



October 2006

NEWSLETTER

October President's Paceline

Thanks to Jodi Weber for a suggestion that motivates this month's **Paceline**. At our Club meetings each month, a permanent fixture on the agenda, along with the various committee reports (treasury, rides, membership, advocacy, etc.), is the collection of road-hazard data. Typically, we have 15-20 members present at the meetings, and it is not unusual for the "delegation" to identify at least a couple of road hazards which need to be passed on to the appropriate authorities – county, ODOT, Greenway, local law enforcement. Unfortunately, we are only a group of 15-20, and many more of our members are out on the roads each week, running across situations which really need to be addressed.

Jodi's suggestion was that I use this space to publicize the names and contact information of people in the area who can help solve these problems. First let me acknowledge that the local jurisdictions are generally very responsive to the cyclist needs, and that most drivers respect cyclist rights on the roadway. So it is important that we approach each of these issues as an opportunity to continue to improve the

strong relationship we have with the local jurisdictions. As I am sure you can appreciate, though, there are some instances when official "Club" contact has a greater impact, and is more efficient, than an individual calling.

So, with that in mind, if it is a law-enforcement problem, the proper approach *is personal*, as we have said many times, and it is to call "911" as soon as possible after an incident. Get a license plate, try to get a good enough look at the driver so that you can identify him/her later, and call the police with your report. Even if the police do nothing but take your report, most of these harasser types are repeat offenders, and if they really do something hurtful later on, it is very important that their records of historical offenses are on file. Unfortunately, this reporting process is not always terribly efficient. It may take you a half-hour to get to the right law-enforcement "jurisdiction", and make your report. Consider your effort a personal investment in the improvement of the cycling environment for all of us, and it makes the wait a little more endurable.

When it comes to road hazards, the best thing to do is to clearly

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note the location and nature of the hazard, and then get in touch with one of the officers of the Club who is familiar with the government "structure" that responds to such matters. Trying to ferret this out for yourself will be infinitely frustrating, and a few of the people on the Board have the inside track. Moreover, these are typically the kinds of issues which are best funneled through the "clearing house" of the club, rather than handled on an individual basis. Currently, Edgar Hee and Chris Haynes are "in the network" on these matters. They really know, or can readily find out, who can most directly affect a problem you detect.

Fortunately, the county has a person assigned to bicycle/pedestrian issues, and there are

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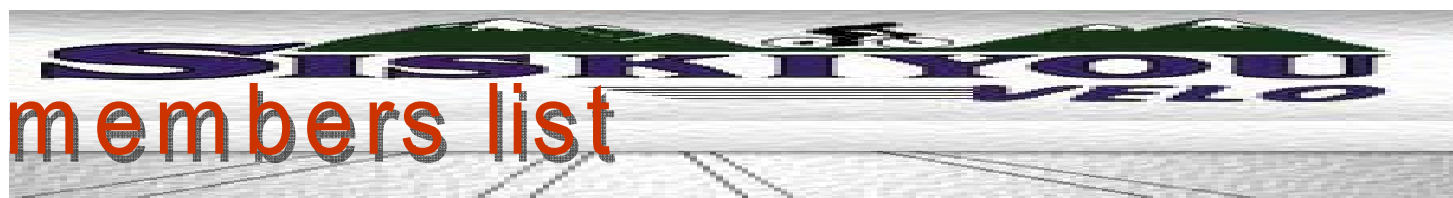
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Siskiyou Velo monthly meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the second Wednesday of the month at Angelo's Pizza in Phoenix, Oregon .

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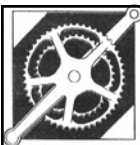
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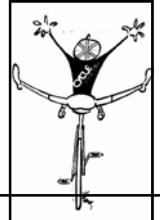
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SISKIYOU VELO RIDE SCHEDULE – October, 2006

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Date	Time	Start Location	Route	Pace/ Rating	Miles	Ride Leader/Contact
October 1 Saturday	10:00 AM	Hawthorn Park Medford	Eagle Point and Return	Regroup B3	40	Show and Go
Oct.7 Saturday	9:00 AM	Collier Rest Stop on I-5	Iron Gate Lake and return via Montague & Yreka- lunch at the Fish Hook Restaurant	Regroup C4	65	Rick Berlet 488-0036
Oct.7 Saturday	9:30 AM	Copco Rd./Hornbrook Exit	Iron Gate Lake & Return (meet with long-ride group) Yreka lunch- at the Fish Hook Restaurant	Regroup B3	35	Rick Berlet 488-0036
Oct.7 Saturday	8:00 AM	Badd Ass Coffee, Riverside, Medford	Jacksonville and return	Regroup A3	30	Gerald Huntington 778-6781
Oct.8 Sunday	10:00 AM	Hawthorn Park Medford	Shady Cove and Return	Regroup C3	60	Show and Go
Oct. 14 Saturday	10:00 AM	Hawthorn Park Medford	Eagle Point to Butte Falls for lunch and return	Regroup C3	+/- 40	Ron/Elizabeth Zell 482 4815
Oct. 15 Sunday	9:00 AM	Ashland Dog Park	Jville via Dark Hollow	Regroup C3	+/- 40	Jodi Weber 301 6880
Oct. 15 Sunday	10:00 AM	Colver Park	Rogue River and Return	Regroup C3	60	Jerry Rhoads 512-2155
Oct. 21 Saturday	9-10 AM	John and Linda Monfore s in Fort Klamath	Fall Colors Ride – Ft. Klamath	Ride your own pace- Moderate Ter- rain	40 miles	RSVP to Don Parker at donpark- er1933@charter.net or 488-1924
Oct. 22 Sunday	12:00 noon	Colver Park - Phoenix	Brownsburro loop plus more if group desires	Regroup B/4	38+	Tish & John Harlow 245-8598
Oct. 28 Saturday	8:00 AM	Badd Ass Coffee, Riverside, Medford	Jacksonville and return	Regroup A3	30	Gerald Huntington 778-6781
Oct. 29 Sunday	9:30 AM	Ashland Dog Park	Carol Lee's loop –Ashland,Orchards, Phoenix, Talent	Regroup B 3-4	30 miles	Carol Lee Rogers 482 1887
Every Saturday	8:00 AM	Bike path behind Bad Ass Coffee Co.	Determined by group	Race Pace Training	Varied > 20	Glen Gann 779-6986
Every Sunday	8:30 AM	Bike path behind Bad Ass Coffee Co.	Determined by group	Race Pace Training	Varied > 20	Glen Gann 779-6986
Every Mon- day	09:30 AM	Colver Park Phoenix	Jacksonville coffee ride	Group B4	25	Bob Korfhage 535 5276
Tues., Thurs., Fri.	Call	Colver Park Phoenix	Show and Go	Group B4	Varied	Rick Berlet 488-0036
Every Wed.	10:00 AM	Ashland/ Roasting company	Show-N-Go	Regroup C/4	25-40	Bob Korfhage 535 5276

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 6-10 mph - Expect to stay at this pace
- 3-Mellow 12- 15 mph – Expect to stay at this pace
- 4-Brisk 15 -17 mph
- 5-Hammer 18+ MPH

HAMMER-FREE RIDES

If you look closely at the ride schedule for June, and over the coming months, take note of the slower-paced offerings – in tandem with the usual ride schedule. Several of the members, led by Phil Gagnon, have offered to lead these rides, for those who want a leisurely, social pace.

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

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Saturdays - 9 AM Race Training, Medford Cycle Sport, 1390 Biddle Rd #107 (Alex 857-0819)

**THESE RIDES WILL NOT BE HIJACKED BY
FASTER RIDERS**

If you are interested, come out and give these rides a try; if you have questions, give Phil a call at 488-4289 (philg@mind.net). If you would like to lead a slower paced ride in the coming months, contact Bob Korfhage at 535- 5276 or bkorfhage@charter.net

similar people responsible for the Greenway and state-road issues. As many of you probably know, the Greenway is a special problem of ‘non-jurisdictions’. Some of the towns along the Greenway (Ashland and Medford) are responsible for its maintenance, but they don’t have earmarked budgets. In the case of the Phoenix and Talent sections, the county has the responsibility, but it only has an “indirect” budget. So, getting things done on the Greenway requires patience – a prime example is the root-bulge near the Ashland Water Treatment plant which has been there for well over a year. (We’re working on it, but not making a lot of progress). A similar problem is the root-bulge epidemic behind the weigh station, just north of the Valley View intersection on Highway 99, in Ashland. And these are minor problems, compared to the repair of the damage done by last winter’s flood.

When it comes to county and state roads, we have had considerably greater success in getting things done. If you see excessive debris along a stretch of road, a “bicycles-on-roadway” sign down, or any other problem, the best thing to do is contact Edgar, Chris or me, and we can get to the right person.

Longer-term issues are also something in which we are keenly interested, but they do take time. We are currently working with the county and state officials on the design of some critical intersections – North Phoenix and the Fern Valley Interchange, and the Barnett

Road Greenway intersection are a couple of examples. We are also monitoring ODOT’s experimentation with alternative chip-seal formulations – check out the north end of the orchards route along Royal Crest if you want to test “what could be”. Also, initial studies on widening Foot-hills Parkway to provide for a bike lane have been initiated. Finally, my personal project, once I leave office at the end of the year, is to get the intersection at South Stage and Hwy. 238 in Jacksonville modified to eliminate the “right-turn-without-stop” provision – that will probably take a couple of years of persistent harassment. So, if you have issues of this nature, please let us know. We are concerned about the cycling environment in the Valley, and we want to focus our limited resources on the most urgent needs.

Test Your Memory

This is a picture of the last formal Club Ride going over the old Medco Haul Road before the bridge was torn down. Do you remember the date it was removed? As you can tell by the clothes being worn, it was a cold day! Jerry Rhoads, Rick Berlet, Rick Taylor, John Harlow, Ray Forsyth and me, Bill Inman. Someone had to hold the camera, I was elected!



3rd Annual Velo Vino Ride

Thirty cyclists participated in the 3rd Annual Velo Vino Ride on Saturday, Sept. 16. It was a beautiful sunny day for the 45 mile ride through the Applegate Valley. The gently rolling terrain made for a perfect socially paced ride. Motorists were courteous and winery folks were friendly and generous.

I'd like to thank Valley View Winery, Wooldridge Winery, and Troon Winery for welcoming 30 cyclists into their tasting rooms. I'd also like to thank Eve's Garden Cafe for catering the delicious lunch which was enjoyed on the patio at Wooldridge Winery.

This ride was made possible thanks to the hard working committee of Jodi Weber, Sam Simpson, Chris Haynes, Jonathan and Nancy Williams. It took some very serious (fun) research to create the event.

Thanks to all participants for helping to make this a safe, fun, social bike club event!

Gwen Haynes





Pedal Strokes by Roger Stevenson

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With the end of the Vuelta and the World Championships a week later, the European cycling season is drawing to a close. There are but a few UCI Pro Tour classics after the Worlds to wrap things up. It has been a tumultuous season with a few high points and several terribly unfortunate low points that have left a bitter taste in many a mouth.

The complete fallout from **Operation Puerto** in Spain has yet to settle. Most of the names of prominent riders linked to the investigation have been revealed, and hearings have been convened in several countries where those riders are licensed: The Swiss cycling federation will hear the case against Jan Ullrich, since he resides in and is licensed in that country. Similar proceedings are underway in Italy against Ivan Basso, and USA Cycling has received information from Spanish authorities concerning Tyler Hamilton's alleged involvement with Fuentes. It may well be that DNA testing will be used to confirm the identity of blood samples seized in the searches of Dr. Fuentes' offices in Madrid, although Basso's lawyer has already announced that the Italian will not consent to DNA testing. In a separate but related investigation for sporting fraud in Germany, German and Swiss authorities looking for evidence linking Ullrich to Fuentes searched Ullrich's home and those of Rudy Pevenage and Walter Godefroot as well as the offices of T-Mobile. Ullrich's stance on a possible DNA test is as yet unclear.

Pat McQuaid, the president of the UCI, has expressed his displeasure with the fact that the only names made public by Spanish authorities conducting Operation Puerto have been those of cyclists. When initial reports of the investigation were made public, the figure of over

200 sports personalities involving the sports of soccer, track and field and tennis was widely reported. However, none of the names of athletes from sports other than cycling has as yet been revealed. McQuaid called for a more even handed treatment of all the sports involved.

The Danish newspaper *Politiken* published a lengthy article detailing the alleged doping practices of Tyler Hamilton during the 2003 Tour de France. A "doping diary" that was linked to Hamilton seems to suggest that the American, who has just finished his two-year suspension for blood doping, resorted to some kind of illegal substance or practice, including taking EPO, testosterone, human growth hormones, insulin and transfusions of enhanced blood, for 114 days out of slightly more than 200 during the 2003 cycling season. The UCI has forwarded the Hamilton file to USA Cycling with a recommendation that proceedings for illegal drug use be opened against the rider. Hamilton runs the risk of a lifetime ban should the American federation find against him. In Denmark, Bjarne Riis, who is also called "Mr. 60%" for his own high hematocrit levels when he was active, has come under considerable criticism both for his own alleged use of EPO and also for his claim that he was totally unaware of any illegal drug use by his riders on the CSC team. The involvement of both Hamilton and Ivan Basso with the Dr. Fuentes investigation has done considerable damage to Riis' credibility as a team owner/director.

George Hincapie would more than likely prefer to forget several events of the current road season. One would think that his unfortunate fall during the final kilometers of Paris-Roubaix in April, thus depriving him of a possible victory in a race that he dearly wants to win, would be enough

bad luck for any one season. In this year's version of the Tour of Benelux, now known as the **EnecoTour of Benelux**, Hincapie was wearing the leader's jersey on the final stage with the slim margin of just 3 seconds over **Stefan Schumacher** (Gerolsteiner) and only needed to finish at least third in the stage to ensure the overall victory ahead of his German challenger. In the sprint to the finish, Hincapie was sitting on Schumacher's wheel and was ideally positioned to finish second or third in the stage. Even if Schumacher finished second, Hincapie would take the overall with a third place. However, with just 50 meters to go, Schumacher swerved radically to the right to avoid the arm of a spectator and Hincapie ended up on the pavement. The German rider managed to stay up and finished third in the stage. Hincapie walked across the finish line carrying his bike, but was awarded the same time as the main group. Schumacher's four-second time bonus for third place gave him a one-second advantage over the very unhappy Hincapie. It was really the most bizarre finish of any stage race this season

The **Tour of Poland**, in spite of its 78-year history, didn't get a great billing internationally or draw a star-studded field until it was upgraded last year to a Pro Tour event. This year, most of the important riders who were not doing the Vuelta were far to the north riding in decidedly cooler temperatures. Gerolsteiner's **Stefan Schumacher**

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"This ride's for you Russ" MLC T-Shirts Available

I'm sure all of you know by now that one of our club members, Russ Rudometkin was hit by a car, head on, May 30 during an after work ride east of Phoenix. In an effort to do something to show how much we care and to help raise awareness about bicycle safety we dedicated the Mountain Lakes Challenge to Russ.

The MLC Committee added "This ride's for you Russ" to the t-shirts and when the word got out about that, t-shirt sales took off. In fact, a second printing of the shirts was done right after the MLC because of the huge demand. Proceeds from the t-shirt sales go directly toward club advocacy work in the community.

There are still a few t-shirts left (S, M, L) at \$15. If you would like to buy a shirt contact Gwen at 772-9220 and help support an important cause. Good luck Russ. We're all rootin' for you!

Here's the latest news on Russ:

Russ is enjoying visitors and he is now at Butterfly Foster Care, 2526 Waters Edge Way in east Medford (off Springbrook). Phone 282-7824.

Anytime between 9AM and 9PM is probably a good time to visit, although Russ sleeps a lot (it is part of the injury). He would enjoy magazines, someone reading to him - sports, cycling news, etc. If anyone wanted to make a cassette tape for him that would be great too - stories, songs, whatever. He is eating well now and able to swallow his medications so Monday the 18th the feeding tube will come out!

Meg

won his second stage race in a row by taking the overall victory with a slim 18-second margin over second-place **Cadel Evans** (Davitamon-Lotto). **Allessandro Ballan** (Lampre) finished third.

As is often the case, the **Vuelta** proves to be the most exciting of the three national "grand" tours. That was again true for this year's edition. While some of the earlier stages lacked a degree of suspense because of breakaways and long flat stretches, the sprint finishes pitting the likes of McEwen, Petacchi, Zabel and Hushovd were a joy to watch, and no single sprinter totally dominated the finishes. The mountain stages, however, provided the real suspense and excitement, in spite of the fact that the route totally bypassed the Pyrenees this year. The eventual outcome of the race turned into a classic battle between the two AVs in the Peloton: **Alexandre Vinokourov** and **Alessandro Valverde**. The Kazakhstan rider who was forced to miss the Tour de France this year came into the race with modest expectations. His initial goal was to use the event as preparation for the World Championships. Valverde, on the other hand, was pegged as the odds-on favorite. After several changes in the overall leader, the mantle of the golden jersey finally settled on Valverde's shoulders in stage 9, but that happened on a crucial stage where Valverde was forced to chase Vinokourov after he attacked with over 5 kilometers to go on the final climb. Vinokourov won the stage, much to the delight of the prime minister of Kazakhstan who was present at the finish, and Valverde took over the overall lead. Vino was still trailing Valverde by 1' 38", but this mountaintop stage victory was the boost in confidence that Vino needed to realize that the overall victory was a possibility. The two final mountain stages proved to be the clincher for Vinokourov, who, together with his compatriot, teammate and close friend, **Andrey Kashechkin**, mounted a concerted attack on Valverde and the overall lead. Their calculated tactics worked to perfection as Valverde was incapable of

withstanding such a sustained assault. The final mountain stage ended with a one, two, Astana finish with Kashechkin and Vinokourov crossing the line one after the other and riding through the finish zone in a joyous and heart-warming embrace. Vinokourov donning the leaders jersey and Kashechkin took over third place from CSC's Carlos Sastre. The icing on the cake came in the penultimate stage, a 37 kilometer time trial that Vinokourov, inspired by his accomplishments and undoubtedly by the golden jersey, won by a slim six seconds - his fourth stage victory and his first overall win of a grand tour. At 33, Vinokourov now has his sights set on next year's Tour de France.

The indefatigable Erik Zabel won the final stage - a fitting win for the rider who has had a difficult season of second-place finishes. The final podium for the Vuelta was Vinokourov, Valverde and Kashechkin.

After more than ten years of doing Pedal Strokes, this will be my last column. For the past several months I have had the feeling that it's time for another feature to grace the pages of the Siskiyou Velo newsletter, and an increasing number of personal commitments have made it difficult for me to find the time for Pedal Strokes. I must also admit to a certain disillusionment with professional cycling because of all the drug-related scandals of recent years. I have thoroughly enjoyed writing the column and thereby maintaining a link to Southern Oregon and to Siskiyou Velo. I have many fond memories of the many wonderful rides in the Rogue Valley and of the great cyclists who belong to the club. I wish you all many, many enjoyable pedal strokes.

Adventure on 2 wheels

May 15th

And so it begins. My last weekend "in country", I led an overnight bicycle tour for the Ashland YMCA. Our little group of 8 departed at 8am on a fantastic Saturday morning.

With bright blue sky overhead we turned right off YMCA Way and began the first climb of the tour, the railroad overpass. Following the Greenway through Ashland we began the road portion of our journey by joining Talent Ave and our second climb. Cycling through Talent to the Phoenix city park for a rest stop and then on to Jacksonville for lunch. Then we faced the last climb, up the 2 mile Jacksonville Hill. Each person gained an understanding of how bicycle touring was different than going for a bicycle ride over that same route. How many things become apparent that we do not notice when just out riding. With more time to cover the distance and no pressure to get home, it does indeed become a journey and not just a ride.

At the end of the tour and after insuring each participant had collected all their gear and had departed the "Y", I rode home, put the bike away fully loaded and went to dinner with Annette, prepared to begin my journey the next morning at 4am.

Flying with my bike was the easiest it ever has been. The check in personnel told me I had to box my bike as they normally do. I stressed to them that I have flown many times in many countries and never used a box. Then I pointed out that the reservation stated "No Box" (as I had requested when I made the airline arrangements) and they just tagged the bike and sent me to security for luggage check in. Done deal. The airline did not even charge me for transportation of the bike. We both arrived in Phoenix without damage.

I am sitting in a Phoenix, AZ Days Inn writing this while waiting for John (my riding companion for this journey) to pick me up so that we can join our friends for a farewell Mexican dinner. Phoenix does not feel like a former home but rather a way point as any place we live really is. All things in life are temporary; all things bor-

rowed and places way points. Former homes are just longer layovers on the road of life. I am ready to be on my bike and seeing a whole new world. I do not find myself excited or nervous, just ready. Not to depart but to arrive, not to end but to begin.

Next from Prague.

May 19th Flying hard

Prague in the rain, Prague in the cool, Prague and the bus fine, all say "leave Prague", but most of all "no hotel rooms" enforce the message. British Airways welcomed us and our bikes without much difficulty. TSA however could not figure out how to inspect the bikes and the gear. Should we take the bags off and pass them through the machines, hand inspect them or just pass them along? Call a supervisor.

"Well, I think we should have the bags removed." "But sir, can your people reattach the bags, correctly?"

"Oh, I see your point. Could you show them how?" "Why don't we just put them back on under your watchful eye?" "No, that is contrary to regulations." "Even if you watch?"

"Yes" "Maybe hand inspection is better." This process went on and on and on until we noted that our flight was not for another 3 hours. "Oh, hand inspect them" the gentleman said.

When we arrived in Prague they had not only inspected them but had kindly rearranged everything in them. Very nice of them to offer us options in packing techniques.

The flight from London to Prague was about 2 hours late and with the process of customs, getting money and such it was well after dark before we could leave the airport. Checking the bikes in "Left Luggage" we took a taxi to our hotel to return the next morning and retrieve the bikes and receive the bus fine. Not understanding where or how to purchase a bus ticket we got on the airport bus the next morning without one. Just before arriving at the terminal an inspector requested our 40 Kon ticket. Having none we explained what had occurred and asked him to sell us one. Kind person he was he only charged us 1000 to cover the 500 fine for each of us. At 20 to the dollar it was a very expensive bus journey. This afternoon I took the metro to old

town and the wonderful Charles Bridge. Old Prague is one of the few cities in Eastern Europe that did not receive much damage during the Second World War and hence it presented many lovely original things to see. As the spires rise up from the churches in the town squares they invite sore necks and pedestrian collisions. The thousands of tourists almost required me to sit in the beer gardens and watch them stumble around trying to see all of the statues, art work, vendors and tourist junk stores.

After some time relaxing and insuring that I would not suffer from dehydration I went forth to find what turned out to be a missing tourist item. Its absence

caused me to wonder. Why had I not seen any? Every other tourist location I had visited had them, even in the most remote corners of the world. Where could they be and why none to be seen? I looked and looked, inquiring in every shop, with no success. I just could

not find any post cards, very strange. Well, the cobble streets leading to who knows where await the tires of our bikes and we must venture forth. Let me go and I promise to continue our conversation soon. We will leave Prague and head west to begin our exploration of the Czech Republic.

A New Editor At The Helm

For the past year it has been my pleasure to work with the Siskiyou Velo and assemble this newsletter. My personal commitments are usurping more of my time and Jodi Weber has volunteered to take over the task for the remainder of the year. I am certain she will do a magnificent job, and in December you will have a chance to vote for Jodi to take over for the following year. Good Luck, Jodi.

Controversial??

I will not put the entire contents of this topic on these pages, but if you want to log onto http://news.bbc.co.uk/go/em/fr/-/2/hi/uk_news/england/somerset/5334208.stm you might be surprised by what our British cousins have come up with.

Siskiyou Velo Jackson County General Election Forum

Siskiyou Velo invited General Election candidates for the elected offices of Jackson County Commissioner and Jackson County Sheriff to submit responses to questions of interest to Jackson County bicyclists. Written responses received by our September 14 deadline are published unedited below.

Candidate responses were limited to 100 words for each question. Club President Rick Berlet mailed invitations to participate in this forum to each candidate for County Commissioner Positions 1 and 3 and County Sheriff mid-July. Rick mailed invitations to the candidates identified using information posted on the Jackson County Clerk's election webpage as of July 13, 2006. Club VP Advocacy Edgar Hee sent reminders and copies of the Velo Candidate Questionnaires to candidates via E-mail or facsimile transmittal early August.

Candidates invited to participate, in the order listed by the County Clerk, are the following:

Commissioner Position 1 -- Jack Walker and Tom Winmill (Diane Davidson was not invited to participate because she was not listed as a candidate when invitations were mailed. Davidson qualified as an independent candidate by petition filed on 8/29/2006)

Commissioner, Position 3 -- Dave Gilmour and Craig L. Prewitt

County Sheriff -- Tim George and Mike Winters

While we are disappointed that more candidates did not participate in our forum, we are pleased to publish the Velo questions and candidate responses received by the deadline. Velo encourages club members to review candidate responses and vote in the November 7, 2006 General Election.

Candidates for the Offices of County Commissioner:

Velo Question 1: *What do you see as the greatest county infrastructure needs related to bicycling, and what will you do to fund these needs?*

Dave Gilmour: Although we have a few of the elements needed for widespread safe use of bicycles, our infrastructure needs have not kept up with population growth. I support Maxwells vision of a Rogue River to Ashland bike path, and Richardsons effort to build a bike / pedestrian overpass at Expo. We need even more. If Federal funding is obtained to line and cover our irrigation canals, bike paths should overlie the canals. Likewise, any I-5 to 140 connector, or Hwy. 62 bypass will need parallel bike paths to link White City and Eagle Point to Central Point and Medford.

Velo Question 2: *How will you as County Commissioner encourage greater use of non-motorized means of transportation including bicycling in Jackson County?*

Dave Gilmour: Although I certainly support all efforts to expand and improve our bike lanes and paths, we ultimately need significant cultural changes to occur before bikes become both more acceptable and visible as a means of transportation. Auckland New Zealand has a large number of affluent professionals who bike to work, but it also has high gasoline prices and a cultural ethos that encourages citizens of all ages to actively exercise. I would hope that recent demographic changes would push us in the same direction. e.g. the Transit Oriented Development in Central Point, is being inhabited mostly by affluent new immigrants.

Velo Question 3: *Why should a Jackson County bicyclist vote for you?*

Dave Gilmour: Although I could have chosen otherwise, my life has been one of simplicity and low impact on the environment. As a Peace Corps volunteer, working 70-80 hour weeks on an income of \$135 US / month, I lived well with few material possessions, traveling mostly by ragtag busses and on foot. Although much older now, the values I

learned during my formative years still live with me. My car is a Prius. I have chosen to reduce my income in order to serve as Commissioner. Many of you share my vision of what our world could become.

Note: Velo did not receive written responses from County Commissioner candidates Walker, Winmill or Prewitt by September 14, 2006.

Questions to the Candidates for Office of Sheriff:

***Velo Question 1:** What do you think are the most important steps that the sheriff's department can take to improve the safety of bicyclists legally using the public roads in Jackson County? For example, what will you as Sheriff do to minimize conflicts between bicyclist and other road users?*

Tim George: Traffic safety has to be a priority for the Jackson County Sheriff's Office. Bicycles deserve the same attention and effort to ensure their safety as the rest of the users of public roads in Jackson County. This effort should include ways to reduce conflicts between bicyclists and other public road users. The Sheriff's Office can and should be concentrating on enforcement, education, and engineering in order to achieve this goal. I will ensure that the enforcement of motor vehicle law and the education of the motoring public occur as it relates to cycling safety.

***Velo Question 2:** How will you as Sheriff encourage greater use of non-motorized means of transportation, including bicycling, in Jackson County?*

Tim George: The Sheriff's Office can and should encourage greater use of bicycling and other non-motorized means of transportation in Jackson County. We can do that by example. Conducting neighborhood and other concentrated patrols on Mountain bicycles can be very effective. We should lead by example and this type of patrol method gets us closer to those we serve.

As far as employees within the JCSO office, there are a number of ways we could offer incentives for the 176 employees to ride a bicycle or walk to work. This would again be leading by example, and encouraging wellness within the organization.

***Velo Question 3:** Why should a Jackson County bicyclist vote for you?*

Tim George: You should vote for Tim George for Jackson County Sheriff because I am a bicyclist-a veteran of five (5) "Cycle Oregon" weeklong trips, and I recognize the value of cycling. Your concerns are my concerns.

I am also an avid runner, and I have traffic concerns every time I take to the road for a run.

I will ensure that D.U.I. enforcement becomes a priority again. I will ensure that each and every member of JCSO is committed to traffic safety. I promise you that the JCSO will be at the head table in issues that affect transportation safety.

Note: Velo did not receive written responses from County Sheriff candidate Winters by September 14, 2006.

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OUTLAW CYCLOCROSS SERIES

Proceeds Benefit

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in memory of

Nick Jensen

Cyclocross Clinic Saturday Oct. 14
10 am at Cycle Analysis in
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Race 1 - Sat. Oct. 21 Emigrant Lake

Race 2 - Sat. Oct 28 Tom Pearce Park

HALLOWEEN COSTUME CROSS

Race 3 - Sat. Nov. 4 Emigrant Lake

Race 4 - Sat. Nov. 11 Emigrant Lake

Race 5 - Sat. Nov. 18 Tom Pearce Park

Southern Oregon Outlaw Cyclocross
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P.O. Box 1599
Jacksonville OR 97530

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This series is dedicated to the memory of

Nicholas J. Jensen

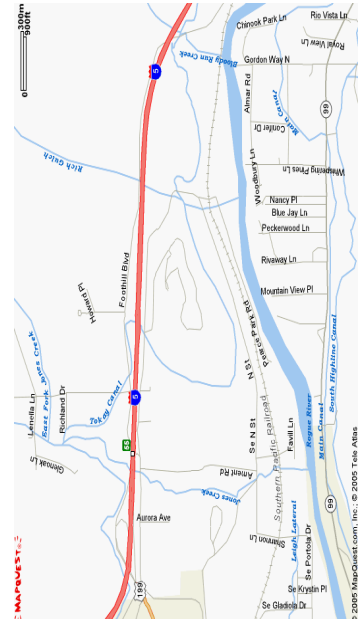
Nick was an avid sportsman. He loved cycling, soccer, snowboarding, surfing, rafting, fly fishing, wakeboarding, wrestling and baseball. The passion with which he lived his life is an example to all and he will be missed by family and friends.

The Nick Jensen Memorial fund had donated over one-hundred thousand dollars in equipment and there is a need for much more. Search & Rescue is a non-profit volunteer organization. Please help. You may need their help someday.

EMIGRANT LAKE: Highway 66, Ashland Area (20) miles Southeast of Medford via I-5 to Exit 14 (Hwy 66) East about 7 miles. Go to the far end of the lake, to the cove area. There will be signs pointing the way.



Tom Pearce Park: Take south Grants Pass exit and turn left at first light. Turn left at stop sign on to Foothill Blvd. Where Foothill Blvd angles to the left under the interstate, keep going straight and follow road into park. Follow signs to race.



Every year the prize list exceeds \$3000...and this year will be even better

OBRA SANCTIONED

Mountain Bikes and Cyclocross Bikes are welcome!

Get Muddy

This year's series will be held at two locations: Tom Pearce Park in Grants Pass and Emigrant Lake outside of Ashland. All courses offer challenging run-ups and technical dismounts. Come prepared for all the great fun and pain that Cyclocross in Southern Oregon has to offer.

General information and rules.

1. Held under OBRA permit. All OBRA Cyclocross rules are in force.
 2. All competitors must wear approved helmets.
 3. Some classes will be started together, but scored separately.
 4. Registration opens at 8:30am on race day & closes 15 minutes before the start of each race.
 5. All riders under 18 will need parent's or guardian's signature on a release form.
 6. Early registration prior to race day is possible at Cycle Analysis, Sun-Sat 10-5.
 7. No late fee for registration on race day.
 8. All Checks payable to Nick Jensen Memorial Fund.
 9. No refunds due to inclement weather, after all, this is cyclocross.
 10. Mountain bikes are welcome as well as traditional cyclocross bikes.
 11. Additional information at Cycle Analysis 541-899-9190
- WEEKLY RAFFLE:** There will be weekly raffles after each race. Tickets are \$1 or 6 for \$5. You do need to be present to win these raffle prizes. So come on out. Cyclocross is a great spectator sport too! Remember all proceeds benefit Josephine County Search and Rescue.

Cyclocross Clinic

Bring your cyclocross or mountain bike to Cycle Analysis in Jacksonville, Saturday Oct 14th 10:00am and refine your skills. Whatever your level, we will be able to help. We will go over dismounts and remounts as well as other bike handling skills necessary for Cyclocross. Come spend the day learning from one of the best, local Pro Bear Perrin. The cost of the clinic is \$5 for adults and free for 18 and under. The clinic will have you gliding over barriers just in time for the first race held at Emigrant Lake.

\$1000 Custom Frame: John Slawta, builder of Landshark Cycles will build you a custom steel Cyclocross frame to your specifications. Visit him at landsharkbicycles.com.

Class Info and Prizes			
CLASS	START	DISTANCE	PRIZES PLACES
B Race	10am	35min + 1 lap	ribbons 3/class
A Sr Men	11am	50 min + 1 lap	\$100 5
A Jr Men	11am	50 min + 1 lap	\$50 3
A Masters	11am	50 min + 1 lap	\$50 3
A Women	11am	50 min + 1 lap	\$50 3

Prizes are for overall series points based on accumulated points from each race, 10 for first, 9 for second, etc. All prizes are merchandise and are for overall placing in the series. Best 4 of 5 race results count for overall standing. Last race is mandatory.

2006 ENTRY FORM

Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____ OBRA# _____
 Age _____ B-day _____
 Entry Fee: \$15 per race OBRA membership
 requires OBRA lic \$10 CX only \$5 one day lic.

All riders must fill out Standard OBRA Release available race day or at www.obra.org.

Race #1 Oct 21 _____
 Race #2 Oct 28 _____
 Race #3 Nov 4 _____
 Race #4 Nov 11 _____
 Race #5 Nov 18 _____
 \$10 discount for all five. Total \$ _____

CHECK ONE ONLY

A RACE

_____ Sr Men
 _____ Jr 18 under
 _____ Women
 _____ Masters 35+

B RACE Novice

_____ Men 14 under
 _____ Men 18 under
 _____ Men 19-34
 _____ Men 35-49
 _____ Men 50 over
 _____ Women

Siskiyou Velo Minutes
September 13, 2006

- I. Introductions
- II. Minutes of the last meeting approved
- III. A check for \$2000 was given to Egon DuBois for the BTA as part of the distribution of the MLC money.
- IV. Committees
 - A. Treasurer - as usual, the membership renewals and new members covers the monthly expenses of the club. Major expenses of the month were disbursing the MLC money to the BTA and the Medford Police Department for a fully outfitted police bike.
 - B. Membership - total of 258 members and 7 businesses; many memberships have lapsed and not been renewed.
 - C. Touring - Bob Korfhage passed out the October ride schedule for people to fill in. Jonathan Williams will take charge of the storage unit for all the club equipment.
 - D. Events - still in need of a coordinator for the MLC. Rick Berlet is willing to be a co-coordinator (isn't that a bit redundant to have a co-co?) but needs someone else to also step forward.
 - E. MLC T-shirts are still available from Gwen Haynes.
 - F. With Bill Inman going South for the winter, Jodi Weber volunteered to work on the newsletter.
 - G. Advocacy
 - 1. Two candidates (Dave Gilmour and Tim George) have responded to questions regarding their views on cycling related issues for publication in the next newsletter.
 - 2. Members are happy with the new smaller aggregate chipseal being tested around the county; Rick Berlet will send a letter on behalf of the club in support of the smaller aggregate used.
 - 3. Jackson County Bicycle Commission continues to lobby for a divider on North Phoenix at Fern Valley and for the Greenway to go *under* Barnett at the South Medford interchange instead of crossing at street level.
 - 4. The Medford City Council is going to establish a permanent bicycle & pedestrian committee to advise the City Council on relevant issues.
 - 5. Disappointment was expressed that the district attorney did not file any charges other than two minor traffic violations to the driver who hit Russ Rudometkin. There was also a call for understanding for the driver in that this was an accident and not a pre-meditated event.
 - 6. The County Bicycle Commission is considering a proposal similar to the one recently passed by Grants Pass that requires cars to maintain a 3-foot distance when passing a bicycle.
 - 7. In response to citizens asking "Why should bike lanes be put on 99? We never see any bikes there", members are encouraged to use both 99 through Phoenix / Talent and, likewise, Foothill so that we are more visible to the public. If drivers see more cyclists on those busy roads, they will - perhaps - recognize the need for bike lanes.
- V. Old Business
 - A. 21 beautiful new sandwich board signs were made by Bob Plummer for the MLC - and to be used soon for the Ride the Rogue.
 - B. Christmas Party will be Saturday, Dec 16 at Pioneer Hall in Ashland
 - C. Mike Smith has made many contacts to get things moving to get signs on the Greenway with more of the MLC money
 - D. The Velo Vino plans are well underway
 - E. The Medford Police Department has eight fully equipped officers on bikes now; both Central Point and Medford police and businesses have very positive reactions to the police on bikes as they have a much quicker response time
 - F. ACCESS will be given a check by the club to purchase the bike helmets for kids
 - G. James Williams reported that the current stock of jerseys is down to re-order level, but many negative comments were made about the fabric; James will check on other fabric options or look for a new vendor.
 - H. Since repeated reports on the rather large bump in the Greenway near the waste treatment plant in Ashland have not done any good, a suggestion was made to tunnel under the bump as it's about big enough to do so now. This received hearty cheers from the members present.
 - I. Ben Harlow made it to New Orleans and is now volunteering with juveniles to help them build and refurbish bikes damaged in the storm.

RIDE FOR RUSS

NOVEMBER 4, 2006

CYCLING FUNDRAISER

Russ Rudometkin was involved in a near fatal bicycling accident in May at the intersection of North Phoenix and Fern Valley Road. Russ was approaching the stop sign when a young driver on a cell phone cut the corner running straight into Russ. He awoke from a coma and remained in the hospital for almost three months and is now in foster care. Meg and Russ's world has been turned upside down and financially and we would like to help with the ongoing medical costs.

- Our goal to raise \$4000 for each class. There will be 40 bikes available. If each rider raises or brings in \$100, the goal will be reached. **Prizes will be given out during each class.**
- Minimum donation of \$25 secures a bike seat. Donate a minimum of \$50 and receive a backpack, water bottle and cap.
- Prizes and raffles will be awarded during each class,
- Make checks payable to: **Margaret Rawlings Account #:** **3123027737** established at Washington Mutual
- Outdoor cyclists are welcome to bring in their indoor trainers and road bike.

All Lemond Indoor cycles have SPD clips or cages, cadence meter, Polar Heart rate compatible readout, measurement of distance and calorie expenditure.

Classes will be directed by Jim Kusnerik in the gym at Superior Athletic Club located at 727 Cardley Questions?? Call 779-7529.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Please select class time:

_____ 8:00 a.m. (outdoor riders format 75 minutes)

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_____ 9:30 a.m. (outdoor riders format 75 minutes)

_____ I have an indoor trainer and will bring my own

_____ 11:00 p.m. (indoor riders format 50 minutes)

_____ 12:00 p.m. (indoor riders format 50 minutes)

_____ I cannot ride but I would like to donate.

Donation amount: _____

Minimum donation of \$25 secures a bike seat. Donate a minimum of \$50 and receive a backpack, water bottle and cap.

Please drop off or mail registration form before 10/31/06 to Superior Athletic Club 727 Cardley Medford, Oregon 97504

Siskiyou Velo Membership Application

Name	Age	Type of Membership (check one box in each cell below)	
Street Address	City	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual – \$15/year	<input type="checkbox"/> New
	Zip	<input type="checkbox"/> Family – \$20/year	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal
E-Mail Address	State	<input type="checkbox"/> Business – \$25/year	Any new Information included? (e.g., address, phone, bikes, interests) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Cycling Interests <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Training rides <input type="checkbox"/> Mellow-paced social rides <input type="checkbox"/> Commuting/transport <input type="checkbox"/> Self-contained touring <input type="checkbox"/> Racing <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Single track <input type="checkbox"/> Back road mountain biking <input type="checkbox"/> _____		Bike Frame Brand(s) _____ _____ _____
Information Blocking Options (items checked will <u>not</u> be available on the secure pages of the web site)* <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Number <input type="checkbox"/> E-mail Address <input type="checkbox"/> Residence Address <input type="checkbox"/> All		Newsletter Distribution Election <input type="checkbox"/> Snail mail (cost borne by Club) <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic (via web site – notification by e-mail)	
* Access to roster on web will require member ID and password		Other Family Cyclists Name _____ Age _____ Name _____ Age _____ Name _____ Age _____	
Make Checks Payable to: Siskiyou Velo P.O. Box 974 Ashland, OR 97520		Volunteering <input type="checkbox"/> Committees (MLC, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter <input type="checkbox"/> Ride Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Officer position <input type="checkbox"/> 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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