

Saddle-Post Intelligencer

The Voice of the Skagit Bicycle Club -Skagit County-Washington

May 2014

Skagit Spring Classic Saturday, May 10, 2014 @ 7:00 AM

Time to mark your ride calendar with the 24th Annual Spring Classic! This year's ride through northern Skagit and southern Whatcom Counties features splendid rural forest and marine views.

You can pre-register by using www.active.com/burlington-wa/cycling/races/skagit-spring-classic-bicycle-ride-2014 (deadline 5/8/14) or by downloading our registration form and mailing it in with a check. (must be postmarked by 5/2/14)
Prices: Pre-Register: Road Ride w/ T-shirt - \$35
Day of Registration -\$40

Start Time: 7:00 AM

Riders that wish to complete a century must be on course by 8 am

Venue: Bayview Elementary School- Start/Finish
Address: 15241 Josh Wilson Rd Burlington, WA 98233

Ride includes: Our Famous Homemade Cookies
Rest Stops ~ Sags ~ Showers (Please bring your own towels)
End-of Ride -All you can eat Pasta Feed From 11:00 am to 5:00 pm

Registration open from: 7:00 am to 11:00 am
Food and Rest Stops are Closed at 4pm

ANSI OR SNELL HELMET IS REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION IN THIS RIDE

Your participation in the Skagit Spring Classic will help support several not-for-profit organizations that make bicycling in our community great for recreation, adventure, transportation, fitness and our youth. Skagit Bicycle Club members nominate and vote each year on our endowments to support local bike riding. Thank you.

Questions ? Email us ! Jamie@SkagitSpringClassic.org

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WANTED, ALIVE AND READY TO EAT!
COOKIES OF ALL SHAPES AND SIZES FOR SPRING CLASSIC. MAY 10TH....MARK YOU CALENDAR!

I am hoping (maybe begging?) you will be able to bake some cookies for the Spring Classic....5-6 dozen would be great. That is usually a double batch.

Riders come for the Home Baked Skagit County Cookies, and we hope you can help supply the energy source for our one and only fund-raising event.

Cookies can be delivered to Skagit Cycles in Anacortes or Burlington from Wednesday, 7th to Friday afternoon, May 9th.

On Friday evening cookies can be delivered to Bayview Elementary School, 15241 Josh Wilson Rd from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. **We also will need volunteers to help with set up on Friday night at Bayview Elementary School--drop by!**

We appreciate your support and help to make this another successful SKAGIT SPRING CLASSIC!

Skagit Bicycle Club is the major sponsor of the "**Cookin' in the Kettles**" mountain bike race at Fort Ebey State Park and Kettles County Park trails on **May 4th, 2014**. This will be the 7th year running of this popular local event.

There are a variety of age and gender categories racing in 3 divisions: Cat 3 (6 miles) and Cat 2 (12 miles) both starting at 10:00am, and an Expert race (18 miles) starting at Noon. Local sponsors also Skagit Cycle Center and Whidbey Island Bicycle Club.

This race is a part of the BuDuRacing.com "Singletrack West Side Mountain Bike Series".

More info can be found on their website, or contact Marshall Will at cesiwill@msn.com or (360) 929-5003. Racers, spectators and volunteers equally welcome!



<http://www.facebook.com/SkagitBicycleClub>

The Script

(Who's Next?)

By Dan Sandstrom

Hello everybody,
Well lots going on and like always our club is working like a well oiled chain. Everybody is really stepping up on helping us make this a great Spring Classic and when we see Gary and Bernie say thank you for their help and participation. We can still use volunteers at some of the stops so contact leads if you want to be a part of the crew. Its also that time of the year with the weather coming group rides are growing every week and remember to welcome all new members when they show up at rides. Bernie Santiago has started her women's bike mechanics workshop on Thursdays at 6pm please call her at Skagit bicycle and sign up im told its great. Have a great May of riding and keep the rubber on the road.

From April's Who's Next?

#1 is Jane Monroe



#2 is Jennifer McCoy.



Whos Next

This is a guy we all know and if you don't you will!

Here is some stuff about this guy you will probably only hear from me cause he doesn't talk about it.

He grew up in New York where he got on his first trike at about 18 months and was racing bicycles at 14.

He worked very hard and became a very respected racer and even put together a race with a buddy that became one of the biggest races in the USA with riders coming from all over the world to compete. One time this guys team had the race won but his team told him to slow down, but the next day he did a criterium race that he didn't like to do and won.

He is such a pure cyclist he has never had a speedometer on any bike he has owned.

He never told me this but I believe he could have been a pro. Its really great our bike club has guys like him to teach us. He is also a great father husband and friend.

Who is he?



Etcetera



Joy Ride – April 3, 2014 from Allen Playfield Ride Leader Cindy McGuinness

It's fair to say it was one of those very chilly, windy spring days where it is perfectly OK to question whether to take the bikes off the car or get back in the car, go home and read a good book.

The choices: ride either 19 or 28 miles or compromise....maybe just 8 miles is fine. So those shivering souls, Diane and Don Torset, Gordon Odegaard, Jane Monroe, Jennifer McCoy, and Whit Whitford grabbed the chance to ride to the new bakery in Bow and settle for a fun visit together. Janice Lisherness and I decided we'd drive back to our homes. I had an injured hand and couldn't ride anyway. I was happy to hear that everyone had a very good time.

Etcetera



April 7, 2014--A Perfect Day By Cindy McGuinness

Janice Lisherness, Marci Maulden, Barb Kline and I rode from the Steelhead Park in Rockport to Newhalem. Before Washington Pass opens each year, Hwy 20 beyond Rockport and especially from Marblemount to Newhalem, is an experience anyone of any riding ability could enjoy. The day that we rode traffic was light and kind to us, the sun shone, the road was flat, the Skagit River positively glistened.

Between Rockport to Marblemount is 8 miles, and from Marblemount to Newhalem another 14 miles with wide shoulders and smooth pavement. Then from the Park's visitor center above Newhalem, a short boardwalk trail takes you to a stunning view of the rugged Picket Range. This was a real treat before the pass opened.





Rides



Regular Scheduled Rides:

Mondays - 10:00 am from March Point Park & Ride at western end of S. March Point Rd. Social to Moderate road ride, route dependent upon winds & weather. Rain cancels. Contact ride leader if in doubt. See ride calendar for leaders.

Tuesdays - 8:45 am from Arlington VeloSport, 401 N. Olympic Ave, Arlington. "Spicycakes" a 2 hour brisk road ride with hills. Mark Everett: 360 629 6415

Tuesdays - 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Special Olympics at Skagit Valley College Truck Track off La Venture Road in Mount Vernon. Rain cancels. Come pair up with an Olympian for a ride around the track. Contact is Jane Monroe 360 424 4619

Tuesdays- 6:00 pm from Skagit Cycle Center 1620 Commercial Ave., Anacortes. Tuesday Ladies Road Ride. Contact is Bernie Santiago 360 588 8776.

Wednesdays - 6:00 pm road ride out of March Point Park & Ride, Anacortes for the month of May. Two ride leaders. One for the medium/long routes and one for the short route. Brisk to Social/Easy. Check the calendar for leaders & phone #'s.

Wednesdays-6:00 pm social road ride out of Skagit Cycle Center 1620 Commercial Ave., Anacortes. Contact is Bernie Santiago 360 588 8776.

Thursdays- 10:00 am from Farmhouse Restaurant on Hwy 20. Social road ride. Rain cancels. See ride calendar for leaders.

Saturdays- May 17th & 31st at 10:00 am. Ramble Ride starting at the Red Barn in Conway. This ride is for everyone (all speeds). Ride together for the first 5 miles. Then split off into different paces. Check calendar for leaders.

Sundays- 10 am from Arlington VeloSport, social ride mostly on the Centennial Trail. Rain cancels. Mark Everett 360 629 6415



Board Briefs



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

April 1, 2014

Present: Jane Monroe, Shaun Bridge, Dan Sandstrom, Jean Sattler-Will, Colby Plagge, Janice Lisherness, Scott Rittscher, Mike Tallering, Cindy McGuiness, Gordon Odegaard, Vince Richardson, and Marci Maulden.

The March 4, 2014 meeting minutes were approved with no corrections.

Welcome to new members Gary & Jan Danilson, Ryan & Nikki Buck from Mt. Vernon; Julian & Jean Lee from Anacortes; and Greg & Susie Rice from Libby, Montana.

Ride Leader Report: The May Wednesday night rides will start from March Point. Ramble rides will be held on May 17 and May 31. There will be two pre-rides to the Spring Classic this year: April 19 and May 3.

Old Business: The SBC Board voted to give Active Community Taskforce (ACT) an additional \$300 to print 30,000 2014 Skagit County Bike Maps. The SBC Board already approved \$700 at an earlier meeting. Colby Plagge reported on the progress of this year's Spring Classic.

The SBC Board did choose and approve yellow tee shirts with logos that will be available to pre-registration riders, volunteers and some to sell at day of registration. Dan said he would talk to Skagit Bicycle Shop about providing bike mechanics at Spring Classic.

New Business: The SBC Board voted and approved that the Spring Classic Pre-Ride each year will be known as the Bill Thayer Memorial Pre-Ride. Since there are two pre-rides this year, the one held on April 19 will be the Bill Thayer Memorial Pre-Ride. Subsequent rides will be held the week before Spring Classic. A late-breaking news bulletin will be sent to all members announcing this year's ride since it is too late to put on the calendar. Vince Richardson from the Skagit Valley Herald was visiting. The paper is trying to get more articles about sports and outdoors so he is looking for articles and photos to enhance this area of the paper. Vince was the Skagit Valley Herald writer who did the feature article on Dan in one of the March issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24pm. The next SBC Board meeting will be held at 6:00pm on Tuesday, May 6 at Dimensional Communication on 1220 Anderson Road, Mount Vernon.

Respectfully submitted by Marci Maulden

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Skagit Bicycle Club Membership Form

Use PayPal to join or renew your membership online at www.skagitbicycleclub.org

Annual Dues:
Individual \$15.00 Family \$20.00

Check One:
 New Member Renewal

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

Name
Address
City State Postal Code
Phones
Email:

You will receive your Newsletter via Email
.....**Unless** you CHECK HERE
to receive the paper version (not in color)
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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 360 424 4619

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

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