



May 2008

NEWSLETTER

We Don't Get No Respect

By Edgar Hee

Bicycle advocacy is a long uphill road because motorists do not respect bicyclists. In advocating for bike facilities and the rights of bicyclists, non-cyclists commonly object to bicyclists' rights and bike facilities. Their response to "why not bike facilities?" is poor cyclist behavior on the public roadways. Motorists like to remind us about the bicyclists who run stop signs and red lights. They like to remind us about the bicyclists riding two or more abreast blocking the two lane roadways.

We will only get respect as alternative vehicles sharing the road when we too follow and obey motor vehicle laws. We need to heed traffic control devices like stop signs and red lights. We need to respect other vehicles by not riding side-by-side blocking traffic. We need to respect the pedestrians on the Greenway the same way we hope motor vehicles respect us on the roadways.

We as Siskiyou Velo members need to be role models for other cyclists and follow the rules of the road that apply to all vehicles. Then when we want respect, we will deserve that respect.

RIDE OF SILENCE 2008

Sponsored by Siskiyou Velo Bicycle Club

WHEN: May 21st – 7:00 PM

START LOCATION: Hawthorn Park, Medford (meet on Hawthorn St.)

ROUTE: Hawthorn Park, East Main through downtown Medford, Highway 238 to North Ross Lane, Rossanley Dr., Hanley Rd., Pine in Central Point, Bear Creek Greenway back to Hawthorn Park.

DISTANCE: 12.25 miles

SPEED: The speed should not exceed 12 miles per hour.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Korfhage 535 5276 or bkorfhage@charter.net

The Ride of Silence is a memorial to cyclists killed or injured while cycling. This is a funeral procession, not a typical club ride.

- * The speed should not exceed 12 miles per hour.
- * No talking first 5 miles (Jct. Highway 238 and Hanley Rd.). Use hand signals to point out obstacles.
- * No headphones, please.

We ask cyclists to wear a black armband if they personally know someone killed while cycling and a red armband if they have been hurt by a vehicle while cycling.

Please bring headlights and tail lights in case darkness comes before the ride is finished.

Join cyclists worldwide in a silent slow-paced ride (max. 12 mph) in honor of those who have been injured or killed while cycling on public roadways. See: <http://www.rideofsilence.org/>

Why does this site exist?

To HONOR those who have been injured or killed

To RAISE AWARENESS that we are here

To ask that we all SHARE THE ROAD

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RENEWING MEMBERS

Wayne & Kay Breithaupt
Karen Basin & Wendyn Price
Gary Roberts
Marlene Fazio
Gordon Kniefel
Marsha Fickert & Julie Knorr

Letter to the Velo: I'm a former (and future) member of Siskiyou Velo; riding with the club was a big part of my getting into cycling seriously. I lived in the Rogue Valley for a few years, then moved to Austin, TX for about a year and a half and knew I had to return to Ashland, but wanted to do it by riding my bike back.

I left in mid-January. Not wanting to tempt fate on the snowy passes of Utah on the way back, I headed south, through Mexico, riding a loop through the center of the country before heading north. I've been out touring now for about three months, and I'm now in northwest Mexico, near the Copper Canyon. From here, I plan to go to Baja California and then "straight" north through California, and I expect to get back to Ashland sometime in July. I've been keeping a detailed journal of each day, with lots of pictures: http://www.crazyguyonabike.com/doc/alex_home_2008

I usually can only post updates every week or so, but I thought the guys I used to ride with in the club might be interested in reading about my journey. I'm enjoying Mexico, but looking forward to getting back to Ashland again also.

Alex Lockhart

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:

[http://siskiyouvelo.org/
advocacy.html](http://siskiyouvelo.org/advocacy.html)



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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.

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.

A Look Inside Spin Cycles

Spin Cycles is the place to come and hang out, especially if you like recumbents.

"I was just interested in riding bikes, I guess," is how Craig Ransom expressed how he got into cycling. Years ago co-owner Jason Nelson worked at another shop in town, and Craig bought a bike from Jason. The two began talking and at some point Craig asked Jason, "What are you going to do with your life?" Jason's dream was to own his own bike shop. From there the two men started talking and one day said, "Let's do it!" In 1998, Jason Nelson and Craig Ransom opened Spin Cycles right in the very center of downtown Grants Pass.

About eight years ago Spin Cycles started carrying recumbents, Craig's much preferred mode of cycling. He says the comfort level is so much better for him with no pressure on his shoulder and neck. He sees it as the perfect way to keep many older people out riding.

And riding is what Craig likes to do. Four days a week, rides start from Spin Cycle at 8:00 in the morning all year long. He was quite proud that there were only two days though this past winter that they had to cancel a ride. These are most definitely social rides. No one gets dropped, and there is always a coffee stop at the end of the ride.

The involvement with people - out on a ride, hanging around the shop - is what Craig likes about his job. His wife, Alyce, does the books. She's also a rider, albeit a wedgie rider.

The day I went in to meet Craig, he said right away he was extremely busy and it was a bad day for me to be there. But you'd never know it as he replaced a cassette and kept on talking about the shop. A couple "regulars" were at the shop as I was talking to Craig, just hanging, helping out, entering in on the conversation. Though Craig was busy, there was a real down home feel, a bit like hanging out at the gas station in Mayberry.

If you're up for an early ride in Grants Pass, Craig would be happy to have you join them. Or if you're just over that way, stop in and chat a bit.



Craig Ransom of Spin Cycles at work

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A small illustration of a person riding a recumbent bicycle, shown from a side profile.

Spring Thaw Fun, Free Tee Shirt AND Free Lunch!!

All these can be yours along with the wonderful feeling that you have been part of the largest Mountain Bike event in Oregon! We are in dire need of volunteers for the Spring Thaw Mountain Bike Festival occurring on May 3rd and 4th, a Saturday and Sunday.

Help with registration, setting up the events or be a course marshal. Volunteer one day or both. Help support and encourage Mountain Biking in the Rogue Valley. Call or email for information or to sign up:
Bob Quaccia, 482-1143
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Ashland Community Bike Swap

Ashland Parks & Recreation Department, Rogue Valley Transportation District (RVTD) and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission present the 18th Annual Bike Swap.

If you are interested in **selling your bicycle**, and it is in working condition, bring it to the Grove on Friday, May 9, between 6pm and 8pm or Saturday May 10, between 7am and 10am.



If you are interested in **buying a bicycle**, the swap is open to the public from noon to 4pm on Saturday, May 10. The Ashland Community Bike Swap will have hundreds of bicycles available.

Bike Swap activities include a bicycle rodeo, raffle, Bike-It freestyle tricks and fun bicycle races. Call the Ashland Parks & Recreation Department at 541-488-5340 for more information or visit.

Admission price is \$1 per person or \$3 per family and includes one raffle ticket per person.

Volunteers are needed to help make this event a success! If you would like a "first look" at the bikes for sale and can donate two to four

hours of time, please contact the Ashland Parks and Recreation Office at 541-488-5340.

Battle the Puncture Vine

If you have flatted because of "puncture vine" or "goat heads", don't get mad, get even. Join Bob Budesá (326-2549 or e-mail bob_budesá@charter.net) and the BLM June 28th helping to get rid of noxious weeds including the Puncture Vine. See the following announcement:

A weed-pull has been planned for June 28 at several locations: North Mountain Park, Greenway in Ashland-Talent, Greenway in Central Point, Prescott Park in Medford, Jefferson Nature Center and Denman Wildlife Preserve. For volunteers, a barbeque and information session, with booths follows at noon in Hawthorne Park. To sign up, call Bob Budesá at 326-2549 or e-mail bob_budesá@charter.net

Ref. Mail Tribune, "Invasion" April 7, 2008:

<http://www.mailtribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080407/NEWS/804070307/-1/ARCHIVE>



(Nearly) Cinco de Mayo Ride & Fiesta

Where: Dan & Leslie Wooton's House
2095 Terrel Drive 779-9248
Medford

(Parking on Diamond St, West of Columbus)

When: Saturday, May 10th
9:00 AM Start

Routes: 1) 5 creeks/50 miles/5000 Ft. Elevation Gain, Leader Dan Wooton

2) Flat 50. Leader TBD

Things to Bring:

Lawn Chairs
Your Drinks
Salads or Desserts



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Tentative Jackson County Chip Seal List 2008

Below is a preliminary list of roads to be chipsealed this season.

Road	Start	End
Agate	Ave G E	Nick Young
Agate	MP 4	Old Sams Valley Way
Antelope	MP 7	Bridge #207
Antelope	MP 11	Royal Oak
Ball	Hwy 62	Brophy Rd
Brophy	Ball	Reece Cr
Brownsboro EP	Eagle Point	Hwy 140
Brownsboro Meridian	Hwy 140	Meridian Rd N
Citadel	B Anconia	End Point
Crowfoot	Hwy 62	Cattleguard
Crowfoot	Netherlands	MP 4
Crowfoot	MP 7	Butte Falls Hwy
Danconia	Ragsdale	End of Oil
Domino	Fowler	Corey
East Dutton	Hwy 62	Ave H E
Fowler	Hwy 62	Domino
Hammel	Hwy 62	Hwy 62
Indian Cr.	Hwy 62	End of Oil
Lexington	Agate	End of Oil
Lotus Ln E	Crater Lake Ave	End of Oil
Madera	D Anconia	End of Oil
Main St. Trail	Hwy 62	Hwy 227
Nick Young	Hwy 62	Agate
Obenchain	Geppert	End of Oil
Old Sams Valley	Hwy 234	Hwy 234
Reece Cr	Brophy	MP 2
Reece Cr	Hillandale	Butte Falls Hwy
Rockwood	Hillandale	Cul de sac
West Antelope	Kirtland	Table Rock

Exercise the Mind

Fill in the letters to complete this sentence.

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Answer? See next month!

April's question: If six mechanics can assemble twelve bikes in two hours, how many mechanics will it take to assemble sixteen bikes in four hours? 4

Trivia of the Month

San Francisco had 37 bicycle police officers patrolling San Francisco International Airport. Trek mountain bikes are used. One officer said that cycling is a lot easier on the hips than walking since they each pack about twenty pounds of gear around their waists when in uniform.

Jodi Weber, personal conversation with an officer



Getting ready for the ride
 Photo by Jack Buster



Cycling News?

Have you found an interesting cycling story or bit of news to share? Our webmaster, Spencer Gray, has created a news link for members to add relevant cycling links to. It's still a work in progress, but it's fully functional. Check out some news stories that you might have missed. Feel free to create an account and post some news. Contact Spencer at webmaster@siskiyouvelo.org if you have any questions.

Siskiyou Velo Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2008

1. 10 members present
2. A check for \$438 was donated to the Velo from the ORCA-TRI Club which disbanded.
3. Advocacy – Edgar Hee said that John Vial would be appointing someone to replace Karen Smith. Vial will keep us apprised of the status of the chip seal test areas. There was a long discussion on the riding laws and courtesies involved when riding on the streets/roads and the Bear Creek Greenway.
4. Rides – Dan Wooton asked for volunteers to lead rides in May and reminded everyone of the upcoming Cinco de Mayo ride scheduled for May 10. He said he would write up an article of the details to be included in the newsletter.
5. Racing – Glen Gann said the Spring Thaw would be held on May 3-4. There was some discussion about a mass emailing regarding the Spring Thaw and whether or not it should have been pre-approved before sending. The consensus was that we support racing but that the approval process is laid down in the Velo Bylaws. Glen said he would send information regarding the race to Jodi Weber for inclusion in the newsletter.
6. Membership – It was reported that membership is at 290, up 4 from January 1.
7. Treasurer – Bill Tout said that the normal expenses paid for last month left us a balance of approximately \$8600.
8. Newsletter – Jodi Weber announced that she needed all entries to be submitted before April 20 instead of the usual date of the 15th because she would be out of the state for 6 days.
9. MLC – Ron Zell said that the MLC Committee now has enough captains for the rest stops. He said he will ask Southern Oregon Subaru and Access to help volunteer at the Alba Park rest stop and maybe others. He also mentioned that Alba Park had waived their usual fees of \$27.50 per hour. The committee is still looking for sag drivers for the event. 59 registrations have been received so far compared with 25 at this point last year.
10. New Business – Dan and Edgar are deciding whether to form an organizing committee for the Northwest Tandem Rally slated for 2010. They mentioned that three routes had to be developed and that they would need help from civic organizations as well as the Velo members. Edgar discussed the exposure the Tandem Rally would bring to Southern Oregon.
11. Old Business – There was general discussion of Steve Levesque's recent accident. Gary Shaff wants to pursue legal action with the District Attorney but it was felt that the club doesn't have the resources to become actively involved. A suggestion was made for Steve to contact the Bicycle Transportation Alliance for information and follow up suggestions. The club confirmed the new bylaw policy of including a second signature from an Executive Committee member on checks over \$1000.

Quote of the Month

"There is still a part of me that is ten years old. But by and large I'm older."

Carl Sagan, Broca's Brain

DID YOU KNOW?

Central Point Police Chief Jon Zeliff was awarded the Alice B Toeclips Award from the BTA this year for his support of the Central Point Police Departments bike patrol program, their Safe Routes To School Program, bike advocacy and

donation of bike helmets. As of this month, the Central Point Police Department has given away close to 200 helmets over the last year and a half.



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SISKIYOU VELO RIDE SCHEDULE – May 2008

🚲 **Approved helmets required on all club**

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

Date	Time	Start Location	Route	Pace/ Rating	Miles	Ride Leader/ Contact
May 3 Saturday	9:30AM	Jacksonville Post Office	Woodrat	Moderate	TBD	James 857-9037
May 4 Sunday	12:00 Noon	Bi Mart, W. Main St Medford	Tandems +	TBD	TBD	Dan Wooton 779-9248
May 10 Saturday	9:00 AM	2095 Terrel Dr Medford	CINCO DE MAYO RIDE & FIESTA!!!	2 rides/ Hills&Flat	50	Dan Wooton 779-9248
May 17 Saturday	9:00 AM	Colver Park	Grants Pass Loop	Brisk	85	Jerry Rhoads 512-2155
May 18 Sunday	12:00 Noon	Bi Mart, W.Main Medford	Tandems +	TBD	TBD	Dan Wooton
May 21 Wednesday	7:00 PM	Hawthorne Park	RIDE OF SILENCE	10-12 MPH Max.	12	Bob Korfhage
May 24 Saturday	9:00 AM	Collier Rest Stop California	Iron Gate Loop	Brisk	62	Rick Berlet 488-0036
Every Satur- day	10:00 AM	Varies	TBD	Mellow	20 +/-	Phil Gagnon 488-4289
Every Satur- day	10:00 AM	Medford Cycle Sport	TBD	Race Pace	Varies <20	Alex Hayes 857-0819
Every Sun- day	9:00 AM	Bike Path Behind Bad Ass Coffee Co	TBD	Race Pace	<20	Glen Gann 779-6986
Every Monday	9:30 AM	Colver Park	Jacksonville coffee ride	Group B4	25	No Ride Leader
Every Tuesday	6:00 PM	Grotto parking lotTalent (park behind Grotto)	TBD Dinner after Ride	Mellow	TBD	Charles Whitaker 488-4349
Tues, Thurs., Friday	Call	Colver Park	Show & Go	Group B4	Varied	Rick Berlet 488-0036
Every Wednesday	10:00 AM	Roasting Company Ashland	Show & Go	Regroup C4	25-40	No Ride Leader

Ride Rating:

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

Ride Pace: (average range on level ground)

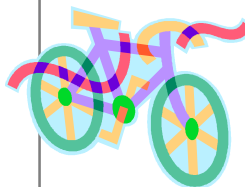
- 1- Slow < 10 mph
- 2-Leisurely 10—12 mph
- 3-Mellow 12- 15 mph
- 4-Brisk 15 -17 mph
- 5-Hammer 18+ MPH

Group - Riders will stay together.

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

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