

5 Valley Velo/Team Stampede

Presents

The Bearmouth Road Race

Sunday, July 20, 2008



Race sanctioned by USA Cycling and MBRA

USCF permit: 2008-1855

USCF Official: TBD

The Course: This race has become a classic in the western Montana road racing scene and is not to be missed. Located on the frontage road between the Chalet Bearmouth and Drummond, the out-and-back course features numerous short hills and scenic flats (no killer climbs!) where tactics and strategy could prove decisive. The road surface ranges from smooth asphalt to rough chip-seal, and it contains a number of potholes. Sturdy wheels/tires are recommended.

Race Schedule*:

	Registration	9:00-10:45 a.m.
	Pre-race meeting	10:50 a.m.
Group 1	Men Category 1/2/3	11:00 a.m. start 66 miles (2 laps)
Group 2	Men Category 4/5, Masters A	11:10 a.m. start 66 miles (2 laps)
Group 3	Women Category 1/2/3, Masters B	11:20 a.m. start 33 miles (1 lap)
Group 4	Women Category 4, Juniors	11:30 a.m. start 33 miles (1 lap)

**promoter reserves the right to adjust race groupings as conditions, attendance and volunteer support warrant*

Rules: All USCF rules apply. Racers must wear helmets while racing and warming up/down. Race course will be open to vehicular traffic, and the centerline rule will be enforced. USCF annual or one-day licenses are required and may be purchased on-site (remember that one-day license holders may only race as Cat. 5s or Masters [men] or Cat. 4s [women]...). Place numbers on **right** side of jersey. This event is part of the MBRA Road Series.

Prizes: Cash & merchandise (total to be determined by turnout), not to exceed \$499. Award ceremony will follow the completion of the long race, and will be held at the Chalet Bearmouth.

Fees: \$25 race entry includes USCF insurance and MBRA surcharges. Racers without permanent MBRA numbers must purchase a one-day number for \$2. Register on race day only.

****The first four racers to provide a follow vehicle & driver will receive a free entry – please contact the promoter to arrange this****

Directions: Located 35 miles east of Missoula, 15 miles west of Drummond. Take I-90 to the Bearmouth exit (mile 138). Registration, restrooms, etc. will be at the Chalet Bearmouth on the north frontage road, ½ mile from the exit.

The Chalet Bearmouth: is graciously permitting us to use their facility for registration and our post-race awards ceremony. Please express your gratitude by patronizing the establishment (i.e. buy a sandwich and/or a drink after the race). They feature lodging, camping, RV hook-ups, as well as a famous all-you-can-eat crab leg dinner on Friday and Saturday nights. To make reservations (highly recommended) or for more info, see: www.bearmouth.com

Any questions? Contact Erik Digby at 406-370-0342, or realigner@yahoo.com

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Race Announcements

1. The course is out-and-back, with turnarounds marked by orange cones/candles and signs. Cat. 1/2/3 Men, Cat. 4/5 Men will do two laps (~66 miles), with three turnarounds total. Masters Men, Women and Juniors will do one lap (~33 miles), with one turnaround.
2. The Cat. 1/2/3 Men will proceed across the Finish line (the first time) to the near turnaround, and will then continue back across the Start line to begin their second lap.
3. The racecourse is open to traffic, and the centerline rule will be enforced. **Consider this your first, and only, warning!** Flagrant centerline violations will result in relegation and/or disqualification.
4. (Racers will **NOT** have the whole road at 200 meters to go.)
5. There is a designated Feed Zone – for the Cat. 1/2/3 Men and Cat 4/5only – on their second lap. The Feed Zone is located on a short hill, approximately five miles from the start, just past the Garnet Rd. intersection. The Feed Zone has been marked with signs. Feeders must park their cars at the Garnet Rd. intersection and walk to the Feed Zone (~¼ mile). There is **NO PARKING** on the shoulder of the road at the Feed Zone, as there is no room for vehicles at this location.
6. The road surface is variable and numerous potholes exist. The worst holes have been marked with orange paint. If you see markings on the road, be ready to avoid obstacles. Please ride carefully and courteously (i.e. if you're at the front of a group, pick a line that everyone will be able to ride safely).
7. Wheels in/wheels out. You (or your team) must place wheels in the support vehicle for you to be able to take them out. Support vehicles will follow the main group in each race flight. You may want to bring a pump and spare tube – just in case – in order to avoid an extended wait or long walk.
8. If you are dropped from the main group, or are otherwise out of contention, you must ride to the right side of the road, not obstruct traffic and obey all the regular rules of the road for cyclists.
9. In the event of a bunch sprint at the finish, racers should keep track of their finishing order and return to the finish line (when it is safe to do so) to verify results. (It's always a good practice to note the race numbers of those finishing near you, in case the official needs help compiling results.)
10. After the completion of the Cat. 1/2/3 race, we'll hold the Award Ceremony in the Chalet Bearmouth restaurant. Prizes must be picked up at the Award Ceremony, unless other arrangements are made with the race promoter.
11. Please thank the Chalet Bearmouth folks for letting us use their facilities, and please consider patronizing their establishment by purchasing a sandwich or drink.