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tacoma wheelmen's bicycle club newsletter

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TWBC, originally established in 1888 & reinvigorated in 1974, is a general purpose bicycling club in Pierce County that welcomes cyclists of all skill levels for social riding. The COG is issued monthly.



The Case of the Mysteriously Vanishing Pierce County Bike Map

By Dave Seago



Good news for fans of the mysteriously vanishing Pierce County Bike Map: It's coming back this spring in an updated, improved and possibly lawsuit-proof version.

County Public Works Director Brian Ziegler announced plans for the new map at the Washington State Trails Conference in Tacoma last month. Transportation planning supervisor Jesse Hamashima, who has worked on previous versions of the map and will coordinate work on the new one, says the goal is to have the new version out for release in April.

The new map will feature a revised and "beefed-up" liability disclaimer that will, it is hoped, help protect the county from future lawsuits.

A lawsuit involving a cycling accident -- the county settled out of court -- had prompted the county earlier this year to destroy as many 10,000 copies of the map retrieved from public locations.

The disappearance of the maps initially baffled and perturbed Wheelmen members and other cyclists. But inquiries revealed that the lawyer for an injured cyclist had claimed that the county's bike map had directed the woman to the road where her accident occurred. The woman was injured when her bike hit a raised asphalt curb that had been installed to direct stormwater into a sewer grate.

Although the asphalt curb was far from the white fog line, as TWBC governmental affairs director Bob Myrick has noted, the county's risk managers evidently decided that the map's disclaimer language wasn't strong enough to shield the county from liability in such situations. So thousands of perfectly good maps were yanked, leaving a large gap in public information about the best roads for cycling in Pierce County.

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**Remember to 'hang up' after you call the TWBC Ride Line --
people are forgetting about it & it's costing the Club four minutes per call!**

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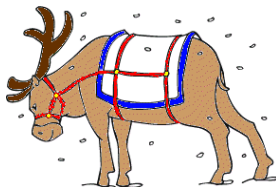
For a time, it appeared that Pierce County would have no bike map while King, Thurston and Snohomish counties would continue to have their maps available.

Hamashima said a \$40,000 grant from the Puget Sound Regional Council will pay for the new map. He said somewhere between 25,000 and 100,000 copies will be printed. "While we want to make sure that enough copies are printed to meet demand," he noted, "we also would like to be mindful of not printing too many copies and wasting paper."

Shawn Phelps, a senior transportation planner for the county, will also work on the map. He said suggestions from veteran riders like Myrick and other members of the cycling community will be taken into account. Cyclists who have suggestions can contact Phelps at sphelps@co.pierce.wa.us.

No doubt America is a litigious society, and not all lawsuits make sense. But at least the county recognizes that a well-prepared bike map that lays out the safest and most advantageous road routes for riders -- even if actual road conditions are not perfect -- makes a greater contribution to public safety than not having one. ☺

President's Report ***Spinning Wheels***



By President Tom Reardon

The biggest and most important news for our Club involves the Daffodil Classic. The Daffodil is our signature Event and the single most important source of funds for TWBC, and yet by mid-November we had no Coordinator. The Board had to seriously consider unpleasant options if nobody stepped forward soon. Thankfully, Mike Madden volunteered to oversee the operation with the understanding that other Club Members would take responsibility for the many functions necessary to make the Daffodil a success. A number of individuals have stepped up already, but your help is also needed if we are to have a successful Event. As the old saying goes, "Many hands make light work." You may e-mail Mike at treasurer@TWBC.org and simply ask if there is some small part you can take. Remember we are all amateurs!

I'm sure the change in weather has not escaped your notice. We continue to offer a variety of organized rides, but we want everyone to stay safe by preparing for the conditions.

With the gray days and short hours of sunlight, it is essential that you are visible to drivers. This means that you wear clothing which is optically bright, and reflective on all rides. It is also time to ride with a light at all times. Be ready when those gray clouds turn day to night, or your ride unexpectedly lasts longer than the winter sun. Remember a brightly flashing taillight is probably more important than even a headlight. Finally remember the roads can be slick and stopping may be more difficult. When riding on our Group Rides, allow more space between bikes. With proper equipment, we can enjoyably ride year round. ☺

Holiday Humor



Use the following nomenclature to discern the titles of these holiday songs. Answers on page 8.



1. Vertically challenged adolescent percussionist.
2. Allow crystalline formations to descend (thrice).
3. Soundless nocturnal period.
4. Embellish interior passageways.
5. Precious metal musical devices.



By Bob Myrick, Director of
Community and Government Affairs
*Actions affecting you
and your community....*

Our committee met again on Tuesday, November 2 at the Harvester Restaurant in the Stadium District at First and Tacoma Avenues. We plan to meet there again on Pearl Harbor Day, December 7 at 6pm to carry on our advocacy work.

1. Frank Wilson's Daffodil Contributions. We talked about what a great job Frank has done these past two years on the Daffodil Bike Ride and how he helped Tom with a To Do List in order for the next Coordinator to carry on our great ride. We also talked about the possibility of having to hire someone to coordinate and lead the ride if no volunteer steps forward. Note: Later the Board decided we should continue to just use volunteers as much as possible for our work. The logic seemed to be that several Board members and volunteers put in a lot of time and don't get paid, so we should be pretty desperate and careful before we start hiring.

2. Steven Garrett's Bicycle Coalition Work. Steven is having a meeting at noon on December 15 with selected invites to discuss the possibility of forming a broad coalition of people and groups interested in promoting bicycling. His list includes TWBC, BAW, Cascade Bike Club, Foothills, Forevergreen Coalition, the HUB Bike Club, Spoke and Sprocket, Old Town, Tacoma Bike, government officials, and others. He thinks we can advocate better with our local governments and give elected officials cover for their decisions to improve conditions. The Coalition could also get more people biking more often and act as a clearing house for information regarding rides and events and other matters. Note: Later the Board approved a budget proposal where up to \$500 could be spent on these activities or the Annual Pierce Transit Bike Swap or a similar worthy purpose. Also later, a past TWBC President suggested to me that we need a place where car versus bicycle incidents could be recorded so there is actual data regarding such incidents.

3. Storage and Signs. Ralph suggested we should approach the Board for a contingency item in the proposed budget in case we need to store our equipment at a different location. Ralph also suggested we should think about helping local government put up informational route signage. Note: Later the Board provided a contingency item in case we have to move our equipment.

4. Bike Maps. The County is acting very quickly to assemble the data for a new Pierce County Bike Map. Their Puget Sound Regional Council Bike Map Grant was approved on October 28 and letters went out the next week asking jurisdictions to update their route information by the end of November. Then, the County staff plans to meet with us to review the recommendations and get our input.

5. Calling Cards for Foothills Trail. There have been numerous times when it would be nice to call a Pierce County worker when the Foothills Trail Patrol finds down limbs, too much leaf debris and other problems on the trail. The Trail Patrol leader is developing business cards that should have at least three County contact numbers when problems are found along the trail.

6. Bike Lanes and Shoulders. There was a limited discussion about how our bike lanes don't seem to attract too many dedicated bike commuters like in University Place where there is a fairly good system. We talked about there being a web posting where the State of Oregon listed 18 to 20 reasons why bike lanes and shoulders are good. Only one reason is for the bike rider.

7. Advocacy. There may be a report in the Newsletter outlining our past and continuing advocacy work (*see page 7*). Nationally, we want to support the League of American Bicyclists, the Adventure Cycling group, and the National Rails to

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Trails Conservancy. We want to continue to rely on the Bicycle Alliance of Washington for State wide advocacy. We want to rely on the Cascade Bicycle Club for the Seattle area and the Puget Sound Region. We want to support the Foothills Rails to Trails Coalition. We want TWBC and the Coalition to continue to support the Forevergreen Council to be the primary advocate for a connected system of trails, bike lanes and shared use lanes in Pierce County and its subdivisions.

8. Tort Law. Steve Brown is concerned about the number and size of claims made against government for bicycle accidents. Of course, we are all concerned because of the risk of having government look at us as a liability rather than an asset. Witness the recent loss of our bike map due to a damage claim filed by a local attorney naming the bike map as being part of the reason a cyclist crashed and hurt herself. She hit a raised storm sewer grate. We think the cyclist and the storm sewer grate were at fault, not the map.

9. Cranksgiving. I related an event in St. Louis this time of year where cyclists gather up food at local grocery stores for food banks. When they are done, they get to party at a local microbrewery. This year over 650 cyclists participated. In Tacoma, Cranksgiving planning was late, so we put on a bike ride followed by a feed at the room next to the Wildside Wine Shop. We collected a minimum donation of \$10 from food guests. Proceeds were directed at St. Leo's Hospitality Food Kitchen since Pastor Steve rides with us on Mondays.

Well, winter is here and it is raining. It is time to put on the fenders and the booties. There have been several seminars around here on riding in the rain. Some of us are lucky enough to wait for the days with sunshine. Others are getting out their snowshoes and skis. Others are heading south for the winter. Wherever you are, remember, just pedal more and worry less. ☺

Another One Bites the Dust! (Freddie Mercury)

By Rich Walter

Monday November 8th 2010

Ah, it was a calm and cool day for a ride to through the Park and on to a pleasant lunch at Espress-O-Yourself when 'thump', John Pfafe ran smack dab into a parked boat trailer at the top of Vassault Street, knocking him off his bike and leaving a cut on his nose.

John being the trooper he is, managed to finish the ride. Just last week, Dave Killen ran into the same boat trailer during a rain and wind storm with similar consequences. Other than that, we had a great ride with either 16 or 18 riders (as riders came and went along the way) and hope to do it again next week. ☺



TWBC Annual Banquet

By Bob Myrick

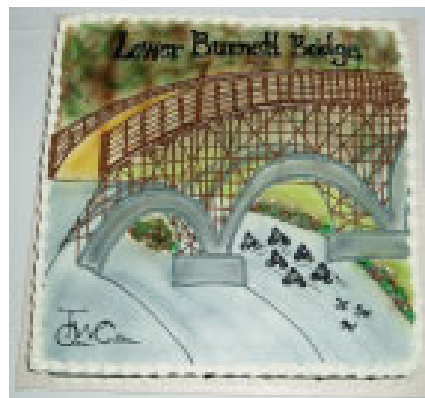
The TWBC Annual Banquet will be held on Saturday, January 22, 2011 starting at 6pm for fellowship with dinner about 6:30 or 7pm, at the Allenmore Golf Bar and Grill Restaurant located at 2125 South Cedar Street in Tacoma. Please look in this Newsletter for the Banquet Reservation Form (*see page 12*). Once again, we will be limiting attendance to the first 88 people to sign up. Many of you know we have been having our regular Monthly Club Meetings at Allenmore and we have been more than satisfied with Anna's food, service and kindness in letting us meet in her dining room. So, this year we are changing from our long time caterer, Dean Allen, to Anna and the Allenmore restaurant. This year we are changing from an Italian theme to a Mexican food theme. Food choices will be chicken, beef and veggie fajitas along with chicken, beef and cheese enchiladas. Your meal will be served buffet style with the traditional rice and beans along with coffee, beer and wine service. Hopefully, we will have a nice cake for dessert as is our tradition.

The Annual Banquet is the time for all of us to get together. It includes the weekday riders, the weekend riders, the annual trip riders and the hardcore commuters along with some of you who are still thinking of coming out to ride. At the Banquet, we recognize Riders and Ride Leaders. We also recognize our Volunteers and Officers who make our Club go. It is our most popular time to enjoy fellowship with our Club Members. Don't be surprised if someone asks you to sign up to help with one of our Annual Events. If we are lucky, there may even be an annual slide show. If you should have any questions or concerns, feel free to call me at 473-7455.

PS. If the weather gods are kind, I will be leading a short, easy Club Ride starting at the Skyline Park and Ride lot about 11am on Banquet day.

2010 Banquet Cake

(from the 2010 March COG). ☺



and Bev Simpson,
database & mailing

Renewing Members (Thank You!):

Lafe and Barbara Altier, Rodney Briggs, Ray and Peggy Fjetland, Dan King, Fletcher Kistler, Joseph and Susan Krezelak, Dan Russo, Corkey, Mary and Chris Smith, Leonard and Rebecca Throop, & Gordon Wiggerhaus.

New Members (Welcome!):

Daniel Peyton, Jo-Anne Priebe and Family, & Harry Simmons. ☺

Success! Auction Raises \$84K for Bicycle Advocacy

Posted by Louise McGrody
at 12:55 PM, Monday, October 25, 2010
at the BAW blog (www.bicyclealliance.blogspot.com)



An unsettled day of weather in the Puget Sound. An overcast and showery morning gave way to some midday sunshine, followed by a rainy evening.

But the atmosphere inside Fisher Pavilion did not reflect the outdoors. A veteran group of volunteers prepared the venue for a festive Bicycle Alliance auction in record time. Rows of long tables were laid out with enticing displays of silent auction items, the dessert dash, and wine and beer grab.

Dave Shaw and Scott Ely performed their wizardry as they set up a network of computers that would support registration, capture winning bids and print out receipts at the end of the evening. Volunteers assisted Foodz Catering with setting the dining tables. The transformation was complete!

Many guests arrived early and by 6pm the auction was well underway. People bid on silent auction items, purchased 50/50 raffle tickets, and scored some great selections from the wine and beer grab. They previewed the selection of tempting delectable desserts that would be available in the dessert dash. Bidders hovered over their must-have items as silent auction tables came to a close.

Dinner was served by members of the Cyclists of Greater Seattle (COGS), who generously volunteered their time as our wait staff.

Bicycle Alliance Executive Director welcomed guests to the auction, thanked the event's sponsors and many volunteers, and presented Seattle Mayor Michael McGinn with a Share the Road jersey.

Emcee Dave Ross of KIRO radio took the stage, then thrilled the crowd with his rendition of Michael Jackson's *Thriller* dance.

Then it was time for the main event--the live auction. Returning auctioneer Eric Mamroth launched into action. Live auction bidding began and bid cards were raised high, and raised higher, and higher!

At the end of the evening, \$84,000 was raised for the Bicycle Alliance of Washington. These funds will help us pursue our 2011 legislative priorities, expand our Safe Routes and Share the Road efforts, and continue our outreach in communities around the state.

A huge and heartfelt thank you goes out to the 60+ volunteers who helped make this event a success. Volunteers helped with everything from serving on the Auction committee, doing data entry, picking up donations and organizing items, to performing key roles the day of the event. We also want to thank the folks at Bicycle Paper for their assistance with procurement.

And a special thank you to this year's event sponsors: Third Place Books, Vulcan, Boeing, John Duggan - Cycling Attorney, SvR Design, REI, The People's Coast Classic, COGS, H4 Consulting, Kat Marriner Graphic Design.

See Pictures of the Event at:

<http://bicyclealliance.blogspot.com/2010/10/success-auction-raises-84k-for-bicycle.html>. ☺



Bicycle Activities in Tacoma

To: A variety of publications in the region
From: Bob Myrick
Sent: 11/10/10



I'm hoping you might consider a story this winter or spring regarding bicycling in Tacoma. Here are some of the things going on around here.

1. Helmets.

Multicare's Mary Bridge Children's Hospital and Health Center and Safe Kids Pierce County continue to be the leaders in providing low cost helmets. Local Fire departments also play a big role in delivering helmets. Helmets R Us started in Tacoma after hearing about TWBC's and Pierce County's Helmets on Wheels program. Helmets R Us distributes helmets across the US and Canada.

2. TWBC.

We have a great weekly program of rides. The Monday ride from Starbucks on North 26th and Proctor is the most popular, but we also ride on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and some Fridays. For the working class, we also have weekend rides and summer trips. We also put on the Daffodil Classic and the Peninsula Metric Event rides. As you know, we also do bicycle advocacy.

3. Tacoma Bike Shop.

Tacoma Bike offers fast shop rides and slower shop rides for beginners and intermediate cyclists. Tacoma Bike will soon be offering clinics on riding thru the winter.

4. Spoke and Sprocket.

There is a shop ride for faster riders every Saturday from the shop. The shop also offers basic and advanced bike repair programs.

5. Old Town Cycles.

Old Town also sponsors a ride program.

6. Harmon Bike Club.

This club supports cycling in Tacoma.

7. Foothills Rails to Trails Coalition and Bicycle Recycle.

Foothills advocates for a connected trail system in Pierce County and has a program for trail maintenance and trail courtesy patrol.

Bicycle Recycle puts low income people and bikes together.

8. Bikes for Kids.

This outfit in NorthEast Tacoma received a City of Destiny Award for their work in putting kids and bikes together. They also provide bikes to adults.

9. Forevergreen Council.

The Council's goal is completion of a truly connected system of multi-use trails that will promote recreation, bicycle commuting and good health in Tacoma. The Council is made up of elected officials, retired officials, citizen activists, retired

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news men, transportation experts, park officials and planners among others. Naturally, bike lanes and sidewalks play a big role in getting to the envisioned trail system.

10. Government.

Both Pierce County, Tacoma and other local entities play a big role in delivering non-motorized transportation to our citizens. Complete Streets simply means providing a space for everybody including vehicle lanes, a place for bicycles and pedestrians.

Pierce County has done a great job in implementing the Non-motorized Transportation Plan, providing trails, and providing a comprehensive bike map.

Tacoma sponsors a Bike Month to get more people biking more often and has striped over 65 miles of bike lanes. Pierce Transit is a leader in getting bikes on buses as part of a connected transportation system. ☺



The first Animal Crackers were not made for eating ...
they were made as Christmas tree decorations!



Silk Road Smoothie

By Rich Walter

Thursday, Sept. 23rd 2010

And now for something completely different

Ahh the joy of riding in the rain :-)) it tends to wet..er..whet ones appetite for hot beverage and something sweet at our favorite coffee shop in South Prairie.

So, before the rain began to fall in earnest, 12 hearty souls began the trek up the Foothills Trail. As the rain began to increase in intensity, the group dwindled to 10, still a good showing for such a dismal day.

Thanks to everyone who came out to ride and enjoy each others company. ☺



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Song Titles



1. Little Drummer Boy.

3. Silent Night.

2. Let It Snow (thrice)!

4. Deck The Halls.

5. Silver Bells

To A Variety of Public Officials and Citizens

From Bob Myrick, TWBC GAC

Sent: 10/28/10

Recently, the Tacoma Wheelmen's Bicycle Club has been reviewing it's role in bicycle advocacy for Pierce County and our communities. Several people has asked me how Pierce County Public Works has been doing these past years. I want to thank Pierce County government, the Public Works Department and the Parks Department for their important work these past few years particularly with regard to non-motorized transportation and it's role in sustainable communities. TWBC encourages riding for recreation, personal health, environmental health and alternative transportation. We recognize our role in helping both small and large businesses.

In 1988, Pierce County began developing a new transportation plan that included a non-motorized element. The plan was adopted, but many participants were not pleased with the non-motorized element. Pierce County Public Works recognized the plan was not considered adequate by the Public. In July, 1997, a new Pierce County Non-motorized Plan was adopted. The vision statement imagined that in 2020, there would be a significant portion of our people getting around by bike, particularly for short trips and recreation. It is now 13 years later and much easier to get around the County by bike. Before the depression, Pierce County Parks was able to sponsor the CarLess Commute for 18 years. It was a month long program for trying different ways to get to work.

Pierce County now has the backbone of a major trail system in place along with roads that can be easily traveled by bicycle. The Foothills Trail and the Cushman Trail are major parts of the system. Pierce County lobbied for the Scott Pierson Trail and it's path across the new Narrows Bridge. The Puyallup Riverwalk Trail was part of the Pierce County Parks Plan adopted in 1989. Recently, Pierce County has developed a major trail system for pedestrians and cyclists at it's Chamber's Creek properties.

I am looking forward to the year 2020, when even more progress will have been made in creating a sustainable Pierce County. Below, I have listed some County roads that have received non-motorized improvements since 1997:

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| 1. Pole Line Road/8th Avenue East. | 17. Mounts Road. |
| 2. Meridian. | 18. North Gate Road. |
| 3. Canyon Road. | 19. West Tapps Drive East. |
| 4. 224th Street East. | 20. Stone Drive. |
| 5. Eustis Hunt Road in Fredrickson. | 21. Point Fosdick Drive. |
| 6. 176th Street. | 22. 14th Avenue NW/Road. |
| 7. 152nd Street. | 23. Peacock Hill Road. |
| 8. Spanaway Loop Road. | 24. 144th Street NW. |
| 9. 138th Street South. | 25. 54th Avenue NW. |
| 10. Tule Lake Road. | 26. Rosedale Street NW. |
| 11. Waller Road. | 27. Whitmore Drive NW. |
| 12. Park Avenue. | 28. Artondale Drive NW. |
| 13. Sunrise Boulevard. | 29. Wollochet Drive. |
| 14. Gem Heights Drive. | 30. Fillmore Drive. |
| 15. Lake Tapps Parkway. | 31. Fox Island Boulevard. |
| 16. Steilacoom DuPont Road. | 32. Key Peninsula Highway. ☺ |

TWBC's 2011 Budget

Approved by the Attendees at the November 2010 General Meeting

Income

Daffodil Classic	\$20,700
Peninsula Metric <i>(Note: There is no Ride Chair @ this time)</i>	\$8,400
Club Dues	\$5,000
Jersey Sales <i>(New Design???)</i>	\$500
Banquet Reservations	\$1,800
Interest	\$720
Other Income	\$300
Total Income	\$25,420

Expenses

Administration	\$270
Postage & Administration	\$191
Banking Expenses	\$165
Daffodil Classic	\$11,740
Peninsula Metric <i>(Note: There is no Ride Chair @ this time)</i>	\$4,300
Email Marketing	\$100
Equipment & Supplies <i>(New location/storage???)</i>	\$7,000
Affiliations	\$655
Donations	\$6,100
Government/Community Affairs	\$1,000
Education & Public Relations	\$500
Ride Leaders	\$50
Ride Program	\$1,750
General Club Insurance	\$600
Membership	\$300
Monthly Club Meetings	\$2,100
Newsletter	\$2,400
Ride Line	\$750
Club Website	\$1,400
Banquet <i>(January)</i>	\$3,250
Bike Expo <i>(March - There is no Event Chair @ this time)</i>	\$475
Social Events <i>(Usually in August, October, & December)</i>	\$450
Sunshine Fund <i>(Yearly)</i>	\$100
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$250
Total Expenses	\$44,630

Editor's "Please note": Traditionally, for eons it has been the practice of previous TWBC Boards to place in both the "Income" and the "Expense" categories, amounts that may or may not be actually be received or spent. The current Board followed this same practice.

At the time of this publication there are several unknowns: There is not a PMC Ride Chair - without one, the Ride may or may not proceed; Members have stated that a new Jersey design is desired - a committee needs to create & present new designs to the General Membership for a new Club Jersey to be produced; A new location or structure for Club Equipment may have to be found in 2011 - a similar amount was included in previous budgets, but never utilized; There is not a Bike Expo Event Chair - without one, TWBC's presence at the March 2011 Bike Expo may or may not occur. ☹



*Christmas is just plain weird.
What other time of the year do you just sit in your living room
in front of a dead tree,
eating candy and snacks out of your socks?*



Hale, Hardy and ready for coffee (but not rain)

By Rich Walter

Monday, Sept. 27th 2010

Ah, the promise of hot sunshine and 75 degrees! At least it was 75 degrees.

Twenty-Four hale and hardy riders arrived at Starbucks this morning for the ride thru the park. Along the way, several riders decided the weather wasn't what they had hoped for and went their merry way. (Like rats deserting a sinking ship).

By the time we reached Espresso Yourself in Fircrest, only twelve riders remained. Of the twelve, eight of us returned to Starbucks. ☺



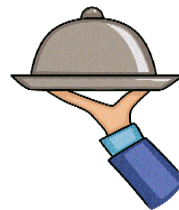
Top Ten Uses For Fruitcake That Cyclists May Receive

10. Send to the Armed Forces: the Air Force -- bombs away; the Army -- land bunkers; the Navy -- long range shells; the Coast Guard -- as anchors on drug boats.
9. Use slices to increase the angle of the front wheel when your bike's on an indoor trainer.
8. Use them to build bike racks.
7. Use them to define either side of multi-use trails.
6. Use them to build speed bumps to slow down traffic.
5. Use as pylons in bike handling slalom courses.
4. Put them in your trunk as added training weight.
3. Save up for the next bike swap.
2. Use slices as targets for mobile pepper spray tactics.
1. Affix to the garage wall: hang extra wheels or tubes.





TWBC ANNUAL BANQUET RESERVATION FORM



Saturday, January 22, 2011
Allenmore Golf Bar and Grill Restaurant
2125 South Cedar St.
Tacoma, WA

**(Attendance limited
to the first eighty-eight people to sign up!)**

**Please list the names in your party for name tags
so you and others will know who you are...
(please print clearly!)**

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____



Number of adults _____ **X \$20 each = \$** _____

Number of children _____ **X \$15 each = \$** _____



Total Enclosed = \$ _____

Send this form and a check made out to TWBC for the total \$ amount to:

TWBC Banquet, PO Box 112078, Tacoma, WA 98411



December Ride Notes:



Dupont

12/01, 12/15, 12/29 Chehalis Western Trail.

Rain, snow or icy conditions cancels ride. Sign up

12/08, 12/22 Ride to Dupont.

with a contact number so we can notify you by phone (preferably cell, in case you are in transit) if a ride has been cancelled. For CWT bring \$\$\$ to buy lunch at the Sandstone Cafe. For both rides, if it is raining in Tacoma at the time we need to leave for the scheduled ride, the ride will be cancelled, & we will contact you by your sign up cell phone number &/or email address. CWT cancelations are decided by 8:15 a.m.; Dupont cancelations are decided by 9 - 9:10 a.m. We encourage riders to car pool.



12/02, 12/09, 12/16, 12/23 Silk Road Smoothly.

Join us for the TWBC Classic to South Prairie along the Foothills Trail. You'll need your helmet & enough \$\$\$ to buy refreshments. The ride is canceled if it is raining, snowing, freezing, or otherwise seriously unpleasant. Please sign-up to let others know your plans. A perfect mix of bike-friendly trail (paved), riverside scenery, & good company has made this one of the Club's most popular weekly rides. Choose your pace & you will almost certainly find others of similar



12/19 Blue Vespers.

Rain will cancel ride. This easy 25 mile or so ride will go over the Narrows Bridge to Gig Harbor for a coffee & snack. The ride is an easy ride for beginners & for those returning to riding. ☺

*For all you stargazers out there, December is a terrific month for viewing
(if the sky is clear of clouds!).*



*Just after nightfall on December 13th,
the Geminid meteors should be clearly seen.*



*In the early hours of December 21, a lunar eclipse will occur.
This sight will be spectacular, as the moon will be framed by the constellations
of Orion, Gemini, Auriga & Taurus.*

So bundle up, look up & behold!



For TWBC Monthly Ride/Event Calendar

TERRAIN CODE CHART

- A - Mostly Flat (Interurban 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)

PACE CODE CHART

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



twbc monthly event schedule

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

Date/ Day	Time	Ride Code	Dist- ance	Leader/ Contact @ (253)	Ride or Activity
12/01 Weds	9:30 AM	2 B	43 Trail	Lou & Karel Vance 921 - 4847	Chehalis Western Trail. Rain, Snow, or Icy Conditions in Tacoma Cancels. See Ride Notes for Ride Details. Start: Trail Head in Lacy; past Josephine Ct SE & 14th Ave S. 
12/01 Weds	9:30 AM	3 C	40 Train	Steve Garrett 272 - 0775	Fairly Fast 40. Training ride happening every Weds. morning going over 16 mph. Can you dig it? FF40 Start: Starbucks @ 26th & Proctor.
12/02 Thurs	9:30 AM	2 A	30 Trail	Richard Walter 840 - 9450	Silk Road Smooooothly. Ride to S. Prairie via Foothills Trail. See Ride Notes 4 Ride Details. Start: East Puyallup Trailhead, 13900 - 80th St E, Puyallup. 
12/02 Thurs	9:30 AM	3 D	30 Steady	Joe Small 228 - 9554	Over The Hill Gang. For those of you looking for more of a challenge, you may want to try the Victor Falls, Lower Burnet version of the SRS ride. Start: East Puyallup Trailhead, 13900 - 80th St E, Puyallup. 
12/03 Fri	Noon	1 C	20	Bob Myrick 473 - 7455	Wildside Shop Ride. Different routes throughout the month. Retire to the shop to warm up & socialize. Rain Cancels. Start: Skyline Park & Ride (6th & Skyline). 
12/05 Sun	Give	Your	Time	Show Up	International Volunteer Day, as designated by the United Nations General Assembly in 1985.
12/06 Mon	9:30 AM	1 C	22 (13)	Joyce Clifford 759 - 2393	Hail, hardy & ready for coffee. Loop Pt. Defiance. Someone will stay with the slowest rider. Regroup at Ft. Nisqually, then onto Fircrest for espresso/ raspberry scones. You can shorten to 13 miles by cutting out Fircrest. Rain Cancels. Start: Starbucks @ 26th & Proctor. 
12/07 Tues	9:30 AM	2 B	30 - 50	Decide to Ride 759 - 2800	Tuesday Ride. Meet with friends & decide on a ride. Start: Freighthouse Square, 430 E. 25th St., Tacoma.
12/07 Tues	6 PM	00 Meet	00 & Eat	Bob Myrick 473 - 7455	Government Affairs Meeting @ the Harvester Restaurant in the Stadium H.S. area @ 1st & Tacoma Ave. Work on bicycle problems around Pierce County. All are invited to participate.
12/08 Weds	9:30 AM	2 B	43	Lou & Karel Vance 921 - 4847	Ride to Dupont & stop for coffee. Rain, Snow, or Icy Conditions in Tacoma Cancels. See Ride Notes for Details. Start: Skyline Park & Ride (6th & Skyline). Dupont
12/09 Weds	9:30 AM	3 C	40 Train	Steve Garrett 272 - 0775	Fairly Fast 40. See 12/01 for Ride Details. FF40
12/09 Thurs	9:30 AM	3 A	30 Trail	Richard Walter 840 - 9450	Silk Road Smooooothly. Rain Cancels. See 12/02 for Ride Details. 
12/10 Thurs	9:30 AM	3 D	30 Steady	Joe Small 228 - 9554	Over The Hill Gang. See 12/02 for Ride Details. 



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12/10 Fri	Noon	1 C	20	Bob Myrick 473 - 7455	Wildside Shop Ride. Different routes throughout the month. Retire to the shop to warm up & socialize. Rain Cancells. Start: Skyline Park & Ride (6th & Skyline). 
12/11 Sat	Attack	Defend	Lives	Lost & Saved	Germany & Italy declared war on the United States, 1941.
12/12 Sun	Home	Hope	Safety	Possibilities	Boys Town was founded by Father Edward J. Flannigan in 1917; it is now known as Girls & Boys Town.
12/13 Mon	9:30 AM	1 C	22 (13)	Joyce Clifford 759 - 2393	Hail, hardy & ready for coffee. Rain Cancells. See 12/06 for Ride Details. 
12/14 Tues	9:30 AM	2 C	30 - 50	Decide to Ride 759 - 2800	Tuesday Ride. Meet with friends & decide on a ride. Start: Sumner Library, 1116 Fryer Ave., Sumner.
12/14 Tues	6 PM	00 Meet	00 & Eat	Call a Board Member	Board Meeting @ the Kim Ahn Restaurant across from TCC on Mildred. Guests & Club Members welcomed.
12/15 Weds	9:30 AM	2 B	43 Trail	Lou & Karel Vance 921 - 4847	Chehalis Western Trail. Rain, Snow, or Icy Conditions in Tacoma Cancells. See Ride Notes for Ride Details. Start: Trail Head in Lacy, past Josephine Ct SE & 14th Ave S. 
12/15 Weds	9:30 AM	3 C	40 Train	Steve Garrett 272 - 0775	Fairly Fast 40. FF40 See 12/01 for Ride Details.
12/16 Thurs	9:30 AM	3 A	30 Trail	Richard Walter 840 - 9450	Silk Road Smooooothly. Rain Cancells. See 12/02 for Ride Details. 
12/16 Thurs	9:30 AM	3 D	30 Steady	Joe Small 228 - 9554	Over The Hill Gang. See 12/02 for Ride Details. 
12/17 Fri	Sweet	Thick	Brown	Made drip by drip	National Maple Syrup Day.
12/18 Sat	Rights	Liberty	Equals	Freedom	The Thirteenth Amendment, abolishing slavery, is ratified on this date in 1865.
12/19 Sun	1 PM	1 B	25	Bob Myrick 473 - 7455	Blue Vespers. See Ride Notes for Ride Details. Start: Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 909 N. "J" St. 
12/20 Mon	9:30 AM	1 C	22 (13)	Joyce Clifford 759 - 2393	Hail, hardy & ready for coffee. Rain Cancells. See 12/06 for Ride Details.
12/21 Tues	9:30 AM	2 C	30 - 50	Decide to Ride 759 - 2800	Tuesday Ride. Meet with friends & decide on a ride. Start: McDonalds, 112th & Pacific Ave. 
12/22 Weds	9:30 AM	2 B	43	Lou & Karel Vance 921 - 4847	Ride to Dupont & stop for coffee. Rain, Snow, or Icy Conditions in Tacoma Cancells. See Ride Notes for Details. Start: Skyline Park & Ride (6th & Skyline). 



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12/22 Weds	9:30 AM	3 C	40 Train	Steve Garrett 272 - 0775	Fairly Fast 40. FF40 See 12/01 for Ride Details.
12/23 Thurs	9:30 AM	3 A	30 Trail	Richard Walter 840 - 9450	Silk Road Smooooothly. Rain Cancels. See 12/02 for Ride Details. 
12/23 Thurs	9:30 AM	3 D	30 Steady	Joe Small 228 - 9554	Over The Hill Gang. See 12/02 for Ride Details. 
12/24 Fri	Cream	Rich	Eggs	Sweet	National Eggnog Day. Eggnog is also known as <i>lait de poule</i> ("hen's milk").
12/26 Sun	New	Rich	Check	Extravagant	The Flamingo Hotel is opened in Las Vegas, 1916. It is the oldest resort on the strip still in operation today.
12/27 Mon	9:30 AM	1 C	22 (13)	Joyce Clifford 759 - 2393	Hail, hardy & ready for coffee. Rain Cancels. See 12/06 for Ride Details. 
12/28 Tues	9:30 AM	2 C	30 - 50	Decide to Ride 759 - 2800	Tuesday Ride. Meet with friends & decide on a ride. Start: Freighthouse Square, 430 E. 25th St., Tacoma.
12/29 Weds	9:30 AM	2 B	43 Trail	Lou & Karel Vance 921 - 4847	Chehalis Western Trail. Rain, Snow, or Icy Conditions in Tacoma Cancels. See Ride Notes for Ride Details. Start: Trail Head in Lacy; past Josephine Ct SE & 14th Ave S. 
12/29 Weds	9:30 AM	3 C	40 Train	Steve Garrett 272 - 0775	Fairly Fast 40. FF40 See 12/01 for Ride Details.
12/30 Thurs	9:30 AM	3 A	30 Trail	Richard Walter 840 - 9450	Silk Road Smooooothly. Rain Cancels. See 12/02 for Ride Details. 
12/30 Thurs	9:30 AM	3 D	30 Steady	Joe Small 228 - 9554	Over The Hill Gang. See 12/02 for Ride Details. 
12/31 Fri	Noon	1 C	20	Bob Myrick 473 - 7455	Wildside Shop Ride. Different routes throughout the month. Retire to the shop to warm up & socialize. Rain Cancels. Start: Skyline Park & Ride (6th & Skyline). 

*Editor's Note: This Calendar was accurate when received from the Ride Captain, Rich Walter.
Please help have the Print Calendar match the Web Calendar by planning your rides in advance,
& getting the information to Rich by the third Tuesday of the present month, for the upcoming month!
This is what stands as a record of the weekly rides that Club Members put on,
as archived in the Tacoma Public Library since 1974!*

The COG Home

TWBC Ride Line : 253 - 759 - 2800

Updated Sunday & Thursday!

*The 'Smiling Bicycle' Logo, the Club Jersey
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**Next Club Meeting: 6 PM
Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2011**

**Next Ride Calendar Deadline:
Tues, December 21, 2010**

**Next COG Article Deadline:
Weds, December 22, 2010**

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Mike Madden, 720 - 0127

PENINSULA METRIC (2010): JUNE 6

pmc@twbc.org

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HEADWATERS (?)

(2009): 3rd Sun., Sept

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(2011): Aug. 27 & 28

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ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC:

(2010): Sept. 26 (?)

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president@twbc.org

Currently Vacant, Apply Now!

BIKE EXPO:

(2011): March 12 & 13

bikebooth@twbc.org

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Advertisement Requirements: TWBC Members may place ads in the COG for free that are directly related to bicycling. All ads must be accompanied with contact information (i.e., name, address, phone number, email) of the person submitting the ad.

Local bicycle shops that offer a discount of at least ten percent (10%) to TWBC Members may place ads or flyers in the COG for free. "Local" is defined as within the Puget Sound area. Each bicycle shop may place up to two ads for free in a calendar year.

Non-members, agencies, businesses and bicycle shops that do not offer discounts of at least ten percent (10%) to TWBC Members will be charged for placing ads in the COG. Payment for the ad must be received prior to inclusion into the COG. The fee shall not be less than \$10 for a 1-line text ad and will be a minimum of \$50 for quarter page ads or more. The Newsletter Editor will determine an appropriate fee based upon the size and complexity of the ad. All ads are subject to editing and space limitations as deemed appropriate or necessary by the Newsletter Editor. ☺

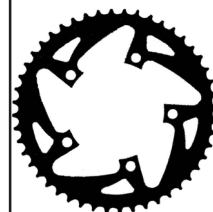


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2010**

**Tacoma Wheelmen's Bicycle Club
PO Box 112078
Tacoma, WA 98411**



mail to:



Please Note: You can become a Member at www.twbc.org. Click on 'Online' under the Join heading.

Become a Member of TWBC

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone (optional): _____

E-mail: _____ @ _____

(all info. is for Club use only; please print clearly!)

Please Check Those That Apply:

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One-time Initiation Fee \$5 _____

Total Membership Fee(s) \$ _____



Send this form and a check
for the total \$ amount to:

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Also...Check boxes if you are
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- ☐ Leading Bike Rides
- ☐ Events
(Daffodil, PMC)
- ☐ Newsletter
- ☐ Club Meeting Programs
- ☐ Becoming a Club Officer

**Thanks for becoming
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