

The American Prairie Foundation

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The American Prairie Classic

***** Stage Race *****

Saturday and Sunday May 1st & 2nd 2010

Race sanctioned by USA Cycling

Held under USA Cycling Event Permit 

USCF Official:

FORMAT: The Little Rockies Classic is a point-to-point stage race involving 3 stages in 2 days. We will be using the time format. Saturday the 1st has two stages; a prologue and a road race. Sunday has a road race that starts in Zortman **not Malta**. We will provide luggage transportation for all racers throughout the race. There will be no shuttles from Malta to Zortman on Saturday. Anything you want needs to be put in the luggage vehicle before the start of stage 2. Personal luggage vehicles can follow the race and meet the group in Zortman.

TERRAIN: See the race website for course maps and elevation profiles, <http://americanprairieclassic.blogspot.com/>. Stage 1 is an uphill 3.4 mile prologue. Stage 2 is 49 miles of rolling terrain with an uphill finish. Stage 3 is 70 miles. It starts out rolly and turns into a flat run into the finish.

REGISTRATION: The stage race costs \$50 Online and \$60 day of. Single event registration is available; \$10 Stage 1, \$25 Stage 2, \$25 Stage 3. Race Headquarters is located at Malta High School (1 High School Lane S. 9th St. W.)

PRIZES:

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	GC	Total
Cat 1,2 Men	\$50	\$75	\$75	\$200	\$400
Cat 3 Men	\$35	\$50	\$50	\$100	\$235
Cat 4,5 Men	\$30	\$40	\$40	\$80	\$190
Masters	\$35	\$50	\$50	\$100	\$235
Cat 1,2,3 Women	\$40	\$60	\$60	\$150	\$310
Cat 4 Women	\$30	\$40	\$40	\$80	\$190
				Total Prize Purse	\$1,560

DIRECTIONS: Malta, MT is 80 miles east of Havre on hwy 2. It's a 4 hour drive from Billings, 5 hour drive from Bozeman, 4 hour drive from Great Falls, and a 7 hour drive from Missoula.

MEALS: There are several restaurants in Malta. Lunch will be served for all racers in between the prologue and stage 2. It will be held at Malta High School. That evening in Zortman the Miner's Club Café is putting on a dinner for all racers. In the morning the Miner's Club will provide a breakfast starting at 7am. Meals are not included in the race registration fee so please bring cash or your own food.

LODGING: There are several hotels and two campgrounds in Malta. Please refer to the race website for details. <http://americanprairieclassic.blogspot.com/>. Saturday night, tent camping is provided free of charge in downtown Zortman (pay for your own showers, restrooms available). Candy and John have a variety of affordable indoor accommodations located in

downtown Zortman, 406-673-3160, or zortman76@mtintouch.net. Food and accommodations are all within walking distance.

RACE SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY: Malta Prologue & Buffalo Challenge Road Race

Registration/check-in: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Malta High School (1 High School Ln S. 9th St. W. Malta, MT 59538)

Prologue 3.4 miles - 11:00 a.m. – First Rider off

START ORDER

Men 1,2,3

Masters

Men 4,5

Women 1,2,3,4

First Timers

Fort Belknap Road Race 49 miles - 3:00 p.m. – First Group off, 10 minutes between groups

START ORDER

Group 1 – Men 1,2,3

Group 2 – Masters/Men 4,5

Group 3 – Women 1,2,3,4

SUNDAY: Fort Belknap Road Race

Registration/check-in: 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Zortman Motel & Garage (302 Main Street Zortman, MT 59546)

Fort Belknap Road Race 71 miles - 10:00 a.m. – First Rider off, 10 minutes between groups

START ORDER

Group 1 – Men 1,2,3

Group 2 – Masters/Men 4,5

Group 3 – Women 1,2,3,4

RULES: All USA Cycling rules apply. Racers must wear helmets while racing and warming up/down.

Any questions? Refer to the race website <http://americanprairieclassic.blogspot.com/> or contact Shaun Radley, 406-721-3800 or shaun@americanprairie.org

