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Alta Alpina Cycling Club

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Presidential Posting

Nigel Leigh, President

The final numbers aren't out yet, but an early tally indicates that the Challenge was remarkably profitable this year. Thanks so much to all the volunteers who made it possible! And who also made it fun.

That's fun not just for the participants but for the other volunteers too. Extra thanks go to Michael Bayer for his super-human organization effort, masterminding every detail through the 200 mile course. And controlling costs so well that the fine balance well in the clubs favor.



Then just two weeks later came the Staff Ride, timed perfectly for the peak of a heatwave. Most chose to ride early, adjourn for a siesta, then return for a thank you dinner that evening.

Another major club activity has been the recent return to in-person road races each Thursday. It's great that life's getting near normal again! Please come and join us each week. But don't make the mistake of thinking that the word "Races" means that this is only for the Racers. There are 4 categories for a reason - so the actual racers can battle it out in Category A, leaving B's, C's & D's for mere mortals through to first timers. So come on out, jump in the D's, and see if your competitive streak comes out! Either way, it's great for the fitness to go all-out full throttle each week. All details at

https://www.altaalpina.org/clubracesroad/

Another weekly favorite for some - the Tuesday Evening Mountain Biking. With the long summer days we've been checking off the longest rides. Some recent beauties have been: Stagecoach to Star Lake, the Marlette-Flume loop, and Kirkwood Thunder Mountain. World-class rides all of them. But don't despair, we have more great riding coming up, so come and join in! Keep checking the ride board for details. Most are a simple out-and -return format, so there's no stress about needing to keep up. The group tends to fracture into several mini groups anyway, then re-convene's back at the cars for refreshments and exaggerated exploits. Good times!

And finally, the breaking news about the raging Tamarack fire in our own backyard. Among its devastation is the last minute cancellation of the Death Ride. That underlines just how well the club has done this year, squeezing in a profitable Challenge and a Staff Ride, in between pandemics, heat waves and wildfires... phew, well done team!

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Thursday Night Racing Returns!

In-person racing is back!

Socially-distanced, time shifted time trials have been fun, but as we're vaccinated it's safe to return to in-person Thursday night racing.

Check the schedule on the website for details. The schedule has been modified due to the Tamarack fire.



AACC Ride Schedule

Leon Malmed, Weekend Ride Coordinator

Thursday, July 29, 2021 — Thursday Race

Pinenut road race. Arrive and register before 5:45pm. Ready to race at 6:00pm. See the website for venue details at: https://www.altaalpina.org/clubracesroad/

Saturday, July 31, 2021 - Blue Lakes to Kirkwood and Beyond

Meet at the large parking lot at the start of Blue Lakes Road, ready to ride at 8:30am. We'll climb Carson Pass and ride to Kirkwood. If there's interest, we'l continue to Silver Lake for a total of 37 miles and about 3800 feet of climbing. Ride will be cancelled by rain or smoke.

Saturday, July 31, 2021 — Big Daddy's World Championship

Meet at Big Daddy's Bike Bike and Brew in Gardnerville. This is our weekly fast paced (averages 20mph+) road ride. From Big Daddy's we head north on 395 to Genoa Lane. In Genoa the ride heads south to Fredericksburg and up Carson River Road to Woodfords. From there the ride comes back on Diamond Valley to the Trees and north on 88. The loop is 47 miles with about 2000 feet of climbing. We roll at 7:30AM sharp..

Sunday, August 15, 2021 - Old Donner Pass Out and Back

The ride Starts from Donner State Park and the route climbs over Old Donner Pass on mostly quiet roads and descends to Cisco Grove Store. On the return trip, a right turn at Soda Springs leads over to Serene Lakes. Return to Old Donner road for another summit and a great descent. The full loop is about 3000 ft of moderate climbing over 45 miles. Meet at Donner Lake State Memorial Park riding at 9:00am. Note: Road construction is occurring on Donner Summit to Soda Springs, we will keep updated on the status to confirm the road is safe to ride.

Sunday, August 22, 2021 — Ice House and Wrights Lake Roads

We'll ride out Ice House Road and Wrights Lake Road and maybe another paved road or 2, exploring the area and its lakes and vistas - not a loop, more like a spider. Most of the ride is between 5000 and 7000 ft elevation. Expect 60 miles of riding with 6000 feet of climbing. We'll meet near the base of Ice House Road, about 1/2 mile up from Highway 50 on the left (use map software to find 38.77330405636835, -120.45304123707935). Since the meeting place is kinda remote, please contact Jennie Hamiter (jenniehamiter@mac.com) ahead of time if you plan on doing this ride. Watch for carpooling details from Myers at 8:30am. Ride starts at 9:30am.

Saturday, September 11, 2021 — Old Kingsbury and Other Mixed Terrain

Meet at Genoa Town Park on Nixon St, Genoa NV ready to ride at 8:30am. This is a mixed terrain ride of about 30 miles and 3000 feet of climbing. Old Kingsbury starts with steep pavement and becomes sandy/broken pavement, with a shallow swamp, a bit of grass, a bit of hike-a-bike. At the top we'll make a mostly dirt loop, then back down new Kingsbury. A bike with 35-40mm tires will work well, or a mountain bike. This is an AACC Weekend Ride, so we'll have snacks and drinks at the end.

Saturday, September 18, 2021 — Highway Cleanup Plus Ride

Meet at Turtle Rock Park at 8:00am. Come give us a hand as we clean up the roadside of CA-89 north of Turtle Rock Park. Please wear long sleeves, long pants, and gloves for the cleanup. Once we're done cleaning up, a road ride will follow at about 9:00am. The group that shows up will decide on the route.

Sunday, September 26, 2021 - Birthday Ride to Blue Lakes

Celebrate Leon's Birthday with this annual birthday ride. We go up Luther and Blue Lakes and return the same route. Start at 2209 White Sands Drive, South Lake Tahoe at 9:00am; or at the Y in front of Blue Zone at 9:15; or at the turn to 89 after the Meyers roundabout at 9:50am; or at the bottom of Blue Lakes Road in the parking lot on the right at 11:00am; or at the top of Blue Lakes where Patricia will be with the picnic (somewhere along the lake).

Sunday, October 3, 2021 — Tim Rowe Memorial Fall Century

The annual Tim Rowe Memorial Sweetwater Fall Ride marks the end of our weekend ride program for the season. We ride from Wellington to Bridgeport over Sweetwater Pass and back. There will be a rest stop with snacks and drinks at the top of Sweetwater Pass in both directions but we recommend bring money for food in Bridgeport. At the end of the ride we'll celebrate the end of the season with pizza for everyone. The full distance is about 84 miles.

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2021 Thursday Race Season

Joseph Whitely, Race Administrator

Our in-person Thursday night races continue and everyone is welcome!

Please visit the road race page on the AACC website for a link to the racing registration form and waiver. Please fill it out electronically and then print and sign it and bring it with you to your first race. You can change into a different race category for the live races if you want to. :0) (WK21) WK11) (17)

Let me know if you have any questions

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2021 Alta Alpina Challenge: Covid Edition

Michael Bayer, Ride Director

Alta Alpina Club Members Have a Great Deal To Be Proud Of!

Participants were going out of their way to find me to talk about how much they enjoyed themselves and how impressed they were by our amazing volunteers. We are only able to host this event because we have such resourceful, talented, committed people to keep riders safe and ensure that they can achieve their personal challenge on the day of the event.

I'd like to thank everyone who contributed to the 2021 Alta Alpina Challenge before, during, and afterwards. I don't have room here to recognize the significant contributions of each and every individual but I want to acknowledge the huge contributions of Jennie Hamiter who took on a number of new roles this year helping to recruit volunteers and organize the communications team including Ham radio operators and motorcycles, along



with many other tasks for the days and months before the ride and the days afterwards. Lee Griffith helped with logistics for several days before and after and rode his motorcycle on the day of the event. Bruce Eisner helped with the registration process before and on the morning of the event, helped with a few trips to Costco, Walmart, and tracking down V-8 Juice. Bruce Pauly helped with putting up posters, helped at a pit stop, cooked burgers and helped in the kitchen, and then helped with the clean-up for several days afterwards. Peter Woods loaned us a trailer and other gear, helped move a ton of equipment, and helped with a pit stop. Tina Keegan made her garage and driveway available to us for staging all the gear and supplies for a week before and after the event. Nigel Leigh, Jeni Root, Jim Wire, and Randy Jacobs all played key roles in conceiving and organizing the key pit stops.

I also need to recognize the contributions of our corporate sponsors for the event this year. The Carson Valley Medical Center donated first aid kits for all the riders, organized some volunteers, and loaned us their "hydration station". Curtis Fong and Bike The West loaned us a truckload of cones and other key gear. Bike Habitat loaned us tents and donated chairs, tires, and tubes. Blue Zone Sports provided a mechanic and a tent. Alpen Sierra Mountain Roasted Coffee donated coffee.

While the event is now over, work on the Wild Sierra continues day and night with many post-event activities keeping me very busy. We're learning about what we can improve through our postmortem process including surveying all the participants and seeking feedback from all of our volunteers. And I still have some baking to do...

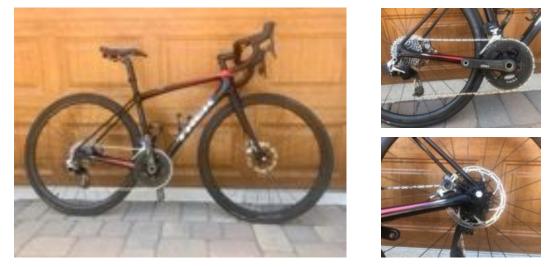






Bike For Sale — Contact Leon Malmed at (530)541-4909

2018 Trek Emonda in excellent condition, SLR D H2, SRAM eTap 11 spd, 11-32/50-34, 165mm crank, Selle SMP Glider saddle, AEOLUS 3 TLR Clincher rims, Price: \$6,700



Board Meeting Minutes-July 5, 2021

Secretary: Michael Bayer; Other Board Members: Chris Cherrix (Spring Century); Brian Dempsey (Pinenut Cracker); Bruce Eisner (Vice-president); Allen Forbes (Membership); Jennie Hamiter (Treasurer); Nigel Leigh (President); Carlo Luri (Advocacy); Leon Malmed (Weekend Rides); Jim Sadilek (Website); Gregg Westerbeck (Social Media); Joseph Whitely (Race Director)

Meeting held by Zoom Call

Called to order at 6:03 pm

Minutes of the June meeting approved. [Bruce I Leon I Unanimous]

1. Monthly Status Reports:

- **Treasurer**: The PayPal account balance is \$21,592.77. The current checking account balance is: \$16,907.88. NICA took in about \$3400 in donations and has spent about \$3143 year-to-date. Leon suggested we recognize NICA team sponsors on the website and in the newsletter.
- **Membership**: There are 160 fully paid members but another 26 who have paid their 2021 fees but not yet returned their 2021 waiver. Allen flagged some database issues that Michael will look into. Allen also noted that he is still working to recruit volunteers to help with the club's Death Ride assignment.
- Weekend Rides: Last weekend's ride was cancelled due to smoke and there was excessive traffic in the Lake Basin. The re-start of weekend

rides is going slower than hoped. The Big Daddy's weekly Saturday ride (10-12 fast riders) conflicts with weekend rides scheduled for Saturday but they appeal to different groups. Gregg will resume posting these rides to the rideboard again.

- Weekly MTB Rides: Nigel reported that 9 or 10 riders participated last week. This week is Thunder mountain loop.
- Social Media: Facebook advertising for the Challenge was \$150. Michael will be analyzing data and surveying riders to gauge the effectiveness of this marketing.
- **Newsletter**: The next newsletter will wait for pictures from the staff ride, the Death Ride, race results and the other regular submissions.
- Website: Clothing inventory has been updated again. Jim will work on adding "Sponsorship & Donations" page which would show list of NICA sponsors/donors. There will also be a new "Planned Giving" page and a new web page for

NICA team content from Drew and Carlo with links to Facebook and Instagram page.

- Insurance: Race insurance was purchased for the balance of the season. Michael will inquire about online waivers for racing.
- **Clothing**: Bruce reports that clothing has been slowly being sold. Leon hasn't heard from Drew on the NICA team order. Bruce reported a snafu with one of the last minute Voler orders and Michael will follow-up with Voler on it.
- Weekly Road Races: We need to ramp up our marketing efforts for in-person races. We'll add to the web page, front page in the newsletter, Gregg on Social Media, Joseph will dig through old forms to find email addresses so we're reaching out to folks who may not be members currently.
- NICA Team: Carlo reported 52 racers signed up with 30 coaches. The season officially started July 1. Training rides are scheduled for three days per week (Mon/Wed/Fri). The Prologue is scheduled for the last weekend in August at North Tahoe High School. Followed by 4 races: Sierra Vista Park (Reno), Hidden Valley (Reno), Mammoth, Walker State Park (Yerrington).
- · Fall Century: No report.
- Adopt A Highway: Next cleanup has been posted for July 24.
- Pinenut Cracker: No report.
- Challenge: Michael thanked all the volunteers who pulled together for this year's Covid Edition of the Challenge. we had one of the hottest days for the Wild Sierra so far and that appears to have contributed to one of the highest levels of no-shows and the fewest number of finishers. Many who did show up to ride only rode the first half of the day. Fortunately we were able to return the unused water thanks to Brian's help. Michael

reported on the preliminary accounting for the event. Volunteers are still submitting expenses, we're waiting on final invoices, and there will be additional expenses for the staff ride. However it appears that despite the head winds for this year, we will net at least \$10K. The board discussed whether the staff ride should proceed as planned and it was agreed that it should.

- **Mixed Terrain**: Michael is looking at the possibility of a fall event for club members if any of the loops are still passable.
- Bike Advocacy: Carlo reported that the Bill proposed to block cyclists from accessing state did not succeed. A proposed cycling safety bill reinforces existing rules and shifts responsibility to motorists with additional education. Unfortunately the portion of the bill that would have held motorists responsible for collisions with cyclists was removed. In trail building news, the Indian Hills fire may impact the plans for the proposed new trail from Jacks Valley School to Indian Hills. Jim Sadilek raised the topic of the murder of the cyclist in Washoe Valley and observed that there has still not been any public reporting on it. Leon observed that many police cars are still not observing the 3' rule whereas most motorists are getting better at this.
- 2. **Future Club Funding:** Carlo submitted a proposal to the board for a new funding model for the club to reduce the club's reliance on the Challenge for fund raising. It was decided that this should be the focus of the next board meeting.
- 3. **Next Meeting:** Monday, August 2, 2021, 6 pm, at Nigel's House. Regular business meeting will be limited to 30 minutes. Balance of time to be dedicated to discussion of future club funding and membership proposition/fees.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm

Local Merchant Discounts

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







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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Tim Rowe MemorialSun October 3 Fall Century

- Big Daddy's Ride every Sat @7:30am
- Thursday Night Races every Thu @6:00pm

MOVED? GOT NEW CONTACT INFO? Have you moved? Has your e-mail address changed? Pon't miss out on the latest AACC happenings! Update your info at www.AltaAlpina.org; click on "Membership"

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Newsletter Publisher: Michael Bayer The club is about and for you! All AACC members are welcomed to participate in our **Board Meetings** typically held the **first Monday of each month** at **6:00 pm**. In-person meetings alternate between the Carson Valley and South Lake Tahoe.. Join us on **Monday**, **August 2** at **Nigel's House**.