

IMPORTANT SATURDAY GRAN FONDO BIKE COURSE INFORMATION

COURSE NOTES:

- ◆ **Rules of the road** should be followed if law enforcement or first responders are not present at traffic lights, stops signs or when making turns at intersections.
- ◆ **Dangerous Descent (Magnetic Road)** – once back in Eureka Springs and on Passion Play Road, the next turn onto Magnetic Road begins a steep and curvy downhill section. **THIS IS NOT THE PLACE TO MAKE UP TIME!** And with all descents, use caution and ride within your comfort zone.
- ◆ There are **Rumble Strips** on some of the shoulders on a couple sections of the course.
- ◆ **Volunteers, emergency personnel and signage** should be located at each turn on the road, but it's the rider's responsibility to know the course. Please pay attention to your jersey pocket map and ride map which has been provided in your packet.
- ◆ **Emergency Phone #'s** are located on the reverse side of the provided jersey pocket maps. In a medical emergency dial 911.
- ◆ **Aid Stations** are located approximately every 18 miles. Each aid station will have water, Gatorade, bananas, and oranges. In addition some of the aid stations will be providing home baked goodies, other fruit, and pickle juice. Ultimately it's up to the rider to provide the majority of his or her support.

STAGING AND PARKING INFORMATION:

- ◆ **Start and Finish Locations** are different for all of the rides. The start/finish locations are approximately 3 miles apart, but there is a "nice" hill to climb after you've finished and have enjoyed some refreshments!

TRANSPORTATION:

- ◆ **NOTE:** The race committee will be providing free, but limited rider shuttle service from the finish to the Victoria Inn start location. The shuttle will leave approximately every 30 - 45 minutes.
- ◆ Please note that you will need to plan ahead to return to your car. Below are some suggestions which will make your bike ride experience more enjoyable.
- ◆ Eureka Springs has a very good and efficient trolley system which will run every 25 minutes from the finish line up to the start of the bike rides. The trolley station is located next to the finish line. You are NOT allowed to take your bike on the trolley. So ride the trolley to your car and then drive back to the finish line, temporarily park in the Cornerstone Bank parking lot (which is reserved for participants only) and is located next to the trolley station where you boarded the trolley.
- ◆ Take either the Blue or Yellow routes to return to the Victoria Inn. See Trolley Map routes at the station for more details.
- ◆ **IMPORTANT:** The cost to ride the trolley is \$4 one-way or \$6 for an all-day pass. The drivers only take exact change or you can go inside the station to pay by credit card or make change.

TIMING CHIP:

- ◆ The rides are timed with an electronic chip which is attached to the back of your cycling bib#. Chips are disposable and do not have to be returned.

BIKE NUMBERS:

- ◆ Helmet number: is a peel and stick # and worn on the **FRONT** of helmet
- ◆ Bib number: worn on back of jersey on left side above pocket. Please **do not wrinkle!**

GOOD LUCK AND HAVE FUN!!!