10 late fee if signing up after October 25<sup>th</sup>

## You get:

- o 3 Beautiful routes
- o 4 sags on route
- o Roving support
- o Great swag (for pre registered riders)
- o Hot dogs & hamburgers at the finish
- o Cheerful and helpful volunteers
- o Memories to last a lifetime



## Ride Descriptions:

All distances will start and end in Congress. On the 104/125 routes, you'll get to stretch your legs as you mostly descend to the Santa Maria River along the picturesque Joshua Tree Forest Parkway. There, you'll find the first sag. You'll want to tank up here cuz the fun, er, climbing is about to begin!

For the next 16 miles you'll roll and climb through some of Arizona's finest to your second sag. From there, the 200k riders will head left UP the hill to Bagdad and back. Meanwhile, the century riders will start the 6 mile descent (woo hoo!) back to the Santa Maria River. Enjoy it while it lasts since the 10 mile climb to Hillside awaits on the other side of the river! Never fear though, the Bull Shifters will be waiting for you at the top for your 3rd sag of the day. Your reward will be lunch served Bullshifter style. You're really gonna like it!

After lunch, you'll roll past numerous ranches to your 4th sag near Kirkland Junction. At the junction, 200k riders will hang a left for an out-and-back to the sleepy town of Wilhoit, just at the base of White Spar Mountain. Century riders will go right and head for Yarnell. There's a pretty big climb to get to Yarnell, but your reward is the thrilling 7 mile descent of Yarnell Hill! This is what you've worked for all day long. After the e-ticket descent, you'll have a couple miles of soft peddling and story telling with your riding buds as you cruise on in to the finish.

The 44 mile riders will head straight for Yarnell Hill. If you've never climbed it, you're in for a treat. Smooth pavement, wide shoulders, little traffic, and spectacular views. After the climb, you will roll through Yarnell and the, always gorgeous, Peebles Valley on your way to your turnaround and Sag just past Kirkland Junction. Once you've rested and re-fueled, you get to retrace your route back to the finish where helpful volunteers await your arrival. Did I mention the 7 mile descent of Yarnell hill?!? This, alone, is worth the entry fee!

At the finish, the Bull Shifters will be cooking up some grub so you can feed your tired bodies while reminiscing about your day's events. Sit back, relax, and have a burger or hot dog and Coke on us. You've earned it by riding either 44 miles with 3100', 104 miles with 6000', or 125 miles with 7100' of climbing!

## Questions?

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## Directions:

US-60 to Wickenburg, SR-89/93 N (6 mi.) to SR-89 N (10 mi.) to Congress. Left on SR-71 (0.3 mi.) to Start

Google map: <http://g.co/maps/p2gmf>