

Message to Mechanics sent out last week:

Hi everyone,

It's less than 2 weeks until Tierra Bella, so time to go over our Mechanics rosters. First of all, thanks so much for signing up!

We hope that this event will be one that everyone will enjoy. It's been 2 years of cancelled events, so we want to make this one a day to remember.

We plan for 2 mechanics for each rest stop, Here's the current 2022 rest stop lineups:

Rest stops	Open	Close	Rest Stop Capt	Mechanics
Gavilan Start	6:15 AM	9:30 AM	Judy Kane	Jim / Arye
Canada Rd CalF	8:30 AM	11:30 AM	Roy West	Greg / David
San Martin	8:15 AM	1:30 PM	Dave Adler	Ryan/Hannah/Ed
Henry Coe	10:00 AM	2:00 PM	Don Axtel	Jay/Kenneth
Coyote Valley	10:00 AM	3:00 PM	Holly Wong	Bike Doctor
ChictactacAdams	11:15 AM	5:00 PM	Lisa Bjarke	Rick/Craig

Where are the rest stops located? https://tierrabella.org/tb_route.php

Note that these times are estimates from previous years findings.

What to expect:

I've done the San Martin stop for 5 years. Being the second stop, things are usually going well by then. Flats and Shifting adjustments are the primary problems.

The Gavilan Start is often where the rubber meets the road, so to speak. There are always over-confident riders who arrive without having given one thought that their bikes might need adjustments after years on the hanger. Fortunately we've got Jim Gardner and Arye Green from Good Karma Bikes to take care of the early arrivals.

Broken chains, spokes, sliced tires, wobbly wheels and other more difficult problems are time consuming and up to the mechanic. The easy solution if you're busy or don't have the right parts, is to pass the rider onto the SAG group. If the bike has serious problems, we can't be responsible for them. Call the SAG Coordinator (Jim McCann at 669-234-8488, or call me - 408-807-1494

These are what we suggest our mechanics bring to their rest stops. If you need something, let me know and GKB can provide them.

For parts (it's ok and expected to charge your costs for these items to the riders!)

- Bring a couple of Tubes!: 700 x 25-32 and 700x35 are the popular ones. Bring 2 or 3.
- 26" x 2-3" mountain bike tubes are less likely, but you might bring one.
- Other sizes are more rare (27 x 1.25 tires can handle 700 tubes). For these sizes, I just recommend bringing a patch kit.
- For sliced tires, bring either a boot or cardboard to cover them temporarily.
- Old Rags & Gloves (if you use them)
- Lube/oil for chains/derailleurs
- isopropyl alcohol for cleaning helps
- Penetrating oil spray (WD-40)

For tools, the usual suggestions:

- Bike stand - makes you look official
- Folding chair (for long waits with nothing to do)
- Standalone bike pump for schrader and presta valves
- Tire levers
- Wrenches, hex & open (some bikes aren't quick-release!)
- An apron with the label "Gus" helps you look official, but not necessary

Optional Stuff (that I always bring):

- Shift and brake cables are helpful, but I rarely see these problems at rest stops - and they might take longer than the rider cares to wait.
- Cable cutters & cable ends
- Truing stand - You can often fix out-of-true wheels using the brakes as a gauge

I'm also including a small poster with lawyer-ese that might protect you - hang from your bike stand at your discretion if you'd like.

Please let me know what I left out, or if you need anything in advance? I defer to your experience!

Many thanks,

Ed Irvine

ACTC Comms Guy and Bicycle Repairman

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BIKE TECH

This bike technician is an ACTC volunteer with knowledge and practical experience in bike maintenance.

Their services are made available to assist you to make minor adjustments and emergency repairs to your bicycle, even though some of the necessary skills, parts or tools may *not* be available.

Understanding these limitations, if you choose to use this technician, rather than a professional mechanic, you will be assuming all risk and agree that neither the volunteer nor ACTC will be liable for the outcome, including any resulting injury and/or damages cause to you and your equipment.