

Officers

I've recently asked our club officers who may like to continue on for year 2011. I do realize that it's still August, and that before 2011, we have Labor Day, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas, but still... I like to think ahead about big things, like who will write checks for the club, and who will take meeting minutes. Big stuff like that can't be ignored or put off till the last moment. So the current officers have been queried (most of them), and we will have a few openings. Let me go down the list of who's staying and who's leaving.

Starting with the office of President. Mike Smith (that would be me) is the incumbent, and I plan on returning for a third term if elected. The President is sort of like a City council mayor- preparing agendas, facilitating meetings and handling day-to-day stuff. No real power, but someone to represent the Club.

Our current Secretary, Cheryl French, has done a remarkable job, but will not be returning. Our Secretary takes meeting minutes and archives club records, among other things. We will miss Cheryl, but she has agreed to help with the MLC once again.

We have divided the VP of Rides and Events position among several people, to make the job easier. Elizabeth Zell has been responsible for moderate and brisk rides, and will not be returning (although Elizabeth may be available for special event planning for 2011). Elizabeth has not only actively recruited rides leaders and promoted weekly rides, but has done a tremendous job of publicizing club events in the newsletter, as well as planning special events. We will miss you, Elizabeth. Phil Gagnon orchestrates mellow and sub-mellow rides, as well as provides loads of material to the Mail Tribune regarding cycling and bike touring. Phil has agreed to stay on for 2011. Charles Whitaker writes articles for the newsletter describing good cycling practices, including safety and etiquette. Our practices have become safer and more civil since Charles has begun his articles; Charles has agreed to return for 2011.

VP of Events generally means the leadership of the MLC, and Jonathan Williams has agreed to return in that role. He did such a fantastic job last year, he has retained much of his staff, including Cheryl French, Charles Whitaker, and rumor has it that Aryn Duncan will be helping out as well. Always room for more on this fun-oriented team.

The VP of Membership is Debbie Cheevers; Debbie has agreed to work on for 2011. Debbie has done a fine job learning the Membership duties, which include the manage-

ment of our member database, as well as promoting club membership. Club membership has grown from 265 to 291 under Debbie's leadership, partially due to the introduction of a very high-tech online member registration system created by our spectacular webmaster, Spencer Gray.

Our Newsletter Editor is Bess Perry. You have probably noticed the colorful and energetic look to the current newsletter; Bess brings us a creative energy that is hard to duplicate, and will be returning for part of 2011 (about mid-year she will be leaving for graduate school). We need an associate editor to learn some of Bess' skills, and be ready to take over mid-year.

Our Treasurer is Dave Oliver; after three years, Dave has decided to throw in the ink pen. Under Dave's guidance the club treasury has grown from \$8,500 to \$18,500. The Treasurer maintains the checking account by writing and depositing checks, and by entering checking information into a Quicken ledger. From Quicken, the Treasurer prepares financial statements for the membership and the board.

Our VP of Racing is Glen Gann; it is our hope that Glen will continue on in this position, providing a liaison to our local bicycle racing community. Glen is himself an active bike racer, along with his son.

Our VP of Advocacy is Edgar Hee. Edgar's name seems to pop up on almost every significant bike/peds committee in Jackson County, and he provides a well-informed perspective to the club. It is our hope that Edgar too will continue on.

A new position being considered for 2011 has to do with inventory belonging to the Velo. Jonathan Williams has filled this role for some years, maintaining our storage locker in Phoenix as well as its contents. Jonathan has agreed to do this job for one more year. Another part of club inventories is ordering and selling club jerseys; we are in need of someone to fill this position (we could call it Lord of the Jerseys, if wanted).

Well, to sum up, we need a Secretary, two VP of Rides (Brisk and Moderate), Treasurer, Associate Newsletter Editor, and a Lord of the Jerseys. Please let me know if you are interested in these or other positions. Remember: "Prediction is always difficult, especially when it comes to the future." Better to be ready.

Regards, Mike Smith, President, Siskiyou Velo Bicycle Club

Organized Rides around the Region

Check out the Siskiyou Velo's and other regional groups' rides!

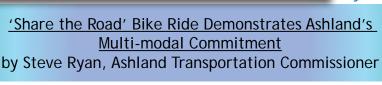
September

11- Cycle Umpqua 2010 Vineyard Tour http://www.cycleumpqua.com
25- Siskiyou Challenge
http://www.siskiyouchallenge.org
25- Siskiyou Velo Vino Velo Ride

October 9- Siskiyou Velo Fall Colors Ride Club Jerseys are

available to purchase in
both men's and women's
sizes. They are \$55.25 each. Please contact
Elizabeth at 482-4815 or
ecrawfordzell@yahoo.com if you are
interested in buying one.

Jack Buster in action, ready to pedal in his Siskiyou Velo, jersey.



For over ten years, the City of Ashland and the Rogue Valley Transportation District (RVTD) have sponsored events encouraging multi-modal transportation around International Car Free Day. We will join communities all over the globe, again, to highlight how easy it can be share the road on bicycles, public transportation, and all modes of travel besides the single-occupied vehicle.

This year's Car Free Day event will be held on Wednesday September 22, 2010, in front of Standing Stone Brewing Company, on Oak St. between Lithia Way and Main St. in downtown Ashland, from 4-7 p.m.



- 1) The third annual, two-week "Transportation Challenge" sign-up and kick-off booth;
- 2) "Share the Road" bike ride down Oak Street to educate drivers and bicyclists alike about the first, official "Shared Road" in the Roque Valley, ride originates from the Car Free Day block party at 5:30 p.m.;
- 3) RVTD's Free Fare Day Ride the RVTD bus for free all day, all routes;
- 4) RVTD's Transportation Super Hero award-winner announcement.

Ashland Transportation Commissioner Tom Burnham explains the goal behind the Oak Street ride. "Shared roads have been used in other cities throughout the country. Users feel this is working quite well. The mass ride will officially recognize and hopefully publicize this concept."

"Although cyclists have the same rights as motor vehicles on our streets and roads, there are areas where one needs to emphasis this," Burnham explains. "Oak Street is a good example. The street in not wide enough for bike lanes in addition to on-street parking and 2 lanes of vehicle traffic - so sharing the road is reasonable where there is a good bit of traffic and a speed limit of 25mph or less."

The "Share the Road" bike ride will depart at 5:30 p.m. from and return to the International Car Free Day block party and celebration. The block party features a bike rodeo for kids, free bike maintenance, bike tricks by Dave Nouri, informational tabling, live music, refreshments from local merchants, and a festive atmosphere encouraging everyone to increase their personal health and safety and improve our environment by getting out of their cars.

RVTD's Free Fare Day and the bike ride will kick off this year's third Transportation Challenge. The Transportation Challenge allows Ashland resident's to make a pledge to utilize multi-modal transportation, for two weeks, through biking, using public transportation, car pooling, or getting around by any means other than driving in a car alone. Teams and individuals tally their miles and attempt to top last year's total. This is a perfect way for VELO members to encourage neighbors, friends and co-workers to bicycle as a form of transportation and recreation that is healthy, not only for us, but also the environment.

Event organizers stand ready to facilitate your participation in all these events. Questions? Email us at ashlandtranspochallenge10@yahoo.com. If you or your organization would like to volunteer or table at the Car Free Day event, please contact Kat Smith, RVTD Transportation Options Coordinator, at (541) 608.2423 or k.smith@rvtd.org. To register for the Transportation Challenge, contact Ashland Transportation Commissioner Steve Ryan at (541) 951-1409. Tabling space is still available, so share your message, have fun, and join us on your bicycles on September 22!



Siskiyou Velo Ride Schedule

Date	Time	Start Location	Route	Pace	Miles	Contact
Every Saturday	10 am	Cycle Sport	Varies	E	Varies >20	Alex Hayes 541- 857-0819
Every Saturday	10 am	Varies	Varies	С	20 +/-	Phil Gagnon 541-488-4289
Every Sunday	1 pm	Bike Path behind Bad Ass Coffee	Varies	E	Varies >20	No Ride Leader
Every Monday	9:30 am	Colver Park	Jacksonville coffee ride	Group E2	25	No Ride Leader
Every Wednesday	10 am	The Roasting Company	Varies	Regroup E3	25-40	No Ride Leader
Every Tuesday and Thursday	5:30 pm	2200 Hull Rd., Medford	Varies	D/E	25 +/-	John Harlow 541-245-8598 or 541-821-4167

Group: Riders will stay together. Regroup: Riders will spread out & regroup along the route.

Ride Rating

Please note that there are a few changes in the ride pace description, namely that the categories will now be listed from A to F. Also note that "mph" refers to the average pace of the entire ride. This will help accommodate a greater variety of riders.

Letter	Average Speed	Description
A	7-9 MPH	A great opportunity for a family ride. Minors should be accompanied by an adult. Mostly flat, neighborhoods, and country roads and usually up to 15-20 miles distance.
В	9-11 MPH	Easy pace with frequent stops to regroup. No one will be dropped. Mostly flat neighborhoods and country roads and usually up to 20-25 miles distance.
С	11-12 MPH	Easy pace with frequent stops to regroup. No one will be dropped.
D	12-14 MPH	Fewer stops than a C ride, steady pace for experienced riders. Everyone should know how to fix a flat. Might ride at 15-18 mph on the flats. No one will be dropped.
Е	15-17 MPH	For stronger riders who want to ride in a fast pace line or in tight packs (18-25mph on the flats). Occasional sprints. Riders must be confident in a group and pace line. Not recommended for D pace riders.
F	17+ MPH	Constant pace lines, brisk climbs, only for experienced, fast riders. Check with ride leader if this is your first F pace ride.

Terrain Difficulty:				
Number	Terrain Description	Example		
1	Flat	South Stage Road, Colver Rd.		
2	Some hills	Orchard Loop, Gold Hill		
3	Hilly	Dark Hollow, Adams, Old Military Rd.		
4	Mountainous	Lakes Loop, Woodrat Loop, Greensprings Rd., Callahan's		

Approved helmets required on all club rides. Unless otherwise noted, rain/wet pavement cancels the ride.

When going for a ride, we encourage you to select a ride along your cycling and fitness level. If you do not find a ride that is at your level, this is the perfect opportunity to start a ride of your own!

On The Road

Our very special thanks to all our ride leaders this month:

Randy and Pam Wooton
Phil Gagnon
John Harlow
Kent Brown
Dennis Cramer
Mike Smith
Rick Berlet
Pat and John Zenz
David Oliver

This month began with our wonderful Ice Cream Social and Ride. The rides and sweet feast were well attended. The weather was perfect and so was the ice cream and treats galore. Our thanks to the Harlows and the Wootons for all the work they did to put on this fun event.

A number of our members attended the Blackberry Bramble Ride in Eugene. The report was that the ride was beautiful, despite colder temperatures and a little rain.

Next month will be the Vino Velo ride on Saturday, September 25th. A beautiful route through the vineyards and including a number of Rogue Valley wineries is being planned for this ride.

If you haven't volunteered to lead a ride, it's not too late! Please sign up. We still have dates for September.

My thanks, Elizabeth Zell

Check out the online ride schedule: http://www.siskiyouvelo.org/schedule.php.

If you click on the "Meet At" link, you'll get a map of the ride start location. Clicking the "+" to the right of a ride's date brings up a dialog including the terrain (flat, some hills, etc.) and miscellaneous ride notes (where to park, the need for lights, etc.).

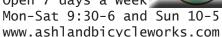
The online schedule is the authoritative source for information on scheduled rides. Be sure to check it out online prior to showing up for a ride you see in the newsletter.





Folks gearing up for the ice cream social and our future Siskiyou velo members ready to roll! Photos by Elizabeth Zell.

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Click link below to join or renew your membership.

http://www.siskiyouvelo.org/join.php

Renewing Members
Charlie Schink & family
Jessica Jones
David Harvey
Jerry & Zellah Swartsley

!!! New !!! Online Member Registration

All on has to do is open the web site and find the "Join the Velo" graphic. Punch the graphic, and a page comes up reminding you why you love the Velo, and asks for your email. If you are an existing member, it will recognize your email address, ask you a few questions about your personal preferences, and direct you to Paypal for payment. You can use Paypal or a credit card, or if you really prefer, mail a check.

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Newsletter contributions accepted until the 15th of the month. Contact the editor at newsletter@siskiyouvelo.org for further information. Members are welcome submit letters, stories, opinions, photos, cartoons, recipes, tips, or other notices of interest to the club.

SISKIYOU VELO IS "PROUD!"

- Prepared for everything
- R = Routinely safe
- O = Out to have fun
- U = Undauntingly a defensive rider, respectful of all road users
- D = Dedicated to positively representing cyclists

Next Club Meeting

Join us at 7:00 pm, September 8th, at Angelo's Pizza in Pheonix! Siskiyou Velo club meetings are open to all members. Meetings are held each month at 7:00 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Come join us!

> David Gibb caught John Slawta in action during our July meeting at John's Land Shark assembly line. Here's a sampling from the great informational meeting...



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Hello Siskiyou Velo Members and MLC Riders!

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The 4th Annual RTR Event
Saturday, September 18th, 2010
Palmerton Park, Rogue River, OR

New ride routes, great ride support, gourmet feast, live music, raffle, wonderful atmosphere and lots of fun!

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All proceeds benefit the development of the So. Oregon Rogue River Recreational Corridor and Greenway Project. Learn more about it at www.roguerivergreenway.org



Taking "off-road" to a whole new level!
This photo was submitted by fellow Veloer Helmut
Sshroeder. Any guesses as to where you can find
this example of extreme biking within the Ashland
city limits? Email newsletter@siskiyouvelo.org if
you think you know. Correct responses and the true
location's identity revealed in the October edition...















Siskiyou Challenge 2010 on September 25, 2010, is the first annual multi-sport relay event to benefit Rogue Valley Farm to School, RVF2S. Based at ScienceWorks, Challenge athletes will run, kayak, bike, mt. bike, and run again in a 46 mile loop around Ashland and return to local food provided by Standing Stone Brewing company, local music, and general festivities. Teams can be made of one, two, or three to five athletes and registration is open. Volunteers are wanted to help with all aspects of the event. Festivities start with a pre-Challenge barbecue in Lithia Park the night before the race, and runners will take off at 7:30 a.m. A Fun "Speed-Walk" around the block of ScienceWorks and festivities in progress will await their return!

More information: http://www.siskiyouchallenge.org





At the August 11th meeting, it was moved to create a new officer position to be named "Equipment and Inventory." To create this position, it is necessary to change the Club Bylaws, as well as notifying club members and asking for comment. If the general response is favorable, this motion will be voted upon at the September regular meeting.







Bud's Ride Report

We ended up with four senior Geezers for the ride today. Actually three of us showed up a few minutes early and were so anxious to get going that we jumped the gun a few minutes. Wil, showed up with a couple of minutes to spare on the legal start time as we were pull-

ing out and managed to holler loud enough that even I could hear. After a couple of bows and a humble apology, I told him the more the better and that now with 4 of us, he'd add 25% to our good time. Not sure that is correct math, should that be 33 1/3%? Wil set a fast pace down the road with, Phil, George and me close and tucked in. Just like the TOUR guys. I say down the road (going south) but the river runs to the north so Phil told me that I was having an optical illusion. Anyway at our pace it seemed down hill. The scenery was good, we got to see Phil's ranch and the Historic McKee Bridge is a great site. (Pictures below) In addition to a stroll on the bridge, there is a nice park (picnic area) with tables, latrines and a covered dining area that we relaxed at before heading back.

As soon as we started back I noticed the wind in my face and realized why it seemed so easy on the first leg. Still seemed uphill going back. Phil bailed out at his place leaving just the three of us. A couple more miles up the road I decided to give Wil a spell so passed and told him that I'd break wind for him for a while. When I got going up front I realized that my statement might not have been proper terminology. Anyway, Wil did correct me when we got to the parking lot in Ruch. He said, "Thanks for the pull." I'm glad that he didn't mention anything about wind. It's tough being new and old too. Maybe someday I'll learn. At the parking lot I noticed some blood on George's arm. That was his good arm too. The other one was swollen at the wrist and hand from a bee

sting yesterday. He said that Wil saw him trying to pass and flipped up a rock from his tire and got him in the arm. I didn't notice any head butting. Wanting to do the right thing I immediately went for my 'Accident/incident' report form and witness page. Even thought a picture or two might be good. I was told by my fellow Geezers that we'd do this 'Chicago Style'. "We didn't see nuttin."

Wil loaded up for his drive to Ashland and George & I stayed on the bikes heading for Jacksonville and then on to our homes. George was running short of time for an appointment he had, so he quickly "pulled" me up and over the Jacksonville hill. All in all a fun day and I really enjoyed the ride. Hope the others did too.









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Edgar Hee Event director Northwest Tandem Rally 2010

Dear Edgar

Thank you so much for the donation to Siskiyou Velo of \$3000.00, from the proceeds from the Tandem Rally. Siskiyou Velo will use this money, along with other club money, to make a sizable donation to one or more bicycle advocacy causes in the Rogue Valley. We are hoping that you will consider chairing our selection committee; your position as VP of Advocacy in our club, as well as general knowledge of bike/pedestrian causes in the Rogue Valley, make you a logical choice for this committee chair.

I can't imagine how much work it must have taken to put on such a large event, with so many satisfied riders. I volunteered at the Gold Hill rest stop on Sunday, and was very impressed by the relaxed atmosphere and the general high level of satisfaction among the tandem riders. I was especially impressed with the family on the 4 seated tandem.

Best regards, Mike Smith, President Siskiyou Velo



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Siskiyou Velo Meeting Minutes - August 11, 2010

Submitted by Cheryl French, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. and adjourned at 8:45 p.m. Twelve members were present: Debbie Cheever, Bess Perry, Jodi Weber, Charles Whitaker, Mike Smith, David Oliver, Elizabeth Zell, Helmut Schroeder, Rider Peterson, Cheryl French. Jonathan Williams, and Nancy Keeley.

SUBJECT	DISCUSSED	REPORT / ACTION
Old Business	Minutes of last meeting	Approved.
<u>Financial</u> David Oliver	Treasury	The Club treasury has a balance of \$15,609. There will be discussion at the next meeting about how to support the cycling community organizations with some of the fundsA reserve fund of \$5000 will be kept in the Club treasury.
Membership Debbie Cheevers	New Membership	The Club now has 291 members vs. 271 last month.
Advocacy Edgar Hee	NW Tandem Rally, Advocacy	The NW Tandem Rally donated \$3000 to Siskiyou Velo to be used in behalf of advocacyEdgar will head a committee to make a proposal for advocacy donations.
Rides Charles Whitaker Phil Gagnon Elizabeth Zell	Leaders wanted needed for Septem- ber	Contact ecrawfordzell@yahoo.com If you lead more than 4 rides, you will receive a special gift at the holiday party.
Ride the Rogue		A motion was made and approved to donate the club time clock to Ride the Rogue.
Events Elizabeth Zell	Check back for dates	Vino Velo- September 25th, Jonathan Williams & Nancy Keeley are the leaders. October- Fall Colors December- Holiday Party
New Club Officer Position		A motion was made and approved to create a new officer position in charge of all club equipment.
Other Business	Jerseys	We will purchase 24 club jerseys to replace the stock.

News from Blackwell Road... By Mike Smith

Passing by the area just north of the Jackson County Fairground on Interstate 5, one can't help noticing a string of earth-movers working on a small roadway project. They're working on an extension of the Bear Creek Greenway from the Fairground to Blackwell Road. I've heard the new trail section will be open in September, allowing cyclists to ride to Central Point on the current trail, switch onto Penninger Road in front of the Fairgrounds, and then enter the new trail section from Upton Road to the Blackwell Interchange. This adds about two miles to the Greenway (counting the road section), but an important two miles because it will no longer be necessary to cross over the freeway to Highway 99 (and then back over at Blackwell or Tolo Road) to go north on to Gold Hill. This provides much safer and more straightforward route option for the cyclist.

If you get a chance, drive down to the gold Ray Dam and look at the removal project. They seem to have removed about one third of the concrete, but the old dam has been breached and mighty Rogue River is now flowing freely down the channel, as it last did over one hundred years ago. The work is interesting, with giant excavators perched on temporary cofferdams, breaking up and removing the old concrete dam, the older wooden dam behind it, and the old fish ladders and power house. To get there, follow Blackwell road to the Tolo Tavern, then turn north on Gold Ray Road for a little over a mile. The dam is on the right; it's hard to miss with all the activity in the area.

Gold Ray Road itself is somewhat newsy for cyclists, although there will be no on-the-ground activity in the next year or

two. Jackson County has sponsored a pair of committees to recommend best routes for the Rogue River Trail along the Rogue River from the current Gold Ray dam site to the town of Gold Hill, a distance of about 5 miles. The basic route is on an old gravel road, providing spectacular views of the Rogue River, including Hardy Riffle, Gold Nugget and Powerhouse Falls. Eventually a bike/pedestrian bridge will be built from Upper River Road to the area near the Gold Hill Sport Park, thus completing a controversial section of trail development allowing cyclists to go around Blackwell Hill.



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