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Ray Rickard Memorial Spring Century Saturday, May 21 (Inclement weather backup May 22)

For All Up-To-Date Alta Alpina Club Members!

Chris Cherrix, Spring Century Coordinator

A friendly reminder that the Annual Spring Century will be taking place in less than six weeks! There will be a variety of fine rides to choose from this year, from climbing fests over our local passes to shorter rides in and around the valleys, or a combination of your choosing. We'll have more information and maps on the various ride options in next month's newsletter, as well as a link to RSVP with your ride option.

Like last year, there will be a single rest stop located on the west side of Monitor Pass with a full selection of snacks and beverages.

If you'd like to help out at the rest stop, we're looking to cover morning and afternoon shifts. Volunteers can bring their bike and ride in the morning and volunteer in the afternoon, or vice-versa...a great way to burn off those rest stop snacks! Interested volunteers can email Springcentury@altaalpina.org or call/text Chris at 928-600-1097.

Looking forward to seeing everyone out there!

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Return of the Pinenut Cracker – Saturday, May 14th

Open to Alta Alpina Club Members!

Brian Dempsey, Pinenut Cracker Coordinator

The Pinenut Cracker, Alta Alpina's classic mountain bike race is back this year as a club time trial challenge. While the plan is to host a full public race in 2023, this year we'll get our members reacquainted with this classic mountain bike course as weekend ride.

The course will be published on Strava as segment and will be available as a GPX file to load onto phones and bike computers. We'll meet at the single tree parking area at 10:00am. Those unfamiliar with the course can ride with those that remember the course. However everyone should refer to the GPS map as things look a little different out there thanks to the fires that have swept through.

Everyone is encouraged to join the Alta Alpina club on Strava record their ride with Strava. We'll publish the results. Post-ride drinks and snacks will be available at the finish.

Get Your HAM Radio License at the HAM CRAM – Saturday, April 23

Are you interested in getting a HAM Radio license? It's really useful to have in case of any kind of emergency—not just for Alta Alpina events. The Tahoe Amateur Radio Association (TARA) has invited us to a special training event on April 23 to fast-track getting HAM radio licenses. This is how many Alta Alpina members obtained their licenses. The "HAM CRAM" day takes place at the fire station in Zephyr Cove from 9:30am to 4:30pm. Participants will review exam questions from 9:30 to 3:00, take the test from 3:00 to 4:30pm, and then get their license if they passed. Are you interested? To sign up or learn more, visit <http://tahoeamateurradio.com/hamcram2.htm>



AACC Weekend Ride Schedule—April/May

Leon Malmed, Weekend Ride Coordinator

Join us for these weekend rides:

Sunday, April 17, 2022 — 3F to the Bottom of Ebbetts

We'll ride from Carson Valley out to the first closed gate at Ebbetts Pass. It's an out and back, so you can turn around when you've had enough. The last few miles out to Ebbetts should be pretty peaceful with Ebbetts still closed for the winter. Meet at the intersection of Foothill, Fredricksburg, and Fairview in Gardnerville: <https://goo.gl/maps/5LestyLpZsFHem6h8>. We'll roll at 10:00am and ride about 45 miles with 2500 feet of climbing.

Saturday, April 23, 2022 — Virginia City from Carson City

Meet in Carson City, in the parking lot in front of Schat's Bakery, 1212 S. Stewart St. ready to ride at 9:30am. This ride is about 50 miles with 3500 feet of climbing. We'll ride to Virginia City via US 50 past Dayton and 6-Mile Canyon. We'll return from Virginia City via the truck route. This is a MEDIUM pace group with a fair amount of climbing; the last 2+ miles of Six Mile Canyon is quite steep so be prepared!

Sunday, May 1, 2022 — Kirkwood from Blue Lakes Road

Meet, ready to ride, at 10:00am in the first parking lot on the left at the start of Blue Lakes Rd.. We'll ride up and over Carson Pass out to Kirkwood and back for about 30 miles.

Saturday, May 7, 2022 — Training Series: Kingsbury-Luther from Woodfords via Diamond Valley

Be a club ambassador and help coach our Death Ride and Challenge Training Series guests. We'll meet at 9:30 am at the Alpine County Community Development parking lot in Woodfords. The first ride in this series will ride the Kingsbury-Luther loop via Diamond Valley. There will be snacks mid-ride at a rest stop.

Sunday, May 8, 2022 — Ebbetts gate from 3F

We'll ride from Carson Valley out to the first closed gate at Ebbetts Pass via Carson River Rd.. It's an out and back, so you can turn around when you've had enough. Meet at the intersection of Foothill, Fredricksburg, and Fairview in Gardnerville: <https://goo.gl/maps/5LestyLpZsFHem6h8>. We'll roll at 10:00am and ride about 40 miles with 2500 feet of climbing.

Sunday, May 15, 2022 — Luther and Picketts

Meet at Holiday Market in Meyers (2977 Hwy 50). Be ready to ride at 10:00am. We'll ride from Meyers up South Upper Truckee and through Big Meadow campground to Luther Pass. For those who want more miles and climbing, ride down to Picketts Junction and back via Old Luther (assuming the snow is gone). Distance will be 20-35 miles with 2000 feet of climbing.

Saturday, May 21, 2022 — Ray Rickard Memorial Spring Century

Mark your calendars! The annual Ray Ricard Memorial Spring Century Ride will take place Saturday, May 21st, with a backup date of May 22nd in case of inclement weather. This year's ride will take place in a self-paced format again with a variety of routes to choose from. Detailed ride options will appear in the May edition of the Paceline.

Sunday, May 22, 2022 — Tahoe Pyramid Trail Celebratory Cookie Ride

Each year individuals, families, riding clubs, running clubs, and friends' groups celebrate the trail's Mogul-Verdi Trail opening in 2005 by planning a ride or run ending at Crystal Peak Park in Verdi. Celebrators are warmly greeted and served fresh homemade cookies and lemonade as everyone enjoys an opportunity to mingle with other riders and sample the delicious treats. Do you love to bake? Volunteer to bake and bring 2 dozen cookies. Please email Anna Bell at bellaj2006@yahoo.com to volunteer. Cookies and Lemonade Served 10 to 11:30am, Crystal Peak Park, Verdi.

Sunday, May 28, 2022 — Topaz Ranch Estates to Sweetwater Pass

Meet at Topaz Ranch Estates Park, at the East end of Carter Street, turn left at the Family Dollar store off of NV208. We'll leave the parking lot at 9:00am and ride east on NV208 over Jack Wright Summit, to NV829 and then on NV338 to Sweetwater Summit, then turn around and come back. I expect there to be less traffic on these roads than on our other popular riding roads over this holiday weekend. Please call or email Bill Magladry to confirm, as he wants to be sure that riders are coming for this nearby, yet infrequently ridden route.

Saturday, June 4, 2022 — Training Series: Woodfords-Carson-Blue Lakes

Be a club ambassador and help coach our Death Ride and Challenge Training Series guests. We'll meet at 9:30 am at the Alpine County Community Development parking lot in Woodfords. The third ride in this series will ride up Woodfords Canyon to Carson Pass and then out on Blue Lakes Road. There will be snacks mid-ride at a rest stop.



2022 Spring Rider Roundup

Members in Genoa to Kick Off the Riding Season!







Presidential Posting

Nigel Leigh, President

For those of you who weren't able to be there, the Spring Rider Roundup on April 9 was a great success. We had around 50 riders there, spread between two road and one mountain bike rides. But the event was a lot more than that, we had Allen there signing up new and renewing members, and Joseph out with the race table registering riders for the Thursday series. Then after riding, the club snacks and drinks table was out in full force, and the club clothing available for purchase. All followed by a relaxed picnic in park. To me it feels like the best parts of a membership meeting, a club ride and a catch-up with friends, all combined together.

In case you haven't noticed, the weekly Thursday race series has just started. This is such a good way to keep yourself fit for the season's riding, to have one session per week where you engage maximum effort! I encourage you all to make this a regular event on your weekly calendar. Even those who don't think of themselves as competitive - there are categories for all.

Looking ahead, there's a good chance that we'll be running a Pinenut Cracker ride this year, around May 14. It will be a free club-members-only ride, not a paid event. So come out and give it a go! Watch the Rideboard for details.

And the following weekend, May 21, will be the Spring (Century) Ride. Keep these dates free!

Of course, these are all benefits for club members, so please make sure you have yours renewed for 2022. Contact Allen at Membership@altaalpina.org if you haven't renewed yet.



Alta Alpina Challenge 2022 - June 25

Michael Bayer, Challenge Director

If you haven't already signed up for your volunteer job for the Alta Alpina Challenge on June 25, please contact me as soon as possible—bring your whole family if you can. Contact me at challenge@altaalpina.org.

We still need volunteers for gear and food prep, rest stops, signage, SAG, motorcycle, radio, and rider check-in.

If you simply can't be here on June 25, please volunteer for other pre-event and post-event projects—contact me at challenge@altaalpina.org and let me know when you're available.

We're also looking for 10x10 pop-up tents. If you have a 10x10 we can borrow, or know a group or business we can borrow one from please contact me at challenge@altaalpina.org.

Death Ride and Challenge Training Series

For 2022, Alta Alpina is hosting a Death Ride/Challenge Training Series to further promote cycling in our region (the club's mission). Potential Death Ride and Challenge participants who have been on the sidelines for the last two years have expressed concern about being ready for these big rides so we're partnering with the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce to get riders here for some training rides so they'll be at their best for the Challenge and/or Death Ride. One component of the training series is the Near Death option of the Alta Alpina Challenge which will introduce our annual fund raising event to a new audience.

The training series consists of: a series of curated, supported rides that cover segments of the Challenge and Death Ride routes and a coaching emails to help participants in their preparations. The five rides planned for the series are:

- May 7 - Kingsbury-Luther from Woodfords via Diamond Valley
- May 21 or 22 - Markleeville to Topaz (part of the Spring Century)
- June 4 Woodfords-Carson-Blue Lakes
- June 11 - Markleeville-Lake Alpina/Bear Valley
- June 25 - Brush With Death (Challenge ride option)

Bruce Eisner has volunteered to help with rest stops for the May 7, June 4, and June 11 rides. We're looking for club members to volunteer as ride leaders and coaches for these rides and we encourage all club members to join these rides as club ambassadors to help guide our guests and share tips on riding our favorite passes.

Please contact challenge@altaalpina.org if you're able to help with emails or leading rides.



AACC Thursday Night Race Series

Joseph Whiteley, Thursday Night Race Director

The 2022 Alta Alpina racing season kicked off on April 14 and we had a great turn out despite being the windiest and coldest in recent years. Great job for all the brave folks who showed up and gave it their best effort.

Throughout the season you can always see the results as soon as we upload them at: www.webscorer.com/altaalpina This link is also found on the club's main race page: www.altaalpina.org/clubracesroad/

Next week's race is the Diamond Valley Short Course. I hope to see everyone there.

Board Meeting Minutes—April 4, 2022

Secretary: Michael Bayer; Other Board Members: Chris Cherrix (Spring Century); Brian Dempsey (Pinenut Cracker); Allen Forbes (Membership); Jennie Hamiter (Assistant Treasurer); Nigel Leigh (President); Carlo Luri (Advocacy); Bill Magladry (Treasurer); Jim Sadilek (Website); Gregg Westerbeck (Social Media); Joseph Whitely (Race Director)

Meeting held at Jethro's in the Gardnerville Ranchos. Called to order at 6:09 pm

Minutes of the March meeting approved [Jennie I Nigel I Unanimous]

1. Monthly Status Reports:

- **Treasurer:** The current checking account balance is \$3777.22 and the temporary Checking Account now has \$11,190.55. The Paypal balance is \$18,481.94. Bill has been working with Frank to get fully up to speed on the Quickbooks accounts, the club budget, and balance sheet.
- **Membership:** There are 58 fully paid memberships with 171 active members. Jennie and Allen have been processing online and postal membership waivers and payments using the revised membership system that allows this flexibility. Allen flagged a problem with then daily problem report which Michael will address ASAP. Michael will work with Dennis on updating the new membership workflow.
- **Weekend Rides:** Leon has been circulating a weekend ride calendar for ride leaders to volunteer for. It was suggested that we should check in with some of the people who have lead rides in past years..
- **Weekly MTB Rides:** Nigel will get the Tuesday evening rides started up on April 12 or 19.
- **Social Media:** Gregg has posted for the Spring Rider Roundup and will keep up with postings on the Challenge on a regular basis.
- **Newsletter:** Michael suggested that we could send the next newsletter out just after the Spring Rider Roundup or the last week of April. The board decided on the first option.
- **Website:** Homepage updated with spring rider round-up and start of race season. Jim has also been maintaining the newsletters page.
- **Insurance:** Michael reported that our traditional source for racing insurance no longer offers it so he has been shopping around for race insurance. We have a quote from one vendor and are looking at two other options. Once the best option is identified the board will need to approve the purchase so we have it in time for the first race. We're also waiting on a quote for the Challenge for 2022.
- **Clothing:** Carlo reported that Drew has confirmed that we now have two sources for NICA team clothing. The new supplier is more expensive but it is hoped that orders will be delivered in a more timely fashion. As soon as he sets the first order window we'll circulate that to the whole club.
- **Weekly Road Races:** Joseph has secured a new contract for the trailer mounted porta potty and will explore a new option for stationing it between races. Posters are printed and Joseph is putting them up at local shops. He has been refurbishing chips and testing them. We have enough working chips to start the season but there are a few chips that appear to have been erased or damaged beyond repair. Joseph has also been tracking down missing chips. We



need a race official volunteer to cover for him on June 23, June 30, and May 5.

- **Junior Team:** Carlo reported that training rides will be starting in June. The NICA league has decided to increase registration fees from \$70 to \$300 but this will include all race fees. Drew has written to the league pushing back on this change as this will limit participation because many team members join primarily for the training program and may not actually participate in NICA events.
- **Spring Century:** Will take place on May 21 (May 22 back up date). Passes are already open. Date conflicts with Stetina Pay Dirt mixed terrain. Race porta potty will be stationed at the rest stop which will be in the same location as last year. Volunteers still needed.
- **Fall Century:** David Scarborough is still planning to organize this. Status of start/finish venue is still uncertain.
- **Adopt A Highway:** No report
- **Pinenut Cracker:** For 2022 the Pinenut Cracker will be a club members only weekend ride. We'll distribute GPS maps and have the course on Strava. Club members can follow the maps with their phone or bike computer. Members can compete for the best time using Strava. The club will provide snacks at the end of the ride.
- **Challenge:** We've finalized payments to the USFS for 2021 so the accounts for last year are finally closed. Alpine County has indicated that we may not have access to Turtle Rock Park but they will make facilities in Woodfords available to us. This means small tweaks to timing and routing but creates some serious logistics and planning issues for us. Michael will be meeting with the county on April 12 to begin working out details. This is holding up permit

filings because we need to finalize these operational details before filing for permits. It was decided that we will run an ad in the May issue of Cycle California for \$509. [Bill | Michael | Unanimous]

- **Death Ride Training Series:** Michael is still struggling to recruit all the needed volunteers. Bruce has volunteered to cover the rest stops but ride leaders and email editors are still needed. The May 21 ride will probably need to move the start away from Turtle Rock Park. Carlo will attend the next Death Ride meeting to learn more about their plans and encourage them to help us promote the training series.
 - **Bike Advocacy:** CVTA reports 5 new miles have been pushed through to connect the new trailhead to the existing Clear Creek Trail. In addition there are another 4 miles of loop trail in Indian Hills. CVTA is now planning a "Pinion-like" trail out at the end of Johnson Lane. Carlo met (and rode with) Matt Weintraub is the new deputy director for the state office of outdoor recreation. US50 NDOT meetings on the US50 corridor have been taking place. TAMBA has been working on plans for rebuilding all the burned trails.
2. **Spring Rider Roundup:** Michael will put together the boxes of snacks, coolers of drinks, tables, etc. for the post ride snacks. Bruce has delivered the clothing to Jennie who will hand it off to Allen. Joseph and Allen will arrive early to enroll and register people as they arrive. Rides should finish between 1pm and 2pm and Allen will help setup snacks and clothing sales. Nigel will send an email out to all club current members residing them of the Spring Rider Roundup. Michael will send reminders to all the expired members.
 3. **Next Meeting:** Monday, May 2, 2022, 6 pm, Jethros in Gardnerville.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm

Local Merchant Discount Program

For discounts from these local merchants, please visit the AACC website at www.AltaAlpina.org



