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.

Transportation Advocacy Day is January 31st – Sign Up Today!

by Blake Trask, BAW Policy Director

While the Bicycle Alliance of Washington can't promise snow in Olympia in the New Year, we can promise that hundreds of dedicated advocates for biking, walking, transit, and rail will descend in all modes to Transportation Advocacy Day on January 31st!

This is your opportunity in 2012 to connect with fellow advocates from across the state and lobby your elected officials in Olympia on the issues we all care deeply about. It's also a great chance to work and to get to know fellow transportation advocates from across the state. Plus, it's a lot of fun!

 $To \ register, go \ directly \ to \ our \ partner, Transportation Choices \ Coalition, RSVP \ page: \ http://transportationchoices.org/action/transportation-advocacy-day-2012$

Over the past months, staff and dedicated volunteers from organizations representing biking, walking, transit, rail, and public health have met to plan events and the policy agenda for the 2012 event. In December, organizers and advocates developed the Transportation Advocacy Day platform to include:

- The **Neighborhood Safe Speeds Bill** (SHB 1217) the Bicycle Alliance of Washington's top priority that will provide cities and towns broader authority to establish 20 mile per hour limits on non-arterial streets to lower accident rate and help protect vulnerable users
- The **Safe and Flexible Street Design Bill** (HB 1700) would encourage higher-quality bike and pedestrian facilities by allowing greater flexibility in design standards.
- Support of the Transportation for Washington principles to Fix it First and Save Lives, More Transit, and Build Health and Great Communities.
- Legislation to add health to Washington's six transportation system goals to integrate health in transportation policy, planning and investments for public safety, health, and better transportation choices for all Washingtonians.

As part of the day's events, this policy platform will be discussed and your questions will be answered before meeting with your elected officials.

The need for safer streets, and better transportation funding for biking, walking, transit, and rail are statewide issues. Join us for this all-day event on January 31 at United Churches in Olympia as we educate state policymakers on the issues and advocate for solutions. See you there! ①

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By Bob Myrick, Director of Community and Government Affairs

Actions affecting you and your community

Our committee met again on Wednesday, December 7, at the Harvester Restaurant in the Stadium District at First and Tacoma Avenues. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 3 at 6pm. We had a short meeting, but managed to discuss a few matters as follows.

- 1. Transportation Choices Coalition. Steve and I decided to stop by the annual Holiday function for Transportation Choices at the SPACE just across the street from Tacoma's Municipal Building. There were several elected and appointed political officials present so we got to interact with our local power brokers and talk about different modes of transportation. The SPACE is a nice location for a meeting or party. It has a view of the water and could hold about 75 people. It also has a stage for music, etc.
- 2. CAT Meeting. I announced I would be attending the Coalition for Active Transportation meeting where the discussion would be about the Health Department's large grant to improve health in our County. I talked about this grant last month in more detail. The CAT will be involved in infrastructure improvements and improving nutrition and physical activity.
- 3. BAW Legislative Meeting. Ralph attended a phone conference on the Bicycle Alliance of Washington's Legislative Committee to set the agenda for the State Legislature Session in January.
- 4. WWRC. Ralph also attended an annual meeting of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition. This Coalition lobbies the State Legislature to fund the WWRP, the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. This program is managed by the RCO, the Recreation and Conservation Office. It is common to receive between \$50 and \$100 million to fund important State projects.
- 5. Eatonville's Bud Blanchard Trail. Eatonville received a \$700,000 WWRP matching grant to help build the 2.3 mile trail running from the school complex downtown to Pack Forest along the former Weyerhaeuser logging railroad. The trail will someday run north to the undeveloped County Rim Rock Park. It will be a branch of the future Trail to the Mountain running along the Tacoma Eastern tracks from Tacoma to Ashford. Bud Blanchard's estate and friends contributed \$500,000 towards this project. Since Eatonville is broke, I am looking for \$150,000 in grant money so that the full \$700,000 WWRP grant can be used on this project.
- 6. South Prairie Foothills Trail. The County has new personnel working on getting the right of way thru the Town of South Prairie. Tony Tipton helped direct the development of the County's Chamber Creek Properties in University Place. He will now be working with Pierce County Parks to get the trail completed to Buckley.
- 7. ABITIBI Railroad Tracks. Ralph reported little progress has been made with Tim Ralston, the salvage operator who is taking apart the former paper mill in Steilacoom. He is turning the matter over to the attorneys who were involved in last year's accident on the tracks during RAPSody.
- 8. Transportation Advocacy Day. The annual lobby day will be on January 31 and held in Olympia at United Churches. Several like minded groups come together to sponsor this event where we hear about alternative transportation issues and lobby the State Legislature. You can register at Transportation Choices Coalition or Bicycle Alliance of Washington. The BAW's top priority will be a bill allowing cities and towns to lower speed limits on some streets to 20 mph without having to perform engineering and traffic studies (HB1217). Another issue will be supporting HB1700 which will allow updated guidelines for designing bike and pedestrian projects. Another issue is including public health to Washington's six transportation goals.

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9. Tacoma Budget Problems. We recently learned that both Diane Wiatr and Liz Kaster have received lay off notices from Tacoma. Both Diane and Liz are the key personnel involved in Commute Trip Reduction and Non-motorized planning for the City. We don't know if anyone will be assigned their duties. There are still people working in Public Works who are charged with creating bike lanes and bicycle boulevards in accordance with Tacoma's plan.

December has been the driest December on record so far. We have seen a lot of people on our rides this past month, although we did have a few falls due to melting ice. So, please pay attention to our road conditions these next few cold months.

As mentioned last month, check out www.skimtta.org. Several TWBC Members are deeply involved in the ski/snowshoe trail and hut system near Ashford. I expect to see you at the Annual Banquet on Sunday, January 29.

Membership Report by Dave Killen database & mailing



Renewing Members (Thank You!):

Rod Briggs, Laurie Ducatt, Ray & Peg Fjetland, Steve Lantry, Jerry Larson, Jim Martin, Johnny McCoy, The Neukoms, Ed Orcutt, Ryan Orcutt, John Pfaffe, Susann Pfaffe, Henry Retailliau, Leonard & Rebecca Throop, Bob Vogel, and Frank Wilson.

New Members (Welcome!):

Matthew Herrera, and Ralph Reed.

President's Report Spinning Wheels



By President Tom Reardon

Our President was on vacation at the time of the article deadline - look for his adventures and thoughts in the February COG!

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What are Your New Year's Resolutions?

Remember you get out of something exactly what you put into it Hopefully your resolutions include more riding with fellow Club Members & volunteering to help Your Club! ©

For TWBC Monthly Ride/Event Calendar TERRAIN CODE CHART PACE 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

• TWBC Mission Statement •

The Tacoma Wheelmen's Bicycle Club welcomes bicycle riders of all skill levels, from beginners to advanced. Founded in 1888, TWBC serves "to promote and develop safe bicycling for recreation, health and alternate transportation."

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In Case You Missed Last Month's Notice, here is a reprint:

Tacoma Wheelmen's Bicycle Club Annual Banquet

by Bob Myrick

Each year our Club sponsors a Banquet to reflect on the past year's activities and accomplishments. It is a time for fellowship and to honor significant achievements. You are cordially invited to attend. The Banquet will be held on **Sunday**, **January 29, 2012** at the Titlow Lodge owned by MetroParks at the westerly end of Sixth Avenue down on the water, 8425 Sixth Avenue. This fun, evening event starts at 5pm for socializing with dinner to follow at 6pm. Dean Allen's Catering will once again be serving dinner. This will be about the 14th year for Dean Allen's team because they do such a great job. The menu will be on the Italian theme with Chicken Parmesan, Pasta with meat sauce, Pasta Primavera, Pasta with smoked salmon and several salad offerings. Your cost for the event is a very low \$20 for adults and \$15 for children.

Look in this Newsletter for the 2012 Banquet Reservation Form. Mail your reservations to <u>TWBC Banquet</u>, PO Box 112078, Tacoma, WA, 98411. **Please postmark your reservation by Saturday, January 21.** You will not receive any confirmation so just trust us to do the right thing. We must limit attendance to about 88 people so think about signing up early. If you are not dining with us, feel free to come by after 7pm for the Annual Awards Program.

Dress at the Banquet ranges from your old cycling clothes to your best evening wear, your choice. The Banquet is the time to reflect on the past year and reaffirm your interest in cycling. We recognize note-worthy mileages, volunteerism and accidents. There is always good food, beverages merriment and good humor. Sometimes, it's the only time of year when the Code 2 riders meet the Code 3 riders or when the Monday riders meet the Tuesday riders, weekend cyclists and hard-core dedicated commuters.

The Banquet is traditionally the largest gathering of your fellow Club Members. We limit the attendance due to the size of the venue and our budget. Please send your ride logs to Richard Walter, Touring Captain, so that we can recognize your accomplishments. If you have good digital images from the past year, save them, until we announce who will be presenting a slide show of the past year's fun times.

As always, we welcome any help. Our President, Tom Reardon, will be the Master of Ceremonies. I expect that someone (need a volunteer here!) will be providing some refreshments and light snacks for the social hour. Carol Davis will be providing wine for our dinner. I think someone (need a volunteer here!) will be helping to organize the event in several different ways. These folks are all great company, so come out early and help them set up the place. Please call me at 473-7455 if you have questions or would like to help. We really need your images and someone (need a volunteer here!) who can organize the slide show.



TWBC ANNUAL BANQUET RESERVATION FORM

PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE: Sunday, January 29, 2012 Titlow Lodge 8425 - 6th Avenue Tacoma, WA 98406

(Attendance is limited to the first eighty-eight people to sign up!)
Please postmark your reservation by Saturday, January 21.

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

Name:		
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Number of adults	X \$20 each = \$_	 100 mm
Number of children	X \$15 each = \$_	
	Total Enclosed = \$	

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

Annual Banquet, TWBC, PO Box 112078, Tacoma, WA 98411



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Day/- Day	Time	Ride Code	Dist- ance	Leader/ Contact @ (253)	Happy New Year! Ride or Activity
01/10 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.
01/11 Weds	9:30 AM	2 B	43 Trail	Richard Walter 651 - 4902	Chehalis Western Trail. Rain, Ice, Snow in Tacoma Cancels. See Ride Notes for Ride Details. Start: Trailhead in Lacy; past Josephine Ct SE & 14th Ave S.
01/12 Thurs	9:30 AM	2 - 3 A	30 Trail	Richard Walter 651 - 4902	Silk Road Smoooothly. Rain Cancels. See 01/05 for Ride Details.
01/12 Thurs	9:30 AM	3 D	30 Steady	Decide to Ride	Over The Hill Gang. See 01/05 for Ride Details.
01/13 Fri	Print	Daily	News	London	First issue of the <i>Daily Universal Register</i> published by John Walter in London in 1785; later renamed <i>The Times</i> .
01/14 Sat	9 AM	3 D	50 - 60	Robert Deehan 272 - 9682	Sat. Spokie Cycling Ride. See 01/07 for Ride Details.
01/15 Sun	Noon	1 C	20	Bob Myrick 473 - 7455	Sunday Social Ride. See 01/08 for Ride Details
01/16 Mon	9:30 AM	1 C	22 (13)	Steve & Phyllis Lay 759 - 1816	Hail, hardy & ready for coffee. See 01/02 for Ride Details.
01/17 Tues	9:30 AM	2 C	30 - 50	See Description	Tuesday Decide To Ride. Meet with friends & go to lunch. Ron Nowicki, 661 - 2664, or Sue Coley. Start: Freighthouse Square, 430 E. 25th St, Tacoma.
01/18 Weds	11 AM	2 B	43	Tom Reardon 759 - 2800	Ride to Dupont. Rain in Tacoma Cancels. See 01/04 for Ride Details.
01/19 Thurs	9:30 AM	2 - 3 A	30 Trail	Richard Walter 651 - 4902	Silk Road Smoooothly. Rain Cancels. See 01/05 for Ride Details.
01/19 Thurs	9:30 AM	3 D	30 Steady	Decide to Ride	Over The Hill Gang. See 01/05 for Ride Details.
01/20 Fri	Crunch	Watch	Those	Teeth!	National Buttercrunch Day.
01/21 Sat	9 AM	3 D	50 - 60	Robert Deehan 272 - 9682	Sat. Spokie Cycling Ride. See 01/07 for Ride Details.
01/22 Sun	Noon	1 C	20	Bob Myrick 473 - 7455	Sunday Social Ride. See 01/08 for Ride Details
01/23 Mon	9:30 AM	1 C	22 (13)	Joyce Clifford 759 - 2393	Hail, hardy & ready for coffee. See 01/02 for Ride Details.

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Day/- Day	Time	Ride Code	Dist- ance	Leader/ Contact @ (253)	Happy New Year! Ride or Activity
01/24 Tues	9:30 AM	2 C	30 - 50	See Description	Tuesday Decide To Ride. Meet with friends & go to lunch. Ron Nowicki, 661 - 2664, or Sue Coley. Start: McDonald's, 112th & Pacific Ave.
01/25 Weds	9:30 AM	2 B	43 Trail	Richard Walter 840 - 9450	Chehalis Western Trail. Rain, ice, snow in Tacoma Cancels.See 01/11 for Ride Details.
01/26 Thurs	9:30 AM	2 - 3 A	30 Trail	Richard Walter 840 - 9450	Silk Road Smoooothly. Rain Cancels. See 01/05 for Ride Details.
01/26 Thurs	9:30 AM	3 D	30 Steady	Decide to Ride	Over The Hill Gang. See 01/05 for Ride Details.
01/27 Fri	Eureka	Power	That	Light	The electric light was patented in 1880. But who invented it? Woodward & Evans or Edison?
01/28 Sat	9 AM	3 D	50 - 60	Robert Deehan 272 - 9682	Sat. Spokie Cycling Ride. See 01/07 for Ride Details.
01/29 Sun	Noon	1 C	20	Bob Myrick 473 - 7455	Sunday Social Ride. See 01/08 for Ride Details
01/29 Sun	5 PM, 6 PM, 7 PM	Meet &, Meet, Meet &	Greet; & Eat; Award	Bob Myrick 473 - 7455	TWBC Annual Banquet. See article Dec COG. MetroParks Titlow Lodge, 8425 Sixth Ave., Tacoma. Please reserve your space now; limited to first 100 people.
01/30 Mon	9:30 AM	1 C	22 (13)	Joyce Clifford 759 - 2393	Hail, hardy & ready for coffee. See 01/02 for Ride Details.
01/31 Tues	9:30 AM	2 C	30 - 50	See Description	Tuesday Decide To Ride. Meet with friends & go to lunch. Ron Nowicki, 661 - 2664, or Sue Coley. Start: Freighthouse Square, 430 E. 25th St, Tacoma.
01/31 Tues	All Day	00 Meet &	00 Great	Bob Myrick Ralph Wessels	Transportation Advocacy Day. Meet your representatives in Olympia to speak your mind on transportation issues. Contact Bob, 473 - 7455, or Ralph, 857 - 5658.

January Ride Notes:

01/04, 01/18 Ride to Dupont. 01/11, 01/25 Chehalis Western Trail. 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. ①

Prevent Colds & Flu with these tips:

Wash your hands often Get enough sleep Exercise Hydrate

Humidify your surroundings Eat your vegetables

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TWBC Ride Line: 253 - 759 - 2800 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 Ride Calendar Deadline: Monday, January 23, 2012

Next COG Article Deadline: Tuesday, January 24, 2012

Next Club Meeting: 6 PM Tuesday, February 21, 2012

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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Several Positions

are open:

O Volunteer O for YOUR Club!!! DAFFODIL CLASSIC (2012): APRIL 15

daffodil@twbc.org

Mike Madden, 720 - 0127

PENINSULA METRIC

(2012): JUNE 3

pmc@twbc.org

Debbie Due. 564 - 4188

RAPSody Contact:

(2012): Aug. 25 & 26

rapsodybikeride@comcast.net

Ralph Wessels, 857 - 5658

BIKE EXPO:

(2012): March 10 & 11

bikebooth@twbc.org

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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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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:
[] New Member [] Renew [] Addr Chg
Please Note: <i>COG</i> 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
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Send this form and a check for the total \$ amount to:

TWBC Membership PO Box 112078 Tacoma, WA 98411

[] Check box if you <u>do not</u> 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!