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Ride Captain Report **by Carla Gramlich**



I hope this in-climate weather hasn't prevented you from doing some exercise. I had to park the bicycle for a week but I did lots of walking through the snow, which is great exercise if you don't fall. Last month, I was encouraging more people to ride their bicycles but not in the weather we been having. I am hoping the worst is over.

At the annual banquet, we take some time to recognize volunteers within our club. Remember, everything from the newsletter to leading rides is done by volunteers. I appreciated everyone that lead rides every month. But I sure you are aware that there are a handful that leads lots of rides. These are the people I am calling the Extraordinary Ride Leaders. Louie Boitano, Joyce Clifford, Dave Barton, Steve and Phyllis Lay were recognized at the Banquet for leading over 30 rides during the past year. That is an amazing amount of rides that they have lead. Imagine how few rides would be on the calendar with out the help of these individuals.

One way to continue into your second month of getting back on the bicycle is to consider being a ride leader. If you have a favorite route that you are currently riding that could be your first ride. Being a ride leader is a great way to help your club. You are also helping yourself by guaranteeing that there will be a ride on the calendar that is at your level. Extra bonus is you get to pick the place that we stop for coffee or a bite to eat.

Also needed are ride leaders that can help people learn safe routes for commuting. Our club is helping the City with Bicycle to Work week in May, and one of our tasks is to lead rides that will help people get from their homes to work. We are hoping that after one week more people will see the benefits and continue commuting on their own. I starting riding to and from work over 15 years ago and still ride most days to work.

Happy Cycling.

News item from the TWBC home page:

<http://www.twbc.org/>

The Pierce County Public Works and Utilities Department is in the process of updating its countywide Bicycle Guide Map. With a goal to complete and circulate the new map by April (before Bike Month in May), they are now soliciting public input. It's time to do your part to help improve this valuable cycling resource. Share your opinions!

Please take a moment to visit their biking transportation page and complete the online survey.
<http://www.co.pierce.wa.us/pc/abtus/ourorg/pwu/tpp/nonmotor/bicycle.htm>



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WE NEED A PUBLICITY PERSON!!!

**Article Deadline for the
March COG: Feb. 23, 2007**

Next Club Meeting: Feb. 20, 2007

**Ride Calendar Deadline:
Feb. 22, 2007**

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



TWBC Ride Line
253 - 759 - 2800
UPDATED WEEKLY!

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, cus 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)



25th Anniversary The McClinchy Mile Ride

SATURDAY
March 17, 2007

Presented by
B.I.K.E.S
Club
of
Snohomish
County

B.I.K.E.S Club of Snohomish County invites you to explore the peaceful river valleys,
rolling hills and picturesque farms of Snohomish County.
3 Loops; 4 foodstops: 20 easy miles, 34 flat miles, or a challenging 47 which
finishes off on the expanded Centennial Trail.
Come join us and ride as many of the loops as you fancy.

New Location!
The McClinchy Mile begins at the Haller Middle School, 600 East First St., Arlington, WA east off I-5 exit 208.
Course is open 8am—4:30pm. Registration / Start 8am—11am
Be Green; Please carpool

The event was named in honor of the late Stuart McClinchy, a founding member of the B.I.K.E.S. Club.
The McClinchy Mile is a fundraiser for B.I.K.E.S. Proceeds support local recreational cycling, the Bicycle Alliance of
Washington, bicycles, helmets and bicycle programs for low income residents of Snohomish County.

Visit www.bikesclub.org for more information. On-line registration at www.active.com
Cash or Check only on day of ride

HELMETS APPROVED BY CPSC, SNELL, ASTM OR ANSI ARE REQUIRED FOR THIS RIDE.



NAME _____ AGE _____

Complete one application for each rider.

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT & PHONE _____

Minors under age 18 must have written parental permission or be accompanied by parent.

EMAIL _____

**Make checks
payable to
B.I.K.E.S**

**Mail Registration
Form and check to:**

**B.I.K.E.S
McClinchy Mile
P.O.Box 5242
Everett, WA
98206**

McCLINCHY MILE RIDE cost \$25.

Price includes great foodstops, map, on-course support vehicles and a \$1 donation to the Bicycle Alliance.

**Special commemorative 25th Anniversary cycling cap
with each preregistration postmarked by March 9th**

NOTE: Cycling caps not picked up by 4:30pm the day of the ride become property of B.I.K.E.S.
Additional caps may be available day of ride for \$10.

WHERE DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE McCLINCHY MILE RIDE?

Previous rider__ Friend__ Bike Expo__ BIKES Newsletter__ BIKES Website__ Cascade Newsletter__ Active.com__ Other__

No Refunds

Totals

That’s a lot of work, companionship, social events and fun. Club members are all different, and each mile is well earned and hopefully enjoyed. From the numbers submitted, the people who appeared to really enjoy themselves, when adding together Club and Commute miles were the following: Phillis Welker (62), Dena Wessels (122), John Ernest Berry III (158), Sharon Remager (300), David Remager (300), Bill Newman (318), Steve Brown (433), Jim DeYoung (613), Jim Graham (777), David Barton (926), Bob Vogel (1014), Tim Payne (1025), Mary Dahl-Smith (1036), Noel Hagens (1290), Ralph Wessels (1341), Marguerite Richmond (1362), Ron Nowicki (1578), Vern Hase (1798.1), Debbie Hushagen (2040), Corkey Smith (2063), Caroline Baker (2127), Steve Davis (2156), Gus Fant (2818), Max Welker (2939), Dave Killen (2977), Roz Davis (2988), Lonna Cain (3152), Carla Gramlich (3229), Peggy Fjetland (3254), Gene Smith (3370), Joyce Clifford (3387.2), Carol Davis (4092), Peg Winczewski (4428), Bob Myrick (4978), Louie Boitano (5752), Phyllis Lay (7876), and Steve Lay (7943).

Way to go each and every one!



MARCH DATES TO REMEMBER!

(Be sure to mark your calendar!!!)

March 10 – 11: Bicycle Expo in Seattle, TWBC will have a booth and will need volunteers. Call Peggy Fjetland @ 253 841 4458 to volunteer.

March 20: Special Club Meeting with The Metal Cowboy, Author Joe Kurmaskie will talk about his bicycle adventures. This will be a special meeting, bring friends and family for this exciting talk and book signing.

May 5: Children's Safety Fair. Helmet fitters are needed for this event. May 3 will be a training session. Call Carla Gramlich @ 253 879 0115 to volunteer.

May 11 – 12: Tacoma Marathon Fitness Fair. TWBC will have booth at this event and will need volunteers to help promote our club, our rides and Bicycle to work week. Call Carla Gramlich @ 253 879 0115 to volunteer.

May 12: Scott Pierson Trail Dedication and ride.

May 13 – 19: Bicycle to Work Week. Many events and lectures will be featured to help more people bicycle to work.

May 17: Art Walk Bicycle Ride, part of Bicycle to Work Week.

More information about these events will be in upcoming newsletters and on our website.

TIRE BUZZ

By President

Tim Payne



Timothy Payne
TWBC
"The Prez"

Did You Miss Me?

What can I say, the rush of the holiday season, an ill-timed four day loss of power, a seven day loss of internet service and more than just a small portion of forgetfulness meant that yours truly missed the deadline for the January newsletter. On the other hand, my mother always used to say, if you don’t have anything to say, don’t say anything. I think I have finally accumulated enough items to make a decent column.

Predictions for 2007

TWBC Special Events will rock and roll in 2007: We have a great start on our special events for this year. We have directors for all the rides and are making great strides in preparing superlative events to be enjoyed by cyclists throughout the Puget Sound Region. You can watch the events shape up by visiting our website. We have historically had great success with our special events, but this year, I think they will be even better. Of course, the most important ingredient to success is **YOU**. Very soon the volunteer lists will be on the website for people to step up and put their name on the line. Don’t be shy, we need all of you. It takes about 100 volunteers to do just the Daffodil. I hope you will help us post another banner year for special events by volunteering your time.

The Summer Trip: Our traditional two week Summer Trip will very likely have a different flavor this year. Long time coordinator Carol Davis is choosing to spend the summer traveling Europe by bicycle with spouse Roz. I hope they have a great time and are certainly deserving of doing something a bit different after all the years they have organized our summer adventure. My prediction is that we will end up with a series of shorter trips, like 3 to 7 or 8 days. There are several in the “talking” stage so stay tuned for a wide

variety of choices. If you are interested in planning one of these adventures please pass that interest on to Carla Gramlich, our Ride Captain.

Club Officers: By July 2007, there will be a new President for TWBC. Yours truly will not be opting for re-election this year. So, if you have a hankerin’ to assume the mighty mantle of power, be ready to throw your name into the ring. Beware the competition is likely to be fever pitched. If you are interested, it would probably be a good idea to join us at TWBC board meetings for a while to get a flavor of what is happening. All members are welcome at board meetings which are held the 2nd Tuesday of every month at Kim Anh Restaurant, 1620 South Mildred Street, at 6:30 PM, If you let me know, I will even send you an agenda.

Newsletter: By the end of 2007 we will be printing and mailing less than 50 newsletters per month. Members will be able to enjoy the receipt of their newsletter before the first of each month through the wonder of the internet (*single page, 8.5” x 11” format*).

Weather: The winter of 2006-07 will go down in history as one of the most memorable, toughest winters in modern history for the Puget Sound region. It will be followed by a warm, relatively dry spring and summer, perfect for racking up thousands of miles on your bicycle. (*Check over both your bike and yourself before cycling if you have not cycled since last year sometime*). Get ready!!!

Riding the Holidays

I don’t know about you, but I have found my riding time to be very limited since early November. I managed to get in a nice ride on the Longbeach (Washington) Peninsula over Thanksgiving and a chilly, but very pleasant, ride on Puget Island (near Cathlamet) on New Year’s Eve. Did you know there is a camel living on Puget Island? Other than that, I have been fretting about how much weight I have gained, thinking about trying to get my legs back in shape and trying to figure out how to do all the things I want to do this summer in the midst of planning and setting up for my daughter’s wedding in early September. Lately energy has been in shorter supply than sunny days and I keep looking for a way to turn the corner. I am sure it is out there somewhere. If you are feeling a bit “muckish” lately know that you are in good company. Better days are ahead.



SAVE THE DATE!!!
Transportation Lobby Day
Tuesday, February 6, 2007 – all day
@ 110 11th Ave SE (11th and Capitol Way).



Join with the Bicycle Alliance of Washington, Transportation Choices, Sierra Club, Feet First, and many other non-profits for the first annual healthy, transportation Lobby Day. (The specifics of the day were posted at <http://www.bicyclealliance.org> in early January.)

Our priorities include:

- 1) Increased funding and policies to support bike lanes and sidewalks – a complete streets umbrella package.
We will pursue education and legislation opportunities.
- 2) Educate legislators about carbon assessments and greenhouse gases.
- 3) Mobility education. Change drivers’ education to include bicycle, pedestrian and transit education.
- 4) Work to revise State transportation goals with education and legislation.

Additionally we will support cell phone legislation. We'll also be there to oppose any “bad” bills and support other legislation as needed.

Government Affairs Report



Bob Myrick
TWBC Director of
Community and
Government
Affairs

Our committee met again on Tuesday, January 2 at the Taqueria Guadalajara in the Stadium District at First and Tacoma Avenues. We plan to meet there again on Tuesday, February 6 at 7 pm to carry on our agenda for 2007.

We discussed my personal bicycling agenda for 2007 which includes 20 items, some small and some large. The Scott Pierson Trail paralleling SR16 will be dedicated on May 12 and will include a trail ride co-sponsored by TWBC. Bike to Work Week will start on Monday, May 14 with Wednesday, May 16 being Starbucks Bike to Work Day. The CarLESS Commute program should still occur in June as a two-week event. Carla and I met with Diane Wiatr from the City of Tacoma to help plan Bike to Work Week. We decided to try and lead a series of bike rides we are calling "commute training rides". These rides may start near downtown Tacoma and other big employer locations and will then head out to various bedroom communities.

A major part of our agenda for 2007 involves getting "complete the streets" resolutions or policies from our various governments. Along these lines, Carla and I will be meeting with Tacoma's City Manager on January 31 to talk about "complete the streets" and other matters like advocating for a designated bike/ped coordinator and better operation and maintenance of the existing system.

Well, I promised to list my personal bicycling agenda for 2007 and here it is.

1. Bus to the Mountain. This effort involves lobbying Mount Rainier National Park and Pierce Transit to provide an around the mountain service starting at Freighthouse Square going past the Park and Ride lot at the Roy "Y" to the mountain and then thru Enumclaw and Buckley. This bus would run on Saturday and Sunday to start and would leave early in the morning. A second trip in the afternoon would pick up happy bikers and hikers. I'm doing this because I don't

think the "train to the mountain" will happen for a long time and the Park needs this service this year due to construction at Paradise and the massive flooding this winter. Along similar lines, Tacoma Rail and the Park are studying the establishment of a Rural Transportation System in the Ashford area, but it doesn't get us up there from Tacoma.

2. Bike Station. Pierce Transit has been sitting on Federal funds to build a bike station in downtown Tacoma for several years. It hasn't moved forward because we don't see a lot of cyclists in downtown Tacoma and the station in Seattle hasn't been very successful. I thought it might be time to revisit this issue since Puyallup will soon be connected to the Foothills Trail and a bus runs from downtown Tacoma to Puyallup. This bus would allow tourists to visit the trail and a bike station could provide bikes to the tourists. A bike station might also serve as a base for a "Flex Car" franchise in downtown Tacoma as well as a downtown bike shop and cycling center.

3. Eatonville Trail Plan. I would like to work with Bryan Bowden, a National Park Service Community Planner, on system of trails centered on the Eatonville area. It is possible to travel from Clear Lake in the Bald Hills up the Nisqually River to the Pack Forest and to Eatonville. From Eatonville, one can travel back roads to Elbe and Ashford. You can even go over Silver Creek Pass to Randle on a gravel road system and also visit the Mount Tahoma Trail System at Ashford. There are many trail opportunities in the Pack Forest and elsewhere for mountain bike travel and adventure.

4. Ashford-Elbe Trail Plan. We have a feasibility study on this six-mile long trail that Bryan Bowden prepared along with the help of community members. It is time to move the trail forward by creating a single track trail that can demonstrate the need for the paved trail which could cost up to \$5 million.

5. Starbucks Bike to Work Day. Seattle has it. We want it. Down here, we hope to work out a deal where you just show up at Starbucks and get a free small drink. In Seattle you have to arrive at a specific location to get your goodies.

6. Tacoma Water's Puyallup Bridge. Tacoma Water has a nice bridge near McMillin that carries our water supply across the Puyallup River. Tacoma plans to bore under the river and place the pipeline under the river leaving a nice bridge behind if someone wants it. The problem is I haven't

Club Mileage Stats!

(Editor's Notes, with numbers furnished by Club Members & our Ride Captain)

This is what we, as a Club, have accomplished in the year 2006. This information was shared at the Annual Banquet in January. Sometimes things come up where you can't ride; jobs or other responsibilities take precedence over getting on your bike. **That stated I am proud to say that there were grand total of 86,022.3 miles ridden by TWBC members in 2006!** That's a lot of tire rubber on the pavement.

Club Miles



This is one of the reasons why every Club member needs to turn in their mileage sheets at the end of the year. There are probably a few of you out there who did not get your sheets to Carla for recognition for all that hard work in 2006. Remember you don't have to ride lots and lots of miles; however many miles you ride is positive!

There were a total of 61,159.9 Club miles ridden by TWBC members in 2006! Riding 1000 miles or less: Gene Smith, Vern Hase, David Barton, Jim Graham, Jim DeYoung, Corkey Smith, David Remager, Sharon Remager, Mary Dahl-Smith, John Ernest Berry III, Dena Wessels, Bill Newman, Steve Brown, and Phyllis Welker. Riding between 1000 and 2000 miles: Ron Nowicki, Marguerite Richmond, Ralph Wessels, Caroline Baker, Noel Hagens, Gus Fant, and Tim Payne. Riding between 2000 and 3000 miles: Roz Davis, Dave Killen, Max Welker, Joyce Clifford, Lonna Cain, Steve Davis, Carla Gramlich, and Debbie Hushagen. Riding between 3000 and 4000 miles only (ha!): Steve Lay, Phyllis Lay, Louie Boitano, Carol Davis, and Peggy Fjetland. And up in the stratosphere of over 4000 Club miles ridden were Bob Myrick (4599) and Peg Winczewski (4007).

Commute Miles



One area that is at the heart and soul of the Bike to Work Week, CarLESS Commute, Bike to Work Day, etc., is the determination to leave that gas (or diesel) guzzling contraption at home and use your bike (or bikes). Out of the car, into the fresh (?) air, adding miles onto that exercise regime, reducing congestion on our roads, commuting on your bike

helps your community in a number of ways. Through sun, rain, sleet, snow (Ralph's sister use to wrap heavy string around her bike tires during winters in Pullman), and fog, these following members got out there and rode on some errand (work, groceries, the library, etc.).

There were a total of 24,862.4 Commute miles ridden by TWBC members in 2006! People commuting 1000 miles or less: Vern Hase, Carol Davis, Caroline Baker, Mary Dahl-Smith, Joyce Clifford, Lonna Cain, Peg Winczewski, Bob Myrick, Steve Brown, Bill Newman, David Barton, and Jim Graham. People commuting between 1000 and 2000 miles: Corkey Smith, Gus Fant, Carla Gramlich & Bob Vogel. People commuting between 3000 and 2000 miles: Gene Smith and Louie Botano. No one commuted any miles between 3000 and 4000, but once again, up in the stratosphere of over 4000 miles commuted by bike were Phyllis Lay (4182) and Steve Lay (4105).



Ride Leaders

Choosing to ride to work or on errands is one thing, but for just getting on your bike to ride socially with other like-minded people like yourself, who're you going to follow? Of course, Carla is always looking for people who are willing to step up and be leaders of the pack! You too can choose to lead Club rides, whether that distance totals 100(s) of training miles per day or just five or ten miles to that favorite latte stand or piece of pie.

There were a total of 301 Club rides led by TWBC members in 2006! People who stepped forward to lead up to ten Club rides last year were: Tim Payne, Peggy Fjetland, Joe Small, Carol Davis, Roz Davis, Max Welker, Ralph Wessels, Jim DeYoung, David Remager, Sharon Remager, Lou Vance, Jim Davis, Gus Fant, Bill Newman, Karol Vance, Peg Winczewski, David Killen, Marguerite Richmond, and Jan Brame. People who led 10 to 20 rides were: Carla Gramlich, Lonna Cain, Debbie Hushagen, and John Ernest Berry III. People who led 20 to 30 rides were: Bob Myrick and Gene Smith. People who led 30 to 40 rides were Steve Lay, Phyllis Lay, and David Barton. Cloud sitters in leading forty-nine Club rides led were Louie Boitano and Joyce Clifford.



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Club Meetings!

By Vern Hase, Vice President

After our Christmas party in December (*a big thank you to Lou and Karel Vance for hosting!*), and our Annual Banquet in January, are you once again ready to dig back in to our monthly club meetings? Please come to the Feb 20, 2007 General Meeting - there's great food, door prizes, and two great presentations!

Member's Bicycle Trips & Vacations!

Carol and Roz Davis have been on some wonderful trips in the past year or so, and they will be sharing some of their valuable and hard earned experiences with us.

Pierce County Bike Map Survey

Over the past couple of months I have been in touch with Sarah M. Myers (smyers1@co.pierce.wa.us) at the Pierce County Public Works and Utilities Department. They are in the process of updating the countywide Bicycle Guide Map, which should be out in circulation come April. They welcome any comments or suggestions that you may have.

Sarah will be coming to our Feb 20th meeting talk about the map, and you can get an advance look at how things are going.

Pierce County has also added an on-line survey to solicit additional public input for the map. Please use this link to participate:

<http://www.co.pierce.wa.us/pc/abtus/ourorg/pwu/tpp/nonmotor/bicycle.htm>

I hope to see you all at the VFW Hall on Feb. 20 at 7:00 PM. It will be a fun and informative evening.

WANTED BY CLUB MEMBER:

I am looking for a used but well cared for counterpoint Opus tandem-type bike.

Please contact with info.

Bob, 253 - 862 - 5959.

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the Starbucks kids may adopt some of these places as part of their community service work. I hope to work with Starbucks in making this happen.

20. Cold Mix. Carla and I have begged WSDOT to fix the pedestrian/bike bridge over Interstate 5. A two inch vertical drop has developed on a bridge panel joint and it is dangerous and inconvenient to pass over. I figure that a bag of cold mix might fix the problem since WSDOT doesn't seem to be able to handle the job.

Obviously, I can't accomplish all this work without your help. Please feel free to join in where ever you feel comfortable. Don't forget to cycle more this year and worry less.



The more help there is, the less worry there will be. What can you do to help?

Equipment Inventory Project

It is now early 2007, and our club equipment has been spread around to various places over time. Some equipment is still at large, hidden, unforgotten, forlorn. We are at the beginning of the riding season where we line up our equipment, review for replacing items, mending & repairing others. If you have any club stuff or know where some might be, please send email to equipment@twbc.org. Thanks.



Renewals:

Lafe & Barbara Altier, Fred Knox & Sue Batali, Lynn Kuhlman, Ken & Mary Neukom, Gene Smith, Tony Thomas, and Robert Warfield.

New Members:

Brian Compton, David Grenier, Rick Hulscher, Kristin Martin & Family, Ralph Neighbor & Family, and Teri Tomatich/Habeck & Family.

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yet figured out what could be done with the bridge.

7. Cushman Powerline Trail. We need to continue to follow the planning and development of the proposed trail extension out to Borgen Boulevard. Last month, the City of Gig Harbor and the County claimed not much had been designed and we had thought the design was accomplished some time ago. Someday, the trail should go down to Purdy and cross over the sandspit towards Hood Canal.

8. Pipeline Trail. I hope to work with Tacoma Water to get the gates opened up a little on this 14-mile trail running out to Puyallup's South Hill. We would like a four foot opening so bikes, people and horses can move along the trail like we used to do. This is part of the Cross County Commuter Connector Trail.

9. White River/Boise Creek Trail. The Cascade Land Conservancy has taken possession of Puget Sound Energy's large tract of land along the White River. We are attending meetings of the Pierce County Bio-diversity Committee since they are studying the land along the river. I think we all would like to see a soft surface path running parallel to the river from Buckley towards Auburn. This trail would connect with the Foothills Trail at Buckley, the canal trail running to Lake Tapps, and the Interurban Trail in Auburn.

10. Live Close to Work. Since the WSDOT has admitted we can't build our way out of congestion, it is time for us to promote living close to work and moving jobs to some of our bedroom communities.

11. Metro Parks Mountain Bike Areas. Oak Tree Park along the southern end of the City Water Ditch Trail would be a perfect area for kids to run their mountain bikes. Likewise, a small system could be placed south of Metro Parks Headquarters parallel to the Scott Pierson Trail. A possible area has even been identified in the Point Defiance Forest area. like all our local governments to designate a specific person as the Bike/Pedestrian Coordinator to be contacted when users have an issue to discuss. In most cities, the coordinator would only allocate a small portion of their time to coordination issues.

12. Complete the Streets. This policy in a City simply recognizes that every trip begins and ends with a walk. The street system is first designed for pedestrians, then cyclists then buses, and finally for cars and trucks.

13. Tacoma and Pierce County Bike/Pedestrian Coordinator. We would like all our local governments to designate a specific person as the Bike/Pedestrian Coordinator to be contacted when users have an issue to discuss. In most cities, the coordinator would only allocate a small portion of their time to coordination issues.

14. Interurban Trail-Fife. I would like to meet with Fife's Park Director to gain some recognition and maintenance on Fife's portion of the proposed trail running from Tacoma to Fife to Milton to Edgewood to Pacific where it would join the existing trail. Milton does the best job of maintaining the soft surface trail thru their city. It is a very nice walk.

15. Puyallup's Meeker Ditch, etc. I rode my mountain bike along the Tacoma Pipeline Trail to Clarks Creek Park in Puyallup and down thru the park to the Meeker Ditch where I traveled to the Fair Grounds. Then, I traveled north to the Puyallup River and rode back to Tacoma along side the river. I want Puyallup to move forward on the Meeker Ditch Trail.

16. Carbon River Trail. We have worked in the past on a single track trail running from Carbonado up towards the Carbon River entrance of Mount Rainier National Park. The first few miles are beautiful lying between the river gorge and hidden from the highway. I would like to continue this work although I understand the massive floods have damaged the route of the trail outside the gorge area.

17. Fennel Creek Trail. This proposed trail runs along the creek from the high ground of Bonney Lake thru Cascadia and down towards the Foothills Trail near McMillin. I would like to see some progress on locating this trail before the Cascadia Subdivision gets too far along.

18. Foundation Ads. I need to do a better job in advertising for the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation. We have created three funds at the foundation that provide permanent funding for the Foothills Trail, the Bicycle Alliance of Washington and the Mount Tahoma Trails Association. People can donate directly to these funds or they can create annuities for themselves that eventually allow the remainder amounts to be directed to funds that matter to them.

19. Trail Cleanup Patrol. For some years now, I have been yearning for people to adopt small trail segments in their neighborhoods. I have not been too successful. Now,

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Day/- Day	Time	Ride Code	Dist- ance	Leader/ Contact @ (253)	Ride or Activity
Thurs 02/01	12:30 PM	2 A	30	Lonna Cain 475 - 8853	Silk Road Smooooothly. Paved trail; few road crossings; no hills. Beverage of your choice (no host) in South Prairie. Rain Cancels. Start: East Puyallup Trailhead.
Sat 02/03	8 AM	1 A Walk Only	5 or 10k	Carla Gramlich 879-0115	Take a Walk on the Wildside w/Volksmarch through NW Trek. Walk only, no bikes. Need entry \$\$\$ to the park. Start: 8 AM for caravan @ S. Hill P & R lot (9th St SW & SR 512); or 9 AM @ NW Trek front gate.
Sun 02/04	1 PM	2 A	up to 30	Carla Gramlich 879-0115	Sunday Afternoon Ride on the Foothills Trail to South Prairie, coffee break, then return on trail. Start: East Puyallup Trailhead.
Mon 02/05	9:30 AM	1 C	20	Joyce Clifford 759 - 2393	Hail, hardy & ready for coffee. Loop Pt. Defiance, then to Fircrest for espresso, scones. Beginners & seasoned veterans. Group riding; no solos. Rain/Freezing Cancels. Start: Starbucks @ 26th & Proctor.
Tues 02/06	9:30 AM	2 B	35 - 50	Call Ride Line 759 - 2800	Tues. Decide to Ride. Call RideLine for details.
Tues 02/06	7 PM	00 Meet	00 & Eat	Bob Myrick 473 - 7455	Government Affairs Meeting @ Guadalajara Taqueria in the Stadium H.S. area @ 1st & Tacoma Ave.
Thurs 02/08	12:30 PM	2 A	30	Lonna Cain 475 - 8853	Silk Road Smooooothly. Paved trail; few road crossings; no hills. Beverage of your choice (no host) in South Prairie. Rain Cancels. Start: East Puyallup Trailhead.
Sat 02/10	9 AM	3 B	20 - 25	Gene Smith 272-6747	Training Ride; steady pace, good cadence & spinning techniques. Start: Spoke & Sprocket, University Place.
Sat 02/10	10 AM	2 D	35 - 40	Bob Myrick 473 - 7455	Commuter Training Ride for lunch @ CJ's in Bonney Lake. Includes a very big hill on the trail. Rain Cancels. Start: Freighthouse Square.
Sun 02/11	9:30 AM	2 B	40	Carol & Roz Davis 460-5622	Ballard for Mexican lunch. Rain, snow, ice, cancels. Start: Lincoln Park in West Seattle; could take 8:35 a.m. ferry from Southworth.
Mon 02/12	9:30 AM	1 C	20	Joyce Clifford 759 - 2393	Hail, hardy & ready for coffee. Loop Pt. Defiance, then to Fircrest for espresso, scones. Beginners & seasoned veterans. Group riding; no solos. Rain/Freezing Cancels. Start: Starbucks @ 26th & Proctor.
Tues 02/13	9:30 AM	2 B	35 - 50	Call Ride Line 759 - 2800	Tues. Decide to Ride. Call RideLine for details.
Tues 02/13	6:30 PM	00 Meet	00 & Eat	Tim Payne 360 - 871 - 4478	Board Meeting @ the Kim Ahn Restaurant across from TCC on Mildred. All Club members are welcomed.
Sat 02/17	8 AM	1A Snow	8 Shoe	Carla Gramlich 879-0115	Snow Shoe Trip to Copper Creek Hut. Start: Parkland Transit Center, 213 - 121st St S, Parkland to carpool up to Ashford.

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Sat 02/17	8 AM	2 B	30 - 35	Steve & Phyllis Lay 759 - 1816	Pancake Breakfast @ Spanaway Senior Center. All you can eat pancake breakfast, \$3. Start: Starbucks @ 26th & Proctor.
Sun 02/18	1 PM	2 B	3 hours	Bob Myrick 473 - 7455	Blue Vespers 3 hour Preride & 1 hour @ Parkway Tavern. Blues music @ 5 PM, tailored w/ Curley Cook & Paul Green. Start: Immanuel Presbyterian Church @ 909 N. "J" St, about six blocks north of the Parkway Tavern.
Mon 02/19	9:30 AM	1 C	20	Joyce Clifford 759 - 2393	Hail, hardy & ready for coffee. Loop Pt. Defiance, then to Fircrest for espresso, scones. Beginners & seasoned veterans. Group riding; no solos. Rain/Freezing Cancels. Start: Starbucks @ 26th & Proctor.
Tues 02/20	9:30 AM	2 B	35 - 50	Call Ride Line 759 - 2800	Tues. Decide to Ride. Call RideLine for details.
Tues 02/20	7 PM	Meet &	Great	TWBC 759-2800	February Club Meeting. M/A Wild West VFW Post #91, 2000 S. Union Ave., Tacoma.
Thurs 02/22	12:30 PM	2 A	30	Lonna Cain 475 - 8853	Silk Road Smooooothly. Paved trail; few road crossings; no hills. Beverage of your choice (no host) in South Prairie. Rain Cancels. Start: East Puyallup Trailhead.
Sat 02/24	9 AM	3 B	20 - 25	Gene Smith 272-6747	Training Ride; steady pace, good cadence & spinning techniques. Start: Spoke & Sprocket, University Place.
Sun 02/25	8:30 AM Sharp	2 D	50 ???	Steve & Phyllis Lay 759 - 1816	Really Hilly Ride on Vashon & around Maury Island light house. Lunch on Vashon. Rain may alter. \$5.20 needed for round trip ferry leaving Pt. D @ 9:15 a.m. Initial Start: Starbucks @ 26th & Proctor.
Sun 02/25	10 AM	2 B	30	Bob Myrick 473 - 7455	Commuter Training Ride, includes the Scott Pierson Trail. Rain may cancel. Start: McD's, 112th & Pacific, Parkland.
Sun 02/25	1 PM	2 A	up to 30	Carla Gramlich 879-0115	Sunday Afternoon Ride on the Foothills Trail to South Prairie, coffee break, then return on trail. Start: East Puyallup Trailhead.
Mon 02/26	9:30 AM	1 C	20	Joyce Clifford 759 - 2393	Hail, hardy & ready for coffee. Loop Pt. Defiance, then to Fircrest for espresso, scones. Beginners & seasoned veterans. Group riding; no solos. Rain/Freezing Cancels. Start: Starbucks @ 26th & Proctor.
Tues 02/27	9:30 AM	2 B	35 - 50	Call Ride Line 759 - 2800	Tues. Decide to Ride. Call RideLine for details.
Sat 03/03	10 AM	2 B	30	Bob Myrick 473 - 7455	Commuter Training Ride, includes BPA Trail in Federal Way. Rain may cancel. Start: Freighthouse Square.