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**Alta Alpina
Cycling Club**

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Alta Alpina Spring Membership Party



Wednesday, April 9 — CVIC Hall, Minden — 6:00PM

The annual Alta Alpina Spring Membership Party is the official kick-off of the cycling season in the Tahoe—Alpine—Carson City—Carson Valley region. This year the party will once again be at the historic CVIC Hall in downtown Minden. This is a central location with lots of nearby parking.

There will be free food, friendly people, and lots to see and learn. Again this year we're holding the big Bike Swap: Bring any bike-related items to give away or sell. Bike stuff left behind at the end of the night will go to groups rebuilding bicycles.

We'll have deals on club clothing in inventory and you can order a new kit.

You can join or renew your membership at the party, but to avoid spending time in line, please renew your membership now using the new online membership renewal system that will allow you to pay and sign an individual waiver online.

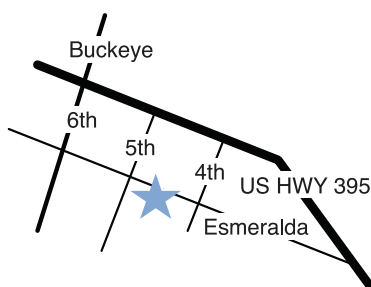
Know any friends or neighbors just getting into cycling? Bring them along and we'll sign them up at the door! For any questions contact Allen at membership@altaalpina.org or the club hotline at 877-845-2453.

Doors open at 6:00 pm. See you there!

Bike & Stuff Swap • Trade

Bring your bike related stuff for sale, or give away to other AACC members. You will have the opportunity to sell, buy, give away, or pick up bike related items.

**CVIC Hall
1602 Esmeralda, Minden**



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Time to Renew Your Membership!

Take advantage of our brand new online membership renewal software developed by Dennis Pederson. Click on "Renew Membership" on the [Membership Page](#) on the club website.

If you have any questions, please contact Allen Forbes at: membership@altaalpina.org

Spring Rider Roundup, April 12

The Spring Rider Roundup consists of a number of different rides chosen to meet the needs of our diverse membership ranging from easy to hard and with options for road and mountain bikes all starting from Genoa Town Park on Nixon Street in Genoa.

Watch the rideboard on the website and your email inbox for the latest ride details and start times.



Presidential Posting

Bruce Eisner, President

Welcome to spring- mostly snowing currently but when it clears the riding in the valleys is good.

And as the recent snows melt at lower elevations, the MTB riding will be excellent. Club activities are in full swing next month with our Spring Membership Party on the 9th and Spring Rider Roundup on the 12th.

Our 2025 Thursday road race series kicks off on Thursday April 18th.

And don't forget the Annual Memorial Cyclorama on May 17th.

Hope to see you at our party on the road soon.



Cyclorama

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Noun

A noncompetitive recreational bicycling event where participants choose from multiple ride options of varying distances starting and finishing at the same location.

Spring Rider Roundup - April 12

Lyn Willoughby, Weekend Ride Coordinator

Meeting at Genoa Town Park

We're once again holding a Spring Rider Roundup on April 12 to formally kick off the riding season for 2025.

The Spring Rider Roundup consists of a number of different rides chosen to meet the needs of our diverse membership ranging from easy to hard and with options for road and mountain bikes all starting from Genoa Town Park on Nixon Street in Genoa. All the details will be at the party and on the rideboard.

Planned rides include:

Mountain Bike Loop on Genoa Trails

Short Carson Valley Road Loop

Longer Carson Valley Road Loop

Kingsbury-Spooner Loop

Kingsbury-Spooner Loop (Fast Group)



Annual Memorial Cyclorama and BBQ (Formerly The Ray Richard Memorial Spring Century) Saturday May 17th

Chris Cherrix, Spring Century Coordinator

Free for all members!

Yes, spring is just around the corner, and do you know what that means (besides great corn snow for our skiers and boarders)? Our annual Spring Memorial Cyclorama and post-ride (free!) BBQ is coming up! This event pays tribute to our fellow club members who have been an integral part of the club, and whom we have lost over the years, including Ray Rickard, Carlo Luri, Randy Jacobs, and many others.

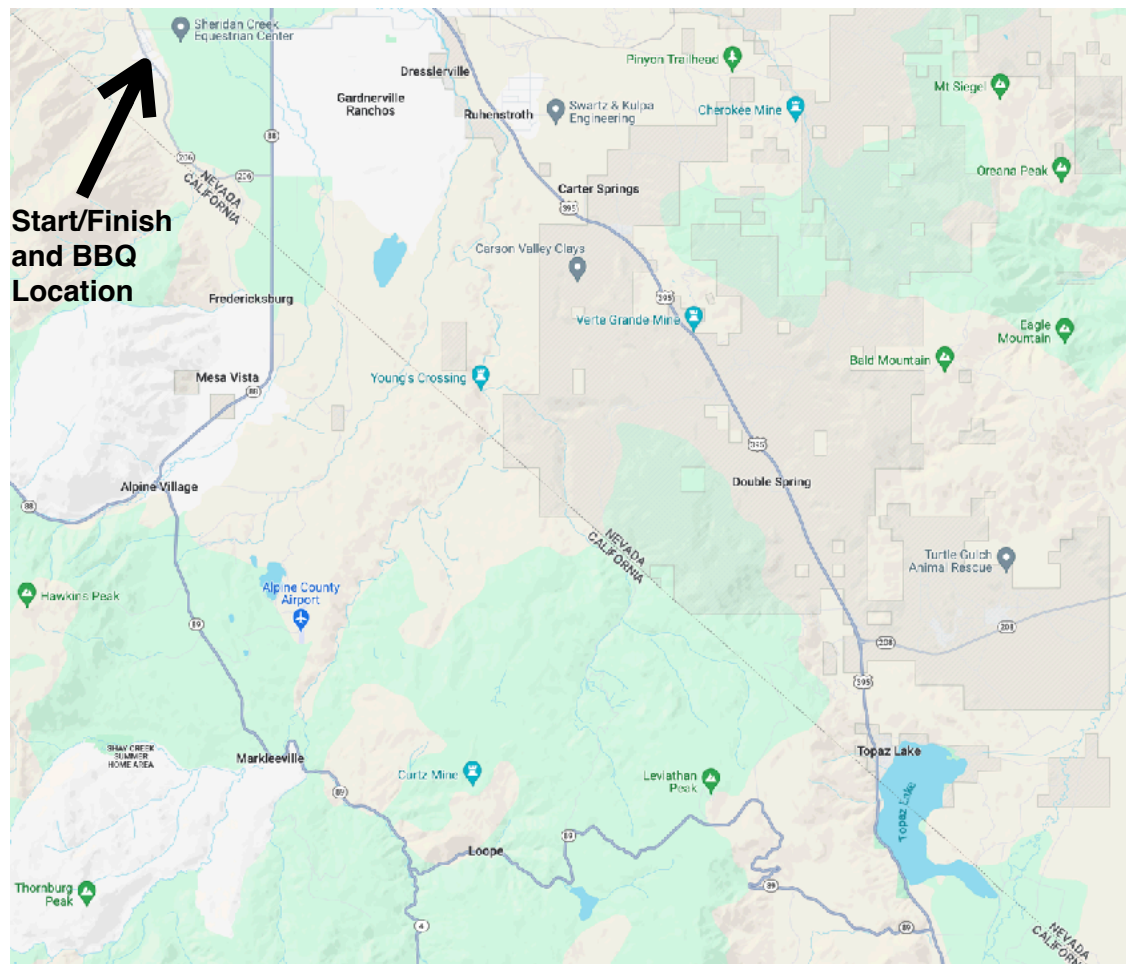
Although the name has changed to better reflect the variety of rides our members can choose from, the ride options remains the same as last year, with the classic Monitor Pass Metric Century at its core and additional route options for all riding abilities, supported by well-stocked rest stops.

This year our illustrious vice president, Nigel Leigh and his wife, Desiree are graciously hosting the (free!) post-ride BBQ at their lovely home on Foothill Road in Gardnerville, where the ride will also start and finish. The BBQ is one of the club's big social events and all members are invited so please plan to attend even if you won't be riding in the cyclorama.

Our backup date will be May 18th (Sunday) in case of foul weather on the 17th.

For anyone who would like to help out at the rest stops or BBQ, please contact Chris at (928)600-1097.

Watch for more details in future newsletters, and we encourage everyone to invite their friends to join the club and participate in this event. (Did I mention the BBQ is FREE?!)

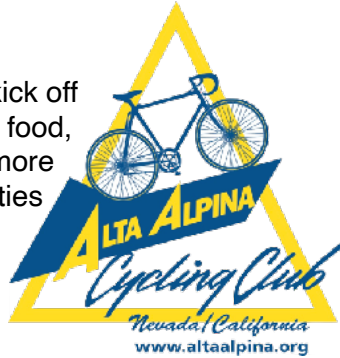




2025 Alta Alpina Events and Activities

Spring Membership Party Wednesday April 9

Join us for the annual spring membership party where we kick off the riding season. Enjoy great food, make new friends, and learn more about all the events and activities planned for 2024.



Spring Rider Roundup Saturday April 12

Weekend Club Rides Starting in April

There's a club ride or activity virtually every weekend from April to October. Club rides vary in distance and terrain but always feature post ride snacks. Check the rideboard on the website or newsletter for details.



Thursday Night Races Starting Thursday April 17

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to enter these races - you don't have to consider yourself a racer to participate.

The races have four categories: A through D, where A's are the fastest.



Annual Memorial Cyclorama and BBQ Saturday May 17

This event is free to club members and this year will feature a number of different route options including the full loop over Monitor, the Monitor West option, Ebbetts, and Diamond Valley.



Death Ride Training Series May 3, May 17, May 31, June 14, June 28

Club members join Training Series Ride participants for five great rides with rest stops and post-ride snacks. Help out as a club ambassador, ride coach, SAG, or rest stop volunteer.



Annual End of Season Party November, 3 (Tentative)

At our annual general membership meeting, awards dinner and end of the year party we celebrate the year with great food and presentations of race series awards.



Tim Rowe Memorial Fall Century October, Oct 4 (Tentative)

Another free event for members, the Alta Alpina Fall Century is the last big ride of the year. The out-and-back ride from Wellington to Bridgeport features a rest stop coming and going and a Pizza Dinner at the finish.



Alta Alpina Rideboard All-Year

The Alta Alpina rideboard is a fantastic way to link up with people to ride with. Use the rideboard on the club's website to post a ride you're planning to do so that other club members can join you.





Tahoe Area Radio Association HAM CRAM Saturday April 27

Get Licensed for a Valuable Skill

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 27 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 2:00, take the test from 3:00 to 4:30pm, and then get their license if they pass. Are you interested? To sign up or learn more, visit <http://tahoeamateurradio.com/hamcram2.htm>

Federal Bike Lane Funding

League of American Bicyclists

Last week, a memo began circulating at the Department of Transportation indicating that funding allocated for bike lane projects would be paused and reviewed. Already, nearly 4,000 people have signed our petition calling on the administration to not shut off funding to bike lane projects.

Because we know building bike lanes save lives. Your voice matters. Help us deliver thousands of messages of support for these local projects to the Secretary of Transportation:

<https://bikeleague.org/take-action/action-center/?vvsrc=/Petitions/5746/Respond>






THE CORE HUMANITIES PROGRAM AND THE CENTER FOR BASQUE STUDIES PRESENTS

LEON MALMED:
A FRENCH HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR SPEAKS

HOSTED BY JAMES MCSPADDEN
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF HISTORY AND
DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR IN THE HUMANITIES

TUESDAY,
APRIL 8TH,
4:30PM
WELLS FARGO
AUDITORIUM IN THE UNR
KNOWLEDGE CENTER
(MIKC 124)

Leon Malmel will speak of his parents' deportation and consequent deaths at the Auschwitz concentration/death camp. He will speak about Antisemitism and its history. He and his sister were hidden by a French Christian couple and their two sons. He shares the heroic promise made by the neighbors who, at the risk of their own lives, chose to care for and protect Leon and his sister from the Nazi regime the three years duration of the German occupation. Leon and his sister Rachel Malmel survived the famine and the 24/7 fear for their life. He speaks of finding joy in the small things such as the orange he received for Christmas, but most of all he took comfort in the loving and courageous acts of his neighbors who saved his and his sister's life. He encourages the students to value the privileges that come with freedom, especially education. He implored them to learn history, in order to make a stand for Peace.

Core Humanities
College of Liberal Arts

Local Merchant Discount Program

Local merchants that support AACC offer discounts to club members. Visit the merchant, peruse their shops and find out what you can buy as a benefit of being an AACC member. Details about local merchant offers is listed under “Merchant Discounts” on our website at www.AltaAlpina.org.





AACC Thursday Night Race Series

Joseph Whiteley, Thursday Night Race Director

The 2025 Alta Alpina racing season kicks off on April 17.

We're hoping that everyone will come out on Thursday evenings to join in the fun. Whether you're a veteran or you're gearing up for your first race, please read on so you're up to speed!

Race Season Passes and Race Chip Deposits

We'll be offering race season passes (\$110) again this year—a great way to save on weekly race fees. All racers need to mount a race chip (\$20 deposit) on the front right fork of their bicycle for each race. You'll want to get both at the Spring Party on April 11 or the Spring Ride Roundup on April 12 to avoid a delay at your first race.

Full Race Schedule

The race schedule for 2025 once again features a full set of twenty races with something for everyone.

4/17	Fredericksburg Prologue	6/5	Diamond Valley Road Race	7/24	Pinenut Road Race
4/24	Diamond Valley Road Race Short Course	6/12	Jack's Valley Time Trial	7/31	Kingsbury Time Trial
5/1	Grandview Criterium	6/19	Diamond Valley Double Back Road Race	8/7	Diamond Valley Road Race
5/8	East Valley Time Trial	6/26	Fredericksburg Two Up Time Trial	8/14	Blue Lakes Time Trial
5/15	Pinenut Road Race	7/10	Eagle Ridge Circuit Race	8/21	Grandview Criterium
5/22	Grandview Criterium	7/17	Blue Lakes Time Trial	8/28	Fredericksburg Time Trial
5/29	Kingsbury Time Trial			9/4	Diamond Valley Road Race Short Course

Time Trial Series Schedule

Never raced before? Not sure if you're ready for a road race or criterium? Plan on doing the Time Trial Series!

4/17	Fredericksburg Prologue	6/26	Fredericksburg Two Up Time Trial	8/14	Blue Lakes Time Trial
5/8	East Valley Time Trial	7/17	Blue Lakes Time Trial	8/28	Fredericksburg Time Trial
5/29	Kingsbury Time Trial	7/31	Kingsbury Time Trial	9/4	Diamond Valley Road Race Short Course
6/12	Jack's Valley Time Trial				

Check the club website at <https://www.altaalpina.org/clubracesroad/> for details of all race venues, formats, other rules, and updates.





Board Meeting Minutes— March 3, 2025

Secretary: Michael Bayer; Other Board Members: Frank Dixon (Deputy Treasurer); Allen Forbes (Membership); Greg Kogut (Website); Nigel Leigh (Vice-President); Bill Magladry (Treasurer); Joseph Whitely (Race Director); Lyn Willoughby (Weekend Rides)

Meeting held by Zoom

Meeting called to order at 6:06 pm

Minutes of the February meeting approved as amended to correct meeting date. [Nigel | Joseph | Unanimous]

1. Monthly Status Reports:

- **Treasurer:** The current checking account balance is \$9,048.40. The Paypal balance is \$962.83. CDs are currently at \$12,000.00, \$12,005.27 and \$10,896.28. Bill reported that he received a donation check from Judy Guinn.
- **Membership:** 2025 renewals and new memberships are coming in. Michael is working on all the elements of the membership database that need to be updated for 2025.
- **Weekend Rides:** Lyn reported that he scheduled two rides this month and the first one was very well attended. Lyn will be calling another rider leaders meeting in the third week of March. Lyn is also recruiting Spring Roundup ride leaders.
- **Weekly MTB Rides:** Weekly rides will start in April.
- **Social Media:** No report.
- **Newsletter:** Next newsletter is scheduled for March 17.
- **Website:** Greg has been working on the DRTS website. He has also updated the calendar page for 2025 and is working on updates to the MTB page.
- **Insurance:** The decision was made not to renew the non-owned auto policy. We still need a racing policy.
- **Clothing:** Michael working on getting the 2025 kit ordering window set for delivery by the Cyclorama.
- **Weekly Road Races:** The Webscorer team updated the software on the RFID

reader which Joseph has tested and used to program new chips. New chip labels were printed and he is now working on 3D printing new chip holders for final assembly. We need a race coordinator for the 2025 season. At a minimum this position has to be filled for certain dates when Joseph will be traveling. Michael can tow the porta potty and help with staging and check-in but someone will still be required to oversee the race. Joseph noted that Grandview & Eagle Ridge should be listed as named insured on the race insurance policy.

- **Junior Team:** No report.
 - **Cyclorama:** Chris is preparing material for the next two newsletters.
 - **Fall Century:** No report.
 - **Adopt A Highway:** Jordan confirmed all the cleanup dates for 2025.
 - **Death Ride Training Series:** Michael reported that twelve people have registered so far. Five were already-registered for the Death Ride and one was someone who registered for the DRTS through the pop-up on the Death Ride registration page but the source of the other registrations is unknown. We need to recruit coaches, ride leaders, and SAG volunteers for each of the five rides.
2. **Housekeeping:** Grace Period expiration date April 30 [Michael | BNBill | Unanimous]. Geoff Blachman and Timari Pruis are appointed as NICA Team Coach and NICA Team Director respectively (Michael | Nigel | Unanimous). An Honorary Membership is extended to club founder Curtis Fong (Michael | Nigel | Unanimous). Current draft of club calendar cleared for distribution to other organizations.
 3. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, April 8, 2025, 6 pm, by Zoom.
Meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Spring Membership Party	Wed, April 9
Spring Rider Roundup	Sat, April 12
Weekly Racing Starts	Thu, April 17
Tahoe Ham Cram	Sat, April 26
Annual Memorial Cyclorama and BBQ	Sat, May 17

MOVED? GOT NEW CONTACT INFO?
Have you moved? Has your e-mail address changed?
Don't miss out on the latest AACC happenings!
Send your new contact information to :
membership@altaalpina.org

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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 **April 8 by Zoom.**

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