



**March 2008** 

# NEWSLETTER

# A Look Into Siskiyou Cyclery "We're Here to Stay!"

Editor's note: Last year each of the member shops were highlighted over several months. At that time, Siskiyou Cyclery was not able to be represented. Finally, we now get an opportunity to learn about the bright yellow bike shop on the south end of Ashland.

Yes, it's still bright yellow outside, but the inside of Siskiyou Cyclery feels much more open and airy than it did before due to recent renovations. Walking into the shop, one can feel that there is new energy. Much of that energy comes from Jeff Rubin who is running the shop for owner Ben Mehmanpazir. Ben bought the shop about three years ago after visiting the area. As a road and mountain biker, Ben stopped in at Siskiyou Cyclery on that visit, liked the atmosphere of the place and decided to buy it. With Ben in the Bay Area, Bernice Jurs is the general manager dealing with the accounting end of the business. Jeff has been given free rein to run the day to day business.

Jeff is a very familiar face to cyclists in the Valley, but his cycling "career" began much earlier. As a young child in California, Jeff lived across the street from a BMX track and began racing BMX at the age of eight. His family moved to the Rogue Valley when Jeff was twelve, and his interest in BMX continued as the BMX track at Bear Creek Park was developed.

Jeff has always loved tinkering and had an aptitude for mechanics. The plastic tools he received as gifts when he was three just weren't good enough, so when Jeff was four, his grandfather gave him his first real tools. With his love of mechanics and bikes, Jeff found old bikes at Salvation Army and would fix them up to sell to his friends or kids in the neighborhood.

He began hanging out at the Sims in his spare time. "They never said I was a nuisance," and apparently his persistent presence paid off when Sims hired Jeff at the age of 15. He started with inventory and some sales, but worked his way into wrenching. Jeff spent seven years at Sims under both Gressetts' and

Haynes' ownerships, working his way up into more and more responsibility. When Sims closed, Jeff spent a few months at Medford Cycle Sport, and then Ben Mehmanpazir called and offered Jeff the opportunity to work Siskiyou Cyclery.

BMX and mountain biking are still Jeff's favorite forms of cycling, though he's begun doing some road biking, mostly to commute to work from Medford.

Jeff's vision for Siskiyou Cyclery is to make it the "go to" place in Ashland and Northern California, meeting the spectrum of cycling needs from basic riding for a family to fully custom bikes. Not only does Siskyou Cyclery rent higher end road and mountain bikes by the hour, day or even week, it also rents Atlas snowshoes for those interested in some good crosstraining. "We are here to serve the customers and make it a good experience. We're here to stay!!"



Bicyclists

Jeff Rubin outside Siskiyou Cyclery

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

Deb Groskreutz Lisa Bach

#### RENEWING MEMBERS

Daniel Bittick
Jim & Pam Britton
Eric Brown
Joanne Haddad & Ron Davies
Gary Harden
John & Tish Harlow
Susan Landfield
John J. Petersen
Bruce Taylor
David Walton
Randy & Pam Wooton
James Williams

#### **Time to Renew**

Jerry Rhoads
Patti Gillen
Peter & Gina Wallwork
Hobart & David Marliave
Terri Ratkoviak
John & Bonny Fertig
Clark & Therese Stevens





#### Siskiyou Velo Club Officers 2008

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#### Visit us on the Internet

**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.

#### Members' Ads

**FOR SALE:** Easton EC 90 Equipe carbon road handlebars, 40 cm, only used a few times...too wide, very light at 180 gm; Phil Wood bottom bracket, 68mm shell, 103mm spindle, square taper; Deda Newton stem, 80mm, 1 1/8" with 1" adaptor, standard angle; contact mary@ashland97520.com

**FOR SALE:** ULTEGRA 9 SPEED TRIPLE GROUP  $\pm$  3,500 miles; STI Shifters; Brake Calipers; Front & Rear Derailleurs; Rear Cassette (12-27); 170 Triple crankset (30-42-52); Bottom Bracket;

Chain \$250 Cheryl French 482-8475

Cheryl.French@opendoor.com

**WANTED:** Used Tandem. Call Lisa at 944-8694.

## **Club Meetings**

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 at Angelo's Pizza in Phoenix. You are welcome to come and listen, eat pizza and add your two cents worth. Find out what's happening with cycling and advocacy in the area, share your expertise and join in!



What's the latest on advocacy and road hazards?

Please check out the website:

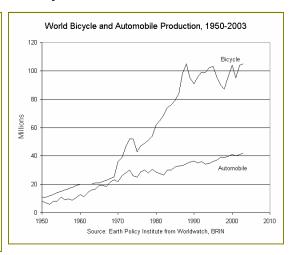


A glorious day to be riding in February

#### Trivia of the Month

In 2003, global production of bicycles hit 105 million—two-and-a-half times the record 42 million cars produced. During the 1950s and 1960s, bicycle and automobile production were nearly equal. In the decades following, however, bike output soared, reaching 91 million in 1990, when car production totaled 36 million. Since then, with the exception of 1997 and 1998 (when output dropped to 90 million and then 87 million), about 100 million bikes have been produced each year.

By Elizabeth Mygatt, www.earth-policy.org



# share the road



Have you tried to get the new Oregon Share the Road license plates yet? You may have noticed a bit of a snag in getting them, but they are on the way. Apparently there was a little snafu in the designer signing off on the design. He wasn't happy with the way the design turned out when it was actually put on the plates. Long story short— there's a modified design before they even hit the road. To read more about it, go to: http://bikeportland.org

### Siskiyou Velo Bylaws

The bylaw revision project is complete! A few comments were made to the committee prior to the February meeting. These were discussed and the proposed bylaws were approved unanimously with only a very minor change of the officer position of Vice-President of Rides being changed to Vice-President of Rides and Events. The newly revised edition of the bylaws are available on the Siskiyou Velo website. Thank you to all who helped in this project.



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# Quote of the Month

"Let a man find himself, in distinction from others, on top of two wheels with a chain — at least in a poor country like Russia — and his vanity begins to swell out like his tires."

Leon Trotsky



### Bear Creek Greenway's Karen Smith is Retiring

By Mike Smith

After twenty-nine and one half years with Jackson County, Karen Smith is retiring. Working for the county, she has managed a print shop, the mail and courier services, fairground special events, and commercial vendors. Later in her career, she worked with the Roads Department; as cyclists, we can appreciate that a call to Karen about unsafe road conditions for bicycles usually resulted in a quick fix.

Most of us, however, remember her for her continuous work with the Bear Creek Greenway. Karen was recently honored by having a trail bridge named for her. Just north of the Ashland Dog Park, the bridge sits on the first piece of trail property she helped buy for the county. Her recognition plaque has been placed near the bridge. Be sure to take a look as you pass through that area. She has been working on one or another aspect of the Greenway during all of her time with the County. A fifth generation resident of the Rogue River valley, Karen has a real passion for lasting improvements to her community. The permanence of the Greenway- the fact that all Greenway properties are set aside for perpetuity- is a meaningful career achievement. Like Lithia Park and other far-sighted projects, the Greenway will be most appreciated years down the road, as land becomes scarcer and creeks even more precious.



Karen Smith, ready to retire

People interact differently on the trail. We take time to slow down and smile, say hello to our neighbors. Stress melts away with a walk or a bike ride in the quiet of the trail. Remember to walk with a friend for safety, as well as the opportunity to enjoy the company. The trail is important for our wildlife as well; the wild space along the creek creates a "critter corridor", a pathway for animal migration through the crowded streets of our urban areas.

Progress on the Greenway since its inception has taken great patience, as well as amazing cooperation between public and private sectors. The County has held the vision for thirty years and has used its considerable influence to gain funding, permissions, and favorable terms for the building of the trail. The private sector has provided the energy to keep moving ahead, as well as fund raising and in-kind contributions at key times in the process.

Currently, several events have assured her that it is a good time to let the reins pass to her successor. First, the last section of the trail should be completed around June of this year, with the opening of the South Medford interchange area to through cyclists. Although there will initially be a roadway crossing at Barnett Street, the City of Medford is exploring ways to route the trail over or under the roadway to provide safe and continuous crossing for walkers and cyclists. Secondly, the long awaited Joint Partners Agreement has been signed into effect by the six partners ( Jackson county, Ashland, Talent, Phoenix, Medford and Central Point), which will provide continuous trail maintenance as well as a fund for major maintenance projects. And finally, the last section of the proposed trail, from Pine Street to Seven Oaks Road, is in the works and may be completed as early as 2009.

Karen hopes for the future of the Greenway are practical as well as ambitious. Some sections, such as the older areas near Talent, will need to be rebuilt entirely after 28 years of service. The trail could use an active volunteer patrol for safety, and more amenities such as restrooms, interpretive signing, and benches. More land should be acquired to as-



sure ownership of both sides of Bear Creek, allowing animals to freely roam the length of the valley in safety. As to extensions of the Greenway, the connection with the ongoing Rogue River Trail will complete a pathway from Ashland to Grants Pass. Karen envisions a possible continuation of the trail to the Pacific Crest Trail at Mount Ashland in the future. And what's to say that the Lower Rogue River Trail couldn't be connected to the north end of the Rogue River Trail at Grants Pass?

We cyclists are in debt to Karen for her monumental accomplishments. As you pass her bridge, remember the work she has done to make our community a better place.

Thank you, Karen!

# The Southern Oregon Time Trial Series

NEW THIS YEAR - HAND CYCLE SHORT COURSE AT 8:30 AND A RECUMBENT CATEGORY ON THE LONG COURSE. THE FIRST RIDER GOES OFF AT 9:00 AM WITH ONE MINUTE START INTERVALS. RIBBONS WILL BE AWARDED TO THE TOP FINISHERS IN EACH CLASS IMMEDIATELY AFTER EACH RACE. THE FINAL RACE WILL HAVE A RAFFLE AND ALL RACERS PRESENT ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE PRIZES GENEROUSLY DONATED BY LOCAL BICYCLE SHOPS.

#### Categories available will be:

Men 1/2/3, Men 4/5, Women 1/2/3, Women 4, Juniors (U18), Masters 40+, <u>Entry Fees—</u> Day of race registration only

<u>Entry Fees—</u> Day of race registration only \$15 each (\$20/tandem) or \$35 for all three (\$50 tandem)

OBRA license required: May be purchased day of race

Full year OBRA Membership (\$20)
One-day OBRA license (\$5)

Questions?

Amy Warner, Race Director 541 601 9663 Amyw@osfashland.org

This is an OBRA event. Helmets are mandatory TT#1 March 1, Antelope Rd., 13.4 Miles
North Medford I-5 Interchange (exit 30) Take
Hwy 62 North, approx 7 miles turn right on Hwy
140, approx 3 miles turn right on Antelope Rd,
start at Fire Station approx 1 mile.

TT#2 March 8, Griffin Creek, 8 Miles
South Medford I-5 interchange (exit 27) west
on Barnett, approx 0.4 mile left on South Pacific
Hwy (99), approx 2-3 mile right on South Stage
Rd., approx 4 miles left on Griffin Cr Rd, 0.5 mile
to start Griffin Creek Elementary School.

TT#3 March 15, Colver Park, 10.4 Miles
Phoenix I-5 interchange (exit 24) west on South
Pacific Hwy (99), approx 0.5 mile to Phoenix,
right on 4th, 0.5 miles to Colver Rd. Left 1 mile
to start at Colver park.

### **Support Our Member Shops**

The bike shops with ads in the newsletter are business members of the Siskiyou Velo. Show them your membership card and receive a 10% discount on parts and accessories.

#### **Get Out Your Calendar!**

So it's only March, but this is a great time to get out your calendar and plan for some great organized rides out of the Valley. Just a few for you to consider are listed below.

- ♦ May Anderson River Ride, Anderson, CA centurybikeride.com
- May Century Ride of the Centuries, Pendleton, OR cyclependleton.com
- ♦ June Strawberry Century, Lebanon, OR www.santiamspokes.org
- ◆ June 21 Mountain Lakes Challenge (Yeah, this our own big ride, but climbing GreenSprings gets you out of the valley!!)
- ♦ July 3-6 Northwest Tandem Rally McMinnville, OR www.nwtr.org/2008
- August 3 Blackberry Bramble, Eugene, OR www.eugenegears.org
- ♦ August 10 Covered Bridge Ride, Albany, OR www.coveredbridgetour.org











### Siskiyou Velo Minutes

#### for February 13, 2008

12 members present

#### **Committees**

- 1. Old Minutes: were approved but I noted that the date on the minutes was 2007 rather than 2008.
- 2. Treasurer Report: Bill Tout reported that he had written one large check to the Rogue River Greenway for \$1000. The current balance is \$7500.00.
- 3. Membership: Don Parker said we have 292 members, up from 286 last month.
- 4. Touring: Dan Wooton asked for ride leader volunteers to sign up for the March Calendar. He also said the Southern Oregon Time Trials begin on March 1.
- 5. Newsletter: Jodi Weber said she would like to interview the new shop owner members for the newsletter.
- 6. Advocacy: There was no advocacy member present.
- 7. Racing: Glen Gann said the SO Time Trials on March 1, 8, and 15 would be excellent warm ups for the Cinco de Mayo ride coming up soon.

Events/MLC: Ron Zell reported on the Ride the Rogue Meeting he and others attended on February 7. They discussed routes to make sure they're not competitive with the MLC. He said the meeting went very well with the club reaffirming support for the RtR. He said the two endeavors would like to cross promote each other's ride and share information. It was also reported that the website for the MLC had been redesigned by Spencer Gray, that brochures for the ride were now finished and that all the permits had been procured. Sponsorship money now totals over \$6000 thanks to Mike Smith and Tish Harlow.

#### Old Business

1. Bylaws: Jodi talked about the changes brought about by committee and some caveats and suggestions brought up by others. There was a lengthy discussion regarding various positions and whether they should be considered officers. Only one minor change was made, changing the VP of Rides to VP of Rides & Events. The revised bylaws were unanimously passed. Jodi also proposed increases to ad prices and asked that they be voted on. They were and passed unanimously.

- 1. Karen Smith is retiring soon and a discussion was had regarding how to recognize her years of hard work on the Greenway. A card and a newsletter article were suggested as well as an article in Bob Korfhage's regular Mail Tribune newspaper article.
- 2. Bill Tout spoke about the new "Share the Road" license plates now available. He mentioned that \$10 of each plate fee goes to the BTA. He said the cost to obtain them is \$25 when between registrations or \$20 upon renewal.
- 3. James Williams mentioned that he would continue to hold the jersey procurement position for another 4-5 months. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM



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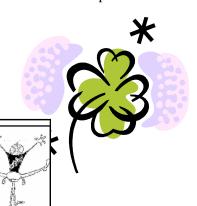
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#### 3rd AmgenTour of California

Levi Leipheimer, team Astana, won his second consecutive Tour of California on February 24, with David Millar and Christian Vandevelde—both of Team Slipstream in second and third places.



Attorney: Secretary: Carlyle F. Stout III Remedy Hovermale

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#### SISKIYOU VELO RIDE SCHEDULE - March 2008

#### **Approved helmets required on all club**

#### **50** Unless other wise noted, rain/wet pavement cancels ride

Date	Time	Start	Route	Pace/Rating	Miles	Contact	
Sat 3/1/2008	10:30 AM	Downtown Café Talent	Callahans, free- way option	Moderate TBD		James Williams 857-9037	
Sun 3/2/2008	10:00 AM	Colver Park	Show & Go	TBD	TBD	No Ride Leader	
Sat 3/8/2008	10:00 AM	Colver Park	Eagle Point	TBD	TBD	No Ride Leader	
Sun 3/9/2008	12:00 Noon	Bi Mart, W. Main Medford	Tandems +	TBD	TBD	Dan Wooton 779-9248	
Sat 3/15/2008	10:00 AM	Colver Park	Rogue River	Moderate	60	No Ride Leader	
Sun 3/16/2008	10:00 AM	Walker School- Ashland	MLC New Route Preview	Mellow	25-50	Ron & Elizabeth Zell 482-4815	
Sat 3/22/2008	10:00 AM	Colver Park	Woodrat/Ruch	TBD	45	Mike Smith 855-1531	
Sun 3/23/2008	12:00 noon	Bi Mart, W. Main Medford	Tandem's +	TBD	TBD	Dan Wooton 779-9248	
Sat 3/29/2008	10:00 AM	Hawthorne Park	Eagle Point & Return	TBD	40	Dan Wooton 779-9248	
Sun 3/30/2008	12:00 Noon	Bi Mart, W Main Medford	Tandems +	TBD	TBD	Dan Wooton 779-9248	
Every Saturday	10:00 AM	Varies	TBD	Mellow	20+/-	Phil Gagnon 488-4289	
Every Saturday	9:00 AM	Medford Cycle Sport	TBD	Race Pace	Varied <20	Alex Hayes 857-0819	
Every Sunday	9:00 AM	Bike Path behind Bad	TBD	Race Pace	<20	Glen Gann 779-6986	
Every Monday	11:00 AM	Colver Park	JVille Coffee Ride	Group B4	25	No Ride Leader	
Tues, Thur, Fri	Call	Colver Park	Show & Go	Group B4	Varied	Rick Berlet 488-0036	
Every Wed	10:00 AM	Roasting Company Ashland	Show & Go	Regroup C4	25-40	No Ride Leader	

#### Ride Rating:

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

Ride Pace: (average range on level ground)

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

Group - Riders will stay together.

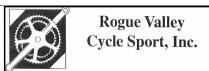
Regroup - Riders will spread out and regroup along the route.

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.





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#### Siskiyou Velo Membership Application

Name			<b>Age</b> [ ] 18-35	Type of Membership (check one box in each cell below)				
Street Address			[ ] 36-45 [ ] 46-55	[ ] Individual – \$15/year [ ] Family – \$20/year	[ ] New			
City	State	Zip	[ ] 56-65 [ ] 66+	[ ] Business – \$25/year				
E-Mail Address			Phone	Any new Information included? (e.g., street address, e-mail address, phone, NL distribution) [ ] Yes [ ] No				
Information Blocking Options (items checked will not be available on				Newsletter Distribution Election				
the secure pages of the web sit	te)*		[ ] Snail mail (cost borne by Club)					
[ ] Phone Number [ ] E-mail Address [ ] Residence Address [ ]				[ ] Electronic (via web site – notification by e-mail)				
* Access to roster on web will require	e member ID a	nd password		· ·	,			
7.0				ring ittees (MLC, etc.) [ ] Newsletter [ ] Ride Leader [ ] Officer position				
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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Parent or Guardian of M	linor		Date _					

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