

Critical Mass Austin #21 - 3/31/23 CMATx Rider Public Statements

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Recap from Individuals that Arrived with Critical Mass Austin Tx (5:30 CMATx)

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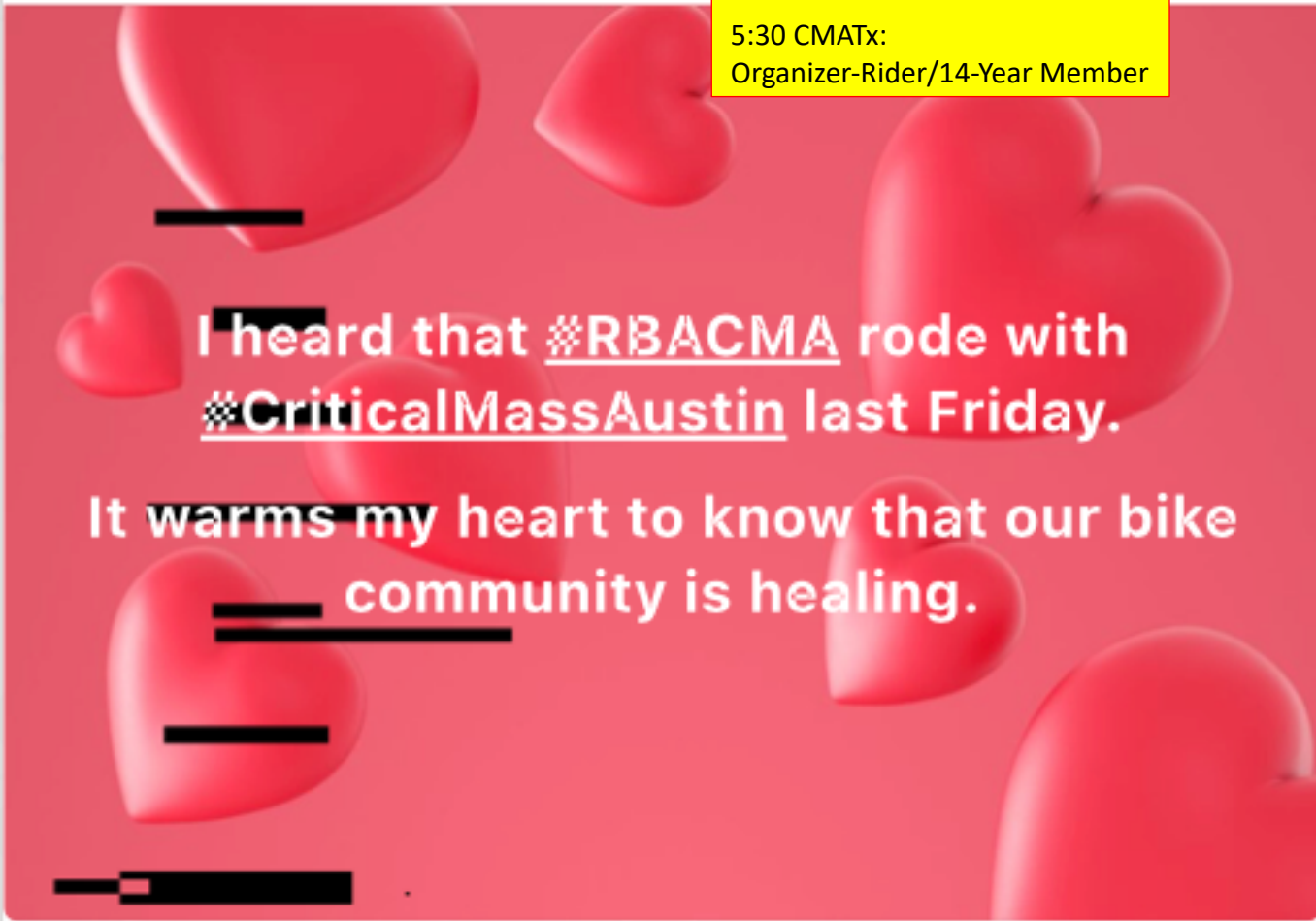
[Redacted] s Post



April 5 at 1:04 AM · [Redacted]

Male 1 Social Cycling Austin:
Admin/14-Year Member

5:30 CMATx:
Organizer-Rider/14-Year Member



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[Redacted] It was fun [4 likes]

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[Redacted] That's awesome. Glad y'all got to ride together again. [1 like]

Like Reply 1w

[Redacted] Skating at the end was also fun [4 likes]

Like Reply 1w

[Redacted] Was just talking about missing riding with my tall girl gang. [5 likes]

Like Reply 1w

[Redacted] I saw the Yoga ride is back! Maybe 2023 is the year I actually start stretching. 😊 [1 like]

Like Reply 1w

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5:30 CMATx:
Organizer-Rider/3-Year Member

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... wild, does the end of a ride "chase" the beginning of it? Do roadies "chase" each other in a paceline? If the people up front don't want to ride in circles that's completely up to them.
Like Reply 1w 5

... who is SCA in this scenario?
Like Reply 1w 7

... "Anything we don't like is SCA."
Like Reply 1w 7

The idea that anyone felt the need to "get away" from the rest of their own ride that THEY were leading (everybody was on Critical Mass, right?) is mind boggling.
Like Reply 1w 5

... what are you talking about do you even ride bikes ? We're you there or are you just stirring the pot like your bf does
Like Reply 1w

... I'm just relaying what I was told. I'm not sure why the ... decided to ride harmoniously then that's exc...
Like Reply 1w 3

Male 1 Social Cycling Austin: Admin/14-Year Member
5:30 CMATx: Organizer-Rider/14-Year Member

Ah, bummer. Everyone I talked to said it was a great time and everyone was friendly, but I expect the handful of people who had a bad time on the ride probably heavily overlap with the same small handful people who've been trying to exclude our friends and I from the local cycling community over the past few years, so I'm not surprised if I didn't hear any negative reviews of the various groups merging to ride as one.
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... I didn't even realize anything had happened until I started seeing people we didn't start with. That said, it was all smiling faces for the rest of the ride with only one notable exception.
In any event, once it started, I'm not sure how the rides were going to separate -- I mean, one ride has a set leader, and the other is lead by whomever people feel like following.
I'm not sure what the loops were about. Trying to make it boring?





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Yup, everyone that I talked to on their ride was super nice. Of course, [redacted] & [redacted] don't even acknowledge my existence anymore, so I didn't have the chance to chat with them, but everyone else seemed super welcoming. We even all stayed for the party at the end at Mendez park, and a bunch of folks rented skates. I think [redacted] even attempted to thank them for facilitating making skate rentals available, but from the sound of it, it got a little weird, LOL.

Honestly, it was a little strange to me that they were trying to lose us in the first place... we probably at least doubled the size of their ride by joining up [redacted] basically just rolled us by the park so we could take that new Holly bike trail, and serendipitously, they happened to be leaving at that very moment. We all just jumped on. It was the most perfect timing ever.

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LOL I like that strava, it did feel like [redacted] and loops and loops, some seemed like more than [redacted]

Like Reply 1w

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Damn, that sucks for the skaters. For an "all are welcome" ride somebody sure does seem to want to make it difficult for people to do their ride. Maybe that's one of their unstated goals, kinda like their "identify people who've done it before we did and know the true history of the local bike culture and ostracise/exclude them" they've been doing over the past few years?

Like Reply 1w



[Redacted] Yes, I do remember pulling over at one point, and then going back the way that we had come. I think perhaps they were trying to figure out the next move? It was a little weird, but whatever! And I suspect some of those thick lines were where we might have taken the exact same route more than once.

Like Reply 1w 👍 2

[Redacted] Yes. I came up the street side and both rba leaders went right by me. A bit pissed.

Like Reply 1w 😂😂 2

[Redacted] Well, if only two out of two hundred are having a bad time, and that bad time is one of their own making, then maybe that's as good as it's gonna get for a while.

I can live with that.

Like Reply 1w 👍 3

[Redacted] Here's the route for that part, sped up 180x.
(Hope this works!)



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Admin/14-Year Member
5:30 CMATx:
Organizer-Rider/14-Year Member

Female 1 Social Cycling Austin:
Ride Leader/9-Year Member
5:30 CMATx:
Organizer-Ride Leader/9-Year Member

[Redacted] yep. Honestly I thought someone else was going to lead their ride as she had posted it on her social media. But when you got to the front [Redacted] was leading I guess. I didn't even see the planned ride leader.

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[Redacted] The rba sweep/flag person did not know what was going on. He pulled over to get to the back and looked puzzled.

Like Reply 1w

[Redacted] woah!! Your ride just got bigger.

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sure! You be in the front Sir
Like Reply 1w

Agree. Sour faces and all.
Like Reply 1w

holy hell that's frickin hilarious
Like Reply 1w

OMG this is so awesome. So many loops.
Like Reply 1w

it reminds me of a Benny Hill episode
Like Reply 1w

Omg if someone could set it with that music!! I can hear it in my head already.
Like Reply 1w

yeah, I heard it immediately
Like Reply 1w

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Female 1 Social Cycling Austin:
Ride Leader/9-Year Member
5:30 CMATx:
Organizer-Ride Leader/9-Year Member

CMA didn't chase anyone. It's hard to separate two groups when it's a mass so why bother. If they hadn't come by and picked us up at the store, we would've gone somewhere else at the end. We can't help it the person in front decided to go around in circles. That was her decision. We just happened to be riding in the same direction they were going when we ran into the end of the beginning of their ride. I would like to say we all got along but that's what I saw.
Like Reply 1w 4

That's so good to hear. I figure if we can all ride as one a few more times, maybe whatever issues these folks are beefing over (I still haven't been told by anyone what their problem with austin cyclists is) can fade away as we all keep riding together.
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Female 2 Social Cycling Austin /4-Year Member
5:30 CMATx/1-Year Member

I'm the top guy
Like Reply 1w

false.i called dibs
So i am top guy
Like Reply 1w 4



We were up front so I guess they were chasing us

Like Reply 1w



The true spirit of Critical Mass: whoever's up front leads, keeping the mass together!

Like Reply 1w



Like Reply 1w



was up front . But way up front . That's why I'm the new leader of #criticalaustinbikeriders2023

Like Reply 1w



and that exactly what I did. Just went with the flow and kept the ride big. Lol she even took us on the frontage road!! Of course we all stopped when she stopped but once the ride began again at stop signs, we kept the ride together.

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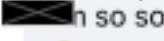
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interesting. I spoke with someone on Saturday and he was super confused with their upsetting reaction. Good luck getting a chance to talk to them. I tried talking to [redacted] and was treated like I was a ghost.

Like Reply 1w





   I saw that, you were calling out her name and she just walked right past you.  oh so sorry that happens to you, I can imagine how upsetting it still must be.


Like Reply 1w 




  Thanks. It doesn't sting as much after two years this day on this exact date when she blocked me from her life.

Like Reply 1w Edited

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  careful. You may get another certified letter. The last time I did speak to  for a good hour, she said they were sus of you and said you knew your way with words. Yada yada



Like Reply 1w


Female 1 Social Cycling Austin Ride Leader/9-Year Member
5:30 CMATx Organizer-Ride Leader/9-Year Member



  "knew (my) way with words", eh? That's certainly one way to frame me speaking honestly, meaning what I say, and knowing what I'm talking about. If I were some weirdo out there basing my organization's entire public presence on lying my face off about things I didn't even experience, I'd probably be suspicious of people like me as well.


Lies fear truth, because they cannot rightly exist in its presence.



Like Reply 1w Edited 

  "Knew your way with words" = high CHA, able to speak persuasively?
oh no!



Like Reply 1w 


  lol and here I was trying to use CHA as my dump stat...



Like Reply 1w 

  oh yeah. Her face, body language, and tone of voice said a lot that day. I was mind blown by a ton of what she said.


Like Reply 1w



  I can imagine. Hell just the idea of "we can't talk to him because he's too well-spoken" is mind-blowing.

Like Reply 1w 

  She told me everyone was unfriended because "they all made a comment" about things posted on social media of that time and everything that followed up (which I can also assume currently) the fiasco from them and "no one asked" them. Like anyone had/has a chance to ask them because we were all immediately blocked from them on our own times and are still till this day.

Anyways. Let's ride on!!

Like Reply 1w 

  the fakes will always hate the real and seek to control and convert. Just my unsolicited two cents.

Like Reply 1w



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wonder who they are going to blame when we leave in a few weeks

Like Reply 1w



My best guess:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jdtKT5q-CW8>



YOUTUBE.COM
De La Soul - Me Myself and I (Official Music Video) [HD]

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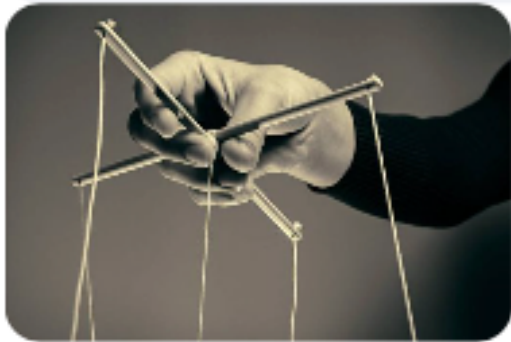


you remotely.

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from over a thousand miles away, tucked safely in their remote HQ:



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So glad to hear that everybody else on the ride kept it Texas friendly, even if RBA's leadership didn't.

Like Reply 1w



Lol is that what was happening? I couldn't really figure out why we were stopped. They pulled over and we pulled right over with them. Lol. I rolled up to the front to see what the deal was, and then I saw the leaders notice me. I'd been spotted!!

Like Reply 1w



Lol!! That's what was happening?!! I was in the school's driveway!! I wasn't going anywhere but opps. #CriticalMassAustin

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We all just wanna ride bikes
One love, man

Like Reply 1w



Damn right.

Like Reply 1w



and ride bikes with a mass.

Like Reply 1w



I'm sure everyone that talked to me at the end is getting the boot this week

Like Reply 1w



Eh, I'm hoping they got that out of their system.

Like Reply 1w



I tried to tell [redacted] thank you for the skates but she wasn't having it

Like Reply 1w



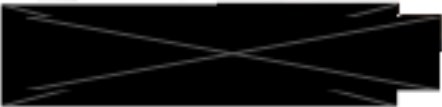
I drove my truck up on grass like all of the rba people and [redacted] tried to tell I couldn't do it lol



Like Reply 1w





[redacted] at least she said something to you.

Like Reply 1w




  she talked to me before everybody showed up in the dark she didn't know who I was til I said my name then ran off screaming like she was being attacked lol



Like Reply 1w 


  it wasn't nice lol



Like Reply 1w

Male 3 Social Cycling Austin Ride Leader/10-Year Member
5:30 CMATx: Rider/10-Year Member

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  Realistically at this point they can't do any booting without proving everyone's point that they are not inclusive.


Like Reply 1w 


  So much drama in the ATX 😊😊. I'm tempted to just follow some of the rides at a distance, cloaking engaged, just to get a feel for it all once more.

Like Reply 1w



Male 1 Social Cycling Austin Admin/14-Year Member
5:30 CMATx: Organizer-Rider/14-Year Member

  You should swing through! The drama really ain't so bad, seems it's practically relegated to a pair of people who for some reason choose to inflict their combined misery on the rest of our cycling community. Everybody else has been nothing but friendly and chill.

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  Yeah if you went on the TNSR again, you'd probably not really notice much difference, aside from our numbers being a little smaller post-pandemic.


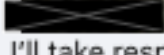
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  Definitely looking forward to it. Of course now I'm in the midst of my current place about to be sold and weighing a prospective Kansas or Utah/Nevada move at the moment. A further drive, but I'm willing to huff it 😊

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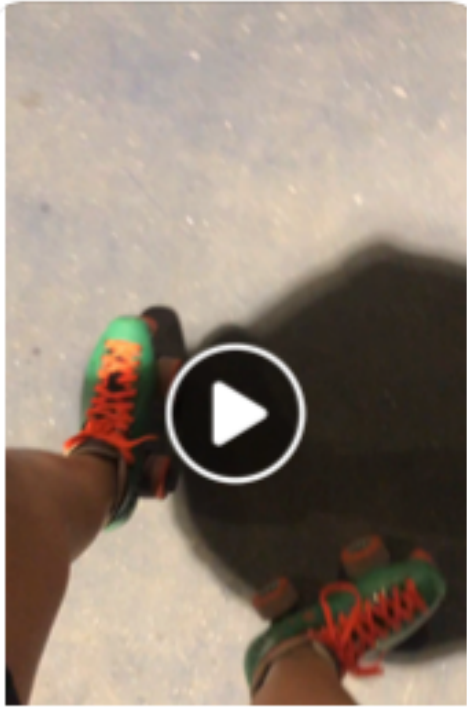
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The 🐦 was in front and I headed in that direction from our midstop. People had asked why we had stopped so early on our ride and wanted to get more riding in. I asked others for suggestions and no one seemed to care.





The early start CMA doesn't have a route planned so it seemed fitting to keep riding with the late start RBACMA once we merged. I feel I gave the people what they wanted. Most of the rules were followed and most of us partied, danced, and skated at the end. Some smiles were genuine, some were fake, and some smiles were upside down. Which one requires more muscles to be used?

Then on Saturday a lot of us, once again, came together for the Wet Hot American Bummer Alley Cat event and it was beautiful.





  Can't say I did t encourage this. 🤔👉👈
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  yeah that SpongeBob character did have a part in it.
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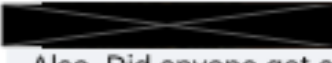




 





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Hahaha.

Like Reply 1w



Seriously thought this was an April Fool's post until I saw the date.

Like Reply 1w



Oh it's true! It's DAMN true!" - Kurt Angle

Like Reply 1w



Wow, you guys really love cycling. I can see the passion in your messages.

Like Reply 5d



bikes are fun.

Like Reply 5d



agreed, I can't seem to stop either. We have so much in common

Like Reply 4d



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