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BAKERSFIELD, CA

**THE RIDE...THE FOOD...THE BREWERY...
THE PRIZES...THE STUPIDLY HARD ROUTE...
THE SHENANIGANS...
THE GLORIOUS EUPHORIC PAIN...
THE ROCKS, THE DIRT, THE MUD, THE ROADS...**

THE YEAR OF THE MONKEY

Gravel Grinder? Sorta...

The Rock Cobbler is a stupidly hard ride bordering on a race. It was conceived by Mad Men...on barstools in the dark hours of the night. We are passionate and driven to showcase roads, trails and a VERY challenging route not yet ridden, not yet tamed. It is 90-100ish miles consisting of county asphalt roads, trails, private land, a river, a creek and a brewery. It is very hard but will be sickeningly fun. Details will be posted and shared as we go, but you will **NOT** find a profile and stats. The final route, stats and profile will be revealed on Feb 1st 2017 to those who have registered. This "secret route" is now tradition and adds to the excitement.

This ride is designed for a cross bike...with a file tread tire such as the Specialized Trigger Pro Tubeless. Great tire and a generous sponsor. A mountain bike will work. Some of us on the planning team have been stupid enough to try a road bike...don't. If you wanna try a road bike, good luck and you will suffer. That's all we're gonna say. It is NOT a cyclocross race, a road race or a MTB race. May the cycling gods bless you and good luck...

Basic event FACTS, so PLEASE read em'. Greater detail will be sent to registered riders.

- There are no categories beyond MEN and WOMEN
- There is no prize list, but we give away lots of COOL stuff...and the special gift
- We will honor the first male and female finisher and the first male and female single speed finisher in a manner we deem fit
- There are 3-4 fueling stops, LOADED with fun, eats and drinks.
- We like shenanigans...this year, there will be 1 CHECKPOINT CHARLIE. You MUST do as instructed and collect your Cobbler Card. And this is critical! YOU MUST FINISH WITH YOUR CARD. YOU MUST DO AS INSTRUCTED if you are instructed to do something. 5 minute time penalty for lost or non-possession of card at the finish.
- There will be a video of this thing produced, smile for the camera (wipe off the mud please)
- The event is timed, you will be given a number. Just because the event is timed and you have a number does not mean you can blow stop signs or lights.
- You must start/finish with the same bike. Fix it as much as you can, take tools, tubes, etc and flat fixing gear
- NO OUTSIDE SUPPORT OF ANY KIND BEYOND COBBLER CREW....not even chewing gum
- There is a semi bottomless pint glass
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- There is so much food it's scary. Breakfast and post ride lunch day of the event
- There will be live music post event
- You will be so beat down tired
- There will be an awesome raffle from 3-5pm. If you are ungodly fast, cool. Relax at the venue, take a nap and consider cheering on fellow Cobblers when they roll in half dead. You will get 2 auto entered raffle entries with your entry. The raffle is for the riders only
- You may have to carry your bike...but not very far
- We lamented a time limit and there is one sort of. You MUST be on the last 7ish miles to the finish before dark. Roving SAG will be in place. If we determine you are at a point and pace that will have you not reaching this spot (we will inform you when the route is released) you will be sagged back to Lengthwise. Do not complain about this, it's a hard ride. God bless you for giving it your best and now that you know, train HARD. It's for safety and common sense. Lots of epic rides have cutoffs for lots of good reasons

The Cobbler starts at Lengthwise Brewing Co. 7700 District Blvd. Bakersfield, CA 93313 at precisely 8:00am. Breakfast will be served from 6AM to 7:30AM. MANDATORY RIDER MEETING AT 7:30AM. All riders start at one time and there is a neutral roll out for 11-13 miles. All riders must stay behind the MONKEY.

Number, route map and packet pickup for Saturday Feb 11th. TBD. We are working on a unique dinner idea, more soon to registered riders.

The Cobbler entry fee is \$140. Online registration IS at USACycling.org. This is not a sanctioned race; they provide insurance and a clean online reg. program. An annual license is NOT required. Your entry includes your insurance surcharge. Online reg. will open November 15th 2016 and is limited to 300 riders. It is likely the event will sell out. Updates will only be sent to registered riders.

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When you finish (if you finish) you will know WHY it's called
THE ROCK COBBLER

