

2011 Ride of Silence in Tucson and Green Valley

The World-wide event:

DATE: May 18, 2011 (always the 3rd Wednesday of May)

TIME: 7:00 pm (6:00PM in Arizona!)

WHERE: Hundreds of locations world wide

Join cyclists worldwide in a silent slow-paced ride (max. 12 mph/20 kph) in honor of those who have been injured or killed while cycling on public roadways.

WHY DOES THIS ORGANIZATION EXIST?

- To HONOR those who have been injured or killed
- To RAISE AWARENESS that we are here
- To ask that we all SHARE THE ROAD

THE RIDE OF SILENCE WILL NOT BE QUIET

On May 18, 2011 at 7:00 PM (**6PM Arizona time!**), the Ride of Silence will begin in North America and roll across the globe. Cyclists will take to the roads in a silent procession to honor cyclists who have been killed or injured while cycling on public roadways. Although cyclists have a legal right to share the road with motorists, the motoring public often isn't aware of these rights, and sometimes not aware of the cyclists themselves.

In 2003, Chris Phelan organized the first Ride of Silence in Dallas after endurance cyclist Larry Schwartz was hit by the mirror of a passing bus and was killed. The Ride of Silence is a free ride that asks its cyclists to ride no faster than 12 mph and remain silent during the ride. There are no sponsors and no registration fees. The ride, which is held during National Bike Month, aims to raise the awareness of motorists, police and city officials that cyclists have a legal right to the public roadways. The ride is also a chance to show respect for those who have been killed or injured.

Tucson details:

Riders will meet at 5:30PM at Ramada 22 on the West side of Reid Park to register. Be ready to ride the 8 mile course at 6:00. Contact Wayne Cullop president@bikegaba.org for more information.

Green Valley details:

Riders will meet at the parking lot of the East Social Center at 5:30 PM for refreshments provided by Green Valley Bike & Hike before our ride leaves at 6:00 PM. For additional information and publicity from last year, and general information on cycling in the area, go to the home page (www.scvbac.org) of the Santa Cruz Bicycle Advisory Committee.
