

# WHITNEY CLASSIC Bicycle Ride RADIO PRIMER

2011 dates are Sept. 23 – 25

The Whitney Classic Benefit Bicycle Ride is a 135 mile overnight challenge for riders and workers, directed from Lone Pine CA. Radio communication is organized by the Sam's Radio Hams Chapter of the Good Sam Club. Other Good Sams and other Ham operators with or without RVs also take part.

The Whitney Classic is a major source of funds for *Summit Adventure* with large pledges per rider. *Summit Adventure* is a Christian non-profit wilderness program working with families, adults, and youths.

**General** – This endurance ride (NOT a race) starts at 3:00 pm Saturday at Badwater in Death Valley. Riders climb two 5,000 ft. passes, finishing at Whitney Portal, a third climb to 8,365 ft. by Sunday Noon.

Good Sam volunteers (Sammers) check in the riders at each Sag Stop and serve them the food provided. Hams (Hammers) relay rider numbers, times, and any problems from every open Stop. After all riders pass and the Stop is closed, workers with RVs can sleep there if they wish.

<u>SAG Stops</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Rider times</u>
Start – Badwater	0.0	3:00 pm
#1 – Furnace Creek	17.5	3:50-5:00
#2 – Scotty's (Junction)	34.7	4:30-6:20
#3 – Stove Pipe Wells	42.3	4:50-7:30
#4 – Wildrose (Junction)	51.3	5:30-11:00
#5 – Towne Pass	58.9	6:30-12:30 am
#6 – Panamint Springs	72.9	7:00-1:30
#7 – Father Crowley	80.0	7:30-4:00
Repeater – Hillcrest	84.8	<i>not a stop</i>
#8 – Darwin (Junction)	90.7	8:10-6:30
#9 – Keeler	108.1	9:10-8:00
#10 – Lone Pine NCS	121.1	9:50-11:30
#11 – Switchbacks	131.2	11:00-12:20
Finish – Whitney Portal.	134.8	11:30-1:30 pm



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**Details** – Hams arrive in Lone Pine by Friday afternoon, or camp earlier with others at Tuttle Creek Campground. We can camp in RVs next to the Comfort Inn from Friday, saving the row nearest the motel for Sammers, leaving fire lanes between rows. We meet at 4 PM to discuss final radio assignments. A Friday night Pot Luck or a no-host dinner is usually held for Sammers and Hammers to get acquainted.

There is a Saturday pancake breakfast for volunteers at the VFW Hall behind McDonalds. Announcements are made there after breakfast. After a group photo in our new T shirts by the motel, we can go to our assignments. See **Radio**.

After the ride Sunday, there is an awards presentation in the City Park with free pizza and sodas for riders and volunteers. The Sam's Radio Hams campout at nearby Boulder Creek RV Park follows.

**Radio** - Technician license, 2-m FM rig 25-50 W, and gain antennas are the minimum necessary. 440 MHz and other rigs and antennas are optional. Starting frequency is 147.51 MHz FM simplex, changing to a 2-meter repeater and optional frequencies when the ride is about to start. FRS is used at Stops by some Sammers and Hammers. Frequencies will be available to Ham workers by September.

Net Control (NCS) in the Comfort Inn parking lot in Lone Pine (#10) tracks the ride. Riders have their own support vehicles, so we don't normally patrol.

Do not plan on cell phones working East of Lone Pine (North and South on US-395 mostly OK) except a new cell site without data service is at Furnace Creek. Stovepipe Wells and Badwater are out of range of Furnace Creek in each direction. Ask in September for the latest details.

**Sign-up** – Ham Radio sign-up Jun-Aug, form attached. No location guaranteed! Join Yahoo Group SRHams (SRH members) or WhitneyNorth (not members) for discussion, changes, and announcements.

- Les Cobb, W6TEE

May 1, Apr 2, 2011

**WHITNEY CLASSIC 2011 - Ham Radio Signup** - Mail form to: Les Cobb, 4114 Horgan Way, Sacramento CA 95821, **or**, e-mail W6TEE at QSL.NET as text **or** turn in before Fri Sept 23, 4 PM meeting.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City St Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: Sam's Radio Hams Y: \_\_\_ Other or None: \_\_\_\_\_ T Shirt size(s) \_\_\_ & \_\_\_

Call(s) \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ Number yrs worked \_\_\_\_\_ RV size \_\_\_\_\_ Pot Luck Y/N \_\_\_

Requested Assignment (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Assignment (LEAVE BLANK) \_\_\_\_\_