

*This Fall, Mannti and Kellis rode out from Bike World, to chart a route for our Nov 5<sup>th</sup> '71 Mules LSD Bike Trip. As they rode, **Mannti** dictated into his phone, a narration of the route, traffic notes, and several memories conjured up throughout the morning ride. These notes and thoughts were transcribed from his dictations, and below are the results. Pardon our typos and repetitions - TS*

**Turn, Turn, Turn**  
**Pedal by Pedal Guide**  
**Alamo Heights ISD**  
**71 Mules LSD Bike Trip**

### **Gathering Spot**

Ogden Lane and Broadway is behind Local Coffee and Bike World. Ogden is street along the Cambridge Elementary playground and football field. Some of us saw JFK right here the day before he was killed on live TV. Then his killer got killed on Live TV in the basement of the Dallas Police Station.

### **Rules of the Road**

Stay in right lane, watch out for your buddy, wear a helmet, and bring some liquids. Wear a helmet. Respect all traffic laws. Complying with Red lights, stop signs, one way streets are aspirational but must be respected in the presence of Big Trucks, Big Busses, fast moving GTOs, etc. Not a race, but a trip. Stay together, go with the flow and melt with the sun as one.

### **Telltale Oval**

From the gathering spot, the group starts out moving away from Broadway on Ogden along the north side of the Cambridge grounds to take a left on the corner of Ogden and Townsend. Remember Rules of the Road as we turn left on Townsend for the short uphill to **Cambridge Oval**. My dad would pick me up in our 3 on the tree pickup right here and included the day I set my pants afloat with the Cambridge Oval of pipi around my groin. Pretty darn embarrassing.

*Note by Toni – slight edit to add back a bit more of Patterson Ave:  
From Cambridge Oval, take Bronson Ave down to lovely Patterson Ave.*

**Patterson Avenue, iconic central artery of old Alamo Heights, Texas.** It starts to go a little bit uphill from the corner of Bronson and Patterson. It's awfully nice and clean well-manicured everything. It's obviously the mark of a professional. Coming up on the corner of Morton and Patterson, a short slow uphill gradient.

### **Johnny Blackburn's Hair**

We are angling toward Olmos Dam. Off to the left is the lovely Argyle Club, dotted with centuries old oak trees. From Patterson Ave, turn right up short block of Estes Ave, then left onto Crescent Street. At the entrance to the Dam, stay right and on Crescent Ave for the drop in to Olmos Basin, passing a pedestrian entrance walkway to the Da on the left and up on the left coming to a lovely Dick Prassel house which must have a fine view and whose name Caravanserai is etched in the gate to the home. Carlos Santana. Dropping further past Harrison Street thru a nice canopy of oaks. Now we are on Greely St. with an elevated walk way leading to a white house on the left with drop bottoming out where the Nature Trails cross Greely street. Take a left on Calle Viesca (*Viesca St*) after a small uphill bordering the Nature Trail. Why do I always think

perverts hand out there and in the ball field bathrooms? **Alamo Heights swimming pool** on the left, formerly managed by Coach Ross Youngs. I would love to have a GTO and have blond hair like Johnny Blackburn so I could drive my GTO and park it in the Alamo Heights swimming pool and go jump off the 10 meter with perfect form.

## **Sweat**

After passing the future parking space of my future GTO, pass to the left the ball fields, home of many escapades of snow cones and strikeouts we come to the end of Viesca Street. Stop sign made obligatory by oncoming Bus Traffic. Viesca crosses Argo Ave, which feeds in from Jones Maltsberger. I always get hungry when I hear that street. Jump Argo onto **Alamo Heights Boulevard**. **It is time for the Blue and Gold burn**. 15-20 minutes of uphill slog starting along the creek bed separated section of the boulevard with nice oaks covering road. Up towards Corona and time to get in a light gear dominate to the incline. Here's to our Blue and Gold, long may it waive at the corner of Inslee Ave. Stay on the nice wide Blvd to the right passing Nacogdoches. Hearing Nacogdoches never makes me hungry. Jones Maltsberger does. As we crank up the incline we pass College, Evans and other streets haunted by echoes of the shenanigans perpetrated by cohorts who lived on these streets. Come to the corner of Alamos Heights Blvd and Castano Ave. I lived one block over at 120 Tuxedo and could hear the class bells ring from by house. Take a right on Castano or Tuxedo, and finish the Blue and Gold burn at the Broadway stop light and entering left into **Alamo Heights High School** front entrance in front of the library. Yes, I have begun to sweat.

## **Aggressive Soccer Mom**

Roll thru the front of the High School parking lot school taking a right on Fair Oaks just past the Auditorium and flag poles passing to the north of the Shop Class and the Muledome? Don't think they have shop class anymore. Kellis built a submarine there and oily fingernail gang created smoking accessories and a variety of other knick-knacks. We would climb thru the windows on the roof of the gym and play basketball on the wood floor of the Main Gym. Never got caught. Take a left on to **Vanderhoeven** which provides another great opportunity for breaking traffic rules. This is a nice backdoor route to Howard, Junior High and Woodridge. Notice the missing chunk of the curb at and Vanderhoeven and Oak View where Roy Campbell ran the stop sign in Old Ironside, a Ford station wagon. Unfortunately, Cuatro West was driving down Oakview, T-Boned us and Old Ironside (with us in it) wound up the yard taking a chunk of the curb out as we bounded over into the grass. As we approach Nacogdoches, Officer Terry in a patrol cars gave me a sensor body scan and determined I was clean. At this corner especially look out for aggro soccer moms. If there is only one car on the road, it just might be piloted by the aggro soccer mom. There can only be one car on the road and if its aggro soccer mom, she's gonna hassle you.

## **End of Protest**

As you carefully turn onto the right lane of Nacogdoches, we approach the Junior High ball fields. Behind us on the other side of Broadway is the Green Door Thrift shop and Amory Oliver's Dance studio. I remember her tapping the heels of my shoes with a pole dancing the foxtrot with her saying "Heels Up!" Also remember the rumble in the parking lot with winner of the Chocolate Bar in the final dance off of each class. Merge into turn lane heading into **Alamo Heights Junior High** and past grandstands that are full of Go Mules, Go Mules. Stay on the oval driveway passing by the Gym that had the weirdest rubber decking rubber ducky floor. Never saw another, anywhere. Cruising past the seats around the planter islands where people stood up shouting out stump speeches during the **Great Cafeteria Boycott**. Lunch probably cost 15 cents and here you are

complaining. \$0.15 cents for a substandard hamburger. Substandard hamburger, hey I'm, hungry, let's go eat. End of fed and sub standard hamburger substandard hamburger I want to eat that food right right! I'm hungry let's go eat - end of protest

## **Don't Hunt**

There is a ghost in Room 304 Art Lab who jumps out to play tennis. Once upon a time someone had their private residence in between the AHJS play ground. Weird and it is no longer there. Is there waiter service at the tennis courts? Keep around the exit to Nacogdoches to cross onto Lorenz. Lorenz is nice wide street and Huntleigh Lane dead ends to the right. Hunt Lee don't Hunt and we arrive at **Howard Elementary**. Go Mules, Go Mules. Scuze me, Howard Early Childhood Development Center. The streets leading off of Lorenz into Howard have peoples' names, who is Sophie Bruton, Laney Jackson? Nice mosaic tile front to the ECDC. U-turn back to Lorenz then left to AHJS. At entrance to AHJS, two-fer traffic violation. Run Red light, enter thru the exit. Yes! Are these the boys with the paved alleys, all the 7 backboard on the basketball courts have lovely white nets. Nets on an outside basketball backboard. Not that way in Harlem. Go the rubber ducky floor gym and take a left to cut over to New Braunfels, passing stairs to gym. Passing onto a wide sidewalks along the South Side of the AHJS. This lockdown stuff gets a little overwhelming sometimes, as we roll past the windows to Mr. Phelps, Mr Williams and Sra Crouch's classroom. As you come to the end of bamboo forest at the cross walk, STOP . Push de button and cross New Braunfels to the opposite side taking a left, then a the first right down Northridge Dr. Woodridge Elementary bound narrow parts stinky parts substandard hamburgers substandard hamburger all this lockdown crap and get a little overwhelming elementary the Muslims go to school now just some bridgework networks the gate on the left hand side is open scouting for a backdoor for north way around without having to worry about the game is a grassy knoll and grassy know that comes through that maybe a little bit too sketchy with offense and scores the front of the junior high coming up on the front steps Alamo Heights Junior School the two-tone other steps here and there looks like the only way on the south side of the junior high by Mr. Phelps and Mr. Williams and Señor Crouch his glasses Española there's a nice wide wide so far into easiest way through junior high property on the south side narrow portion by some steps for the rest is pretty nice and wide downhill fenced everything off all the windows are closed bamboo landscaping on Joe Miller's property been suggested coming to the Nacogdoches Street.

Pedal up on the sidewalk to the entrance to the junior school from New Braunfels good area to congregate taking right on the Braunfels as a crosswalk below may be best coming down whatever street this is. Northridge. Proceed on Northridge. Take the pedestrian cut-through over to Larkwood Dr. towards **Woodridge Elementary**. Woodridge Wolverines and I don't think Doug Barnes could've lived any closer to Woodridge Elementary. Circle the school on Oakleaf and Crandall.

## **AHHS**

Going east with the Woodridge playgrounds feels to the left come to the corner of Crandall and Larkwood take your right on Crandall 1 Block St. in this area looking for perhaps the shortcut backplane drainage which would be to the left it's not Greenwich it's Kenilworth change to be a suitable flat wide alternative at the corner of Kenilworth and Robin Hood and his Merry men. Perhaps it would be best to go down to **Greenwich** yes Greenwich is the ticket. You can take this all the way avoiding New Braunfels at the corner of Calumet and Greenwich or is it green which Greenwich or green green Greenwich corner of green witch and Eisenhower decision point. Stop and go straight on Greenwich, stay on Greenwich Boston highway perhaps deep down Sunset Ridge will see her in a minute or at the Terrell Heights community guard corner of Brees and Greenwich. **Staying on Greenwich nice long flat maybe a tad bit downhill Greenwich.**

Coming to the corner of **Greenwich and Cloverleaf** is this. Did Jimmy Burke used to live here in the Sunset Ridge this is the one. okay we think we'll see what you get under or complicated territory. There's a **dinosaur** in Jimmy Burke's front yard.

Downhill run through Sunset Ridge development, nouveau World War II architecture community living Bible school district coming to Sunset Ridge New Braunfels decision point. left on the Braunfels? stuck up a small hill? maybe there's a backstreet to the left coast through Alamo Heights fire station. let me see.

*Final Decision: turn LEFT from Greenwich onto Cloverleaf Ave. Continue on Cloverleaf, crossing New Braunfels, then LEFT on Buttercup Dr. Turn RIGHT on Blue Bonnet Blvd. Nice view of the Alamo Heights water towers. Turn LEFT at the towers onto Henderson, and we are directly behind AH City Hall and Alamo Heights Police Department – ah, yea, plenty of us have fond memories of that place! there was that night in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, after Benner's party.. several rounded up by AHPD at 3am... for disturbing the peace up at Cambridge Elementary. Take a RIGHT at Albany St. and cross Broadway. There's a light. Left at the Bank, onto Townsend. Left again onto Odgen Lane, and we are back where we started.*

*Possible add-on Leg for those wishing to continue for a couple more miles, and brave Broadway:*

### **Pat Pound**

Take a right outside of the bike lane all the way down you merge onto Alamo Heights Blvd. coming in from the left by the old Pegasus wing the mobile station come to pass Joliet and the Starbucks on Vivios restrained right Town & Country center fashion on Julian gold now moved to Montella shop stop light at the corner of Kennedy and Broadway it levels out through here down by the old by the Alamo Heights Methodist Church's details the perennial institution for conservative British fashion design fabricated and sold by the stealthy past the corner of Polk on the 50 divers coming in the side of the Broadway 50-50 spontaneous diner it was Antonio Montana he was a badass when I was scared I was scared to go you can go in there until is the Filo Davo that you couldn't get me out cappuccinos the upscale 50 Taiwo the Broadway theater my favorite time was to go to the movies and late afternoon get all cold and the giant theater and come out and was dark and go to the bus stop designed here by myself the initial Rodriguez from Mexico master of the following faux bois form of artwork making cement into "wood" shades and benches now take a right on by the HEB take a right on just Patterson I believe so right here by the right here by the HEB pharmacy of the Gucci be a good TV tease me awful nice and cool here but ladies and gentlemen as we approach Encino Avenue really nice downhill from here on the corner of the wall hall slog up Patterson Avenue iconic central artery of old Alamo Heights Texas it starts to go a little bit uphill into here and it's probably going to stay this way for the next 15 minutes or so so I would just suggest getting in the lowest gear possible keep moving don't pass out if you did have a little bit too much of the firewater last night you may start to feel a little dizzy but that's okay I think Stevie golden used to her still live somewhere down here in this creek bottom kind of washed ladies and gentlemen it looks like if you made it coming up on the corner of Argyle and Patterson I would say two thirds of the Paris impound the Patterson panel and it's really not that bad and I got a heavy cruiser bike and I'm even heavier corner of Bronson and Patterson it's awfully nice and clean well-manicured everything. It's obviously the mark of a professional coming up on the corner of Morton and Patterson Avenue still a long slow uphill gradient possible but maybe at this point it's time to mistreat some animals in the making of this bike ride by far the whole plant drought is the most really low gear here it's actually quite powerful and effort nonetheless but tolerable coming up on Grant Patterson lovely homes it's actually quite bucolic do you collect BU collect mason boys used to live down here doctor today Bubba Jamie I think Jamie used to hang out with Tony Montaña Montanio I was scared both of them.