

Catherine Creek Road Race Friday, June 20th

Anthony Lakes Road Race Sunday, June 22nd

Driver/Radio Controller Race Caravan Instructions

Thank you for volunteering for the Baker City Cycling Classic. Our race caravan is a crucial part of our race to provide safety for our race pelotons. Being in the race caravan, you are responsible for listening and communicating on radios with instructions from our OBRA officials as you follow or lead pelotons through stage one and four road race stages of Baker City Cycling Classic. Knowing the course is essential; please refer to the map links for stages 1 and 4 on the [Volunteer Page](#) of the race website. Turn-by-turn instructions printout, radio equipment, safety equipment, neutral wheel assignment, and a briefing of driver's instructions that are detailed below will be given at the Race Caravan Meeting at 8:30 am Friday, June 21st, in room 106 at Baker High School. Our race caravans have multiple turns and will encounter flagger-controlled intersections along with multiple racer feed zones; this means listening to and following OBRA official instructions, following the race course, and communicating information to the caravan is essential. Note: While the lead car position is ahead of racing action, this position is critical to providing direction and communication about upcoming travel along our courses. Being in the Race Caravan is not just about responsibilities; it's about being at the heart of the Baker City Cycling Classics' dramatic race action. It's a unique opportunity to be part of a sporting event that attracts riders from around the country and has even proven future champions on the world stage of bicycle racing. You're not just a volunteer but an integral part of this unique experience. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call.

Brian Cimmiyotti-Race Director 541-371-3303, Lyndsie Williams-Volunteer Coordinator

Medical Support within our Caravans

Medical Nathan Stewart 503 826-7652 Nicole Dawkins 503-812-7836



Drivers Information

- 1.** Have your car filled with gas before you arrive to be a driver. Zero out your odometer at BHS. Note: Drivers not in OTEC lead Vehicles or Baker Auto Ranch Official Vehicles. Baker Loves Bikes will provide reimbursement for fuel costs. If volunteers need to cover upfront fuel costs, please get in touch with Brian Cimmiyotti at 541-371-3303
- 2.** Arrive at Baker High School Room 106 Friday at 8:30 am and 6:30 AM Sunday at Baker High School for ALL drivers/radio operators.
- 3.** Find which category you are assigned to, then pick up supplies for your race group
- 4.** Handheld radio for car
- 5.** Rooftop flasher/paper that goes under it
 - Antenna
 - Car Window Sign
 - Water
 - Wheels for your team (outside)
- 6.** Familiarize yourself with the handheld radio. It will be programmed and locked to Channel 1: DO NOT CHANGE IT. To ensure it works as soon as possible, do a radio check with your category. If something is not working, bring it back in for exchange ASAP.
- 7.** Make sure your cell phone is charged and on in case a radio is not working or in the case of an emergency.
- 8.** Tape your category window sign to the outside lower left rear window. A volunteer will mark the upper corner of your passenger side front windshield with the same thing as your rear window sign.
- 9.** Drive with your hazards (blinkers)
- 10.** Meet your OBRA official outside
- 11.** Move your car into the correct order of what your official says
- 12.** Exchange phone numbers with your caravan in case the radios don't work

13. Wait for an official to give directions for when to leave- Communication within the peloton/race: there is a Lead driver, Com 2 and Com 3 (wheel Support), and Com 1 is the race official for your category. To address your caravan on the radio, start by saying what category you are in and your Com #. (For example) you want to ask your race official a question. You would say: this is Men 3, Com 2 to Men 3, Com 1(your race official). Then ask your question.

- (Another example) “This is WOMEN’S Com 2 to WOMEN’S LEAD. Can you move ahead to see if? There are oncoming cars. I have a car; who wants to pass?”

- Always listen to your OBRA officials’ directions.

14. Support drivers; be prepared to stop quickly and give a rider a spare wheel from your car if they have a flat. Ask if they have placed a spare wheel. Our race will be wheels in, wheels out. If a rider has not placed an extra set in the caravan, they must fix their flat the old-fashioned way with their spare tube or repair kit. At this point, drivers, please wish them luck and encouragement and move back into your peloton.

Note: When pulling over to provide a wheel to racers, letting your radio operator get the wheel out is safer. If you do not have a radio operator, please Make Sure no CARS or BIKES

PASSING! Divide wheels evenly between support cars: front and rear wheels. If you've stopped to help a rider with a flat tire, you cannot “pull” them back up to the group. They must regain the group on their own. If the rider attempts to “draft” your vehicle back to the group, speed up and return to your position with the caravan.

15. Be cautious of riders behind you when going downhill; they will go much faster than you think! To be safe, descend the hill ahead of riders at a reasonable distance.

16. If riders need your help, they will pull off to the side of the road; try to stop behind them and on the side. Do not stop in the middle of the road!

4. It might be a hot day. If riders appear to need water, unscrew the cap of a bottle and offer it to them. You might also be asked to refill a bottle. If a racer litters, write down their bib number. If a racer raises his left hand, it means they want water.

***Please remember to return all radios, equipment & wheels to Specified Locations

discussed before each race *****

Thank you for Volunteering for BCCC; YOU ROCK! Please join us for the spaghetti feed and awards ceremony at the Churchill Music and Art Venue on Friday evening from 5-7 and the Chili Feed and Awards ceremony on Sunday at Anthony Lakes Mountain Resort.