



SISKIYOU VELO



December 2007

NEWSLETTER

Volunteer Profile Spencer Gray, Velo Webmaster

The Siskiyou Velo has some awesome volunteers. Many we never see or hear much about. On occasion, the newsletter will highlight some of the great people whose contributions are indispensable to the Club. First and foremost, we want to acknowledge all that Spencer Gray has done creating and maintaining one of the very best bike club homepages ever. Thank you, Spencer!

Tell us a bit about your cycling.

Aside from riding in my childhood, I think my passion for cycling probably started in early 2000. As I recall I made a private New Year's resolution of sorts to get in shape. I started riding 10 miles on a day on a mountain bike that I'd had since junior high. Those 10 mile rides on the Greenway bike gradually got longer and by the end of the year I had ridden the Crater Lake loop and moved on to a road bike. In retrospect, I think this was probably a catalyst to a change in my attitude as a whole. I had a prolonged period of laziness towards the end of high school and for a few years afterward and I think that getting bitten by the bike bug was probably what turned that around.

I discovered Siskiyou Velo at some point after that. I used the old club website a bit to get ideas for rides but didn't join for a long time. In 2002, I had an accident on the bike in Phoenix. I wasn't paying attention and rode into a gap in the gutter along Houston Rd near Colver Rd. The wreck was my fault, but it wouldn't have happened if the obstruction weren't there. There were no signs warning of the problem and this was directly adjacent to a bike lane - I thought that this would be a danger to other cyclists and approached Bob Korfage (then the club president) about contacting the city. Bob did what he could to contact the appropriate parties within the city and the obstruction was marked and eventually repaired. I decided at that point that I'd join the club - it just so happened that the old webmaster had relinquished his duties so I volunteered to take it over.

In the last several years, I've started racing more and more and right now, that is the biggest focus of my cycling life. Racing is a mystery to me - I really don't know what attracts me to it. I've had some success but I've also been humbled by much more talented riders more times than I can count. It can be a deeply gratifying and frustrating sport. Whatever it is, it's only mid-October and I'm already mapping out my season for next year.

Where do you come from, and can you tell us a little about how you got where you are in the Rogue Valley?

I grew up in the Rogue Valley - my parents and I moved to Medford from Wyoming when I was in 2nd grade (1986). I can always name something to complain about but I really can't imagine that I'd ever move out of the valley. The riding is just too good :)

Will you share some information about your business life?

I work as a Web Designer at Musician's Friend in Medford. I also have a handful of side projects that I do on my own. Essentially, I cut my teeth on the Siskiyou Velo website - I learned a lot building and maintaining the site and it was a big part of my decision to make a career in the field.



NEW MEMBERS

Michelle Pauly
Curt & Faith & Matt Dooley

RENEWING MEMBERS

Larry Wolfson
Gary Foll
Gail Frank
Mike & Marion Karpinski
Andy Dungan
Dana Bandy
Dan & Ellen Rubenson
Jim Knerl & Rita Orlandini
David Ingalls
Helmut Schroeder
Larry Pearson
Mark & Nancy Fadling
James Daniels
Bill Tout & Marilyn Anderson
Steven Wells
Cathy Edwards & John Zigler
Carlyle & Barbara Stout
Paul Rowland
Peter & Julia Lester
John & Karen Poole
Mike Smith & Mary Burgess
Wil Thomson
Ramona Rosborg

TIME TO RENEW

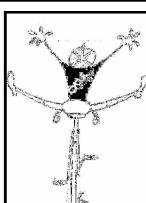
Dan & Joan Thorndike
Cindy Roche & Bob Korfage
Larry & Linda Scott
Jodi & Wayne Marthaller
Maria Geigel & Stephen Weyer
Phil Gagnon
Don & Chris Cheek
Michael Morris
Andy Mayer

SISKIYOU VELO MEMBERS

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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: Draftmaster HR-5 Hitch Rack—includes 5 bike mounts, hitch lock, 2 fork locks, front wheel mount bar (this photo is of the 3-bike version). 2" hitch mount. Great rack! Swings down so hatch can be opened. Very stable and aerodynamic. Only selling because we sold the car it mounted on.
\$475 terry@terrylongshore.com

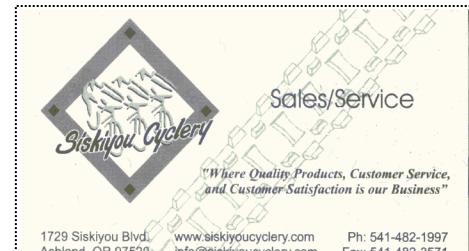


For Sale: Yokota Mtn Bike - excellent condition - unsuspended, small (14.5 in, 38 cm); frame of double butted cro-mo w/ Shimano mtn LX components, 21 speed—\$250. New cycling shoes, size 39, and a variety of new and slightly used women's small to medium cycling clothing, including Gor-Tex, Winter cycling jerseys, tights and jackets. Hiking & water sports technical clothing & equipment also available in small to medium sizes. Call for availability if interested. John 482-1529.

Important Note

The monthly club meeting will NOT be the usual second Wednesday at Angelo's Pizza. Instead, the annual meeting will be incorporated into the holiday party and potluck on Saturday, December 8. See the next page for details!

BikeKraft
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785 Rogue River Hwy.
541-476-4935





Siskiyou Velo Annual Holiday Potluck

It's just around the corner and an event you won't want to miss; so get your calendars out and mark this date.

When: Saturday, December 8th
Where: Pioneer Hall in Ashland
Time: 6:00 - 9:30 p.m.

The club will provide four-baked lasagnas, wine, beer, soft drinks, cups, plates, and silverware. You will need to bring a dish (salad, veggies, dessert). We also would appreciate it if you would bring a serving utensil for your dish.

There will be live music from the group "Endangered Species" from 7:30 - 9:30. Come ready to dance!

Any questions? Call or email Elizabeth at 482-4815 or ecrawfordzell@yahoo.com



Siskiyou Velo Annual Meeting

A few minutes of the Holiday Potluck will be devoted to business as this is the official annual meeting of the Siskiyou Velo. The primary (perhaps only?) order of business will be the election of officers for 2008. The nominating committee has had a relatively easy time of it as all the current officers are willing to continue for another year. Of course, nominations from the floor at the meeting are welcome. The nominees for 2008 are as follows:

President: Glen Gann
Advocacy: Edgar Hee
Events: Ron & Elizabeth Zell
Touring/Rides: Dan Wooton
Racing: Steve Maluk
Membership: Don Parker
Secretary: James Williams
Treasurer: Bill Tout
Newsletter: Jodi Weber



And speaking of Christmas shopping . . .

Consider one of our beautiful Siskiyou Velo club jerseys for the cyclists on your list! These are very breathable and comfortable jerseys by Louis Garneau at the great price of \$54.25. Please contact James Williams for size availability at 857-9037. Good only while supplies last!

Second Annual Velo Toy Run

The Toy Ride is a benefit for Access. Riders are encouraged to bring children's gifts or non-perishable food items. Prizes will be given for generous gifts, best costumes etc. The ride leaves at 9:00 am from the parking lot beside Ashley Furniture in the Medford Center (near Tinseltown). It is a *leisurely* hand-waving, good-cheer stroll through Medford and out to Pony Espresso in Jacksonville. An Access vehicle will be waiting to load the donations! Questions? call Angela 601-7390 or email Laneco@internetcds.com





Mileage Markers on the Greenway!

One beautiful autumn Saturday, the very efficient team of Edgar Hee, Mike Smith and Jodi Weber stenciled mileage markers on the Bear Creek Greenway between the Ashland Dog Park and South Medford. This is part of the signage project initiated by the Velo, the major portion of which was the erection of the "you are here" maps at various locations along the Greenway. If you are curious as to the logic of the numbering, the Greenway—in theory—starts at Emigrant Lake, with the Ashland Dog Park being approximately Mile 8. In anticipation of the completion of the Greenway all the way from Emigrant Lake to Central Point, it has been so numbered.

Letter from our President

We tried a few new things and started some new rides that I hope will be carried on into the new year. One of those being an Ice Cream Social ride, which I'm hoping will be carried on into 2008. How can one go wrong when offering home-made ice cream? The MLC was taken on by new leaders, Ron and Elizabeth Zell. WOW! They did a fantastic job with it. Many thanks to them all those that helped. An interest was expressed by Phil Gagnon about a slower paced, shorter ride and he has since implemented one on Saturday mornings from Bear Creek Park.

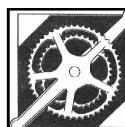
These are just a few of the ideas brought forth by club members that have been put into action. Some of the ongoing topics I would wish to see forward progress being made are additional riding skills classes, more rider friendly events, involvement from ALL club members, advocating for compatibility between cyclists and drivers on the road, and continued growth within the cycling community. My hope for the coming year is that we continue to strive to make this club a resource that serves all of its member needs.

In closing, thank you for your continued support in 2007. I hope you felt that I was able to serve you well this past year. Feel free to let the club officers know if you have any ideas or concerns that you would like to have brought forth at a meeting.

Sincerely,

Glen

P.S. Don't miss the Toy Drive Ride in December!



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Jack Christman



Cyclists enjoying the Greenway near Blue Heron Park.

Thank you, Velo!

Thank you to all of you who've contributed to the newsletter this last year. It's been great fun putting this together. At times it gets down to the wire and I feel the crunch. Sometimes I have too much and don't know how I'll fit it all in. Other times there are these little spaces that I need to be creative in filling (hence this little *thank you!*). It has been great fun cobbling this little project each month. I've gotten to know some great people, read some interesting cycling stories, and received some very appreciated words of encouragement. Every once in a while I'm amazed as I discover someone has actually read what I've collected here. Of course, the greatest thanks go to Don and Ros Parker. Don for the labels, the beer and his stories; Ros for many dinners, encouragement and lots of laughs.

Jodi Weber

**What's the latest on advocacy
and road hazards?**

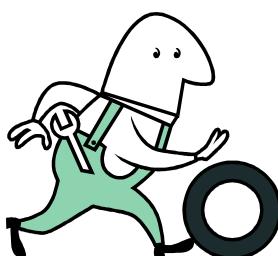
Please check out the website:

<http://siskiyouvelo.org/advocacy.html>

Trivia of the Month

Tired of getting flats? Blame John Boyd Dunlop. On December 7, 1888 Dunlop patented the first practical pneumatic or inflatable tire. Make that 'tyre' - he's a Brit. Actually, he was from Scotland and founded the rubber company, Dunlop Tyres. In 1887 he developed the pneumatic tyre for his son's tricycle.

Unfortunately, two years later his patent was determined to be invalid as such tyres were previously patented in France (1846) and in the US (1847).



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Boyd_Dunlop

Minutes from November 2007 Velo Meeting

With 18 members present, the minutes of the last meeting were approved.

- 1.Treasurer Report: The club's balance is \$10,600 after \$1000 was donated to the BTA.
 - 2.Membership: Membership has increased from 286 to 300 after 12 former members re-upped and 2 additional people joined.
 - 3.Touring: Dan said that Angela Lane will be heading up the Bicycle Toy Ride on December 8. He also emphasized the need for ride leaders to step forward to fill December's schedule.
 - 4.Newsletter: Jodi encouraged folks to write articles for the newsletter.
 - 5.Advocacy: There was general discussion of the November 11 Mail Tribune Editorial regarding bike lanes in front of Hedrick Middle School on East Jackson Street. Edgar will respond with a guest opinion and encouraged others to write letters to the newspaper or their online forum. He also said that RVTD is considering targeting ticketed cyclists for education of proper cycling. There was also talk of having cards made up offering information and etiquette and having cyclists pass them out on the Greenway. Edgar also noted there were still openings on the Pedestrian/Bicyclist Committees for the City of Medford as well as Jackson County.
 - 6.Racing: Glen announced that November 17 would be the last chance to see Cyclocross this year. The event will be held at Songer Wayside at Emigrant Lake.
 - 7.Events: Ron said the MLC kickoff meeting was held on November 12 and discussed some of the changes that will occur including flat rides in the valley to promote a larger participation. He touched on the MLC Donation Model to offer direct funding to the Bearcreek Greenway. He said he would like to see more of a family mix on the ride and that there may be a kids ride included. Ron and Elizabeth still need volunteers to help with sponsorship and marketing.
 - 8.Old Business: Elizabeth Zell said the Elections/Potluck meeting for December 8 needed an additional \$200 to pay for the live band that will begin playing after the general meeting and dinner. It was suggested that less wine be purchased since there was much left over last year. Elizabeth also passed out brochures, used at a recent gathering at the Outdoor Store, which highlighted club concepts and activities and included an application for membership to the Velo. Don Parker will print up more of them to be distributed at health clubs and bike stores. She also said she'd like for the club to have occasional expedited business meetings in order to have time for featuring bike representatives and others of special interest.
 - 9.New Business: Glen spoke on the need for educating and training club riders to cycle more closely together rather than maintaining large comfort zones. The training would help alleviate the "sprawl" on the road we have when doing club rides.
 - ◆ Bill Heimann, a certified instructor for the League of American Bicyclists, wants to rewrite the bike code so that people cited for bicycle violations can attend a one day class teaching bicycle street skills through "Road One" of the LAB "Bike Ed Class". He also said a class would be held through Ashland Parks and Recreation to teach bike skills for \$25 per individual or \$40 per couple on March 8, 2008 at 8:30 AM. He would like us to consider a Siskiyou Velo Class. Bill can be reached at 482-1497.
 - ◆ James Williams announced that Bikekraft in Grants Pass had joined the Siskiyou Velo Club and is another bike store honoring the 10% discount for members in good standing.
 - 11.Old Business: Most officers in attendance agreed to "re-up" for their positions eliminating the need for a nominating committee. Candidates can still be nominated on the floor during the December Election/Potluck Meeting on December 8.
 - 12.The meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Quote of the Month

On May 25 of this year we did a 70 mile ride that went through Rogue River. As is our custom we stopped for lunch and installed ourselves on the outside tables enjoying the spring sunshine. There was a number of Harleys parked nearby and, as we later learned, their riders were inside the restaurant. The 40-ish waitress came out, looked around at us bikers and proclaimed for all to hear, "I sure like you bike riders better than those Harley guys!"

From somewhere a voice inquired, "Oh, Why?"

To which she answered with great emphasis, "Because you all wear those really tight pants!!!"



SISKIYOU VELO RIDE SCHEDULE – December 2007** Approved helmets required on all club**** Unless other wise noted, rain/wet pavement cancels ride**

Date	Time	Start Location	Route	Pace	Miles	Ride Leader
Dec. 1 Saturday	10:00 AM	Colver Park	Gold Hill & Return	Moderate	40	Mike Smith 855-1531
Dec. 2 Sunday	10:00 AM	Hawthorne Park	Show & Go	TBD	TBD	No Ride Leader
Dec. 8 Saturday	9:00 AM	Ashley Furniture/Medford Ctr ACCESS TOY RIDE	TBD	TBD	TBD	Angela 601-7390
Dec. 9 Sunday	12:00 Noon	Bi Mart, W. Main Medford	Show & Go	Tandems+	TBD	Dan Wooton 779-9248
Dec. 15 Saturday	10:00 AM	Hawthorne Park Jodi & Bill's Birthday Ride	TBD	TBD	TBD	Jodi Weber 301-6880
Dec. 16 Sunday	10:00 AM	Colver Park	Show & Go	TBD	TBD	No Ride Leader
Dec. 22 Saturday	10:00 AM	Colver Park	Rogue River & Return	Brisk	60	Jerry Rhoads 512-2155
Dec. 23 Sunday	12:00 Noon	Bi-Mart, W. Main Medford	TBD	Tandems+	TBD	Dan Wooton 779-9248
Dec. 29 Saturday	10:00 AM	Hawthorne Park	Eagle Point & Return	TBD	40	Dan Wooton 779-9248
Dec. 30 Sunday	10:00 AM	Colver Park	Show & Go	TBD	TBD	No Ride Leader
Every Saturday	10:00 AM	Varies	TBD	Mellow	20+/-	Phil Gagnon 488-4289
Every Saturday	8:30 AM	Bike Path behind Bad Ass Coffee Co	TBD	Race Pace	Varied <20	Glen Gann 779-6986
Every Sunday	8:30AM	Bike Path behind Bad Ass Coffee Co	TBD	Race Pace	<20	Alex Hayes 857-0819
Every Monday	11:00 AM	Colver Park	JVille Coffee	Group B4	25	No Ride Leader
Tues,Thurs, Fri	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, 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)



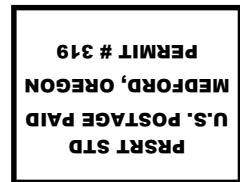
Siskiyou Velo Membership Application

Name			Age <input type="checkbox"/> 18-35 <input type="checkbox"/> 36-45 <input type="checkbox"/> 46-55 <input type="checkbox"/> 56-65 <input type="checkbox"/> 66+	Type of Membership (check one box in each cell below)	
Street Address			<input type="checkbox"/> Individual – \$15/year <input type="checkbox"/> Family – \$20/year <input type="checkbox"/> Business – \$25/year		<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal
City	State	Zip			
E-Mail Address			Phone		Any new information included? (e.g., street address, e-mail address, phone, NL distribution) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Information Blocking Options (items checked will <u>not</u> be available on the secure pages of the web site)* <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Number <input type="checkbox"/> E-mail Address <input type="checkbox"/> Residence Address <input type="checkbox"/> All			Newsletter Distribution Election <input type="checkbox"/> Snail mail (cost borne by Club) <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic (via web site – notification by e-mail)		
<small>* Access to roster on web will require member ID and password</small>					
Make Checks Payable to: Siskiyou Velo P.O. Box 974 Ashland, OR 97520		Volunteering <input type="checkbox"/> Committees (MLC, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter <input type="checkbox"/> Ride Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Officer position <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____			
Waiver In consideration of my participation in Siskiyou Velo, I hereby waive, release, and discharge any and all claims for damages, death, personal injury, or property damage which I may have, or which hereafter accrue to me, as a result of my participation in said organization or their activities such as club organized rides and events. This release is intended to discharge in advance, the Siskiyou Velo organization or officers, and any involved municipalities or other public agencies, from and against any and all liabilities arising out of, or connected in any way with, my participation in said organization. I further understand that serious accidents occasionally occur during bicycle riding, and that participants occasionally sustain mortal or serious personal injuries and/or property damage as a consequence thereof. Knowing the risks of bicycle riding, nevertheless, I hereby assume those risks and do hold harmless all persons or entities related to the Siskiyou Velo Bicycle Club who (through negligence or carelessness) might otherwise be liable to me (or my heirs or assigns) for damages. It is further understood and agreed that this waiver, release and assumption of risk, is to be binding on my heirs and assigns. I acknowledge that an ANSI certified helmet is required to be worn by me at all times while riding a bicycle in any Siskiyou Velo event. By signing this release, I hereby agree to the terms of this release.					
Signature(s) Applicant _____ Date _____ Parent or Guardian of Minor _____ Date _____					

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