



December 2006



A token of the Siskiyou Velo members at the Fall Colors ride-Back: Don, James, Jodi, Jonathan, Ray, Bobbie, Elizabeth, Ron, Renee Front: David, Rick, Bob, Tom, Andy

President's Paceline By Rick Berlet

By the time this "hits the presses", the mid-term elections will be over and we be able to relax for a couple of years (probably considerably less), before we are blasted once again by the hot wind from the east. With that said, I can identify, to some extent with the outgoing politicians. This job I've had for the past two years has surprised me with the political dimensions it has, and I must say I have learned a great deal from that experience – not always gracefully. I

On Saturday, October 21, 47 members of the Siskiyou Velo joined approximately 50 riders from Klamath for the 4th annual Fall Colors Ride from Ft. Klamath to Rocky Point. Again this year, John & Linda Monfore hosted the event. Espresso and hot chocolate warmed riders before the chilly ride, and afterwards—a great feast! Burgers-garden, beef, or salmon-salads and luscious desserts. More calorie gain than loss, most likely.

The Klamath Fall's cycling club disbanded around four years with \$1200.00 in the bank. They decided to host an annual ride and cook out until their money ran out. That time has come, but plans are in the works for continuing the ride. It may cost a each of us a few dollars, but it'll be well worth it!

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feel that during these two years some good things have been accomplished by the Club, largely due to the hard work of the two-dozen-or-so people (officers plus staunch supporters) who keep stretching and flexing its realm and influence. I think we have a firmly established voice in the community now, thanks to the efforts started by Bob Korfhage during his term, and continued by our Advocacy Chairs during the past two years.

The organization has made consequential contributions to several cycling related causes, thanks to the people who make the MLC work, and that only serves to give our voice "weight", when we ask for support from the municipalities, county and state authorities. We're making a dent, and doing it in a very positive manner. And, we're having some fun along the way with some great sociable bike rides – Wine Tour, Cinco de Mayo, Iron Gate Lake.

So, it is with mixed feelings that I step down. Momentum is building, and it is hard to jump off the train at this point. But, by the same token, the incoming officer group is a really terrific team, and I know they will sustain and extend our Club's reach, and always strive for improvements in service to our membership. Thank you to all who have helped create our successes over the past couple of years. It is an accomplishment in which we can take great pride.

New Members:

Vicki Confer Betsy Phair John & Karen Poole Felipe Romanoff Neal Schuler Larry Wolfson

Renewing Members:

Tom Burnham
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Jim Daniels
Cathy Edwards & John Zigler
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Siskiyou Velo Presents the First

Ever

Toy Run

Saturday, December 16 9:30 a.m.

All bicyclists are welcome. Bring a toy(s). Attach it to your bike—unwrapped. The bigger the better! Awards for Best Bike Decorations and Best Costume. Meet at Ashland Furniture in the Medford. Dress up for a socially paced holiday ride to Jacksonville where we'll present our gifts to the welcoming arms of ACCESS volunteers. Stick around for special deals on goodies at Pony Espresso.

For more info contact Angela at 601-7390.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Siskiyou Velo member Ken Silverman who lost his wife, Gayle, after a long battle with lung cancer..

Quote

When spirits are low, when the day appears dark, when work becomes monotonous, when hope hardly seems worth having, just mount a bicycle and go out for a spin down the road, without thought on anything but the ride you are taking.

SISKIYOU VELO MEMBERS

Arthur Conan Doyle

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Annual Meeting

As the only item of business scheduled for our Holiday Party event (see p. 6) we must confirm the slate of officers nominated for the Club's executive positions, as follows:

President - Bill Tout
Advocacy co-Chairs - Chris Haynes,
Edgar Hee
Events co-Chairs - Elizabeth & Ron Zell
Membership Chair - Bobbie Plummer
Secretary - James Williams
Newsletter Editor - Jodi Weber
Racing Chair - Glenn Gann

Rides & Tours Chair - Dan Wooton
Treasurer - Don Parker

Currently these positions are running "unopposed". If others are interested in helping out or taking on the full responsibilities of one of these positions, please call Rick Berlet at 488-0036, as soon as possible.

The Siskiyou Velo

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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.

By George Stevens

I believe Jim spent his life making the world a better place. Whether it was during his time with the Peace Corps in Latin America, or as an executive with the YMCA, or as a financial advisor, he devoted his life to helping others. He was the epitome of the oversimplified phrase "nice guy;" he never said an unkind word to anyone, or about people when they weren't there, or criticized fellow cyclists for going too slow or too fast, but instead resorted to a simple smile, a compliment or a pat on the back.

I recall riding the three-day Cow Creek tour with Jim; on the first day we got rained on all the way from Medford, over Goolaway Gap the eighty miles to Azalea, It was cold, we were soaked, and when we got to the Azalea general store, we huddled around the wood stove trying to get warm. Later, at the camp site, Jim let me put my wet shoes and clothes in the dryer with his. We were all crabbing, willing to pay anyone to take us home, but cheerfully agreed to crawl into our soggy tents and see what the morning brought. To our surprise, it was warm, sunny and bright; just like Jim's attitude about life.

Once, loaded down with our camping gear, Jim and I rode from Medford to Lost Creek Lake. I expected to put up my tent and sleep on the ground. Instead, Jim popped for a nice, warm, dry cabin; his treat; just another example of his generosity. I was too exhausted to ride to Crater Lake the next day, but Jim did, not to mention to Diamond Lake, Roseburg and back to Medford; this while he was undergoing intensive chemotherapy. I expected him to call for a ride home, but he made it all the way; he wanted to enjoy life to the fullest even when his body was weak and he was fighting for his life.

On another occasion, Jim and I were doing the Evans Creek club ride. Suddenly, I felt my bike tremble. Then I heard what sounded like someone's fiberglass luggage falling off a roof-rack. In my mirror I saw that Jim had clipped my back wheel and fallen; he had a persistent inner-ear balance problem. I rode back to the start and picked up my van to transport him back. A week and twenty-five stitches later, Jim was back on his bike. Later, on the Marble Mountain ride, Jim rode head-on into a rock cliff. He had to be flown out of there — plastic surgery and more stitches, but he was back on his bike as soon as he could ride. One day I noticed he was driving a different car. When I asked

him what happened to his old car, he simply said, "Oh, I flipped it on the freeway the other day," as if it were a daily occurrence. He knew how to bounce back; he was someone to emulate.

Jim honored me by buying a recumbent bike just like mine, then asking me to ride in the Independence Day pa-



Jim Addy: doing what he loved

rade with him in Ashland. Recumbents were still kind of an oddity then, maybe still are. When we met at the start, Jim gave me a big bag of candy, to throw to the children as we rode our bikes in the parade; again, unselfishly making life happy for others. We got a kick out of lying down in the street with about five other guys as the trick cyclist bunny-hopped over us.

Unlike some of us, although an avid cyclist, Jim had a life other than riding his bike. Once Debra and I were over at Jim's house to visit him upon his return from the hospital following surgery. Jim was an avid ballroom dancer. He was a "swing" expert, but since taking "Salsa" lessons he just boiled over with enthusiasm. As weak as he was, with staples in his abdomen, he simply had to show us the new steps he had learned. Not everyone knew he was also a tennis ace, and a champion surfer; he wasn't one to brag.

I felt I was always welcome at his house, as well as at his office, even though I was never a paying client. Every now and then I would bump into him at the gym. He was a fitness fanatic, but never wore it on his sleeve.

To me, Jim's words and actions clearly demonstrated his caring attitude towards life, his humility and his respect and love for others, the people he knew as well as strangers. It was a privilege to have been his friend.

Jim died early Sunday, October 22, 2006.

SISKIYOU VELO RIDE SCHEDULE - December 2006

- Approved helmets required on all club
- **50** Unless other wise noted, rain/wet pavement cancels ride

Date	Time	Start	LocationRoute	Pace/Rating	MilesRide	Leader/Contact	
Dec. 2 Saturday	10:00 AM	Gold Hill Post Office	Mello Yellow Loop, 234, Meadows, Evans Creek, Wimer, Rogue River, Gold Hill	Group C-3, 1900 feet gain	47	Ron and Elizabeth Zell 482-4815	
Dec. 3 Sunday	12:00 PM	Roasting Company Ashland	Fixed Gear Bikes Only Ride TBD @ start	TBD	TBD	Helmut 482-8390	
Dec. 3 Sunday	11:00 AM	Roasting Company Ashland	orchards loop via Adams	Group C3	28	Show & Go	
Dec. 9 Saturday	10:00 AM	Colver Park, Phoenix	Meadows-Antioch Rd.	Group C4	65-70	Show & Go	
Dec.10 Sunday	12:00 PM	Roasting Company Ashland	Fixed Gear Bikes Only Ride TBD @ start	TBD	TBD	Helmut 482-8390	
Dec. 10 Sunday	TBD	Call	TBD	C3	60	Bob Plummer 488-5003	
Dec. 16	9:30 AM	Ashley Furniture, Med- ford Ctr.	Toy Run – Pony Expresso, Jack- sonville & return	social	27	Angela 601 7390	
Dec.17 Sunday	12:00 PM	Roasting Company Ashland	Fixed Gear Bikes Only Ride TBD @ start	TBD	TBD	Helmut 482-8390	
Dec. 17 Sunday	10:30 AM	Colver Park	Eagle Point – Barbwire Café and return	Group C3	50	Rick Berlet 488-0036	
Dec. 23 Saturday	11:00 AM	Roasting Company Ashland	Emigrant Lake to Mile Post 9 and return	Group C3	+/- 18	Show & Go	
Dec. 24 Sunday	12:00 PM	Roasting Company Ashland	Fixed Gear Bikes Only Ride TBD @ start	TBD	TBD	Helmut 482-8390	
Dec. 24 Sunday	10:00 AM	Colver Park	Jacksonville via Central Point and return	Regroup C3	40	Show and Go	
Dec. 30 Saturday	11:00 AM	Colver Park, Phoenix	Jacksonville via Scenic Ave, Old stage. Stop for Coffeee	Group C3	34	Bob Korfhage 5355276	
Dec. 31 Sunday	11:00 AM	Roasting Co., Ash.	Woodrat Ride – Stopping in Jacksonville	Brisk Regroup C4	45	Show and Go	
Every Saturday	8:00 AM	Bike path behind Bad Ass Coffee Co.	Determined by group	Race Pace Training	Varied > 20	Glen Gann 779-6986	
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Every Monday	11:00 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 com- pany	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
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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 Biddle Rd #107 (Alex 857-0819)



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Where are we?

Well, we know we're in the Rogue Valley, right? But where? Thanks to Don Parker's computer skills, we know that Ashland and Medford are evenly represented in the Velo with 71 memberships each. (Note: a membership may be a family membership, so we're not talking people here). Central Point and Jacksonville have 12 each, followed by Talent (8); Eagle Point, Grants Pass and Phoenix (6 each); Rogue River (4), Gold Hill (3) and then a smattering all over the Valley and beyond, including 1 in New Mexico, 1 in Great Britain and 1 in France. By and large, a great group of people to hang with— or perhaps be dropped by?!

Bikes and the Fern Valley Interchange

By Edgar Hee

Will bike facilities on South Pacific Highway (OR 99) through Phoenix destroying existing businesses? Or will new bike and pedestrian facilities transform Phoenix into a livable community?

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is designing a new I-5 Fern Valley Interchange. It will connect to a reconfigured Highway 99 through Phoenix. Some citizens suggest that bike lanes are not needed on Highway 99.

"Quality of life" means many things to many people. To some, it means driving Hummers from points A and B in the shortest time. To others it means business as usual. They want to keep their neighborhood between points A and B looking the same. To Siskiyou Velo members, it means being able to get from points A and B over a reasonably direct route using peddle power. Velo members want to burn carbohydrates and body fat instead of hydrocarbons while enjoying the journey as much as the destination.

Siskiyou Velo is asking ODOT to follow bike facility laws. These laws require safe and usable bicycle facilities for all Project roadways. We believe that bicycle and pedestrian facilities will vitalize the Phoenix Highway 99 business corridor. We see bike facilities helping to transforming Phoenix into an exciting place to live and work, increasing property values of both Phoenix business and residential neighborhoods.

Background

How do we accommodate growth in motor vehicle traffic as more people drive more miles? One option is to build more and bigger highways. The "Field of Dreams" planning vision is "build it and they will come". Siskiyou Velo's vision is build bike facilities and more people will cycle instead of drive.

Oregon's Department of Transportation (ODOT) is working towards a new I-5 Fern Valley Interchange (FVI) at Phoenix. The driving forces are growth and the fact that the existing bridge over Bear Creek is deficient. [See ODOT "Fern Valley Interchange Purpose and Need" Statement dated May 13, 2004, ODOT Website:





http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION3/fvi_index.shtml

ODOT predicts that FVI traffic will get worst. The new interchange is intended to "reduce congestion and improve operation conditions at the I-5 interchange with Fern Valley Road…and on OR99 near its intersection with Fern Valley Road".

The bridge crossing Bear Creek is in ODOT's words: "structural deficient and functionally obsolete". Bridge authorities are considering restricting heavy truck loads over the bridge because of its poor structural condition.

On a positive note, the "Purpose and Need" statement recognizes that Fern Valley Road and Highway 99 need bike and pedestrian facilities. The need for bike-ped facilities on the interchange and Fern Valley Road is not being challenged.

The problem

A new I-5 Fern Valley Road Interchange and new bridge crossing Bear Creek can address traffic and safety problem. The original ODOT concepts took care of folks who want to get from points A to B in the shortest time with the fewest delays.

However, early ODOT schematic solutions to the FVI problems would affect businesses that line Highway 99. When ODOT released schematics with lines on maps earlier this year, the proverbial stuff hit the fan. Phoenix business owners realized that the reconfigured roadways would go through some of their businesses. This did not go well with those wanting to keep their neighborhoods looking the same.

The Phoenix Business Association (PBA) rose up like a wounded bird, pecking and clawing until they got ODOT's attention. PBA then proposed alternatives that take us to the current crisis.

PBA wants to configure Highway 99 WITHOUT bicycle facilities. Excerpts from ODOT's "FVI Considerations for Bike and Pedestrian Facilities" characterize the current situation:

"When retrofitting existing facilities in urban environments, providing bicycle and pedestrian facilities often means the acquisition of additional right of way.... [T]he teams will need to find common ground on the appropri-

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ate balance of accommodating this important stakeholder group [bike-ped] and the acquisition of additional right of way.

"The project teams, in trying to accommodate the concerns of the community, as well as biking enthusiasts, have come up with four different concepts to accommodate bikes along OR 99. [To read the full document, go to the ODOT web site:

http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION3/fvi_meeting_docs.shtml and view Meeting Documents –October 2006: "FVI – Consideration for Bike & Pedestrian Facilities"].

The law is on our side

The good news is that "Might" does not make "Right." The law is on the side of bike-ped facilities. The Oregon Bicycle Bill (ORS 366.541) requires bike facilities on roadways being constructed, reconstructed or relocated with State funds. Federal funds for state highway projects also come with similar strings attached.

Where we go from here

We encourage Velo members and friends interested in the FVI Project impact on cycling to check the ODOT FVI project website. Learn about the situation and help us get ODOT to the right thing by including safe and usable bicycle facilities on all project roadways including Highway 99.

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

http://siskiyouvelo.org/advocacy.html



Siskiyou Velo Annual Christmas Potluck And Annual Meeting

Mark your calendar for December 16, Saturday. Time: 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Pioneer Hall - 73 Winburn Way - Ashland
Live music from the group "Endangered Species" will be
performing for your pleasure. The club will provide
baked lasagna, drinks, cups and plates. You need to
bring a dish (main, veggies, dessert,) beverage, and silverware.

Any questions? call 488-5003

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Trivia of the Month

Thomas Stevens returned to San Francisco on December 24, 1886, completing the first circumnavigation of the earth by bicycle. He left San Francisco April 1884 carrying socks, a spare shirt

l and a slicker that doubled as tent and bedroll, and reach Boston after 3700 wagon trail miles. After a pause, he continued east, riding through Europe, Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan, India, HongKong and Japan, then back to San Francisco via steamer.



I http://www.ibike.org/library/historytimeline.htm

Minutes from the Velo Meeting November 8, 2006

22 members present; 2 guest speakers

- Cindy Dyer of ACCESS came to thank the club for its support and in particular for the helmets donated from the proceeds of the 2006 MLC. They were able to distribute 223 helmets this year.
- II. Update on Russ Rudometkin—he's home and making great progress.
- III. Minutes of the last meeting were corrected (Christmas Party is Dec 16, not Dec 1) and approved.
- IV. Committee Reports
 - Treasurer: There have been lots of renewals and the new storage unit has been paid for the year. There is about \$6700 currently in the account.
 - No report from Touring
 - © Events: The MLC has had two planning meetings. Changes include the rest stop on top being moved from Great Meadows to Rainbow Bay; start and finish at the Senior Center next to Walker School, and preregistration at Ashland Cycle Sport.
 - Advocacy: Medford is forming a new Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee. Medford residents are encouraged to apply for this position. Please contact Edgar Hee or Rick Berlet for more info. Jackson County workers appreciated the club's letter of appreciation for cleaning the shoulders. A letter of thanks will be sent to the City of Talent for the new bike lanes there.
 - Racing: Some of the racers have talked of unifying back under the auspices of the club and racing under the club jersey. Members present eagerly support this possibility. The triathlon club is working on an event at Applegate.
 - Membership: Currently the club has 201 active memberships (284 people) and 6 business memberships. Of those, 100 get the paper newsletter, while 100 get theirs online.
- V. Our pizza was stolen!! Angelo's made another one for us.
- VI. Hazards: ODOT is looking into the Hanley—238 intersection. They realize it's not safe. The root bulge by the Ashland Waste Treatment plant is scheduled for repair this week. The four jurisdictions that oversee the inter-

- section in Jacksonville at California and 5th St (J'ville Hwy) realize that there is a problem with that intersection and are looking into solutions.
- VII. Tim Garr of the Medford Police came to thank the club for its donation from MLC proceeds which enabled the department to buy two additional bikes for officers. He talked about the recent history of the bicycle patrol in Medford. Last summer, over 100 hours were logged for officers on bikes.

VIII. Old Business

- Flans are well underway for the Christmas Party.
- Mike Smith, Jon Williams and Sam Simpson have been actively involved in the Greenway committee to get signs up—likely in spring.
- From The Christmas Toy Run will be Saturday, Dec 16. ACCESS will have a truck at Pony Espresso (end point of the ride) to pick up the toys.
- From the storage locker has been moved. Talk to Jonathan Williams if you'd like something from the locker.
- The minor adaptations to the bylaws over the past several years were all approved.

IX. New Business

- © Central Point is holding a Bicycle Fair on May 19th. Volunteers are needed to help.
- From the club was presented with two options regarding ordering new jerseys. One was to modify the current design slightly and order through Champion; the other was to go with a totally new design and order through Louis Garneau. Strong support went to a totally new design. Give any ideas to James Williams, who is coordinating the project.
- MLC discussion: Are the club members still behind this ride? It's the primary source of money for the club and for the donations we are able to make for cycling related causes in the Valley. Concern was raised about having enough volunteers to pull off a successful ride. Support and encouragement were strongly in favor of continuing.

X. Meeting adjourned 8:45

2007 MLC Update

The MLC will be Saturday, June 23rd. The start and finish will now be located at the Senior Center; the day before preregistration will be at Ashland Cycle Sports, and the lunch stop will be at Rainbow Bay Picnic Area next to Lake of the Woods.

A number of people have stepped up and volunteered to chair various committees. The MLC committee is grateful to these hardworking volunteers, but would also like to see more people volunteer, both now and for the actual day of the event. To find out what help is needed, please contact either Ron or Elizabeth Zell at MLC@siskiyouvelo.org or call 482-4815.



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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.									
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