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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.

Response to a Letter to the Editor in The News Tribune, 08/17/11

By Bob Myrick

Re: "Tacoma needs a bicyclist anti-harassment law" (Letter, 8/7/11).

My bicycle club thinks that cycling in the Tacoma metropolitan area is as safe or safer than most other metropolitan area in our country. It also appears to be as safe as driving a car when done properly. An anti-harassment law is a good idea to pursue, but it should be a state law.

In the modern era, Tacoma produced a bike map and protected the storm sewer grates in 1974. There have been four more good maps produced by Tacoma and Pierce County since 1989. Tacoma has recently striped more than 50 miles of bicycle lanes.

My bicycle club has worked with local governments to build the Ruston Way Promenade, the Foothills Trail, the Riverwalk Trail, the BPA Trail, the Milton Interurban Trail, the Cushman Trail, the Scott Pierson Trail, the Bridge of Glass/Foss Waterway Esplanade and the City Water Ditch Trail.

Now comes the Prairie Line Trail, Sumner Trail, Edgewood Trail, all promoted by my club and the Foothills Rails to Trails Coalition. University Place now has the best bike lane system in the United States. Lakewood has installed bike lanes and sharrows (shared-lane markings) on its roads.

To avoid harassment, one must learn when and where to ride. Use a mirror and stay off busy arterials when possible. Maybe even get on the sidewalk for a block or so until the road is safer. ☺

(Editor's Note: Remember when you ride, the eyes of the public are upon you. Whether you wear a Club Jersey or not, your actions & activities highlight you as a CYCLIST. Just as you remember the actions of the last MOTORIST that nearly (your choice of action here), your actions as a bicyclist will be remembered, talked about, & used as a comment, for or against, all CYCLISTS. So, ride accordingly; the eyes of the public are upon you.) ☺

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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!**

President's Report

Spinning Wheels



By President Tom Reardon

It seems that the papers have had a daily article about yet another tragic bicycle accident. All of us who ride are aware of our vulnerability especially when we find ourselves uncomfortably mixed in with high speed motor traffic or confronted by impatient/ intolerant drivers. During this summer, however, I have also noticed that we, the bicycle riding community, need to do a better job of practicing safe biking habits.

Any motorcyclist will lament that the cars often don't even see them. This problem is doubled on a bicycle. When the weather is chilly our rides look like a procession in yellow – visible for miles. When the jackets come off, I have noticed too many muted colors. In some instances, the choice of outerwear almost matched the gray of the sky. Be smart. Be seen.

As vulnerable as we are on the road, it is essential that we follow the rules of the road. All of us have encountered angry drivers who think we have no right to be on road, but most of us must also admit that sometimes the fault lies with the bicyclist. Without listing a litany of do's and don'ts, the most frequently annoying thing done on group rides is riding side by side in traffic. One of the great pleasures of group rides is visiting with others, but as a rule the best time to visit is at a rest stop. Following the rules of the road keeps the average motorist happy and makes all of us safer.

We continue to look for a Vice-President and a Special Events Coordinator. Please raise your hand and volunteer. The Club needs you! ☺



By Bob Myrick, Director of
Community and Government Affairs

*Actions affecting you
and your community*

Our committee met on Tuesday, August 2, at the Harvester Restaurant in the Stadium District at First and Tacoma Avenues. We will not meet in September and October. Meetings will resume on Tuesday, November 1 at 6:00pm. Our attendance is small, but our power is great. We talked about a few things as follows.

1. Bike Lids. Steve has continued to investigate **the bike lids at Wheelock Library**. The lids have been removed since they were damaged. The City and Library system can't afford to provide new bike lids so the City will be providing their standard on-street racks at the library.

2. Puyallup Street Construction. Carla received **a complaint/question regarding the new construction south of the Tacoma Boy's Store at 112th and 9th Street W/94th Avenue East**. I have volunteered to contact the City Engineer regarding this street and the recent asphalt overlay on Pioneer Way East, east of Shaw Road. **The new construction near Tacoma Boys appears to not meet current standards for bicycle use**. The new asphalt overlay may not be wide enough to accommodate fog line shoulders like we have lobbied for.

3. Steilacoom's Abitibi Paper Mill Railroad Tracks. We discussed **our continuing interest in getting the dangerous railroad track crossing removed**. See last month's news for the current situation.

4. Pacific Avenue Reconstruction. We heard **the Cycle Track idea has been dropped for the more conventional bike**
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lanes on Pacific Avenue. The Cycle Track idea was a trail segment located on the westerly side of the street. It was dropped **because it would require very expensive signalization separate from the auto based signals.** Since our meetings, we have heard the latest idea is to just install Sharrows along the avenue, so that bikes travel along with cars. I think the idea is that bike lanes take up space, but there may also be concerns about safety if there is angle parking. **The Sharrows allow travel out in the road, but will families with kids want to use them?** In University Place, we have bike lanes with angle parking at the new Town Center. The angle parking is the back in style, much safer.

5. Fawcett Bike Way Plans. I went on a field trip with Janet Higbee to **inspect the ideas for a bike way street along Fawcett Avenue.** There are presently design activities occurring for the bike way. Janet represents us at the City committee dedicated to implementing the new City Bike Plan. Three or four City streets are scheduled to receive bike way improvements.

6. Bike Free Downtown. There are efforts underway to ask Pierce Transit **to consider allowing free access to buses in order to get up some of our steep hills.**

7. Bicycle Safety and Anti-harassment Law. I have written a proposed letter to the editor after a letter was published in the News Tribune regarding safety and harassment (*see front page*). I said bicycling in the Tacoma Metro Area is considered as safe or safer than in other Metro areas across the USA. I listed our progress since 1974 when the first modern bike map appeared. **I also mentioned that it is important to choose when and where we ride.**

I hope you continue to enjoy our late summer. I should be on a bike trip to Northeastern Washington in early September. Then, I plan on a road/car trip towards Colorado using Adventure Cycling maps along the way. ☺

Touring Report

By Ride Captain Rich Walter

The summer touring season is finally heating up, and not a moment too soon, since it's almost fall.

From September 10th thru the 17th, 5 Club Members will be joining another 2200 or so riders for the 25th running of Cycle Oregon. This year's ride sold out in a matter of 48 hours. You have to be quick with the computer to register for this popular ride.

A trip that may still have spaces available is a tour of and around the Hells Canyon area. Carol Davis is organizing this ride for the first week of October. There is a limit on how many riders can be accepted for this tour due to limited motel space so check with Carol first.

Another option this summer is Carla's "Big Burn Trip" beginning in Wallace, Idaho on September 17th. This is a good chance to ride the many rail trails in the Idaho area. Details for this tour can be found on the TWBC.ORG home page.

Later in the season, Cascade is sponsoring a tour of Vietnam. The tour runs from November 21st to December 5th; cost depends on the number of riders and ranges from \$2200 up to \$2800 (plus air fair to Hanoi of another \$1700 or so). There currently are five TWBC Members with another five from Cascade going on this trip. More information and links are on the (*Cascade's*) club's website.

The Club's Monday Ride continues to be the most popular with upwards of 30 Members showing up each week. Thursday's Silk Road and Over The Hill rides are a close second. ☺

School will be in session after the long summer. Be sure to watch out for little dashing pedestrians, lumbering school buses, & intrepid cyclists, all headed to and from school! ☺



and Dave Killen,
database & mailing

Renewals (Thank You!):

Patty Bran, John George, ,Carla Gramlich, Evonne Howard, Mark Jacobson, Anne Seago, John Selby, Thom and Norma Skaanland, and Christy Strand.

New Members (Welcome!):

Andrew Austin, Patty Ecklebe, Jeff Everhart, Lenny Folino, Diana Johnson, Lori Kawalski, JD Miller, Paul Nordquist, Karen Poverly, David Robertson, Lois Stark, and Rebecca Townsend. ☺



Ride for the Planet

By Janet Higbee
TWBC Member

Tacoma Mobility Member

The Tacoma Wheelmen are sponsoring a 350.org Ride for the Planet on Sat., Sept. 24 (www.moving-planet.org). It is called Moving Planet Day and the ride symbolizes our concern about Global Climate Change and carbon emissions.

We will start at the Park and Ride on 6th Avenue & Skyline, at 9:30 am and ride to the Proctor Farmer's Market and Enviro House at 12:30 pm. As well, we will follow Tacoma's 4 major Bike Projects since they are promoted by the City and Tacoma Mobility Group. 350.org offers signs that we can post around town; perhaps we can carry some as well. They will explain our cause (that people use fewer resources and pollute less). If people want to ride further, they could cross the bridge. ☺

August 13 Work Party

By Bob Brown,
Mount Tahoma Trails
via Bob Myrick

Thanks very much to our August volunteers! Fourteen people attended this work party and enjoyed sunny warm weather. Four people spent the day brushing the Lower Yurt trail, four worked on the new hut, and the rest spent the day on High Hut improvements and cleaning the Yurt. After a full day out on the trail, eight people enjoyed a nice dinner in Ashford and five people stayed up at the huts to continue work on Sunday. The entire Lower Yurt trail was brushed, cleanup work completed at the Yurt, the sink drain repaired at High Hut, a window installed at High Hut, and work continued on the New Hut. See attached pictures!

New Hut: As you can see by viewing the attached pictures the first story walls are nearly framed on the New Hut. A second load of lumber has been delivered to the site and work will continue seven days each week. Our amazing crew expects to have an enclosed shell by the third week in September.... at which point we can begin the interior work!

Volunteers Needed: We have some low risk work that needs to be done to help speed up the project, such as painting the siding (before it is placed on the building), and preparing meals for the construction crew. If you would be willing to help, please call Bob Brown at 360-569-2878. Work on the New Hut is going seven days a week and we can accommodate your schedule.

September 10 Work Party: Our next work party coincides with the Ashford Mountain Fest, on September 10. We will meet at the Ashford Fire Hall at 10:30 and return to Ashford by 6 pm to have dinner at the Mountain Fest. We start at 10:30 to give you all a chance to shop at the Post-Monsoon Gear Sale, for great bargains on new and used mountaineering clothing and gear. The Monsoon Sale starts at 9 am. We are also going to hold another MTTA yard sale, if you would like to help, or

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donate items, give Bob Brown a call at 369-569-2878. Work planned for that day includes trail brushing, sign installation, and work at the Huts.

Whittaker Mountaineering is once again donating \$10,000 worth of gear to the Mountain Fest benefit raffle, with MTTA's new hut as the beneficiary! So do yourself a favor and buy some raffle tickets, win some great prizes, and contribute to the finishing and furnishing of the new hut. Also, MTTA member Jillene Lund, <http://mountaintimewellness.com/index.htm>, will be offering massage therapy on site at the Mountain Fest, and donating half of the massage proceeds to furnishing the new hut! ☺

(See pictures on page 13!)



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27 July, 2011

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To the Members, Volunteers, Staff and Officers of Tacoma Wheelmen's Bicycle Club,

Your contribution of \$1,089 which we received on 7/27/2011 helps the Bicycle Alliance of Washington advocate for a bicycle-friendly Washington State.

This year the Bicycle Alliance helped write and find sponsors for three pieces of legislation one of which was signed into law! HB 1129 adds our bicycle and pedestrian safety curriculum to traffic safety schools.

Your contribution helped us expand our Safe Routes to School program from 3 school districts to 35 school districts all across Washington, and 4 colleges. That equates to over 100 teachers trained and tens of thousands of children learning how to ride safely! This is the future generation of healthy Washingtonians.

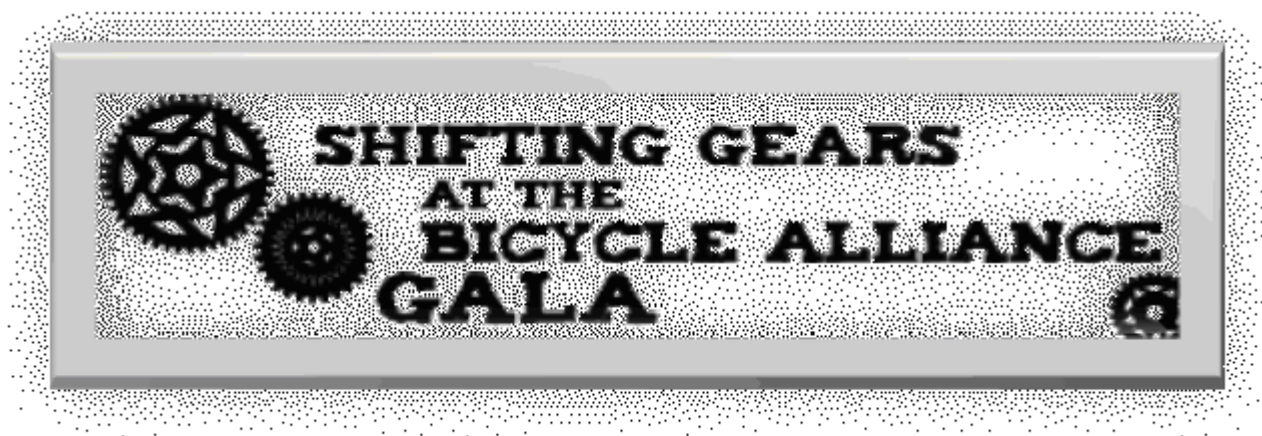
Your contribution helps underwrite our Hub and Spoke Tours to communities around the state. In June, the tour traveled to Spokane where we were joined by State Representative And Billig and City Councilman Richard Rush to discuss local issues and what resources the Bicycle Alliance can provide Spokane. The tour travels to Richland in September.

Thanks again from the Bicycle Alliance of Washington to the Members of the Tacoma Wheelmen's Bicycle Club and the riders of your successful rides.

Sincerely,

Barbara J. Culp
Executive Director

Editor's Note: The funds donated to the Bicycle Alliance from TWBC are from the \$1 per rider that is collected from each Daffodil Classic and Peninsula Metric Century registration fees. Most other bicycle clubs in the state do the same with their fund raising rides.



**October 22, 2011
Seattle Center Fisher Pavilion
Silent Auction starts at 5:30 pm**

Help the Bicycle Alliance of Washington shift gears for bicycle advocacy statewide by joining us at our annual fundraiser on October 22! Proceeds from this event support our advocacy and education efforts statewide. These funds help us deliver Safe Routes to School services to districts around Washington and make it possible for us to bring our Hub & Spoke events to bike advocates in their communities. They help us shift the gears of government policies and change the minds of legislators.

Fun is a given at the auction. Besides the silent and live auctions, there is a dessert dash, wine grab bag, and a split-the-pot raffle. Nearly 300 friends of bicycling attend this gala and there's ample time to socialize, catch up with old friends and meet new ones!

Tickets are \$70 each or \$700 for a table of ten, if purchased by September 30. After that date, prices are \$85/\$850. Tickets can be purchased online <http://www.bicyclealliance.org/auction/ticketform.php>, by check, or by phone. Check our auction page for more details: <http://www.bicyclealliance.org/auction/index.html>.

We're still accepting auction donations, and we need a range of items that will generate spirited bidding. Popular offerings include unique experiences, weekend getaways, recreation opportunities, artisan handiwork, gift baskets and gift cards. Use our handy online donation form, <http://www.bicyclealliance.org/auction/procureform.php>, or contact Louise McGrody at 206.224.9252 x303 or louisemc@bicyclealliance.org if you have any questions.

We hope you can join us on October 22! ☺



twbc monthly event schedule

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Day/ Day	Time	Ride Code	Dist- ance	Leader/ Contact @ (253)	Ride or Activity
09/01 Thurs	9:30 AM	3 A	30 Trail	Richard Walter 651 - 4902	Silk Road Smooooothly. Ride to S. Prairie via Foothills Trail. Paved trail w/ very few road crossings. Beverage of your choice in S. Prairie (no host). Rain Cancels. Start: East Puyallup Trailhead, 13900 - 80th St E, Puyallup. 
09/01 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. 
09/02 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: Wildside Wine Shop, 608A S. Oxford, Tacoma. 
09/03 Sat	Peace	No Arms	Dove	Peace	The Treaty of Paris ended the Revolutionary War, 1783.
09/04 Sun	Early	E Car	Ford	Failure	The Edsel was introduced in 1957.
09/05 Mon	8 AM - 9 AM	All	56, 80	Cyclists of Greater Seattle (COGS)	7th Annual PROS (Perimeter Ride of Seattle). \$\$\$ A circuit ride around the city of Seattle. Start: Discovery Park N. Parking Lot, Magnola, Seattle.
09/05 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. Start: Starbucks @ 26th & Proctor. 
09/06 Tues	9:30 AM	2 C	30 - 50	See Description	Tuesday Decide To Ride. Meet with friends & go to lunch. Louie Boitano, 922 - 1168, or Ron Nowicki, 661 - 2664. Start: McDonald's, 112th & Pacific Ave.
09/07 Weds	9:30 AM	2 B	35	Richard Walter 651 - 4902	Chehalis Western Trail. Rain in Tacoma Cancels. See Ride Notes for Ride Details. Start: Trailhead in Lacy, past Josephine Ct SE & 14th Ave S. 
09/08 Thurs	9:30 AM	3 A	30 Trail	Richard Walter 651 - 4902	Silk Road Smooooothly. Rain Cancels. See 09/01 for Ride Details. 
09/08 Thurs	9:30 AM	3 D	30 Steady	Joe Small 228 - 9554	Over The Hill Gang. See 09/01 for Ride Details. 
09/09 Fri	Noon	1 C	20	Bob Myrick 473 - 7455	Wildside Shop Ride. Rain Cancels. See 09/02 for Ride Details. 
09/10 Sat	Repeat	Ongoing	Tiny	Stitches	The Sewing Machine is patented by Elias Howe in 1846.
09/11 Sun	Huge	Concrete	Stop	Structure	Boulder Dam was dedicated by F. D. Roosevelt in 1936.



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09/12 Mon	9:30 AM	1 C	22 (13)	Joyce Clifford 759 - 2393	Hail, hardy & ready for coffee. See 09/05 for Ride Details. 
09/13 Tues	9:30 AM	2 C	30 - 50	See Description	Tuesday Decide To Ride. Meet with friends & go to lunch. Louie Boitano, 922 - 1168, or Ron Nowicki, 661 - 2664. Start: Freighthouse Square, 430 E. 25th St, Tacoma.
09/13 Tues	6 PM	00 Meet	00 & Eat	Tom Reardon 759 - 2800	Board Meeting @ the Kim Ahn Restaurant across from TCC on Mildred. Guests & Club Members welcomed.
09/14 Weds	10 AM	2 B	43 Trail	Richard Walter 651 - 4902	Chehalis Western Trail. Rain in Tacoma Cancels. See 09/07 for Ride Details. 
09/15 Thurs	9:30 AM	3 A	30 Trail	Richard Walter 651 - 4902	Silk Road Smooooothly. Rain Cancels. See 09/01 for Ride Details. 
09/15 Thurs	9:30 AM	3 D	30 Steady	Joe Small 228 - 9554	Over The Hill Gang. See 09/01 for Ride Details. 
09/16 Fri	Noon	1 C	20	Bob Myrick 473 - 7455	Wildside Shop Ride. Rain Cancels. See 09/02 for Ride Details. 
09/17 Sat	Cutting	Edge	Laugh	Comedy	"M*A*S*H" premiers in 1972.
09/18 Sun	Now	Every	Day	NEWS!	"New York Times" begins publishing in 1851.
09/19 Mon	9:30 AM	1 C	22 (13)	Joyce Clifford 759 - 2393	Hail, hardy & ready for coffee. See 09/05 for Ride Details. 
09/20 Tues	9:30 AM	2 C	30 - 50	See Description	Tuesday Decide To Ride. Meet with friends & go to lunch. Louie Boitano, 922 - 1168, or Ron Nowicki, 661 - 2664. Start: Sumner Library, 1116 Fryer Ave, Sumner.
09/20 Tues	6 PM; 6:30 PM	Meet & 00 Meet &	Eat; 00 Greet	Tom Reardon 759 - 2800	Sept. Club Meeting. Food, drinks, & fellowship @ 6 PM & meeting business @ 6:30 PM. Start: Fabulous Fifties Hall, 6th & St. Helen's Ave., Tacoma.
09/21 Weds	9:30 AM	2 B	35	Richard Walter 651 - 4902	Chehalis Western Trail. Rain in Tacoma Cancels. See 09/07 for Ride Details. 
09/22 Thurs	9:30 AM	3 A	30 Trail	Richard Walter 651 - 4902	Silk Road Smooooothly. Rain Cancels. See 09/01 for Ride Details. 
09/22 Thurs	9:30 AM	3 D	30 Steady	Joe Small 228 - 9554	Over The Hill Gang. See 09/01 for Ride Details. 
09/23 Fri	Noon	1 C	20	Bob Myrick 473 - 7455	Wildside Shop Ride. Rain Cancels. See 09/02 for Ride Details. 



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09/24 Sat	9:30 AM - 1:30 PM	2 B	25 - 30	Janet 973 - 2306 Ken 389 - 8765	Ride for a Clean Planet. Ride along Tacoma's planned bike boulevards & visit resources for earth-friendly living. Start: Narrow Park & Ride (6th and Skyline), Tacoma.
09/25 Sun	Put	On	A	Club	RIDE! Take other Members along with you & ride out to a favorite spot!
09/26 Mon	9:30 AM	1 C	22 (13)	Joyce Clifford 759 - 2393	Hail, hardy & ready for coffee. See 09/05 for Ride Details. 
09/27 Tues	9:30 AM	2 C	30 - 50	See Description	Tuesday Decide To Ride. Meet with friends & go to lunch. Louie Boitano, 922 - 1168, or Ron Nowicki, 661 - 2664. Start: McDonald's, 112th & Pacific Ave.
09/28 Weds	10 AM	2 B	43 Trail	Richard Walter 840 - 9450	Ride to Dupont & stop for coffee. Rain in Tacoma Cancels. See Ride Notes for Details. Start: Skyline Park & Ride (6th & Skyline). 
09/29 Thurs	9:30 AM	3 A	30 Trail	Richard Walter 840 - 9450	Silk Road Smooooothly. Rain Cancels. See 09/01 for Ride Details. 
09/29 Thurs	9:30 AM	3 D	30 Steady	Joe Small 228 - 9554	Over The Hill Gang. See 09/01 for Ride Details. 
09/30 Fri	Noon	1 C	20	Bob Myrick 473 - 7455	Wildside Shop Ride. Rain Cancels. See 09/02 for Ride Details. 



09/07, 09/14, 09/21
Dupont 09/28

September Ride Notes:

Chehalis Western Trail.

Ride to Dupont.

Sign up 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 in Tenino. 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. We encourage riders to car pool. ☺

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 Is.)

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, 13-16 mph
4 - Fast pace, very limited stops, cue sheets/maps, 16+ mph



In Memory of

**Dorothy
(Dottie)
Davis
Selby**

June 17, 1944 - July 13, 2011

Dottie Selby

By Dave Seago

TWBC members were saddened to learn that longtime member Dorothy Davis Selby, better known as Dottie, died July 13 after a long but graceful struggle with cancer. She was 67.

Dottie and her husband, John, were frequent participants in the Club's Monday rides and on many of the Club's extended bike tours. Most recently they joined the Club's Big Sur tour last year. John and Dottie, who were married 43 years, took particular joy in sharing outdoor adventures of all kinds, including hiking, kayaking, skiing and volunteering as meadow patrol at Mount Rainier National Park. She and John served in the Peace Corps in Tunisia before settling down in Edgewood to raise two children and later to enjoy three grandchildren. Dorothy. spent many years a school librarian for the Puyallup School District.

Dottie won her first bout with cancer some years ago, but could not defeat it the second time around. She and John started a blog to chronicle their experience once it became known her condition was terminal. Rather than rail against fate, Dottie and John inspirationally chose to embrace it with humor and deep gratitude for so many happy years together. Dottie will be greatly missed, but John still cranks his disreputably ancient bike on the Monday rides.

A celebration of Dottie's life will be held Sept. 4 at the family's Minter Creek retreat. ☺

The COG Home

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Updated Sunday & Thursday!

*The 'Smiling Bicycle' Logo, the Club Jersey
& a majority of Club Ride T-shirts were
(are) designed by Member Steve Lay.*



**Next Club Meeting: 6 PM
Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2011**

**Next Ride Calendar Deadline:
Tues, September 20, 2011**

**Next COG Article Deadline:
Weds, September 21, 2011**

*Please keep Database Commander Dave updated as to any USPS/E-mail address changes.
It makes his job a lot easier! (If you don't receive your Newsletter, contact the Editor!)*

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(2010): Sept. 26 (?)

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(2011): March 12 & 13

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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. ☺

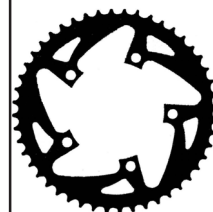


**September
2011**

**Tacoma Wheelmen's Bicycle Club
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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: _____

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City, State: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone (optional): _____

E-mail: _____ @ _____

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

Please Check Those That Apply:

☐ New Member ☐ Renew ☐ Addr Chg

Please Note: COG delivery is now electronically via E-mail, unless you indicate here ☐ for the more costly, less 'Green' delivery method through the US Postal Service.

Individual Person Membership Fee \$15 _____

Or, Family Membership Fee \$20 _____

One-time Initiation Fee \$5 _____

Total Membership Fee(s) \$ _____



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

**TWBC Membership
PO Box 112078
Tacoma, WA 98411**

☐ Check box if you do not
want your USPS address,
phone # or email address in the
yearly Membership listings.

Also...Check boxes if you are
interested in volunteering for:

- ☐ Leading Bike Rides
- ☐ Events
(Daffodil, PMC)
- ☐ Newsletter
- ☐ Club Meeting Programs
- ☐ Becoming a Club Officer

**Thanks for becoming
a Member of TWBC!**

Work Party Pictures
Submitted by Bob Myrick
(Article on page 5)



The beginning of anything worthwhile
is a solid
Foundation.

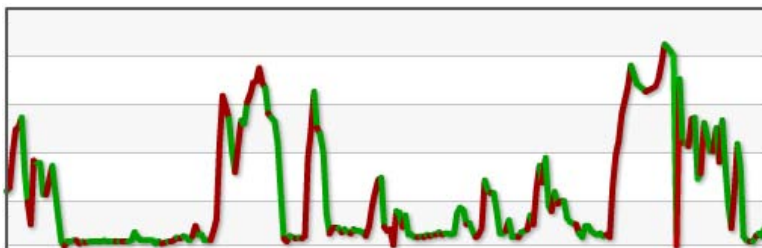
First Load of Lumber
(of many)



August 13, 2011



Got hills?



Get 'em on...



September 5, 2011 (Labor Day)

Full PROS – registration 8:00 AM, start 8:30 AM

PROS Lite – registration 8:30 AM, start 9:00 AM

- 80 miles for Full PROS, 4,200 feet of gain
- 56 miles for PROS Lite, 2,700 feet of gain
- Start at Discovery Park North Parking Lot
- Water views, lofty hills
- Counter-clockwise direction, with several food stops

\$20 suggested donation per rider will be accepted for the **Bicycle Alliance of Washington** to help make Washington a safe place to ride. There is **no** pre-registration for this ride.

For more information, visit the COGS website at cyclistsofgreaterseattle.org or PROS@cyclistsofgreaterseattle.org

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Bike Ride for a Clean Planet

Saturday, September 24th from 9:30am-1:30pm

Start and End:

Narrows Park and Ride
(6th and Skyline, Tacoma)

Distance:

25-30 miles round-trip

Difficulty:

Moderate pace, mostly flat, short hills,
several busy intersections.



Join the Tacoma Wheelmen as we Pedal for the Right to a Clean Planet! We'll ride along Tacoma's planned bike boulevards and visit resources for earth-friendly living, including the Proctor Farmer's Market and the EnviroHouse.

Make a statement by decorating your bike with images and words that demonstrate your hopes for a clean planet. Consider ways to ride without creating waste, like bringing reusable bags and eating utensils. Bring a friend and your helmet.

For more information, contact:

Janet at 253-973-2306 or forliz@harbornet.com

Ken at 253-389-8765 or ken.peachey@gmail.com



September 24th is being celebrated worldwide as a day to move beyond fossil fuels. Learn more at: www.moving-planet.org

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