



Attention Mountain Bike Team Managers!
EXCELLENT ENDURANCE MTB RACE + UCI C1 POINTS OPPORTUNITY!
Dean Crandall-approved event + Good prize money + UCI points
One week before Pan-Am championships in Chile

What: Round 1 of the Endurance Pipasa MTB Series. This is a UCI category C1 event.
 Lap length: 39mi/63km
 Climbing per lap: 6100ft/1860m
 Race distance: 39mi/63km
 Competitors: Approx. 600
 Prize pool: Per UCI guidelines for C1 event
 WWW: www.mtbalfa.com

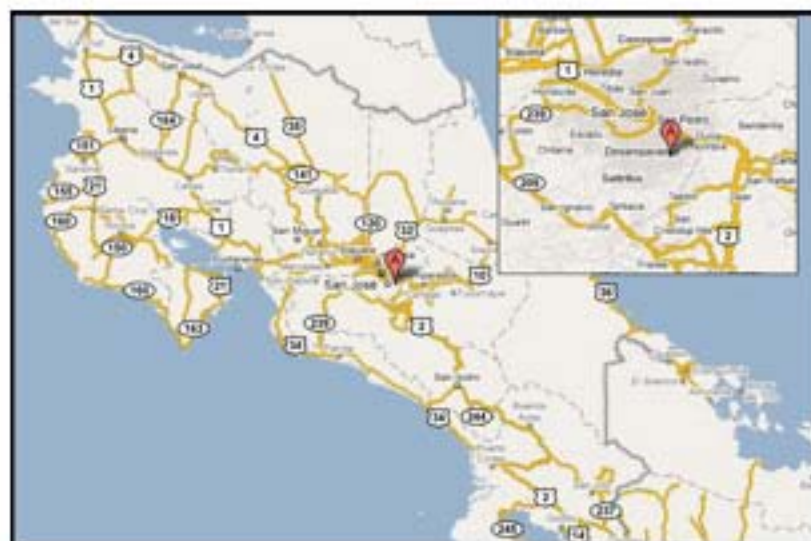
When: March 15th, 2009 (one week before the Pan-Am Champs in Chile – one trip, two UCI races!)

Where: Patarrá, Costa Rica, just to the south east of San Jose, the nation's capital.

Why: Use this as a warm-up for the **Pan-Am** champs. Pick up **extra prize money** and **UCI points** at this UCI C1 event. The UCI points will improve your grid position at the world champs.

How: The organizer has some host family housing available. Otherwise there are special rates at selected hotels. The venue is about 25 miles from the airport. Airport pick-up is arranged for riders arriving from USA and Canada.

Who: Organizer Eventos Deportivos Alfa S.A., led by Rafael Pacheco, has been putting on races for seven years. UCI international commissaire Dean Crandall officiated at one of Rafael's events last year, and says U.S. racers would find the event and local conditions quite acceptable.



See the YouTube videos of the race starts

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u5rS7x88IUy>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fkoMAgUYtk4>

Media Coverage: Costa Rica television. Publicized in the USA by O2 Sports Media, so reports will appear in cyclingnews.com, velonews.com, mtbr.com, etc.

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