

TOUR de FRONDS

SATURDAY JUNE 20, 2026

6:00 AM – 5:30 PM (or so)

gasoline is not available in Powers

Frequencies:

147.040 + PL 88.5 (Iron Mountain Repeater)

If problems develop go to 146.610 - PL 110.9

If that fails, go to 146.46 simplex

The Tour starts at the County Park on the right-hand side of the road as you come into Powers. Most of the riders will be leaving between 0600 and 0930 hours, with the bulk of them leaving between 0800 and 0900. Plan on arriving there in time to get your forms and get to your rest stop to set up by the times listed below. Clip boards and forms will be at the County Park. They will be in the green tub with Mary and Jerry at the park entrance.

There could very well be some changes made at the June meeting, I will keep you up to date on that. The Eden Valley Road is just as sketchy as

it was last year, so use caution while driving up that way. I have tweaked last year's assignments, they are pretty much the same as this year with a couple of minor changes. Please let me know if you are unable to help out this year! Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns, either at this email address or text/call me at 541-297-2008.

Park Gate 0600

Net Control 0645

Powers Water Plant 0900

Daphne Grove 0700

Agnes Pass 0900

Eden Valley 0900

Arrastra Saddle 0930

Dutch Henry 1000

Some of the above checkpoints should have snacks, water and toilet facilities. Arrastra Saddle and Dutch Henry do not have facilities. You are welcome to the snacks, but plan on bringing something if you want a real lunch.

We will be at it all day. Don't forget the sunscreen, hat, table, and folding chair. A pop-up or similar shelter might be a good idea as well. Make sure all batteries are fully charged and you have back-ups. Be prepared to protect your equipment, the paperwork and yourself.

Powers will be the primary Net Control Station (NCS) although others might be Net Control as the situation dictates. We plan to operate an "open" net to allow one check point to call another directly, except for things that may occur like an accident, then the net control declares the net "closed", meaning all transmissions must be directed by the NCS. Please check in with the NCS when in position, let Net Control know if you will be away from the radio, check in when back, and check out when you leave. We will use tactical calls ("Daphne Grove"). Remember to ID with your call sign at the end of your exchange of transmissions. The Powers station will contact the ride director, Donna Freeman, with any problems. Her cell phone number is 541-260-2418.

Please introduce yourself to the rest stop host upon arrival and stay until both the rest stop host and the NCS excuse you. Please do NOT leave the rest stop without informing the rest stop host. Let them know when the last

rider passes by. All clipboards with forms are to be returned to the tub at the Water Plant checkpoint in Powers. When you are finished, you are welcome to return to Ross Hall to enjoy the dinner for the riders and volunteers.

An Ambulance will be stationed at Eden Valley.

A bicycle mechanic vehicle will be roaming the course.

We will be expected to:

Record the rider's numbers and time going out and returning.

Report the first five and the last five riders that pass you to NCS.

Provide communications for the rest stop host.

Report any hazard on the route so riders can be alerted.

Support response to any accident.

If you receive a request for help, call NCS for a SAG rig with the location or, if you are able to, contact the SAG rig directly with your GMRS radio. The NCS will repeat the call and ask for the last sighting of a SAG rig. One change for this year is the SAG vehicles and rest stops will be equipped with GMRS radios. Gary (N6BLU) will have the radios at the park and will distribute them before we all leave for our stations.

Please contact the other operators for your rest stop before the ride day and arrange for who will bring what. Back up equipment is important. Stuff will break, connectors won't match, batteries will die etc.

Some riders will not stop at your rest stop. You'll have to catch them as they blow right through. Daphne Grove operators need to set up beside the road. The rest stop is a couple of hundred yards off the road, so you can't see them from there. There is a good pull off just before the rest stop entrance.

We primarily are there to make sure all the riders get back safely. We keep track of every rider that goes through our station by noting the time on forms provided to us. If a rider ends up not making it to the next station, someone can be sent to find them. If there is a medical or mechanical problem, we report it to net control. In addition, we report any needs the rest stop host has. We are needed because there is no cell phone coverage over most of the course. HTs may not be adequate at some locations, so a mobile rig with a J pole or collinear antenna might be needed. A table for the paperwork and radio are desirable. Let me know if you need to borrow anything.

There have been problems in the past hitting the repeater from Dutch Henry. Simplex, 146.460, has worked between there and Arrestra Saddle. You'll have to see. If that happens, Arrestra Saddle operators will have to monitor both the repeater and the simplex frequencies.

Operator Assignments

Powers-

Mary, KM7AYB

Jerry, KK7EGZ

I (Sam, W7GNM) will be with Jerry at the start of the ride until Mary shows up, then I will be a rover from Arrastra Saddle to Daphne Grove and Agness Pass.

Daphne Grove-

Joe, WA7JAW

Steve, WN6NW

Allen (Oscar) Rumsch KK7CLH

Don, KK7SJW

Agness Pass-

Dan, N2RDO

Jim, AD6JG

Sandy, KK7TBW

Singing Springs- There will be no Singing Springs route this year.

Eden Valley-

Eric, KK7APK (unable to attend 2025)

Dan, KI7WX

Kelley, W7FCM

Morrie Ghattas KE7HTC

Arrestra Saddle-

David Gerhart, KK7WXV

Chuck KN7FM

Dutch Henry-

Zack, K7FC

Rob, AC7WU

Cruiser Loop Rest Area- Rob, AC7WU Mike - The Cruiser Loop Rest

Stop is at the Jct 32-8-1.1 and 32-8-9.2. They will have snacks but you will

probably want to pack a lunch. You are a LONG way from the nearest convenience store!

White Cooler-Mike (W7OVN) and Holly (KC6YKG)- Slim will be setting a white cooler out somewhere along the Dutch Henry route. The ladies at that rest stop will be able to point you in the right direction. I can't remember where you set up the year before last, but I'm guessing it will be off in that direction. I apologize for such vague instructions, but I don't even think Slim knows where he will be setting it up yet.

Rover- Gary, N6BLU. Gary, I think your time would be best spent in the area from Eden Valley on up and around the loop. I think last year I drove the route to Agness Pass and then back to Eden Valley and around the loop back to Eden Valley. I stationed myself there for a short time and then went off to find a missing rider. Basically you need to be available to just go wherever you are needed.

These assignments may be adjusted as needed, I will keep you all up to date.

I am attaching the map of this year's rides. We have a mix of experienced and inexperienced hams, and everything in between, please share the mic so everyone has a chance to experience that. I would suggest trading off every thirty minutes or so. This is good training for us, so it is important that we all get a chance to practice. Hopefully I haven't forgotten anything, fingers crossed! If you have any questions, feel free to email or call me at 541-297-2008.