



After two years of marking our annual Ride of Silence with ‘virtual’ rides we are back big time and for real!! Yes – on Wednesday, May 18 local riders will gather at the GVR East Center at 5:30 PM for refreshments and social talk and then set out at 6:00 PM for our slow ride remembering those who have been injured and killed on our roads and highways. Two years ago we had planned to recognize the active life of Sahuarita resident Fred Dillemoth who had lost his life on the previous Labor Day when riding down from Madera Canyon. COVID got in the way but it is still not too late to recognize his life on May 18.

The Ride of Silence began in Dallas twenty years ago when Chris Phelan organized the first ride after endurance friend and cyclist Larry Schwartz was hit by the mirror of a passing bus and was killed. The above ‘twenty years’ logo recognizes this achievement. It was designed by a local cyclist and accepted by the national ROS board of directors as the official logo to be used for reaching twenty years.

We got our start for the local event seventeen years ago after local cyclist Fred Hettig lost his life on Nogales Highway and bicycle advocate Jean Gorman said to us ‘you know – there is something called the Ride of Silence’. As always we will be safely escorted by the Pima County Sheriff Department, the SAV, and the Green Valley Fire District.

We hope to see you on May 18. Until then keep up to date with details at [SCVBAC.org](http://SCVBAC.org), look for an article in the KGVY Spring Community Quarterly, and publicity in the Green Valley News & Sahuarita Sun. Also refer to the national Ride of Silence web site at [rideofsilence.org](http://rideofsilence.org).

***Santa Cruz Bicycle Advocate Committee***



# Santa Cruz Valley Area



## Ride of Silence

Wednesday, May 18 - 5:30 PM  
(Ride Begins at 6:00 PM)

TO:  
**HONOR** cyclists who have been killed or injured  
**RAISE AWARENESS** to the existence of bicyclists  
To ask that we all **SHARE THE ROAD**



Ride of Silence Route

Bikers of all skill levels and interests in the Santa Cruz Valley area are invited to participate in the **seventeenth local observance** of the Ride of Silence. Meet at the south end of the Green Valley Recreation East Social Center parking lot (Abrego/Esperanza intersection)

Please come early and enjoy some light refreshments at **5:30 PM** and be prepared to leave for the group ride at **6:00 PM - Wednesday, May 18**

The group will follow the guidelines of the **Ride of Silence** which include riding single file in silence (no talking) and riding at a slow and comfortable pace. Helmets are required for riders.

Escort for the seven mile ride will be provided by the Pima County Sheriff Department the Green Valley SAV and the Green Valley Fire District

