# 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)

"I heard that #RBACMA rode with #CriticalMassAustin last Friday. It warms my heart to know that our bike community is healing." (Jason Abels, Male 01 Social Cycling Austin Admin/14-Year Member, 5:30 CMATx Organizer-Rider/14-Year Member)

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"Can't say I didn't encourage this." (Ricardo El Rey Trevino, Male 05 Social Cycling Austin Admin-Ride Leader/14-Year Member, 5:30 CMATx Rider/10-Year Member)

"That sh\*t felt about as foreign as coding to an illiterate... not much rba could do, we just rolled up on em and started riding with." (Alexandro J Aguilar, Male 04 Social Cycling Austin/6-Year Member, 5:30 CMATx Rider/3-Year Member)

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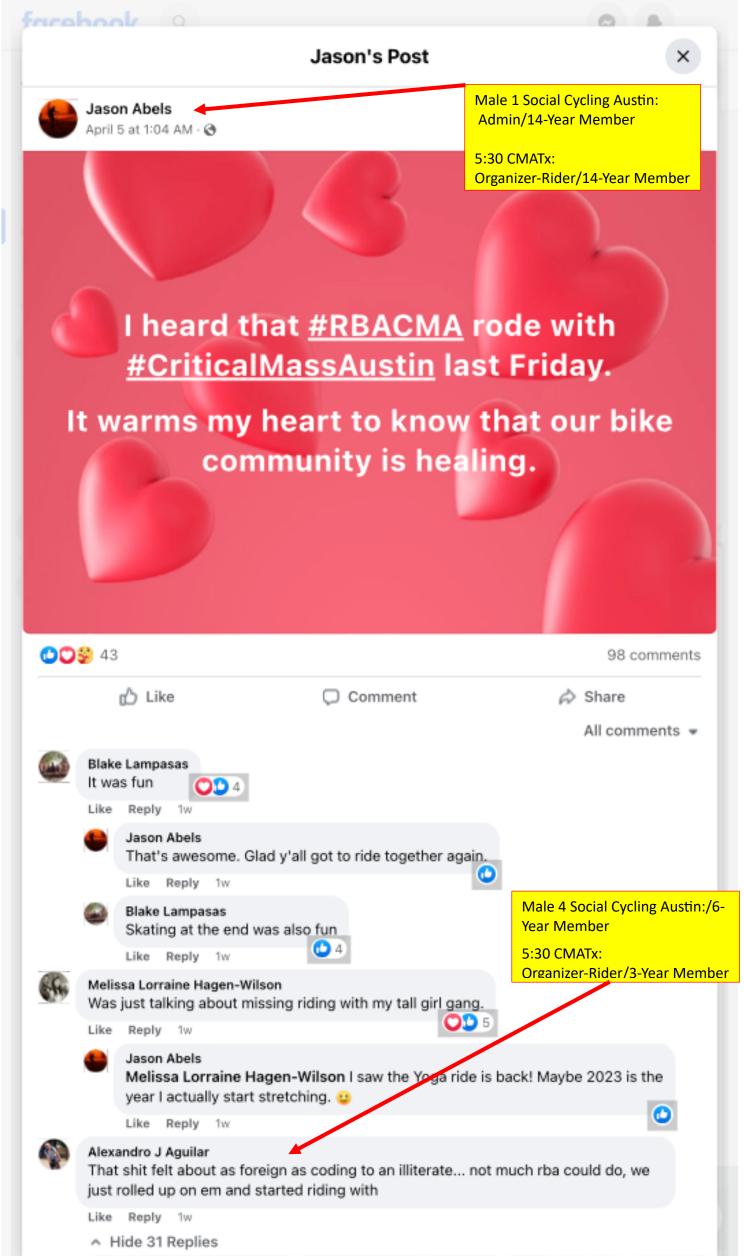
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"I figure if we can all ride as one a few more times, maybe whatever issues these folks are beefing over (I still haven't been told by anyone what their problem with austin cyclists is) can fade away as we all keep riding together.

To that end, if anyone is still in contact with [Name Removed: RBA Organizer]/hasn't been ostracised, please pass along word that I'd love to speak with them and understand why they seem so intent on sabotaging their own rides like this. Seems rather counterproductive, but maybe they have a good (thought still uncommunicated) reason for doing so." (Jason Abels, Male 01 Social Cycling Austin Admin/14-Year Member, 5:30 CMATx Organizer-Rider/14-Year Member)

"Yeah, I expect about the same to come of this request as the last several I've made (aka. absolutely nothing), but I want to make sure everyone knows that the bridge is still open, at least on this side." (Jason Abels, Male 01 Social Cycling Austin Admin/14-Year Member, 5:30 CMATx Organizer-Rider/14-Year Member)

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#### Jason Abels

Angela Dion 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.

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## Lorenzo Figueroa

Angela Dion who is SCA in this scenario?

Like Reply 1w





#### Jason Abels

Lorenzo Figueroa "Anything we don't like is SCA."

Like Reply 1w





#### Jason Abels

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





### Blake Lampasas

Angela Dion 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 1



## Angela Dion

I'm just relaying what I was told. I'm not sure why that's getting y'all riled up. If Raquel decided to ride harmoniously then that's exciting news.

Like Reply 1







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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### Blake Lampasas

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## Doug McLaren

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?



Female 4 Social Cycling Austin: Admin-Ride Leader/14-Year Member

5:30 CMATx:

Organizer-Rider/10-Year Member



## Kimberly Jarboe

Jason Abels Yup, everyone that I talked to on their ride was super nice. Of course, R & N 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 Blake 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. Corina 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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## Kimberly Jarboe

Doug McLaren LOL I like that strava, it did feel like we were just doing loops and loops and loops, some seemed like more than once.

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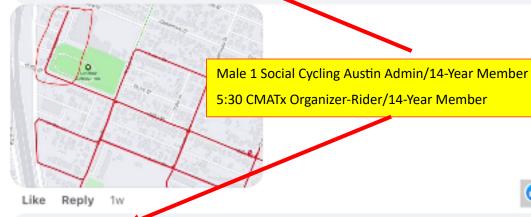
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## Jason Apels

Doug McLaren Now I'm curious, was this the ride turning back on itself? I know the RBA-owned ride pre-plans their routes. What an interesting choice of roads to take.





## Jason Abels

Zwinky Bell 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





#### Kimberly Jarboe

Jason Abels 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





## Ricardo El Rey Treviño

Jason Abels Yes. I came up the street side and both rba leaders went right by me. A bit pissed.

Like Reply 1w





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Here's the route for that part, sped up 180x.

(Hope this works!)



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

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# Zwinky Bell

Jason Abels 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 Raquel was leading I guess. I didn't even see the planned ride leader.

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## Ricardo El Rey Treviño

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#### Zwinky Bell

Ricardo El Rey Treviño woah!! Your ride just got bigger.

I think it worked out fine. 75% of the people did not know what the heck was going on. Which is why when they took off from the store stop a lot of people went with them that was probably on our ride. I say we try to do it every once in a while because we still need to try to hit up campus a few more times.

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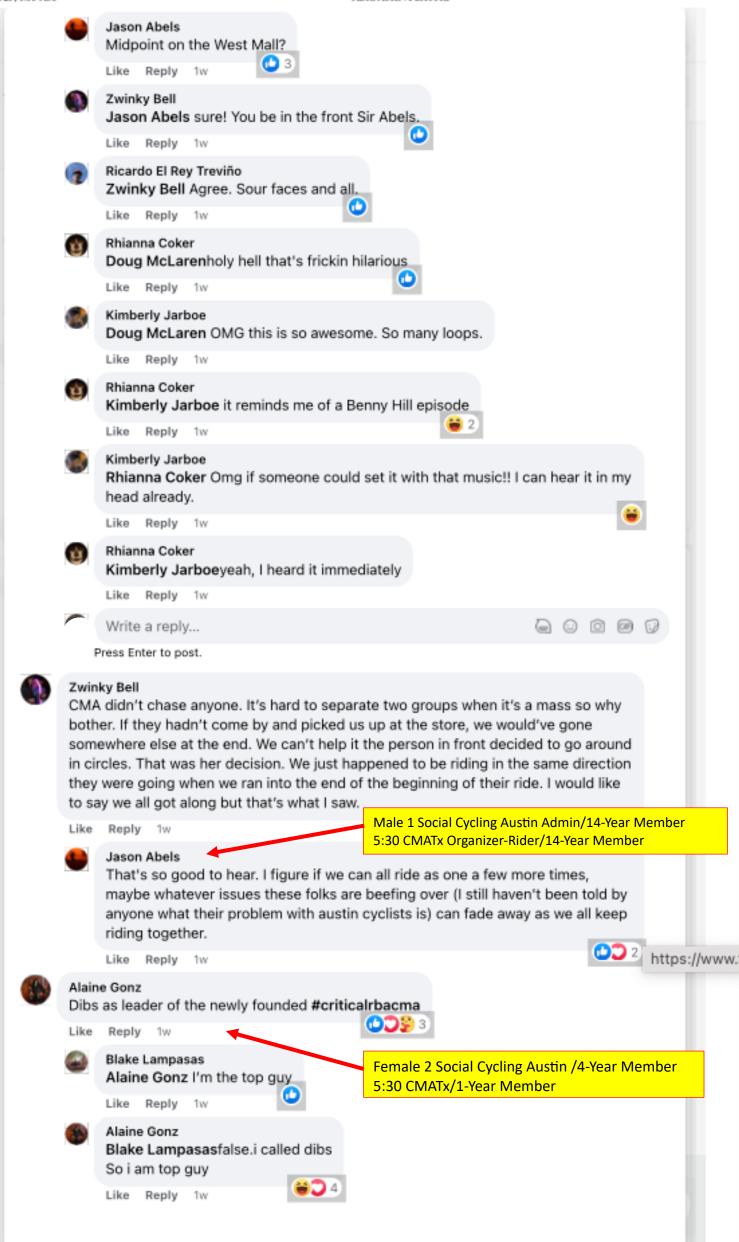


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#### Blake Lampasas

We were up front so I guess they were chasing us

Like Reply 1w





#### Jason Abels

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

Like Reply 1v





### Alaine Gonz



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## Alaine Gonz

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

Like Reply 1w





#### Zwinky Bell

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



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Several folks have reached out privately with more information, which has been illuminating, so thank you. To that end, if anyone is still in contact with Raquel/hasn't been ostracised, please pass along word that I'd love to speak with them and understand why they seem so intent on sabotaging their own rides like this. Seems rather counterproductive, but maybe they have a good (thought still uncommunicated) reason for doing so.

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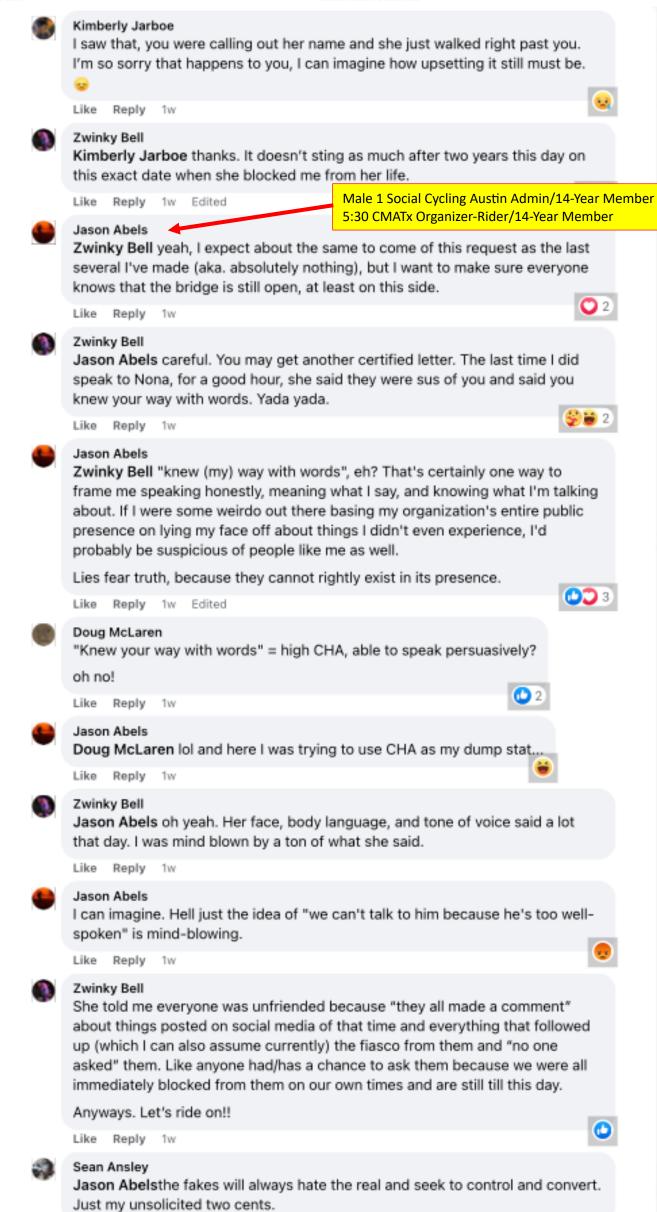
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## Zwinky Bell

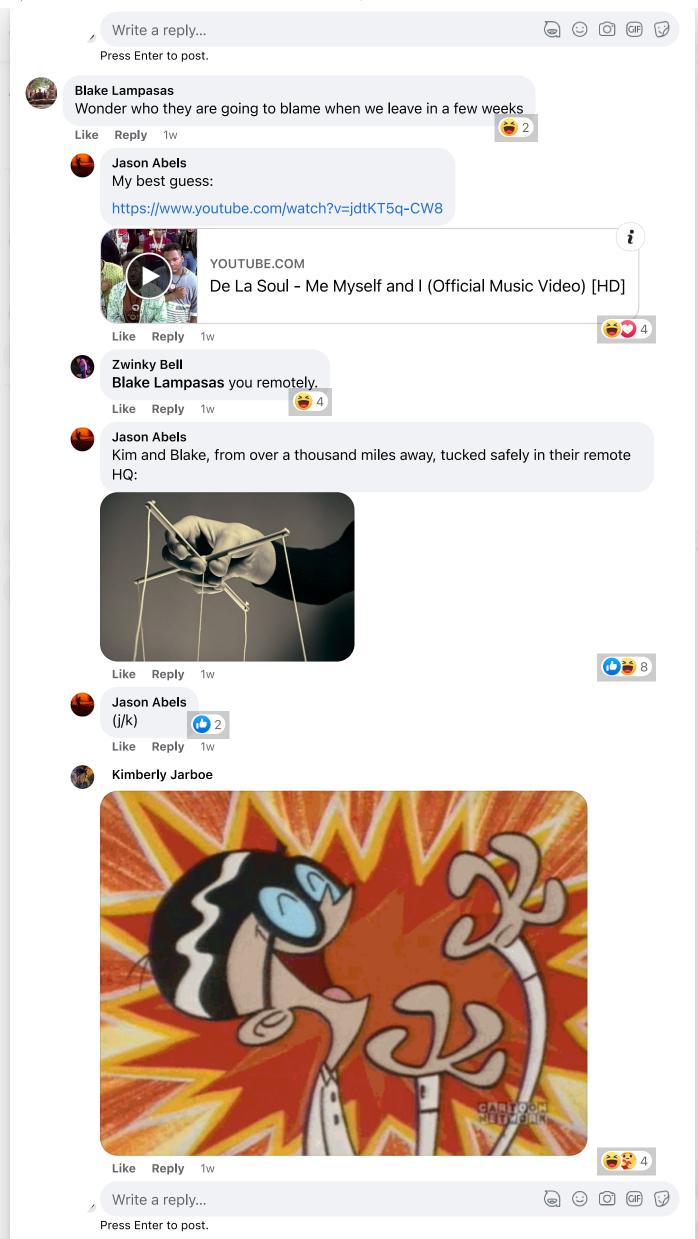
Jason Abels interesting. I spoke with someone on Saturday and he was super confused with their upsetting reaction. Good luck getting a chance to talk to them. I tried talking to Nona and was treated like I was a ghost.

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Reply 1w Edited Like Jason Abels



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

Like Reply 1w





#### Kimberly Jarboe

Ricardo El Rey Treviño 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





## Zwinky Bell

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

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## Alex Cerbur

We all just wanna ride bikes

One love, man

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# Jason Abels

Damn right. C



Like Reply



### Zwinky Bell

Alex Cerbur and ride bikes with a mass

Like Reply 1w





## Blake Lampasas

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

Reply 1w





## Jason Abels

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

Like Reply 1w



#### Blake Lampasas

Jason Abels I tried to tell raghell thank you for the skates but she wasn't having it

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

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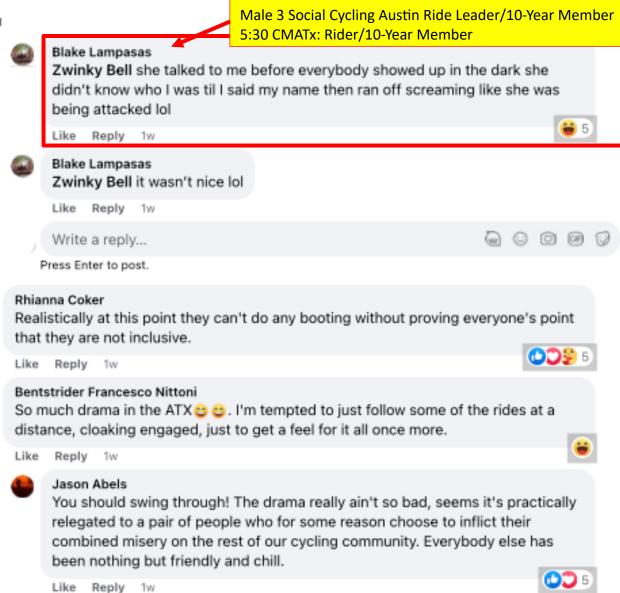


## Zwinky Bell

Blake Lampasas at least she said something to you,

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Kimberly Jarboe

Bentstrider Francesco Nittoni 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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Bentstrider Francesco Nittoni Kimberly Jarboe 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 es

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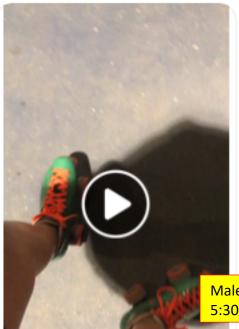
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The 🦋 was in front and I headed in that direction from our midstop. People had asked why we had stopped so early on our ride and wanted to get more riding in. I asked others for suggestions and no one seemed to care.

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?

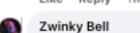
Then on Saturday a lot of us, once again, came together for the Wet Hot American Bummer Alley Cat event and it was beautiful.



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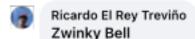
Ricardo El Rey Treviño 

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Ricardo El Rey Treviño yeah that SpongeBob character did have a part in it.

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