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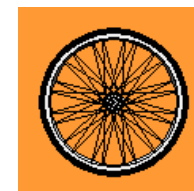
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TIRE BUZZ

By President

Tim Payne



Timothy Payne
TWBC
"The Prez"

GOODBYES, HELLOS and THANKS

Seems as though my begging and cajoling has had the desired effect; I am sad that it has been necessary for Secretary Sandy Byrd to give up her position on the board. It has been a real pleasure to work with Sandy over the past two plus years. Her dedication to the club will most certainly be missed. Sandy has been faced with difficult choices in prioritizing her time. I congratulate her for confronting those choices instead of trying to do everything. That process is never easy when you have to give up something you really want to do and enjoy. Thank you Sandy for the time and effort you gave to TWBC as a club officer.

Sandy has been assisted extensively over the past three months by Dena Wessels. I want to acknowledge Dena's willingness to pitch in and help out as we worked to find a replacement for Sandy. Thank you, Dena

I want to officially welcome Mary Dahl-Smith as the new club Secretary. Mary was confirmed by the membership at the September meeting. Mary brings us a basket full of enthusiasm and two other members of her family, husband Corky and son Chris (Mary says what one of us chooses to do, all of us do). Mary has extensive experience at all board positions, including secretary, from her activities with a fraternal organization in Tacoma. I am very pleased that we have been able to find such a capable replacement for Sandy. You can expect to see Corky and Chris involved in lot's of club activities. Welcome to Mary, as Secretary and to Corky and Chris as active club members. I appreciate their willingness to step forward and offer their experiences and skills to help move the club forward.

A few months ago, I proposed that we mount a recall campaign against that rascal "Vacant" that has held onto the post of Director of Special Events for far too long. I am ecstatic that my suggestion to oust that do nothing scoundrel has been successful. Stepping into the office is a very capable, experienced and passionate member of our club, Joyce Clifford. Joyce brings a wealth of experience to Special Events and I, for one, am extremely grateful that she volunteered to assist the club by taking on this important role. Joyce was also confirmed at the September 20 general membership meeting. I can just about promise you that many of you will be contacted to assist in special events. Joyce has energy and lots of great ideas to move our special events into the future. Thank you, Joyce for stepping into this role.

On the theme of Thank You's; if you have not visited the TWBC website recently, take some time to check it out. VP Vern Hase has been assisting webmaster Ken Stagg in updating our website. In addition, member Joe Small assisted by Joyce Clifford have set up a fabulous new ride calendar on the website. It is worth taking a look. One of the great improvements is the ability to send a ride to the calendar. The process is very straightforward, all you need is a web connection. Please take some time

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**TWBC Ride Line
253-759-2800
UPDATED WEEKLY!**

Hey Riders... Use this handy-dandy chart to decypher the ride code listed on the Monthly Ride/Event Calendar

RIDE CODE CHART

Pace Code: Average mph on flat surface:

- 1 - Easy pace, frequent stops to catch up and regroup, 9-12 mph on flats.
- 2 - Moderate pace, occasional stops to catch up and regroup, 12-15 mph.
- 3 - Steady pace, limited stops, cue sheets or maps provided, 13-16 mph.
- 4 - Fast pace, very limited stops, cue sheets or maps provided, 16 + mph.

Terrain Code examples:

- A - Mostly Flat (Inter-urban Trail)
- B - Gently rolling with one or two steep hills
- C - Rolling steeper hills (Kitsap Peninsula)
- D - Difficult terrain with longer, steeper hills (Vashon Island)

Next Club Meeting:

**Tuesday
October 18th
7:00 pm**

**Food galore!
Door Prizes !
Great Program!**

MC MENAMIN'S RIDE REPORT by Bob Myrick

Our September 17 bike trip to Centralia and the 1908 Olympic Club Hotel-Theater was great. Some how, most of us got the Monday thru Thursday Package deal on the weekend? Max and I had a room for \$99. Then, we enjoyed the package deal: \$40 for dinner, \$20 bottle of wine, \$20 for breakfast, free movie theater and one hour of billiards or pool. We figured the room cost us \$20, ten bucks a piece. Pretty good deal, huh? The craft beer was great too. The weather was just ideal. Max led a group from the North End of Tacoma, Joyce led a group from Yelm and I rode 100 miles thru Eatonville and Morton. I got to help Steve and Cynthia train for their trip around Mt. Rainier. Joyce got David out on the Yelm to Tenino Trail. Max led Carol, Roz and Margerite from the North End and Peg put in a guest appearance on Saturday. We plan to go again next year.

membership report by Phyllis Lay

NEW MEMBERS

Deborah McConnaughley, Kerri Munro, Foy Leatherman, Deb Brown, and Nancy Thompson. Welcome!!

RENEWING MEMBERS

Ronna Schwalk, Mike & Karen Servey, Scott W. Biles, John Davis & family, Linda Higgins and Lonna Cain. Welcome back!!

How many Wheelmen does it take



to fix a flat?



Where's Louis when you need him?

2005 RAPSody Wrap-Up

The 2005 RAPSody was a success again in its second year! The five host bike clubs and their volunteers did a great job of putting on this 2-day event.

TWBC volunteers included Tim Payne, Roz & Carol Davis, Bob Myrick, Vern Hase, Julie Mercer, Karen Comer, Jim DeYoung, Steve & Phyllis Lay, Peggy Fjetland, Jan Brame, John Summerour, Mike Adams, Donna & Grace Daily, Gene Smith, Jill Priest, Greg Torfin, Caroline Foster, Sue Coley, and Ralph & Dena Wessels. Capital Bicycle Club members Brian and Ann Mitchell staffed a shift at the finish line. Roger Laybourn and other Clover Park Kiwanis members staffed the start on Sunday. Jim Couch and Jim Finnel from Spoke & Sprocket provided mechanical support at the start and Dmitri Keating provided mechanical support at the Yelm rest stop. Karen Kramer provided great support during the pre-ride marking and also provided sag support with Molly Johnson during the ride. Thanks to all of you for making RAPSody a success!

We heard of one rider who scraped his leg and injured his knee when he fell over without unclipping on a hill. The only other glitch on the ride was that the sprinklers in the camping area at Shelton High School had not been turned off, which came as a 2 AM surprise to those in their tents or sleeping bags. Our soggy apologies to those who received this unexpected shower. Even with this mishap, the rider’s comments were extremely positive

Here are a few comments from the participants.

“The ride this year was great. The reverse route was much better than last year. Please do not change it. All the volunteers are wonderful people, thank you very much. The food was better than any other ride.”

“Many thanks to all of you volunteers who put on such a great ride. We’ll be back!”

“Shelton overnight was so great. Hot showers, a wonderful dinner and the band was just great. We stayed up an extra hour cause we just had to listen to yet another song. I know you have already heard about the sprinklers going on at 2am so I won’t belabor that one. Everything else was PERFECT!”

“It was a great ride and really fun. Everyone from the Walla Walla group loved it and wants to do it again next year! Thanks for all the hard work that went into it.”

“Route and ride support – excellent! Especially the bike shops who did a great job – one of our team had a broken spoke which was repaired on the spot”

Final stats were 393 riders, and approximately \$12K raised for the Bicycle Alliance of Washington to support statewide bicycle advocacy.

Next year’s RAPSody is planned to be held on August 26 and 27, 2006. Be sure to plan your riding itinerary to culminate in this great ride.



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and check it out. On behalf of the club, a big thank you to Vern, Joe and Joyce for updating and improving the user friendliness of this important communication link within the club.

The list of Thank You’s continues: To members Robert Deehan and Gene Smith who co-directed the recent Headwaters Century, a job well done. The ride attracted about 220 paying riders and went off without a hitch. Their hard work and great organiza-tional skills really showed up in how smooth the ride went. Thank you Robert and Gene, as well as all the volunteers who used their time to ensure a successful and safe ride.

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

If you have not joined us at a membership meeting for a while, you might want to consider dedicating October 18 to that purpose. As per normal practice we have food, an old practice has been re-started, that of giving away door prizes and the programs have been and are scheduled to be very interesting. Door prizes at the September club meeting included a floor pump, a set of arm warmers, a nice set of tire levers, an ear-warmer band, a head/helmet cap suitable for winter riding, and two Tour de France wrist bands. Future meetings will have similar offerings, so do not miss out, come join us. It would be a happy problem if we had to find a new location for our club meetings because we had outgrown the South Park Community Center.

RIDING INTO THE FUTURE

Those of you who regularly read this column know that I suffered a significant injury at the hands of my own lack of judgment in August. I am happy to report that I will be able to get back on my bike in the coming days and am looking forward to the return. I miss the good times we have together on our club rides and yes, I also miss the assist in weight control. See you out there soon.

SHARE THE ROAD LICENSE PLATES

Starting in January we will all have the opportunity to buy specialized license plates that convey the message of sharing the road with bicycles. This is due to the very hard work of the BAW in the halls of the legislature over the past two sessions. One of these special license plates would make a great Christmas/ Holiday gift for that cyclist that has absolutely everything (or three or four of everything). I am sure with a little creativity one could find an image to download from the BAW website and create a nifty (yup, I was a teen in the 60’s) looking gift certificate. I hope that we can get every person who is an active cyclist to put these plates on their vehicle (i f they own one). The impact will be stunning to the general public as it will suddenly become apparent that there are a whole lot of us out there

SAFETY

My closing message, be aware of your surroundings and be safe out there. Over the summer Adventure Cycling has carried notices of many road deaths of bicyclists. A very experienced cyclist and dear friend of our own Bob Myrick was killed on a very low traffic road near Entiat in the past month.

Please, keep your eyes and ears open, make yourself visible and weigh your risks as you enjoy the outdoors.

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appeared to me the crossing was much smoother and safer. You still need to be careful and approach the tracks at a ninety-degree angle to avoid a mishap.

7. Chehalis-Western Trail. There is good and bad news on this trail system in Thurston County. Please call the Parks Department at 360 786-5595 and let them know the bollard system is not working because tandem cyclists, recumbent riders, loaded tourists and others choose to ride on the highway to avoid the over lapping gates. We need a five-foot opening just like in Pierce County, King County and throughout the Country. The good news is that \$4.1million has been provided as a line item in the Federal Transportation Budget for building a crossing over I-5 and other roads so that the Woodard Bay segment can be connected to the Lacey segment of this trail.

8. Pipeline Trail. Pierce County Parks, Tacoma, Metro Parks and Pierce County Public Works are working together to move forward this 14 mile trail that runs from near 40th and McKinley in Tacoma to 128th and Meridian in South Hill. The idea is to connect with the road system to get down to Freighthouse Square and to connect with the new Shalishan Community along Portland Avenue and the Swan Creek Park. In Puyallup, the trail would find it’s way to the Foothills Trail along existing roads and possibly new trails.

Please get out there and ride as much as possible. We have to save Medicaid and Medicare one cyclist at a time by taking care of our own health. And be careful. Last month, I lost one of my very best friends, Sue Gygax, to a bike-car accident in Eastern Washington. She and her husband Wayne Martin were riding on a very quiet road along the Endiat River when they were both hit at high speed by a small pickup truck. The driver had dropped his cigarette and was looking for it when the accident happened. Wayne and Sue had been taking me on trips since 1992. We traveled around Washington State, California, British Columbia and New Zealand. Recently, we had walked across England on the Coast-to-Coast Trail. Wayne has decided to shut down his adventure travel coop and the website, WayneSue.com.



Bob Myrick
TWBC Director of
Community and
Government
Affairs

AMENDMENT TO TWBC BYLAWS
PROPOSED

At the September 20th general membership meeting an amendment to the TWBC bylaws was proposed. The amendment is intended to change TWBC’s fiscal year from October 1 through September 30 to a calendar year. The original intent of the bylaws was to offer a newly elected board (elections occur in June) to propose and administrate a budget of their own construction. After several years of using this practice two realities have been presented: 1.) Getting a budget put together ready for adoption at the September membership meeting is a very difficult task for the board over the summer months and 2.) The treasurer is forced to keep two set of reports, one to report against the budget and another to report against the calendar year for taxes and state reporting purposes. This second factor places an unfair strain on the treasurer and creates a significant amount of “busy” work for little apparent gain. The clubs largest expenditures are related to our special events which occur between April and September. As a practical matter, as long as these events are contained within one fiscal year, the club’s budget and financial reporting will look nearly identical.

There is also a special provision written into the amendment to address how we will transition from the current fiscal year to the new. In simple language the 2005-2006 budget will be 15 months long. This is necessary because the club already adopted a budget for the October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006 time period So provision needed to be made for the last three months of 2006. The amendment process for the bylaws is laid out within the bylaws. The process requires that a proposed amendment be presented to the membership at a meeting (this was accomplished at the September 20 meeting) then published in the newsletter (hence this article), then read for a second time at the next meeting and voted on (that will occur at the October 18 General Membership meeting). The entire text of the proposed amendment is shown below. The amendment includes language that will be replaced by strike-through and added language shown by underlines. If you have questions or comments please contact President Tim Payne at president@twbc.org.

ARTICLE VII
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

- A. Revenue: All revenue shall be placed in the Club bank account
- B. Authorized expenditures:
- 1. All expenditures shall be made to promote the Club’s objectives as stated in Article II
 - 2. An annual budget will be developed by the ~~newly elected~~ Board Members and taken to the General Membership for approval at the ~~September~~ November meeting.
 - 3. All revenue or expenditure items outside the General Membership approved budget, shall be approved by a two-thirds majority of all voting Board Members

ARTICLE VIII
FISCAL YEAR

- A. For the purposes of managing, budgeting, and reporting to the membership, the Fiscal Year of the Club shall be from ~~October 1 to September 30~~ January 1 through December 31 of the following same year Tax reporting for local, state, and/or federal purposes shall continue to be on a calendar year basis. In the year 2006, to facilitate transition to a new fiscal year, the managing, reporting, and budgeting period shall be from October 1, 2005 through December 31, 2006. Thereafter, the new calendar fiscal year shall be in force. The Board will propose a three month supplemental budget to the 2005/2006 Annual Budget budget to be voted on by the General Membership not later than June 2006.
- B. Two independent persons shall be appointed by the Board Members to review the books of the Club, once a year.



Bike Bytes:
Bike More, DRIVE A WHOLE LOT LESS, Stay Active as the Sunlight decreases!

- 1. Your help is needed with new safe passing law
- 2. Auction Tickets are Still Available
- 3. Katrina and the Gas Pump

Earlier this year the Bicycle Alliance with your help, worked to pass the Safe Passing Bill which became law in July. (Motorists are prohibited from passing another vehicle when bicyclists are approaching from the opposite direction.)

To publicize the new law and educate the driving public, the Bicycle Alliance has partnered with the Washington Traffic Safety Commission to launch a statewide media campaign to be centered around an event on October 15th. The event will commemorate Ann Weatherill who was killed outside Walla Walla by a passing motorist in May of last year.

Your help is needed in two ways:

* In order to reach all the major media markets, the Bicycle Alliance needs personal stories from Bellingham, Spokane, Vancouver, Seattle, Everett, Wenatchee, Tri-Cities, Yakima, Tacoma, Olympia and anywhere else. We are interested in **SHORT 2-3 paragraph stories** of near misses, crashes, and personal loss stories that illustrate the point of the safe passing law. We are also interested in people willing to tell their story to a reporter. We will be collecting names of anyone willing to be interviewed or be a spokesperson in their community.

* We are also collecting your best ideas of 5 SIMPLE things motorists can do when interacting with bicyclists (for instance: don’t turn right in front of a cyclist, etc.) And we are collecting your ideas of the 5 TOP things a bicyclists can do (like signal when turning, wear a helmet, etc.)

All ideas and sources of information appreciated. A Safe Passing Taskforce has been convened and will be reviewing your ideas and incorporating them into our talking points, press releases, etc. Please pass this along to other cyclists who may be interested. **YOUR IDEAS ARE NEEDED BY FRIDAY 9/23.**
Thanks.

2. Auction Tickets still available.
The 13th Annual Bicycle Alliance Auction is just 10 days away and we still have tickets and tables available. Tickets are \$65.00 or a table of eight is \$520. The auction will feature Holland America tours, Adventure Cyling Tours, a Swanky Downtown Seattle Package, A custom made Davidson

frame, gear, lots and lots of non-bicycling items for your non-cycling friends and relatives. **Call the Bicycle Alliance at 206/224-9252 and charge your ticket today.** Support advocacy and a bicycle-friendly Washington with your tax deductible dollars.

3. Katrina and the Gas Pump
To quote the New York Times, “Gasoline prices seem destined to stay elevated until at least next spring....Our gas-guzzling ways promise to keep gas prices up, threatening the nation’s economic well-being. Our focus must be on reducing oil consumption.” As a bicycle advocate, call on Congress for a rapid, mandatory increase in automobile mileage standards. Call on the president and Congress for an all-out conservation program. Look to your own oil consumption and skip a trip = walk or bike to the store, to school and to work. **Tell us how you plan to conserve fuel, and we’ll start a list on our web site of ways to reduce our oil consumption.**

THANKS for riding your bicycle.

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Bicycle Alliance of Washington advocates for bicyclists and and a bicycle-friendly Washington.



We would like you to come out and ride with us... but you have to wear a helmet!

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monthly event schedule

call the ride line for the latest additions and corrections...253-759-2800

Day	Date	Time	Dist- ance	Ride Code	Leader	Contact at (253)	Ride or Activity
Thurs	10/20	8 PM	00	00	Carol Davis, TWBC Website	380-8819, twbc.org	Have your rides for Nov to Carol or on the Website so they're in Nov Cog-nitive Courier.
Sat	10/22	8:30 AM	30 Chal- lenge	3 B Ride	Gene Smith, John Delbridge	272-6747	DtR: faster, medium pace, 2 hr ride w/ limited stops on local bike routes. May include some pace-line riding. Av. speed: 15-16 mph. Start: Spoke & Sprocket on 70th Ave W, UP.
Sat	10/22	9 AM	50 Social	2 B Ride	Ralph Wessels	857-5658;- 5496952cel	Port Orchard for lunch; rain cancels. Start: Purdy Park & Ride @ 144th St NW.
Sun	10/23	10 AM	51 Social	2 B Ride	Bob Myrick	473-7455	Ride to Yelm for Puerto Vallarta lunch. Rain will cancel. Start: Parkland McDonald's near 112th & Pacific
Mon	10/24	9:30 AM	12 [& 20 +] Social	1 C Ride	Joyce Clifford, David Barton	759-2393	Get in Shape w/ David. Loop Pt. Defiance [& to Fircrest (espresso, scones)]. Beginners & seasoned veterans. Group riding; no solos. Start: Starbucks @ 26th & Proctor.
Tues	10/25	9:30 AM	30 - 50 Social	2 B Ride	Call Ride Line	759-2800	Tuesday Decide to Ride (DtR). Call Ride Line for details. Various routes & destinations.
Thurs	10/27	9:30 AM	25 - 35 Social	2 B Ride	Debbie H, Joyce C	922-5801	Java Jump. Call Ride Line for details. Start: Starbucks @ 26th @ Proctor.
Sat	10/29	10 AM	51 Social	2 B Ride	Bob Myrick	473-7455	Ride to Yelm for Annie Bistro lunch. Rain will cancel. Start: Parkland McDonald's near 112th & Pacific
Sun	10/30	12Noon 3 PM	??? Ride	All & Eat	Steve & Phyllis Lay	759-1816	Halloween Ride (12 Noon) & Pot Luck (3 PM). Costumes welcome & encouraged. Start: 1320 N Cedar; bring food, hot or cold.
Mon	10/31	9:30 AM	12 [& 20 +] Social	1 C Ride	Joyce Clifford, David Barton	759-2393	Get in Shape w/ David. Loop Pt. Defiance [& to Fircrest (espresso, scones)]. Beginners & seasoned veterans. Group riding; no solos. Start: Starbucks @ 26th & Proctor.
Sat	11/05	9 AM	40 Social	2 A Ride	Ralph Wessels	857-5658 5496952cel	Visit Jimi Hendrx's grave in Renton. Singing of songs optional. Start: Algona Trailhead.

Government
Affairs Report

I’m back! After having a great TWBC tour to Iowa and St. Louis, it is so good to be here in Tacoma and see the progress being made here in walking and biking facilities. This past summer, Anne, David, Kirk, Greg, Max, Susan, Leo and I saw lots of ways that bicycle improvements enhance the quality of life in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Illinois and Missouri. We wandered 3825 miles to St. Louis and the folks mentioned traveled with us for one week, two weeks or two months. In South Dakota and in St. Louis, I saw signage systems that actually told cyclists where they were headed.

Our committee resumed meetings on Tuesday, Sep-tember 6. We will meet again on Tuesday, October 4 at 7pm at the Taqueria Guadalajara in the Stadium District at 1st and Tacoma Avenue. We caught up on the summer’s activities and reviewed several new and continuing items as follows:

1. Puget Sound Regional Council’s Enhancements Committee. Ernie Bay and I serve with this group and we are busy reviewing 99 project applications for non-motorized improvements in the four County area. Tacoma has applied for funds to push the Tacoma Water Ditch Trail forward. There are proposals to move the Interurban Trail forward thru Fife, Milton and Edgewood. Pierce County is trying to get a grant to design shoulder improvements that connect with the Cushman Powerline Trail, new Narrows Bridge and Scott Pierson Trail. The town of Pacific is trying for funds to push the Interurban Trail south to the gates of Sumner. About \$4.5million should be available for all of Pierce County in this funding cycle.

2. Foothills Trail. The trail is finally paved from Meeker Junction all the way to South Prairie. The final 0.75 miles was paved on September 21 and 22. It was promised for June 1 and then, was delayed to September 1 due to some environmental concerns. The trail is now about 15 or 16 miles long depending on whom you believe. It makes a great 30+ miles round trip and you can shop at three farms along the

way. The next step in this trail system is to push on to Buckley and then cross the White River to connect with Enumclaw’s Trail. Meanwhile, Puyallup is trying to connect its trail to the Meeker Junction and Sumner is trying to connect to Puyallup’s Trail.

3. Jan Wolcott Retires. John Berry and I attended a great retirement party with about 150 other people at the Puyallup Pavilion on September 8. Jan Wolcott was the Pierce County Parks Director throughout the last 20 years while we have been trying to get trails built in the County. He suggested to Ernie Bay and others that Pierce County needed a trail support group (the Foothills Trail Coalition) if the trail system in Pierce County was ever going to get built. He was right. There is now in place a great funding source for trails in the County thanks to Jan and others. Jan plans to continue to work for trails throughout the County by serving on the Forever Green Council. He lives in Bonney Lake and is on a committee with Don Partington to move forward the Fennel Creek Trail that includes the Flume line running from Buckley to Lake Tapps.

4. Narrows Bridge Ramp Issue. Ralph offered to continue to bird dog the State DOT office that is working on the new bridge and improvements to SR16. We are not sure the State is offering a safe and sane system for cyclists to enter and leave the system as they try to commute to work and recreate.

5. Sumner Cannery. The road in front of the Sumner Cannery is finally being rebuilt. This road is usually our gateway to entering and leaving Sumner. We have been complaining for at least 6 years about the potholes and the hazards to cyclists along this stretch. Thanks to Ralph for continuing to follow thru with Sumner over these past years. I should note that Sumner has about \$1.6million budgeted to move forward with their trail system. Apparently, a \$600,000 trail will be built around the rebuilt wastewater treatment plant complex. This trail will run along the Puyallup and Stuck River to connect with Puyallup’s River Trail extension.

6. Roy Highway Railroad Crossings. It appears the highway to Roy was repaved this past summer. I cycled over the first set of railroad tracks recently. It

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Sat - Sun	10/01 - 10/02	8 AM	160 Chal-	3 D leng	Cynthia & Steve Hammer	752-0801	Two day Ride Around Mt. Rainier. Spend Sat. pm in Paradise. Call for more details!!!
Sat	10/01	7:30 AM	33 miles & 104 km	All	Ellensburg X Country Ski	reillym@cwu.edu	Manastash Century & 1/2 Century , Ellensburg. Routes through some of Central WA's most scenic cycling country. www.elltel.net/XCski/
Sat	10/01	8:30 AM	30 Chal- lenge	3 B Ride	Gene Smith, John Delbridge	272-6747 Decide to Ride	DtR: faster, medium pace, 2 hr ride w/ limited stops on local bike routes. May include some pace-line riding. Av. speed: 15-16 mph. Start: Spoke & Sprocket on 70th Ave W, UP.
Sat	10/01	7 PM	00 Party	00 Time	Bicycle Alliance of Washington	206-224-9252	BAW Auction , South Lake Union, Seattle. Seats reserved 4 pre-paid TWBC members.
Sun	10/02	8:30 AM	70 Scenic	2 B Ride	Carla Gramlich	879-0115	Ride the Yakima Canyon, lunch in Sela, same route back. Start: Ellensburg Inn, 1700 Canyon Rd, Ellensburg.
Sun	10/02	10 AM	30 - 35 Social	2 B Ride	Steve & Phyllis Lay	759- 1816	Steilacoom Apple Squeeze. Annual ride to town's event. Apple pie for lunch. Panniers recommended for apple related purchases. Start: McDonalds, N 21st & N Pearl.
Mon	10/03	9:30 AM	12 [& 20 +] Social	1 C Ride	Joyce Clifford, David Barton	759-2393	Get in Shape w/ David. Loop Pt. Defiance [& to Fircrest (espresso, scones)]. Beginners & seasoned veterans. Group riding; no solos. Start: Starbucks @ 26th & Proctor.
Tues	10/04	9:30 AM	30 - 50 Social	2 B Ride	Call Ride Line	759-2800	Tuesday Decide to Ride (DtR). Call Ride Line for details. Various routes & destinations.
Tues	10/04	7 PM	00 Meet	00 & Eat	Bob Myrick	473-7455	Government Affairs Meeting @ the Guadalajara Taqueria in the Stadium neighborhood @ 1st & Tacoma Ave.
Weds	10/05	5:30 PM	25 - 30 Steady	2 B Ride	Peg Winczewski	475-3625	Knight Riders. Newbees encouraged, group stays together, no 1 left behind. Initial ride to Sprinker. Lights & reflectors required. Start: Starbucks @ 26th & Proctor.
Sat - Mon	10/08- 10/10	7:40 AM	varied Social	varied Ride	Max Welker	691-4093	Weekend camping on San Juan & Lopez Islands. Sag possible. Heavy rain cancels. Start: Anacortes for 7:40 ferry. Call 4 details.
Sat	10/08	8AM	30 Chal- lenge	3 B Ride	Gene Smith, John Delbridge	272-6747 Decide to Ride	DtR: faster, medium pace, 2 hr ride w/ limited stops on local bike routes. May include some pace-line riding. Av. speed: 15-16 mph. Start: Spoke & Sprocket on 70th Ave W, UP.

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Day	Date	Time	Dist- ance	Ride Code	Leader	Contact at (253)	Ride or Activity
Sat	10/08	9 AM	44 Steady	2 C Ride	Donna Daily	884-4473	Ride to Herron Island Dock in Lakebay. Bring lunch; HILLY ride. Start: Ravensara: Hwy 16 to Purdy to Hwy 302 to 118th; on left.
Sat	10/08	9:30 AM	20 - 25 Social	2 B Ride	Louis Boitano	922-1168	Ride to Greek Festival 4 lunch & good times. Bring \$\$\$\$. Sample various food stuffs. Items for sale. Start: Freighthouse Square.
Mon	10/10	9:30 AM	12 [& 20 +] Social	1 C Ride	Joyce Clifford, David Barton	759-2393	Get in Shape w/ David. Loop Pt. Defiance [& to Fircrest (espresso, scones)]. Beginners & seasoned veterans. Group riding; no solos. Start: Starbucks @ 26th & Proctor.
Tues	10/11	9:30 AM	30 - 50 Social	2 B Ride	Call Ride Line	759-2800	Tuesday Decide to Ride (DtR). Call Ride Line for details. Various routes & destinations.
Tues	10/11	6:30 PM	00 Meet	00 & Eat	Tim Payne	360-871-4478	Board Meeting @ the Kim Ahn Restaurant across from TCC on Mildred.
Weds	10/12	5:30 PM	25 - 40 Steady	2 B Ride	Peg Winczewski	475-3625	Knight Riders. Newbees encouraged, group stays together, no 1 left behind. Call Ride Line for details. Lights & reflectors required. Start: Starbucks @ 26th & Proctor.
Sat	10/15	8 AM	??? Social	2 B Ride	Steve & Phyllis Lay	759-1816	Ride to Spanaway Senior Center Pancake Bkft; bring \$3. Start: N 26th St & Proctor.
Sat	10/15	8:30 AM	30 Chal- lenge	3 B Ride	Gene Smith, John Delbridge	272-6747 Decide to Ride	DtR: faster, medium pace, 2 hr ride w/ limited stops on local bike routes. May include some pace-line riding. Av. speed: 15-16 mph. Start: Spoke & Sprocket on 70th Ave W, UP.
Sun	10/16	Call Ride L.	50 Social	2 C Ride	Roz & Carol Davis	380-8819	Ride to Vashon, Southworth, lunch in Manchester, & back. Check Ride Line for start time. Start: Pt. Defiance Ferry.
Sun	10/16	10 AM	65 Fast	4 C Ride	Robert Deehan	272-9682	Ride Nisqually Fast via Dupont, coffee @ Proctor Starbucks. Start: UPS Field House.
Mon	10/17	9:30 AM	12 [& 20 +] Social	1 C Ride	Joyce Clifford, David Barton	759-2393	Get in Shape w/ David. Loop Pt. Defiance [& to Fircrest (espresso, scones)]. Beginners & seasoned veterans. Group riding; no solos. Start: Starbucks @ 26th & Proctor.
Tues	10/18	9:30 AM	30 - 50 Social	2 B Ride	Call Ride Line	759-2800	Tuesday Decide to Ride (DtR). Call Ride Line for details. Various routes & destinations.
Tues	10/18	7 PM	00 Meet&	00 Greet	TWBC	759-2800	October Club Meeting @ South Park Community Center, 4851 S. Tacoma Way.