



September 2007

NEWSLETTER

Southern Oregon Gears Up for Ride the Rogue

By Steve Makuk

Now in its second year, Ride the Rogue is much more than an organized century ride. It's also much more than the metric century and the 25-mile options offered. Ride the Rogue is a fund-raiser for a huge project that is already impacting the valley: the Rogue River Greenway.

The Project: The brainchild of Shayne Maxwell, the Greenway project seeks to pick up where the Bear Creek Greenway ends, by offering a connection from Central Point to Grants Pass. But for Maxwell, the multi-use path is just the tip of the iceberg. The Greenway project, which utilizes the help of a full-time staff member at Rogue Valley Council of Governments, seeks to improve the connectivity for cyclists and pedestrians in the areas surrounding the multi-use path. To that end, funding was sought and received to put in bike lanes on Highway 234, west of Gold Hill.

In this way, the efforts of the Greenway project are improving cycling conditions not just on the Greenway, but on the surrounding roads as well.

Connectivity is crucial to Maxwell, who envisions the Greenway path as a legitimate commuter option for the cities it serves. She also views it as a safe route for children to get to school. But, she says, "if they get killed on the way to the Greenway, what's the point?" Thus the need for safe connections to and from the Greenway, like bike-lanes on Hwy 234 and other adjacent roads. And like the Depot Street Bridge entry portal for which the Greenway has received funding in the form of an Oregon Parks and Recreation grant.

Project planning and funding is the main focus of Jenna Stanke, the RVCOG staff member who is responsible for project planning and funding. One of her roles, Stanke says, "is to look at segments or elements of the project that are ready for construction and research ways to fund them." Accomplishments include a Federal Appropriation Request for a \$4.1 million bridge to take the multi-use path across the Rogue River.

Maxwell is also very much focused on the positive economic impacts of a Greenway. The project recently oversaw the completion of a one-mile path con-

nection from Valley of the Rogue State Park to the City of Rogue River. Maxwell cites the tourists who can now access the town and its businesses on foot or on bike and without having to navigate North River Road in doing so. Maxwell envisions path connections off of the Rogue River artery in time, which she says could make the area "a cycling Mecca." She also sees this sort of cycling destination as part of a growing commitment to protecting Southern Oregon's natural beauty. In economic terms, she says, this capitalizes on the outdoor and tourism industries that remains central to the Rogue Valley.

Ride the Rogue is itself a positive economic factor for the Rogue Valley. In addition to bringing cyclists and families (and dollars) to the Rogue Valley, Maxwell describes Ride the Rogue as a huge help in raising funds for the Greenway project.

The Ride: The ride itself will happen on Saturday, September 22, and offers three versions: A full century, a metric century, and a 25-miler. In addition, a guided historic nature hike will be offered. Like last year's ride, the event will offer a lunch that includes grilled salmon and tri-tip steak. Maxwell says she received over 300 comment cards and emails from last year's ride and has tried to address all suggestions. She encourages people to let her know if something could be done better. "Let me know, and we'll find a better way," Maxwell says.

Maxwell also says she appreciates the support the event has received from the local cycling community. "Siskiyou Velo has been so amazing and helpful," she says. In 2006, 675 registered cyclists rode the event. Not including the expense of organizing the event, Maxwell says this raised about \$27,000 for the Greenway project. And she says an additional benefit, perhaps even more important, comes from hosting a widely publicized cycling event like Ride the Rogue. It puts Southern Oregon on the map, she says, and raises public and political awareness of cycling and pedestrian issues, and about the Rogue River Greenway.

Information and registration www.ridetherogue.com.



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Siskiyou Velo Forum

Do you want to announce an informal ride? Do you have some old cassettes or wheels you want to sell? Need advice or information on the best way to carry your gear cross country? The Siskiyou Velo website -thanks to our most excellent Webmaster, Spencer Gray, - has a bulletin board to post messages on.

The Forum has been in existence for years, but unfortunately, it has gone greatly unused. This is your opportunity to post a ride when you feel inspired. Unlike the newsletter (great as I'd like to think it is), there are no deadlines on the Forum.

The Forum currently has eight categories for posting.

- General:** anything goes as long as it's clean
- Mountain Lakes Challenge:** our premier annual ride and fund-raiser
- Rides:** routes, difficulty and how to get from here to there
- Post-a-ride:** find others for an impromptu ride
- Racing:** the local and perhaps not so local happenings
- Wrench & Gear:** need to know how to do something or what to buy?
- Women's Rides & Riders:** sometimes we prefer girl talk
- For Sale & Exchange:** don't have to deal with e-Bay shipping!

So how do you use it? Log on to the website: <http://siskiyouvelo.org/> And look it the upper left corner. Click on Club Forum and voila! You will need to register, but it's open to all to participate in.

What's the latest on advocacy and road hazards? Please check out the website:

<http://siskiyouvelo.org/advocacy.html>



Members' Ads

For sale - Ultegra 12-27 10 speed cassette. Brand new \$65 call Charles 488-4349

Speedplay X Pedals—Stainless steel, 1.5 years old, 5400 miles; excellent condition, \$80. Call Alfred 541-324-4190

Monthly Club Meeting
Join us the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Angelo's Pizza in Phoenix at 7:00 pm.!

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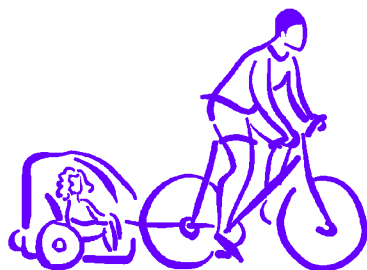
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<http://www.siskiyouvelo.org> Newsletter contributions accepted until the 15th of the month. Contact the editor for further information. Members are welcome submit letters, stories, opinions, cartoons, recipes, tips or other notices of interest to the club.

4th Annual Velo Vino
Introducing the Mini Vini
 Saturday, September 15, 2007

Now there are two great options for this year's Velo Vino!

Classic Velo Vino

Start time: 9:15 (be there at 9:00!)
 Starting location: Valley View Winery
 Miles: 42

New Mini-Vini

Start time: 10:00 (be there at 9:45!)
 Starting location: the parking lot next to the Applegate General Store
 Miles: 15



Last year's Velo Vino at Wooldridge Creek

The wineries on the itinerary for this year are again in the Applegate Valley. The classic ride will begin and end at Valley View Winery. The route will take us out 238 to Murphy and back on North Applegate Road. We will be visiting Schmidt Family Vineyard where we will enjoy a scrumptious lunch in the relaxing gardens. From there, we have an option of riding or walking about a half mile on gravel (sorry!) to the newly opened Applegate Red Winery. Then we go to Long Sword Vineyard near Ruch for another tasting opportunity. We end up back at Valley View for our last tasting.

The Mini-Vini will take North Applegate Road from the Applegate Store out to Schmidt to meet the riders on the longer ride. This ride will loop back on Kubli Road and back to the Applegate Store. Riders can then drive back to meet the group at Long Sword and Valley View.

Again this year, a boxed lunch will be provided by Eve's Garden Cafe. A sag wagon will be provided for any purchases you make - as well as for the unlikely event that you taste a wee bit more than is wise.



Please bring money! The ride is free, but the lunch will be \$6 for Siskiyou Velo members and \$12 for non-members. You can pay at the start of the ride. Some of the wineries may have a tasting fee, so bring cash or plastic with you if you plan to taste or purchase the delectable products of the Applegate.

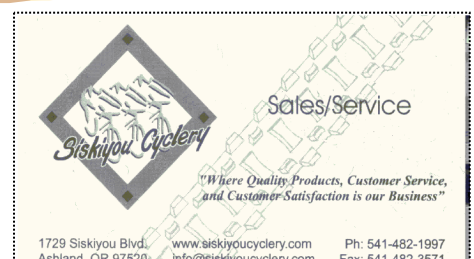
Please call Jon or Nancy at 488-0330 or email newsletter@siskiyouvelo.org to sign up by Sunday, September 9. Because lunch will be catered box lunches, if you don't sign up, you don't get to eat!



Quote of the Month

"Sighing for new worlds to conquer, I determined that I would learn the bicycle."

Frances Willard
How I learned to Ride the Bicycle





Thursday Night at the Races

Can't afford to fly to France to watch the Tour? Come on out to the race track at Kershaw Road and see our local racers in action!



Letter to the Editor

SAY GOODBY TO BICYCLING ON 238 AND NORTH APPLGATE RD.

If the Krause mine application is approved by Jackson County officials, you can say goodbye to bicycling on Hwy. 238 from Applegate to Murphy and on North Applegate Rd.

There is absolutely no room for bicycles (joggers, pedestrians or mothers with strollers walking to their neighbors house) on these sections of our beautiful country roads. If gravel trucks are allowed to use Hwy 238 and North Applegate from the Krause ranch to the crushing plant in Murphy, then double back on 238 to Applegate and North Applegate Rd. back to the Krause Ranch, there can be no bicycles.

Our country roads do not belong to Copland Sand and Gravel and Krause Ranch. They belong to all of us. Bicycles have as much legal right to use these roads as any motor vehicle. We as (bicycle) citizens of our community must demand that no permit be issued for this ill conceived plan unless these road shoulders are widened to accommodate 'safe' bicycle, jogging and pedestrian traffic. If approved, these giant trucks will be plying the above route for the next 10 years.

Right now, Hwy 238 and North Applegate Rd. are prime bicycle routes for training rides and leisure bicycling 7 days per week. With virtually no bicycle lanes, (except for a one mile section north of Provolt) many bicyclists feel these routes are already too risky to ride and choose not to do so however with giant gravel trucks passing every few minutes and any large truck coming in the opposite direction, there can be no bicycles present.

A case has been presented that adding these double back truck routes along roads used by bicyclists would not be dangerous due to trucks having to slow down to avoid colliding with a bicyclist. I would answer, Oh yea, how long do you think these fast moving giant trucks are going to tolerate having to slow down, backing up traffic, for every bicyclist on the road?

There can be no heavy gravel trucks using these roads without the roads being made wider, period.

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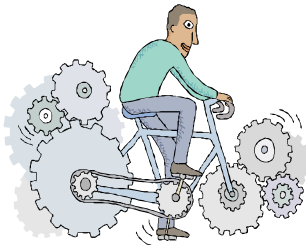
Jack Christman



National Public Lands Day is Coming

Mark your calendar for Public Lands day **September 29**. The BLM is sponsoring a workday along the Rogue River Greenway between the cities of Gold Hill and Rogue River. Projects include clearing brush, pulling weeds, painting and installing signs. Partners in the event include Valley of the Rogue State Park, City of Gold Hill, and the Rogue River Greenway, and projects will be located in several nearby areas along the river. Of course, you will receive a nice Public Lands Day shirt, a fee-free coupon for federal sites that charge a fee, and a picnic lunch. Show up between 8:30 and 9am at either the Gold Hill Sports Park or the program area of Valley of the Rogue State Park. Please note that this replaces the "Jenny Creek day" held in previous years at Hyatt Lake.

Contact Trish Lindaman for more details
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CLUB POLICIES

Due to some confusion in what can or should be done in the Club, the Executive Committee determined that some clarity was needed. As a result, the at the executive committee meeting, it was determined that a small committee would work on revising the bylaws and policies. The most immediate concern was the issue of email being sent out to the membership and the issue of what is and isn't a club ride.

The committee came up with wording for these two new policies, and then the wording was tweaked as a result of discussion with input from the members present at the club meeting in August. Both of the following policies passed unanimously.

Mass Emails to Club Members

Mass emails will only be used to highlight and support club activities. Emails must be approved by the president or a vice-president in the president's absence.

Club Rides

All official club rides must be approved by the Touring Vice President and will be listed in the ride schedule in the newsletter.

Not so Trivial this Month

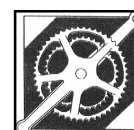
Bill Protecting Cyclists Passes

The Oregonian — June 21 2007

SALEM — A careless driver who kills or seriously injures a cyclist or other "vulnerable" road user will face much stiffer penalties — up to a year's license suspension and a \$12,000 fine — under a bill that cleared the Oregon Legislature in June.

For the complete story:

<http://www.oregonlive.com/oregonian/stories/index.ssf?/base/news/1182396317323250.xml&coll=7>



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Minutes from August 8, 2007 Velo Meeting

1. The meeting began with Walt Keller addressing the members about new power lines to be installed in the Applegate area. He's seeking to have the new, more powerful, electrical lines installed underground rather than continuing with larger unsightly transmission towers. He feels that the situation can be accomplished in a win-win manner with support from the club as well as many other interested parties. Phil Dollison spoke about another problem in the Applegate area with the Krause mine and the trucks that will be hauling gravel and rocks on a continuous loop on roads that are very narrow and are frequented often by club members. There was extended talk about the need to have wider shoulders installed rather than trying for bike lanes. The club supported these efforts.
2. There was a report given on the Velo Vino Ride scheduled for September 15 and some discussion regarding the lunch costs. It was determined that the club would pay for half the amount of lunch for those members participating.
3. Bob Korfhage noted that the bike racks the club donated to the new Talent Community Center are in and there was some discussion on how to denote recognition of the Velo's effort. A decision will be made at a later date. The cost of the three racks was \$500.
4. Glen spoke about the "scuttlebutt" regarding the cost of the Ride the Rogue bike rides. There was general discussion of how the Rogue River Greenway is the recipient of the proceeds of the ride and that this non-profit organization is trying to raise money to pay the costs of installing the paved surface, estimated at around 1 million dollars per mile. The members present were unanimous in support of the effort.
5. Club insurance was discussed and it was pointed out that club insurance covers only official rides listed in the ride schedule.
6. Jodi Weber spoke about policy changes that had been discussed at a previous meeting and proffered them to the club for discussion. Minor word changes were made and will be displayed in a section of the September newsletter. The ad hoc committee will meet again to discuss bylaws at a future date.
7. Dan Wooton talked about the Ice Cream Social ride held at the Harlow's home. He said there were 36 riders and a total attendance of 50 for the very sweet party after the ride. The ride will become an annual event.
8. Treasurer's Report: There is a \$12,458.09 balance on hand.
9. Membership: Currently, the club has 304 members.
10. Advocacy: Chris Haynes spoke of signs being posted in California with the verbiage "Bikes Allowed Full Lane" educating drivers that bikes have the same rights as automobiles. Oregon would do well to have a similar policy.

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Siskiyou Velo Executive Committee Meeting **August 1, 2007**

Several issues were addressed by the 10 officers present representing a quorum.

There was extensive discussion on what will be the extent of support the club will give to the Ride the Rogue annual fund raiser for the Rogue River Greenway. The RRGW received our support last year in the form of a donation and the RtR fund raiser was given knowledge based logistical support, and volunteer hours. Glen Gann noted that he had spoken to Shane Maxwell to assure their organization that the club continues to back the ride and their efforts with building the new greenway. Members present unanimously agreed with the effort. The club will encourage members to attend the RtR since club money has been spent towards that endeavor. It was also noted that, upon completion, the RRGW would be the first linear green way in Oregon with such an extensive length.

There was also discussion regarding what the policy should be regarding rides that compete with rides in which club funding has been given. The matter of mass emails to members was also discussed and it was decided

that policy changes were needed and that an ad hoc committee be formed to discuss and form proposals for voting on at a general club meeting.

Club bylaws were also brought up and it was noted that many of them are antiquated or no longer apply to the club as it is set up today. Whether or not the club should continue as a membership driven versus a board driven organization was discussed. It was decided that the ad hoc committee formed for policy change would also look over the bylaws and suggest changes as needed.

The meeting adjourned around 8:30.



SISKIYOU VELO RIDE SCHEDULE – September 2007

🚲 **Approved helmets required on all club rides.**

🚲 **Unless other wise noted, rain/wet pavement cancels ride.**

Date	Time	Start Location	Route	Pace/Rating	Miles	Ride Leader/ Contact
Sept. 1 Saturday	8:30 AM	Hawthorne Park	Eagle Point & Back	15-17	40+	No Ride Leader
Sept. 2 Sunday	9:00 AM	Colver Park	Show & Go	TBD	TBD	No Ride Leader
Sept. 8 Saturday	8:30 AM	Bi Mart, W Main Medford	Applegate Lake & Return	15-17	50	Dan Wooton 779-9248
Sept. 9 Sunday	9:00 AM	Hawthorne Park	Show & Go	TBD	TBD	No Ride Leader
Sept. 15 Saturday	9:00 & 10:00	VINO VELO RIDE	Applegate Valley	Social / Moderate	42 or 15	RSVP 488-0330
Sept 16 Sunday	9:00 AM	Bi Mart, W Main Medford	Rogue River & Back	Tandems+	40-50	Dan Wooton 779-9248
Sept. 22 Saturday		RIDE THE ROGUE	RIDE THE ROGUE	TBD	TBD	See Siskiyou Velo Web Site/ Newsletter
Sept. 23 Sunday	12:00 Noon	Bi Mart, W. Main Medford	TBD	Tandems+	25	Dan Wooton 779-9248
Sept. 29 Saturday	9:00 AM	Bi Mart, W. Main St Medford	Gold Hill-Sams Vly	Tandems+	45	Dan Wooton 779-9248
Sept. 30 Sunday	12:00 Noon	Bi Mart, W. Main Medford	TBD	15-17	25	Dan Wooton 779-9248
Every Saturday	10:00 AM	Bear Creek Park	TBD	Mellow	20+/-	Phil Gagnon 488-4289
Every Saturday	9:00 AM	Bike Path behind Bad Ass Coffee Co	TBD	Race Pace	Varied <20	Alex Hayes 857-0819
Every Sunday	8:30AM	Bike Path behind Bad Ass Coffee Co	TBD	Race Pace	<20	Glen Gann 779-6986
Every Monday	9:30AM	Colver Park	JVile Coffee Ride	Group B4	25	No Ride Leader
Tues Sept 4 & 11	6:00 PM	Grotto in Talent	TBD	Moderate	20 +/-	Charles Whittaker 488-4349
Tues, Thurs., Friday	Call	Colver Park	Show & Go	Group B4	Varied	Rick Berlet 488-0036
Every Wednesday	10:00 AM	Roasting Company Ashland	Show & Go	Regroup C4	25-40	No Ride Leader

Ride Rating:

- A- Basically flat with no steep hills.
- B- Gently rolling terrain with one or two short steep hills
- C- Moderate terrain, with rolling short, steep hills or moderate sustained climbs.
- D- Difficult terrain with longer, steeper hills.
- E- Extreme terrain with steep sustained climbs.

Ride Pace: (average range on level ground)

- 1- Slow < 10 mph
- 2-Leisurely 10—12 mph
- 3-Mellow 12- 15 mph
- 4-Brisk 15 -17 mph
- 5-Hammer 18+ MPH

Group - Riders will stay together.

Regroup - Riders will spread out, regroup at specific points along the route.

Other Ride Opportunities – NOT SPONSORED BY SISKIYOU VELO

Wednesdays—6PM Mountain Bike rides. Meet @ Cycle Analysis –Jacksonville

Lights and helmets required. Jana will have pasta after ride.

Saturdays - 9 AM Race Training, Medford Cycle Sport, 1390

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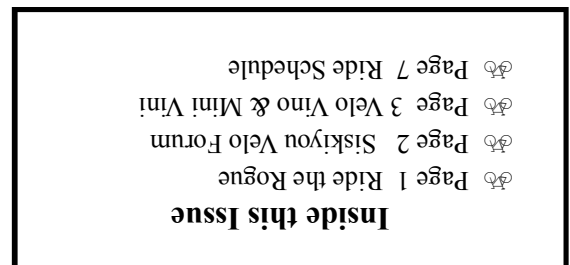


Siskiyou Velo Membership Application

Name			Age [] 18-35 [] 36-45 [] 46-55 [] 56-65 [] 66+	Type of Membership (check one box in each cell below)	
Street Address				[] Individual – \$15/year	[] New
				[] Family – \$20/year	[] Renewal
City	State	Zip		[] Business – \$25/year	
E-Mail Address				Phone	Any new Information included? (e.g., street address, e-mail address, phone, NL distribution) [] Yes [] No
Information Blocking Options (items checked will <u>not</u> be available on the secure pages of the web site)* [] Phone Number [] E-mail Address [] Residence Address [] All <small>* Access to roster on web will require member ID and password</small>				Newsletter Distribution Election [] Snail mail (cost borne by Club) [] Electronic (via web site – notification by e-mail)	
Make Checks Payable to: Siskiyou Velo P.O. Box 974 Ashland, OR 97520			Volunteering [] Committees (MLC, etc.) [] Newsletter [] Ride Leader [] Officer position [] Other _____		
Waiver In consideration of my participation in Siskiyou Velo, I hereby waive, release, and discharge any and all claims for damages, death, personal injury, or property damage which I may have, or which hereafter accrue to me, as a result of my participation in said organization or their activities such as club organized rides and events. This release is intended to discharge in advance, the Siskiyou Velo organization or officers, and any involved municipalities or other public agencies, from and against any and all liabilities arising out of, or connected in any way with, my participation in said organization. I further understand that serious accidents occasionally occur during bicycle riding, and that participants occasionally sustain mortal or serious personal injuries and or property damage as a consequence thereof. Knowing the risks of bicycle riding, nevertheless, I hereby assume those risks and do hold harmless all persons or entities related to the Siskiyou Velo Bicycle Club who (through negligence or carelessness) might otherwise be liable to me (or my heirs or assigns) for damages. It is further understood and agreed that this waiver, release and assumption of risk, is to be binding on my heirs and assigns. I acknowledge that an ANSI certified helmet is required to be worn by me at all times while riding a bicycle in any Siskiyou Velo event. By signing this release, I hereby agree to the terms of this release.					
Signature(s) Applicant _____ Date _____ Parent or Guardian of Minor _____ Date _____					

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