



SISKIYOU VELO



January 2009

NEWSLETTER

Consider the Possibilities

This is my first newsletter article as your new club president. I am grateful for your confidence in me to be your president- never mind that I was the only candidate. So here I am writing my first newsletter to you, trying to think of something to say that will be helpful - and Presidential.

I've always been impressed with Siskiyou Velo. I was previously a member of the Tacoma Wheelmen, the Cascade Bicycle Club, and the Spoke and Sprocket Club, all three from Washington State. By comparison, I find the Velo to be an active and creative club. We have on the average three hundred faithful members, living mainly in the Ashland area. We have a well developed club infrastructure, with bylaws, officers and regular meetings. We present a major ride each year (Mountain Lakes Challenge), as well as a number of smaller club rides (Cinco de Mayo, Ice Cream Social, Velo Vino). We have a premier newsletter (thanks, Jodi), and an outstanding club website (thanks, Don and Spencer). Our bank balance is well in the black, and we are able to support a number of community activities, such as the Bear Creek Greenway, helmets for kids via Access, BTA, junior racing, and so on. We provide club rides nearly every day of the week, year around. In all, we are a highly successful bicycle club.

And yet there could be more, if we wanted to invest the time and energy. For example, there is a need for our club to provide a greater variety of rides. We have rides for those who ride a lot, and rides for those who prefer a slower pace (Mello Velo). But many of our members don't frequent these rides; there may be an opportunity to create new weekly rides to attract greater club participation.

Our membership base is large and faithful; however, it takes a great deal of time to process checks, update club records, and mail newsletters and membership cards. We have an opportunity to save time by doing most of this online. In addition, we could provide better club information using our website, blogs and emails. Ride information and club news could be shared quickly and easily in this manner.

Club meetings are useful, in that they offer a business like setting for discussion and planning of club business. They can, however, be a little boring if club business is not your main thing. We have an opportunity to have a little fun, do a little socializing, by using every third meeting or so to just relax and enjoy a presentation, such as slides of a good bike trip or new bike info.

These are just a few of many opportunities we have to make the club even better, without a great deal of effort. I encourage you to take the time to attend our next meeting, on Wednesday, January 14th, at Angelo Pizza in Phoenix. We will discuss these ideas, and keep the business part of the meeting to a minimum. Our February meeting will be at the Harley Davidson shop in Phoenix, and will be devoted entirely to the discussion of possible club improvements. That date is February 11th, 2009. Please put that on your calendar. We will spend the entire meeting brainstorming ways to make our club more enjoyable, more useful for a greater number of members. If there is sufficient support from you, our members, good things can happen. In the meantime, keep the rubber side down, and best regards, *Mike Smith*



2009 Officers

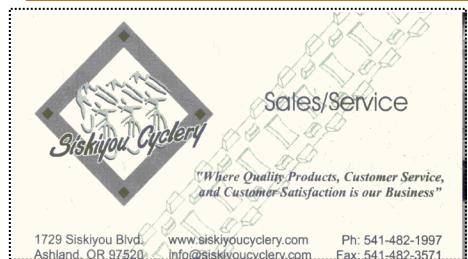
From left: Dave Oliver, Treasurer (just the hand!); Dan Wooton, Rides; Mike Smith, President; Jodi Weber, Newsletter; James Williams, Secretary; Anna Arispe, Membership; Edgar Hee, Advocacy; Glen Gann, Racing.

Club Meeting

Next Meeting January 14

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, usually at Angelo's Pizza in Phoenix. Find out what's happening with cycling and advocacy in the area, share your expertise and join in!

Looking forward to summer again!



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.

NEW MEMBERS

None this month

RENEWING MEMBERS

Dave Brennan
Larry Scott
Paul Rowland
Tom Burnham
Bob Korfage & Cindy Roche
Wil Thompson
John & Jenny Slawta
Mark & Krista Peterson
Katy & Duane Mallams
Mark Seals
Ramona Rosborg

TIME TO RENEW

Carol Lee Rogers
Phil Gagon
Jodi & Wayne Marthaller
Jim Greer

Quote of the Month

"The history of cycling can be divided into two great periods: B.C. (Before Campagnolo) and A.C. (After Campagnolo)."

Campagnolo: 75 Years of Cycling Passion, Velo Press 2008

What's the latest on advocacy and road hazards?

Please check out the website:

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

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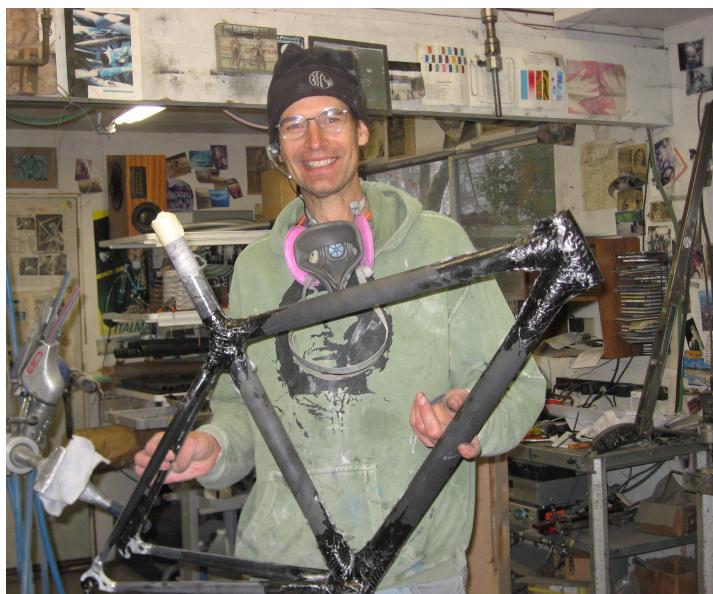
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Visit us on the Internet

<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.

Local Frame Builder: Landshark's John Slawta



better, smoother, stronger. When I asked if steel was passe, he emphatically stated, "No!", but as I pursued the benefits of steel, the only answer John could come up with was that it's less expensive. And for John, apparently not as fun.

Science time. Carbon fiber bikes are made of carbon fibers! Yes, this seems rather a no-brainer, but holding a small bundle of the finest little black fibers really gives a new appreciation for what is inside. John turned on his torch and held those fibers in the heat for a few minutes and they came out unscathed. He then took a small cross section of carbon tube and burned all the resin off, revealing the fibers underneath. Layer upon layer of fibers going at different angles provides strength and ride quality. The specific layers and angles are part of John's secret recipe. John loves playing with carbon technology, but he's currently excited about graphic technology, learning new ways to do graphic transfers.

As for John's reason for frame building, he says, "It's fun! It beats working." His first frame was a tandem when he learned a friend had made a tandem. Next he made himself a single bike, then bikes for family and friends, and he just kept building frames. He'd built a frame for a friend who was a good junior racer. When the Raleigh senior team needed new bikes, the friend referred the team to John. Within two weeks John made seven bikes for the team - seven of the best riders in the country at the time. This was a pivotal moment in Landshark history. A Landshark bike made further history when Andy Hampsten won the Giro in 1988 on a Landshark. The frame in progress at the time of this interview was a training bike for someone named Levi.

Mike DeSalvo and John Slawta both eagerly told how they're doing a bike swap. John is making a reproduction of Andy Hampsten's Giro victory bike for Mike; Mike is making a titanium mountain bike for John. Oh, and why "Landshark"? Old Saturday Night Live skits, of course.



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Make a visit to the Landshark barn up the Dark Hollow hill, and you'll be treated to plenty of fun science lessons and offers to upgrade your speaker system. In spite of repeated suggestions to leave his name out of this article, it wouldn't be easy to write about Landshark without talking about John Slawta's exuberance, which permeates every sentence. He needed to take his son and dogs for a walk when I was there, but he still jumped from tangent to tangent and delighted in playing show-and-tell in his cluttered workshop. One of John's favorite sayings - taken from an old calendar - is "Better cluttered productivity than tidy idleness." This very aptly fits John's workshop.

Landsharks come in two flavors - steel and carbon. John's passion for carbon is obvious. He thoroughly enjoys playing with the technology of carbon, taking the standard recipes for a carbon bike and then developing his own secrets for making the bike work

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A VeloMello Slant to Touring

By Phil Gagnon

Something there is about a tour that's different from a 2 to 3 hour bike ride. Both have a beginning and end but the planning is definitely different for a tour. Obviously, a tour requires more long range thought. It includes more research on routes to take, places to bed-down or motels to stay in, supplies to carry if you don't have a sag wagon. Places to get food. At length, we're talking days, not hours in the saddle.

To that end, I propose a June tour for your consideration. It's called the Willamette Valley Scenic Bikeway. It goes from Eugene north to Champoeg Park, 130 miles. Some can do this in one day. That's fine. That's not what I have in mind. (Note the headline: *VeloMello*)

This tour would start in Eugene with a suggested route to give the group an idea of where riders would possibly be in an emergency. Some riders may want to fashion their own routes. Cell phones would be active at all times. Riders would be encouraged to roll on their own time table and it's ok to be out of sight from one another.

This would be a non-leadership tour. The aim is to make this a laid back, no rush mind set ride. You are your own tour leader. If it's like our weekly rides, slower riders will stay together and faster riders will pull back to socialize.

Stage Distance Summary

Eugene to Brownsburg	24 miles
Brownsburg to Albany	33 miles
Albany to Hwy 22	26 miles
Hwy 22 to Wheatland Ferry	20 miles
Wheatland Ferry to Champoeg State Park	27 miles



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Siskiyou Velo Meeting Minutes December 7, 2008

This was the Annual Elections Party held at Standing Stone Brewery with 95 members attending. Aside from the election of officers the meeting was informal and abbreviated.

A slate of officers was approved for these positions:

President – Mike Smith
Advocacy – Edgar Hee
MLC – Still open
Newsletter – Jodi Weber
Touring/Rides – Dan Wooton
Membership – Anna Arispé
Treasurer – Dave Oliver
Racing – Glen Gann
Secretary – James Williams

Congratulations to Don Parker for finally getting a rest from club office positions!

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Did you?



Trivia of the Month

In the early 1970's, the Wheelmen started compiling a list of bicycle brands made in America. 3,085 bicycle brands are known between 1890 and 1918.

<http://www.thewheelmen.org/sections/bicyclebrands/bicyclebrands.asp>

Exercise the Mind

Two riders got tired of the dreary Rogue Valley, so decided to head to warmer climates to do some riding. The roadie decided to go to _ U _ T _ _ _ A, while the mountain biker decided to go to another country. He went to _ U _ T _ _ _ A. Which two countries did each of them go to?

Answer? See next month!

December's question: Cyril couldn't believe his wife didn't want something cycling related for Christmas, so he went out to buy his wife flowers. He knew she loved papaya, coconut and cucumbers. He couldn't decide between carnations, lilies or tulips. What do you think she would prefer? Lilies—because each of the things she likes begin with the same letters repeated.

SISKIYOU VELO RIDE SCHEDULE – January 2009

 **Approved helmets required on all club**

 **Unless otherwise noted, rain/wet pavement cancels ride**

Date	Time	Start Location	Route	Pace	Miles	Contact
Thu. January 1	Noon	Colver Park in Phoenix	Start The New Year Right	Moderate	TBD	No Ride Leader
Thu. January 1	Noon	Cycle Sport in Medford		Brisk	35	Alex Hayes 857-0819
Sat. January 3	10am	Hawthorne Park in Medford	Show n Go	Moderate	TBD	No Ride Leader
Sun. January 4	11 am	W.Main Bi-Mart in Medford		Moderate	20-30	Dan Wooton 779-9248
Sat. January 10	10am	Colver Park in Phoenix	Show n Go	Moderate	TBD	No Ride Leader
Sun. January 11	10am	Hawthorne Park in Medford	Show n Go	Moderate	TBD	No Ride Leader
Sat. January 17	10am	Colver Park in Phoenix	Show n Go	Moderate	TBD	No Ride Leader
Sun. January 18	11am	W.Main Bi-Mart in Medford		Moderate	20-30	Dan Wooton 779-9248
Sat. January 24	10am	Colver Park in Phoenix	Show n Go	Moderate		No Ride Leader
Sun. January 25	10am	Hawthorne Park in Medford	Show n Go	Moderate	TBD	No Ride Leader
Sat. January 31	10am	Colver Park in Phoenix	Show n Go	Moderate	TBD	No Ride Leader
Every Saturday	10am	Cycle Sport	TBD	Race Pace	Varies >20	Alex Hayes 857-0819
Every Saturday	10am	Varies	TBD	Mellow	20+/-	Phil Gagnon 488-4289
Every Sunday	9am	Bike Path behind Bad Ass Coffee	TBD	Race Pace	Varies >20	Glen Gann 779-6986
Every Monday	10:30am	Colver Park	Jacksonville coffee ride	Group B4	25	No Ride Leader
Tues, Thur, Friday	Call	Colver Park	Show N Go	Group B4	Varies	Rick Berlet 488-0036
Every Wednesday	10am	The Roasting Company	Show N 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)

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| 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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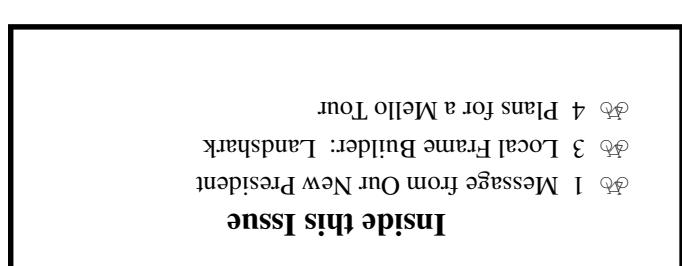
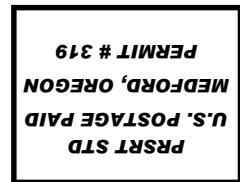
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Name			Age <input type="checkbox"/> 18-35 <input type="checkbox"/> 36-45 <input type="checkbox"/> 46-55 <input type="checkbox"/> 56-65 <input type="checkbox"/> 66+	Type of Membership (check one box in each cell below) <input type="checkbox"/> Individual – \$15/year <input type="checkbox"/> Family – \$20/year <input type="checkbox"/> Business – \$25/year		
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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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