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THE VOICE OF THE SKAGIT BICYCLE CLUB

SKAGIT VALLEY WASHINGTON



Skagit Spring Classic MAY 7, 2016

Once again your club is seeking your help for the

Spring Classic. Volunteers are needed for Registration at Bayview School, Rest stops on Chuckanut, Donovan Park and Samish School and Edison Church, Parking at Bayview School and Sags, taking care of the participants on the course which is broken up into segments.

A few years ago I was chatting with a club member, after the Spring classic, and asked them if they had volunteered, we needed volunteers badly that year. The answer was "I was going to, but nobody called me". So all you out there, consider yourself called! Help is needed for a few hours or half day or all day, whatever time you can give is appreciated.

You can call me (Jean Sattler-Will at 360 710-9577) if you have any questions or know where you want to help, I will give your name to the appropriate chair person.

RIDES

Monday Rides meet at the March Point Park And Ride all riders are welcome for this ride.

Spring ride start times are now 10:00 am. Distance of 35ish miles, moderate road riding at a 15-17mph pace.. No maps, riders stick together with leader(s), and a stop for a light lunch/coffee at or toward end of the ride.. Fun social riding in the heart of Skagit Valley.. Rain / Wind / Ice May Cancel Ride. The ride leader will asses the group and determine if a second more moderate pace group & leader is needed.

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BOARD BRIEFS



Skagit Bicycle Club
General Meeting Minutes
Tuesday February 2nd, 2016

Open Meeting: Jamie Wells at 6:00 pm

In Attendance: Jamie Wells, Marshall Will, Cindy McGuiness, Whit Whitford, Diane Torset, Steve Rutz, Phil McCloud, Steve Jahn, Dian Jahn, Jean Sattler-Will

Secretary's Report: There was a correction made in last months minutes regarding the addition of the treasurer's report. Steve made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction, Whit seconded, motion carried.



Bridge Sweep- 2016

By Steve Jahn

We will sweep the Berensten Bridge 3 times in 2016. March, June, and September. The March Bridge sweep is usually the most difficult, so we will greatly appreciate a good volunteer turn out to assure the job goes quickly with minimal effort! Newcomers Welcome!!

The first bridge sweep will be: Saturday, MARCH 5, 2016 @ 9 A.M. **Note- Hard rain and wind cancel to the next day, Sunday at the same time.** Meet at the East end parking lot of the Berensten (Twin Bridges) bridge (also the entrance to Twin Bridges Marina).

The club provides Shovels, brooms, trash bags, and two special "push broom" machines

You are encouraged to bring your favorite broom, gloves, and perhaps "special devices" to clean expansion joints or weeds in curb cracks. **We will need 4 wheelbarrows.** Please advise Steve Jahn if you can bring a wheelbarrow.

Your reward is a clean bike lane to ride on... and the Club will have "special treats" at the end for all to savor and socialize before heading home.

Contact- Steve Jahn 425-830-4981 stevedi-anjahn@gmail.com

Marshall has reconstructed the last two years of financials, but wants to meet with Shaun to go reconcile everything. Discussed what is done with the money, donations etc...

Ride Coordinator: March Joy Rides to leave from the Sedro Woolley Market this month, parking is one block east from the store.

Discussed ride leader responsibility, what to do and not to do.. Wednesday night rides will stick with original format of having two ride leaders, one for the long route and one for the short route.

Old Business:

New Business:

Spring Classic: There will be volunteer coordinator this year, that is Jean Sattler-Will.

Dian Jahn volunteered to be the e-mail cookie lady.

Marshall said all permits are in. The contract for the 4-H dinner is being processed. Insurance permits are processed.

Steve Jahn will order food for the classic as well as getting a band for Spring Classic Event

Advertising: Event will be in Bicycle Paper as well as bicycle/race magazine and on Facebook.

Coffee: We think Dan may know the coffee people.

Active is up now for registrations.

Downloadable forms will be up later for registration.

Locker check in and out procedures: Steve will meet with and get a refundable deposit for borrowers of the bike racks and bike cases. He will also meet with them when they are returned.

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm

Next meeting Tuesday March 1st at Dimensional Communications
1120 Anderson Rd, Mt Vernon

Respectfully Submitted
Jean Sattler-Will; Secretary



WORD OF THE DOMESTIQUE

The following is the opinion of the Super Domestique and is not intended to offend any religion, ethnic group, club, organization, company, gender, sexual orientation or individual. The views of the Super Domestique are his own or something he copied from someone else, and do not in any way reflect the views of the Skagit Bicycle Club. Furthermore, they do not necessarily reflect the views of the people who live in the same home, neighborhood or city. Please also note that the fact this piece is written in English is in no way meant to malign other languages nor to malign those who are illiterate visually impaired and thus are unable to read the piece. Compliments can be emailed to SuperD@skagitdomestique.com. Complaints can be emailed to Jamie at Jamie@skagitspringclassic.org. *Please keep in mind Jamie is a pretty busy guy so if you don't get a reply email the Domestique instead.*

Electric Motors and the Bear Hunter

There was lots of interesting bike related news last month. The most interesting being 19 year old Femke Van den Driessche, Caught at the world championships of cycle-cross with a hidden motor in her frame.

I have several questions for Femke.

How much of a difference does this motor make?

Why did your team do such a half-ass installation? It is definitely time to fire your DARPA mechanic. UCI officials could actually see wires coming out of the frame. They didn't even need to scan the bike to know what was going on.

Where can I get one of these motors?

Will a motor in my bike allow me to climb like the Bear Hunter?

It's exciting to know that warp drive is coming soon to a bike shop near you. Think of how much fun that could be on a Wednesday night ride! Lets say your on a climb with Jim Finch and he is killing you, because thats what he does. You fart into your seat activating the seat tube device and bang! The climbing legend known as Jim Finch aka The Bear Hunter is not only dropped but also incapacitated.

Why do I single out Mr. Finch as a threat? Because he is the best! If you want to stay with him on a climb you had better be training really hard, be blood doping, or making bike enhancements. Jim has only ever had one bad day on a bike and he will not likely have another.

Jim likes to climb and is arguably the best in the club at going up hill. Jim weights 80 lbs and practices all of the time. One evening Jim was doing hill repeats on Cascade Ridge. After his 7th and final repeat of the categorized climb (one for every one of Lance's Victories) He turned his bike downhill, kicked it up to 40mph on the sweeping corners, and plowed straight into a black bear that was crossing the road.

Now this is a horrific story but to answer the first question that I'm sure is on everyones minds. Yes, the bike was ok. Jim didn't even warp the wheels. Jim's dog had a huge problem with the bike as it smelled like bear, but structurally and mechanically the bike was fine. The chain fell off but Skagit Cycle Center, located in Burlington across from Costco, was able to put it back on. Jim's bike is a true testament to the power of Trek engineering.

How is the bear? We don't really know. I would imagine that the bear is probably just fine. You have to remember that Jim only weights 80 lbs. 95lbs with the bike. The bear was crossing the road and was probably thinking to himself. "Dang mosquitoes are out tonight" and then went back to his bear cave.

So... that is the story of the Bear Hunter, and the reason why everyone who is climbing with Jim should be looking for ways to gain a competitive advantage.

Speaking of seeking a competitive advantage. I feel badly for the 19 year old Femke Van den Driessche. This girl is a victim. A victim of the idiots that surround her. She was born in 1997, her brain isn't even fully developed yet. Do we believe that she really did this herself?

The bike manufacturer Wilier Triestina who I'm certain had more than a little to do with the motor installation and probably left wires hanging out like a stick of dynamite in a Looney Toons cartoon is now suing this poor girl.

Her coach Rudy De Bie is "disgusted" and claims to know nothing other than he swapped the girls bike like they had planned.

Fortunately among all of this tragedy, treachery and sadness there are real life lessons for all of us.

- Ride a Trek.
- Make sure Skagit Cycle Center does your accessory installs. Their mechanics are magicians and would never leave an exposed wire. www.skagitcyclecenter.com
- Jim Finch and a huge hill are the only reasons you need a motor on your bike.
- Try to go around the bear not through the bear.

An additional note: Someone should check Jim's bike.

Yours Truly, Domestique
223 lbs



Mussels in the Kettles

Currently we are at about 75 riders.

A lot of changes to the venue this year so goto www.musselsinthekettles.net and read up on them so you are not surprised the day of event. Each course has more distance and hills. This same weekend there is a marathon run in the Kettles and Ft. Ebey, on Saturday so respect the runners, maybe next year they will be able to afford a bike and ride the trails.

Attached is the link to Mussels in the Kettles entry form and waiver, or visit [http://www.active.com/coupeville-wa/cycling/mountain-biking-races/mussels-in-the-kettles-2016?int=to sign up](http://www.active.com/coupeville-wa/cycling/mountain-biking-races/mussels-in-the-kettles-2016?int=to%20sign%20up), see you on March 12th.

Submitted by Matt Plush



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	1 6:00 PM BOARD MEETING DIMENSIONAL COMMUNICATIONS JAMIE WELLS 360.941.1270	2	3 11:00 am MRR/SRR Conway West of the Red Barn Marshall Will 360.929.5003	4	5 Bridge Sweep 9:00 AM Berentson Bridge See newsletter for more details Steve Jahn 425.830.4981	6
7 10:00 am MRR March Point Park&Ride Jerry Ziegler 253.906.7975 Hanspeter Gehrig 206.890.2361 Dan Sandstrom 360.708.7108	8	9	10 11am SRR/MRR Conway West of the Red Barn Jean Sattler-Will 360.710.9577	11	12 10am BRR Washington School MtV Jim Finch 360.770.5915 🚴🚴🚴🚴🚴🚴 MTB Mussels in the Kettles Marshall Will 360.929.5003	13 10am Gravel Grinder RLH 624 Bennett S-W Tom Jacobson 360.710.2834 🚴🚴🚴🚴🚴🚴 2PM SRR RLH 17534 Fir Island Road Jeannette Folkertsma 360.445.5924 Daylight Savings Time Begins
14 11:00 am MRR March Point Park&Ride Jerry Ziegler 253.906.7975 Hanspeter Gehrig 206.890.2361 Dan Sandstrom 360.708.7108	15	16	17  11am SRR/MRR Conway West of the Red Barn Phil McCloud 336.392.0641 St. Patrick's Day	18  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	19 10am MTB rain cancels Rendezvous just south of 37th & A. Anacortes Marty Johnson 425.478.8486	20 2pm SRR RLH 17534 Fir Island Fir Island Jeannette Folkertsma 360.445.5924 McClinchy Mile Arlington (bikesclub.org/mc- clinchy) First Day of Spring!
21 10:00 am MRR March Point Park&Ride Jerry Ziegler 253.906.7975 Hanspeter Gehrig 206.890.2361 Dan Sandstrom 360.708.7108	22 10am Trail Higgins Airport Trail Park: Higgins & Ovenell Jane Monroe 360.391.9062	23	24 11am SRR/MRR Conway West of the Red Barn Phil McCloud 336.392.0641	25	26 Tweed Ride--SRR TheDandydaffodil.com 🚴🚴🚴🚴🚴🚴 1:30 PM MRR/ SRR RLH 1025 E Washington Ave Burlington Rose Ploeg 360 202 1716	27  Easter
28 10:00 am MRR March Point Park&Ride Jerry Ziegler 253.906.7975 Hanspeter Gehrig 206.890.2361 Dan Sandstrom 360.708.7108	29	30	31 11am SRR/MRR Conway West of the Red Barn Jack McTaggart 360.420.1857	 		

SKAGIT BICYCLE CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

CLUB INFORMATION

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Annual Dues:
Individual \$15.00 Family \$20.00

Check One:
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Mail this form to:
Skagit Bicycle Club
P.O. Box 363 Burlington WA 98233

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See Ride Calendar for Deadline

Bike Travel Cases: Deposit is \$100 and is refundable upon the return of the case. The borrower is responsible for the pickup and drop off of the case.

Bike Travel Trailer: "BOB" bike trailer with a water proof duffel.

Club Bike Racks: Four Yakima bike carriers attach to a roof rack 1 inch round bars front and rear. Fork mount/ mounts for the front wheel. Currently kept in the Storage Unit in Mount Vernon.

To check out and arrange a pick up of any of the above items contact Jane Monroe 360 391 9062 or Colby Plagge 360 540 4554

Membership benefits include 10% off at these local businesses. Please remember to show your membership card to receive your discount.

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