

# Tail Winds

## **Ride of Silence Honors Cyclists Injured or Killed by Motor Vehicles**

Arizona cyclists will join thousands of others throughout the world in the Ride of Silence to honor fellow riders who have been injured or killed on the road. Held on the third Wednesday in May (May 18), the event is free and there is no registration. It is open to anyone with a bicycle and a helmet, which is required.

Participants are asked to obey traffic laws and ride together in silence at no more than 12 mph. Riders are encouraged to wear a black armband to honor cyclists who have died while riding, or a red armband to honor those who have been injured. The armbands are suggested but not necessary.

### **Tucson**

Organized by GABA, the escorted ride leaves at 6 p.m. from Reid Park, west side Ramada 22.

Riders are asked to show up by 5:45 p.m. to stage for the ride at 6. The ride, which is approximately 9 miles, heads south on Country Club Rd., west on 22nd St., north on Tucson Blvd., east on E. Elm Street, which becomes Pima, south on Columbus Boulevard, west on 22nd Street, north on Country Club, and returns to the parking lot.

For more information about the Tucson ride, contact Wayne Cullop 977-3018, e-mail [president@bikegaba.org](mailto:president@bikegaba.org) or Larry Robinson 237-5792.

### **Green Valley**

The 7-mile Green Valley ride, now in its sixth year, will start at 6 p.m. at the Green Valley Recreation East Center, near the intersection of Esperanza and Abrego roads. Riders, who are asked to meet at 5:30 for check-in and light refreshments provided by Green Valley Bike & Hike, will head west on Esperanza, north on La Canada, east on Duval Mine Road and south on Abrego back to the East Center. The ride will be led by local bicyclists with assistance from the Pima County Sheriff Department. Helmets are required. For more information about the Green Valley ride, contact Chuck Hill at [chill@newnorth.net](mailto:chill@newnorth.net).

More than one hundred riders participated in the Green Valley event last year and organizers hope for a similar or better turnout this year.

For additional information go online to the Santa Cruz Bicycle Advisory Committee Website, [scvbac.org](http://scvbac.org).

More information, including other ride locations can be found online at [rideofsilence.org](http://rideofsilence.org).

