

THE JERRY DOSS MEMORIAL: SKULL VALLEY LOOP CHALLENGE

The Jerry Doss Memorial ride is now in its third year. In 2005 Jerry, already in his late 60s, made it his personal goal to do what the local Prescott road riders bragged about doing--to ride the 54-mile Skull Valley loop.

Jerry formed a Slo Pokes & Seniors team and started training. He invited some of the best road riders in the area to form their own team and ride along. That's when the fun began! One of the younger road riders told Jerry that he could ride the loop twice before Jerry could make it around once. The challenge was on!

Jerry invited all the other road cyclists to join the teams that day. It was a good local turn out. And Jerry completed the 54 mile loop and won the challenge!

After the ride, Jerry started dreaming big. He wanted to make the ride bigger and better, and to advertise state wide in 2006. He chaired a sub-committee of the Prescott Cycling Club to organize and run the event. In 2006 there were 130 riders in the Skull Valley Fun Loop Challenge on September 24th. In 2007, 175 riders participated.

Unfortunately on September 2, 2006 the Fun Loop Challenge became a memorial ride when Jerry died of a heart attack while participating in a multiple day ride he had planned on Route 66. We miss Jerry and all he did for bicycling, but we honor and remember him with this ride each year. Please come join us for the 4rd Annual Jerry Doss Memorial Ride on Sunday, September 21, 2008.