

Summit
adventure

Whitney



CLASSIC

DEATH VALLEY TO
MOUNT WHITNEY

2011

135 MILES CYCLING
15,300 FT. ELEV. GAIN

Ride Results

Catholic Guys
Steve Atkins
Joe Tansill

2:35am

Rapido Sabado
Bill Fish
Chris Marsh
John Luke
Matt Grainger
Ken Neumeyer

11:10pm

Outlaws
Cindy Outlaw
Vince Beer
Dane Ahrentzen

2:51pm

Rude & Dangerous
Erica Rackley
Andrew Metz

8:51am

Dinosaur
Gregg Parker
David Bedell
James Hardesty
Bobiane Kupfer

3:40am

Fast Friday
Stuart Adams
Brandon Turley
Maurice Azcarate
Scott Thomas

10:35pm

Team of Four
John Warkentin
Aaron Warkentin
Peter Hering
Kevin Edmonds

2:25am

Brumby
Tom Smith
Janet Nye
Jair Drooger

1:30am

Storm
Rick Wallace
Pete & Judy Wallace
Mark Lavan
Ron Allin
Kevin Steele

12:08am

Riders Persevere through Weather

Thanks to the help of hundreds of volunteers, riders, and donors, Summit Adventure hosted another successful Whitney Classic bike ride in 2011.

The ride involved 32 riders spread among 9 different teams who came to support Summit from around the country and even Australia.

Beginning at 3pm the riders faced a variety of temperatures, altitudes, and weather conditions. The starting line was located at the lowest altitude in the United States while the finish line was at the base of the highest peak in the lower 48. The temperatures ranged from 112°F to 40°F. Soon after the start, dramatic cloud formations

began crowding the sky. One SAG stop hunkered down as a slew of hail and rain pelted



Tom Smith heading up Town's Pass during the first half of the ride

their site. Every site experienced high winds while watching bolts of lightning flicker on the horizon. Meanwhile, the riders crossed three mountain passes throughout the night.

The final and only solo rider crossed the finish line at 8:51am with the encouraging support of many energetic, yet sleepy friends.

Through thick and thin, in comfort zones and out of them, all involved worked together to pull off another successful Whitney Classic and raise over \$55,000 for God's work through Summit Adventure.

Congratulations and thanks to all!

Ride Results

Well, who won? It's a natural question for most of us. There are teams—it's an athletic event—we've seen the Tour de France on television—but we assure you, it's a ride...not a race. Snickers abound whenever someone mistakenly says "race" rather than "ride", but really, we're not keeping track (most of us). So if you want to know who "won" in your mind, check out the times on the left of this page; But, if you ask most of us, when \$55,000 is raised towards fathers and their kids growing closer, towards developing communities in Ecuador, towards people growing closer to God...most of us would say the biggest winners weren't even at the Whitney Classic—they are spread around the world. So here's to the winners of the race...er...I mean ride.



Erica in the final mile of the ride being encouraged by a friend

God, Gear, and Guts Award: Erica Rackley

In the middle of the desert, beneath a heavy blanket of stars, if you were north of Death Valley early on Sunday morning, you would have seen a small light wavering on a dark road. At mile 100 of 135, this was Erica Rackley rolling down the road. Erica was the only solo rider of the 2011 Whitney after her partner reluctantly dropped out due to health reasons.

Being Erica's first Whitney Classic bike ride, all agree she finished the ride in style, refusing to stop more than a few short times in the last 80 miles. She powered through the final Whitney Portal pass cutting a straight line up the road and focusing only on the pavement in front of her.

For her stalwart efforts and perseverance, the God, Guts, and Gear award goes to Erica Rackley.

Nice work!

Thank You to all Sponsors and Volunteers

You know who you are. It would be far from possible without you. Thank you so much for your generous donations to the mission of Summit Adventure.



Next Year: Come Ride!

September 29th and 30th. Come see what it's all about. Show up for your 20th time. Bring your friends, bring your family, ride with your dog in a trailer. Donate money, donate gear, show up and volunteer at a SAG stop. We would appreciate your support. Next year when September rolls around...come volunteer or come ride!

