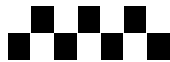


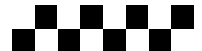


Quick Releases

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Of the Portland Wheelmen Touring Club



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Top Talk

By Chip Kyle
President

By the time most of you read this, the 2018 version of our signature Pioneer Century Ride will be complete. I want to offer my sincere appreciation to all of you who volunteered and contributed to its success. As you well know by now, the Pioneer is an "all hands-on deck" event and cannot be run without a large number of club members pitching in. There are so many different tasks that it is hard to count. Your efforts on both big and small tasks were needed to smoothly run the Pioneer. So, a big "thank you" to each of you. It's well appreciated. There is one person; however, that needs to be singled out for his contribution- Brian Hammer, the Event Coordinator. Brian began working on this year's event shortly after the conclusion of last year's. The myriad details he has attended to, the extensive "to do" lists he has compiled and followed, the number of people he has coordinated with, and the energy and perseverance he has shown are exemplary. Best of all, he still has his sanity (not to mention his equanimity)! Thank you, Brian, from all of us. Next time you see him out on a ride, tell him "thanks" and buy him a snack.

The club is still looking for a volunteer to step forward to run the Program

June:

Jonathan Garcia, Rose City Recumbents **Note:** they will arrive early (6:00 or so) to offer demo rides, like Cynergy E-Bikes did last year.



Board Elections: 2 Members At Large, 1 Road Captain

July:

Colin (Brian Link's wife) – Yoga for Cyclists

June Mileage Credit Rides:

- **Strawberry Century, June 9**
Ride Leader:
Benn Schonman
- **The Gorge Ride, June 16**
Ride Leader:
Dick Weber
- **Mt. Adams Century, June 30**
Ride Leader:
Pat McManus
- **Tandem Rally, June 29- July 2**
Ride Leaders: Armond Anderson & Diana Ruth

And don't forget...

PIONEER CENTURY

This Saturday!!

Club Meeting

Date: Thursday, June 7, 2018

Time: 7:00 PM

All Saints Episcopal Church

**4033 SE Woodstock Blvd
Portland OR 97202**

Board Meeting

Date: Monday, June 25, 2018
Time: 6:30 PM

Place: Legacy Emanuel Hospital
2801 N. Gantenbein Ave
Room 1035

All club members may attend Board Meetings. Submit items to be considered in writing by the preceding Club Meeting to Chip Kyle at 503-387-3940 or cvkyle109@gmail.com

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Committee. Barry Emmerling has done a superb job organizing interesting programs for our monthly club meetings. He plans to step down in July and is available to train/mentor a replacement. The job is easy for the rest of this calendar year- there is only the month of November that needs a program. Please consider this your opportunity to help keep the club vibrant and interesting.

Board elections will be held at this month's club meeting for three positions: two members at large and one road captain. Please plan to attend.

Final note. I have recently spent time with a 6-year-old grandnephew. He likes word play and offers this to the club: Why can't a bicycle stand on its own? Because, it's too tired!

Ride Safely! Chip Kyle

5/18 Back in the Saddle



Here is the link to the ODOT bicycle manual Rules of the Road.

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Programs/TDD%20Documents/Oregon-Bicyclist-Manual.pdf>



Eileen's Mothers Day ride

A friendly reminder: Our By-Laws state that club dues shall be reviewed annually by the board every June. If you have any thoughts on this, please share with a board member before June 25th.

New website feature

You can now view the start locations for a day's rides on a Google map.

To view, go to the Ride Calendar page and click on the map icon (looks like a folded paper map) for the desired day.

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Newsletter

Deadlines

Announcements, Events, and Classified Ads for consideration of publication should be submitted to Kimberly Morehead by the 20th of the month to be in the next QR. Publishing of letters is at the sole discretion of the Editor and dependent upon space available. Opinions expressed are those of the individual and not representative of the PWTC or the Editor. Classified are run for 2 months unless other arrangements are made. Articles and classified from members have priority if space is limited.

Ride Information

Ride information is to be submitted to the Road Captain. Ride leaders wishing to create their own ride descriptions or to sign up to lead a ride for the following month need to provide the Road Captain with pertinent information two weeks ahead of the ride!

Contact either Patrick Cecil or Sarah Hill at PWTC Road Captain email: roadcaptain@pwtc.com

PWTC Web Site:

<http://www.pwtc.com>



Quick Releases 2018

STP (SEATTLE TO PORTLAND) July 14 & 15, 2018

Respectfully submitted by
Ann Morrow
2018 STP Finish Line Coordinator

Many PWTC members are already working on STP projects or have signed up for various volunteer positions. Thank you! This is actually a four (4) day event and requires many, many man (and woman) hours to get everything done.

Friday, July 13: we'll send buses full of riders up to Seattle with trucks full of bikes. Bill Hamilton takes the lead on that.

Saturday, July 14: we need to set up the park with fencing, get the baggage area ready, set up the bike corral and welcome 1,500 to 2,000 one day riders.

Sunday, July 15: we welcome about 5,500 cyclists and send many of them back to Seattle on buses with more trucks full of bikes. Plus we tear down the park set up so the locals can move back in!

Monday, the 16th: a few last buses to haul riders back to Seattle.

By the way, we bring in young, strong high school athletes to do the lifting and toting so don't fret about hard labor. Wear comfortable shoes - plenty of standing and walking.

Why go to all the trouble? I can only speak for myself. I have benefited from other volunteers giving their time and energy to make my own STP experiences wonderful events and wonderful memories for ME. I want others to enjoy their experience as well. Additionally, STP is a means of income for the Wheelmen. Cascade Bike Club pays us to run the finish line. Your volunteer hours directly benefit the club financially.

We have two annual opportunities to earn money for the club - Pioneer Century and STP. Could we survive without one or the other? Possibly, but it would be a totally different club. The purse strings would tighten and many of the benefits we enjoy as members would come to an end. Additionally, we would probably be unable to give ANY charitable donations to various local organizations as we do now.

Our STP VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR, Corey Eng, has been reaching out for months to fill positions for this event. Your jobs will vary depending on what you sign up to do but it's a fun weekend and inspirational to watch other cyclists reach this goal. Go to this link and see what is available.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4aa8a92ea5fa7-20181>

Note: you do not necessarily need to use the Login button, located in the upper right corner of the page, when choosing an available slot(s) and time(s).

There are no club rides on this particular weekend to allow you time to help out! You can accrue club mileage by riding to the finish line and we encourage that you travel by means other than a car since parking is limited.

Please help your club.

Ever Wonder What It's Like to be a Ride Leader?

We all owe our Ride Leaders a big thank you - they make our rides possible! Did you know that almost half of our 2017 rides were led by just 5 Ride Leaders: Jeremy Wilson, Bud Rice, Mike Sloan, Dick Weber and Bob Sahleen! There were a total of 56 club members who led rides in 2017 and about one third of them led 4 rides or less. There are many ways to lead rides and 25 of our Ride Leaders gathered recently for our first-ever Ride Leader Workshop to talk about their Ride Leading experience.

The discussion ranged from sharing quick/easy/impactful ideas (e.g. Change the website to say "Departure Time" - already done!) to a hardy debate about whether Ride Leader Orientations should be mandatory.

The key ideas that emerged from the conversation include:

Offer a Ride Leader Orientation - for new (and some current) Ride Leaders so leading rides becomes less intimidating. Several Ride Leaders offered to help deliver orientations and/or act as mentors by co-leading rides with new Ride Leaders. The recently revised Ride Leader Info page is a good place to start learning about ride leading: <http://pwtc.com/ride-leader-info/>
Route Maps - How can map making be made easier?

Offer a Form for Submitting Rides - Helps new Ride Leaders and Road Captains, but could be seen as a barrier for long-time Ride Leaders.

Safe Riding - The Ride Leaders made a number of observations regarding safety concerns. The observations included the often-mentioned riders failing to yield to "car back" warnings and riding side by side on roadways. Other safety concerns mentioned were riders failing to obey stop signs and riding left of the center traffic line. Unsafe group riding behaviors mentioned were riders overlapping front wheels with the rear wheel of a rider immediately ahead and sudden, unnecessary swerving. Recommended club actions included the emphasis on obeying traffic laws, single file riding and members exhibiting unsafe riding being pulled aside and their unsafe habits pointed out.

The Road Captains will take this conversation as guidance as we work to make Ride Leading easier and even more enjoyable.

If you are interested in becoming a Ride Leader, please send an email to roadcaptain@PWTC.com and we will schedule an orientation at a time that is convenient for you.

- Sarah Hill and Patrick Cecil, Your PWTC Road Captains



STP Volunteers Needed

Our second signature fundraiser, setting up, running and taking down the finish line at Holladay Park, takes place over the 4-day period, Friday through Monday, July 13-16. Volunteers for STP will receive a colorful tee shirt to identify them as a volunteer and a food voucher to redeem at the many food vendors, over the weekend. Of course, there is the pizza party the Monday before the long weekend, where you can pick-up your volunteer shirt ahead of time.

As of June QR publishing deadline:

Could use a two more volunteers for **Friday Truck Driver** to drive one truck from Portland to Seattle, with rider's bikes, on the 8:00 am – 3:00 pm time slot. One drives, the other rides shotgun, both help load bikes on their truck in Portland and unloads them in Seattle at UW campus.

Remaining open positions include a **Saturday Return Bus Transportation** from 6:00 pm – 9:30 pm, and **Sunday Return Bus Transportation** shifts from noon – 4pm and 3:30 pm – 7:30 pm, where you take tickets from riders returning to Seattle on the bus.

Baggage has many open slots on Sunday on the 2:30 pm – 7:00 pm shift. Baggage will be unloaded by then, job mainly entails helping riders find their bags and making sure they go out the door with the correct bag.

Bike Loading has open slots on Saturday evening 5 – 9 pm and Sunday's two shifts, between noon – 7 pm. Baggage and Bike Loading jobs will have many enthusiastic High-school helpers.

Route Safety volunteers work the finish line area and numerous slots are available both Saturday between 3 pm – 9 pm and Sunday between 10 am – 7 pm, split over 2 shifts each day.

There are a couple of positions open at **Information Booth** on Saturday from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm and Sunday from 3:30 pm – 8:00 pm.

Volunteer Booth has an opening on Sunday from 2:30 pm – 7:00 pm.

Bike Corral has an open position on Sunday from 12:15 pm – 4:45 pm.

Use the following link to reserve your spot(s).

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4aa8a92ea5fa7-20181>

Note: you do not necessarily need to use the Login button, located in the upper right corner of the page, when choosing an available slot(s) and time(s).

If you have any questions about the volunteer jobs or need help logging in to signupgenius, contact me at 503-641-2971 or coreybike@comcast.net

Corey Eng, 2018 STP Volunteer Coordinator

Welcome New Members

Andy Armstrong
Asa Christiana
Andrew Dingler
David Feldman
Chris Kusanto
Alden Lewis
Bill Shideler
Dan Sparks
Jason TerWee
Robert Thoene



PWTC is looking for a volunteer to take over as Program Coordinator, to start when Barry E. finishes his stint after the July 2018 meeting. This is a fun job that mainly entails a lot of e-mails to reach out to potential presenters, get them scheduled, and then send a follow up 2 - 3 weeks before the meeting date. (It also helps being handy with the club's digital projector, as typically about half the presenters will want to use it). For anyone who might be interested in being the new Program Coordinator, feel free to contact Barry at any time with any questions you may have. Barry is also glad to share additional tips, a list of potential presenters, etc., to make for an easy transition



Charitable Contributions

A club member raised a concern that the board had not paid out all of the charitable contributions decided by the previous board. This is correct, we have not. The issue *implied* was one of intent, which certainly it is not, instead it is an issue of timing. What has been paid is two-thirds of the monies that were earmarked for contributions. These funds went to the organizations that had specifically requested donations. The remaining one-third is for organizations the previous board believed warranted a donation but did not solicit nor expect one. Due to the severe weather impacts of the last two Pioneer Centuries, the club's bank balance is significantly lower than just two years ago. The board considered it fiscally prudent to delay (not eliminate) paying out the remaining contributions until we had a better idea of the success of this year's Pioneer. The club has a distinct cash flow dynamic to our finances and timing of activities. Lots of cash goes out up front and we receive (hopefully) two significant incomes, one mid-year (Pioneer Century) and the other towards year end (STP). Since the amount of money raised through general membership dues is not substantial enough to allow charitable donations, it is only through the profits of these events that the Club is able to consider paying it forward after all our own obligations have been met.

If this year's Pioneer has a similar result to the last two years, the board will still make the final charitable contributions, but will also take a close look at discretionary spending in the remainder of the year. This could include: reducing the budget for refreshments at the monthly club meetings, eliminating pizza at the October meeting, reducing the budget for the raffle prizes at the club picnic, reducing the budget for the raffle prizes at the awards banquet, and eliminating the subsidy for tickets to the banquet. Please note also that the board has already postponed a new member social and changed the picnic from a catered event to potluck. Additionally, the Board is in the process of creating guidelines addressing a timeline/procedure for future boards to use when considering charitable donations.

I believe the board is taking this fiscally conservative approach in the best interest of the club.

Chip



Charitable Donations/ New Policy Proposed by Members

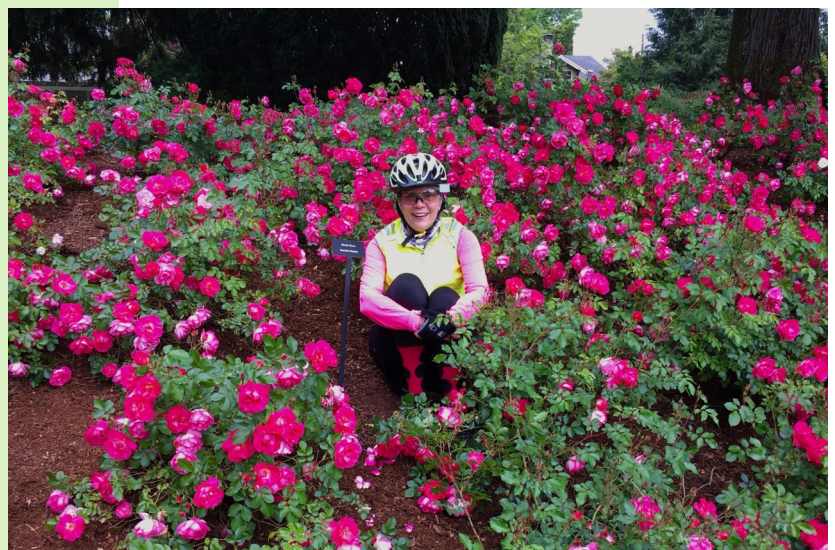
We are making progress on getting charitable donations paid out to our beneficiaries' in a timely manner. Every year in November the board publishes a letter in the November QR about the beneficiaries who will receive a disbursement, that are released at the end of December or early January. The logic behind timeline has always been that is that we, the club, have had a reasonable amount of time to reconcile our books from our two major events that happen mid-year. Those are the PIONEER CENTURY and STP which wrap up by mid-July. Typically, and historically speaking, by the time November rolls around, the dust has settled so to speak, and we as a club are ready to release charitable donations.

As previously discussed in last month's May QR, we've had problems the (last three years), actually getting the monies released in a timely fashion. I'm happy to report that the board is forming a policy to prevent this from happening again. This policy will assist the new incoming Treasurer and President understand their fiduciary responsibilities to the club and its members. The board was asked to create new policy that includes a reasonable deadline to pay out donations. This policy should bring comfort to all of us hard working volunteers and assistance to our community members that could use it. After all, that is why we volunteer at last check!

This is YOUR club, and the board members are here to assist and carry out the club's ideas and goals in a responsible manner. It's a democratic process. We are moving in the right direction! Thank you everyone, the hard-working volunteer/members and volunteer/board members, for without you none of this would be possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Hellem



Marci amongst the roses SMM 05/26/18

Cancellation of the 2018 Jim O'Horo Memorial Columbia Gorge Explorer

By Bill Hamilton

Because of the fire in the Gorge last fall, many trails and roads in the Gorge are closed. Specifically, portions of the Historic Columbia River Highway and the Historic Bike Trail that the Columbia Gorge Explorer (CGE) uses are closed to bike traffic. I personally went out to Viento State Park, Cascade Locks and Multnomah Falls to see if there were any way of using these closed sections. There is not, and in fact, guards are posted at each entrance to keep users off those sections. Because of these closures, the CGE riders would have had to ride on I84 for about 42 miles on Monday morning, immediately after the Memorial' Day Weekend. This would have put the riders on 84 during Monday morning commute traffic and I decided it was too dangerous for us to ride there and made the decision to cancel the CGE for 2018. On Wednesday May 11, I notified on all 13 of the riders who had signed up for the ride that it was cancelled and offered to refund their registration. Additionally, I contacted the Oregon Parks Department and secured a 100% refund of the campsite fees the club had paid. So, the ride was cancelled for this year. Hopefully someone will step up as Ride Leader for 2019 and get this ride resurrected.

As Appeared in the Columbian:

By [Scott Hewitt](#)

, Columbian Arts & Features Reporter and [Tom Vogt](#), Columbian Science, Military & History Reporter

Published: May 13, 2018, 4:19 PM

Location, location ...

No, that's not a nod to some time-honored wisdom about real estate. It's a reminder of the TV shows that have recently used Vancouver as a film location. Last week, two Columbian section covers had stories about productions that were filmed here.

Thursday's local section featured [Jay Leno's visit to Clayton Paddison's garage](#)

. The comedian and car collector brought his crew here Wednesday for an episode of "Jay Leno's Garage."

On Friday, our Life section explored [OPB's documentary about Fort Vancouver](#)

produced by Vancouver filmmaker Beth Harrington.

"Fort Vancouver" will air at 9 p.m. on May 21 on Channel 10. The scenes shot by Leno's crew Wednesday are for an episode of "Jay Leno's Garage" that will eventually air on CNBC.

After the crew left, the Paddisons and their neighbors indicated that the guy they met in person is just the way Leno appears on TV: low-key, warm and friendly. And funny.

In one scene, Leno and Paddison were driving the Hazel Dell resident's vintage Buick to Vancouver Lake. When they pulled over to the shoulder, a cyclist pedaled up, peered into the car and admiringly asked: "What year is this?"

A 1927 Buick, Paddison replied.

The cyclist didn't realize who the other guy in the car was until Leno leaned toward him and shot back: "And what year is that bike?"



Bud at the first Sunday Parkways



Scott getting some cross training in...

A girl named Andrea Lin

Sometimes when you're out riding your bike, you get a great opportunity to meet someone who shares the love of cycling. That's exactly what happened to me on May 12, 2018. It was business as usual. RTB training rides were starting to wrap up. This RTB trainer had us leaving out of Oregon City at the end of the Oregon Trail. Dick and Scotty led out the Ripplebrook station group, and I led out the lower mile option group for a total of 38 miles.

I stopped to get coffee at the Mason Jar in Estacada, OR. As I parked my bicycle, I noticed another bike parked, featured here in the pictures. I wasn't too sure who I'd find in the Mason Jar that owned this bike. After a warm bowl of oats and a cup of coffee, I made my way over to the young lady's table and introduced myself. I asked her how her ride was going? She replied, great! I asked her where she rode from, she told me Eugene, OR and up through the Santiam Pass, and through Bend, OR. I asked her where she has been sleeping. She replied; last night the gas station around the corner! She assured me that typically she spends the night in State parks along the way, however the State park close to Estacada has some



sketchy people, so she opted to sleep behind the gas station. Brave young lady!!! Judging from her bike and gear, it looked to me like she was set up, and very practical from what I could tell. I'll admit when I found her bike shoes interesting as they were (CROCS)! Andrea has a fascinating story. This isn't her first-time touring. She did a tour from San Francisco up North. Andrea said her family immigrated to our country and they reside in Seattle, WA to be safe. Her family doesn't like that Andrea goes on these multiday bike tours. In fact, her mom and little brother literally cry about it. Andrea keeps on cycling! She enjoys it very much, she said.

I asked where she went to school, she graduated from Cornell University in New York and is a computer science programmer in Seattle, WA. Andrea went on to tell me that she has an Airbnb reserved in Portland and plans to catch the AMTRAK home in time for Mother's Day. I knew I had to dig my way out of Estacada and so I asked her if she'd like to ride a leg with me? She didn't hesitate a second! Next thing I know we were riding strong back to Oregon City, where my car was. We exchanged information and that's where we parted ways. She advised me she was only 14 miles away from her Airbnb and thanked me for riding with her for a leg. I was a delightful encounter!

It made me happy to hear she has volunteered with Cascade Bike Club too. I told her all about our great Portland Wheelmen Touring Club and the upcoming PIONEER Century. You never know what fun awaits you when you ride your bike. This is one reason I love to ride my bike. Andrea was so incredible to talk with and she inspired me, as a woman, to keep on touring!!!

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Hellem



Reach the Beach 2018

Respectfully submitted by,
Ann Morrow

If you tried to REACH THE BEACH on May 19 I certainly hope you succeeded. PWTC offered many training options this year, usually at least one each on Saturday and Sunday and often there were even more, and on the West Side as well. Your response to our request for help was appreciated. I really liked that we had so many options for whatever RtB riders needed. The original "core" Saturday rides form a wonderful series from February to mid-May but they don't meet everyone's needs. Thanks to all of you who lead or participated - I think we helped many cyclists get their training in along with some ride, gear and tech discussions at no extra charge!

I was at most of the Saturday RtB Training Rides and my opinion is that we had a lot of interest and drew in a few new members. I think if the weather had cooperated a bit we would have had even higher interest but some rides (particularly the earlier ones) were too soggy for all but the hardest of cyclists (I am referring to our infamous Ride Leader Extraordinaire, Dick Weber).

Of some interest, the R.A.C.C. ride, put on by Vancouver Bicycle Club, moved from early May to August. That had been one of our training rides! We had to replace R.A.C.C. with another route. Dick came up with the Canby-Molalla River ride out of Eco Park. It is a proposed Scenic Bikeway and about 75 miles in distance. Rider reviews of the lesser traveled portion of the route from Molalla to the Molalla River Recreational Area were very favorable and club members are already clamoring to have that particular ride back on the schedule. Some of our resourceful club members chose to ride out of Molalla instead of Canby, shortening their ride and limiting it to the most scenic part. The Canby to Molalla segment is much more familiar to most of us, especially to those who ride our own PIONEER CENTURY.

Additionally, we seemed to have added an extra Saturday this year so had a hole in our schedule. Since there is some climbing on Reach the Beach (there is ALWAYS climbing, isn't there?) I thought it might be of value to have a specific hill climbing ride - fewer miles but a focus on hills. I asked Cindy Bernert-Coppola to assist as she has developed the "Three Volcano" ride with Mt. Scott, Rocky Butte and Mt. Tabor providing the leg strength and lung capacity test sites. We had a good turnout on that one as well.

I want to thank our core team, Dick Weber, Scott Poindexter, Ashley Reynolds and Kathleen Hellem for making this a team effort. When one person was sick, injured, or otherwise occupied, the others stepped in to provide the leadership. Kathleen and I often offered shorter versions of the Saturday rides so those having no aspirations to ever ride the 100 mile Reach the Beach Route had their own ride leader to get them back to the start.

And a big thank you to our ride leaders who put the optional rides on the schedule as discussed above. John Burkhardt, Jeremy Wilson and Corey Eng really jumped in, referring to their regular rides as Reach the Beach Training Rides. That part is simple - a little re-branding to draw the RtB riders. But it still involves commitment and perhaps a bit of modification to be sure and cater to any Reach the Beachers that come out.

A final THANK YOU to Dick Weber who has taken the helm on this series for many years. It's a gratifying experience to help other cyclists reach their goals and grow as a bicycle rider. We need someone like him to take that weekly responsibility of the training rides to make it happen.



Overnight to Champoeg

Second Chance to Dust O- Overnighters are an exhilarating way to spend two spring/summer days! The destination was Champoeg Park hiker/biker...and it didn't disappoint. Riders enjoyed the pastoral sites on the ride down Central Point with descents we were all thankful were not on the return route. The bike trail o- Butteville road was the perfect entrance to a quiet campground. New improve-



ments to the hiker/biker area have enhanced the cycling touring experience....more tables, shelters, lockers and electric. Lots of electric outlets....if only we had room in our bags for a toaster! A clear night provided a star show...coyotes howled in the distance and the whistle of a train (long way o- fortunately) were the only sounds to break the silence. A great return ride back with a stop at Fir Point Farms (they opened up early just for us!) Co-ee and homemade, just out of the oven pastries, gave us the energy to head to the Canby Ferry for rollers galore on the west side of the mighty Willamette. Everyone returned with a smile and I heard the words "pure pleasure" from a rider. It's the start of a very good cycle touring season. Interested in learning about touring?...the 'retired guys' are a wealth of information...ask them (most are friendly)!

Benn Schonman

The finalized Club Safety policy is below. In the near future, you will be able to find this policy, the names and contact information of current members of the Safety Committee, and links to online submission forms for accidents and complaints under Members Only content on the webpage titled 'Bicycle Safety'.

Portland Wheelmen Touring Club Safety Policy:

It is the policy of the Portland Wheelmen Touring Club to develop and foster a culture of safe riding and to develop training, communication, and corrective procedures to implement this policy.

The responsibilities of the Members-at-Large positions on the Executive Board are hereby expanded to include safety education as the standing Safety Committee. One member-at-large will serve as Chair. Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

Target provision of monthly articles on safety and related topics for publication in the Quick Release (QR). Contributors may be members or nonmembers with a unique perspective on road safety. Articles may include summaries of outside articles if appropriate citations or links are included.

In consultation with the Program Committee Chair solicitation of a county sheriff, police officer, lawyer, or other community member to speak at a club meeting about rules of the road and cycling safety at least once/year.

Recommend short (5-7 min.) videos on bicycle skills or safety to be incorporated into club meetings as agenda items or as links on the club website.

Work with Road Captains in any revision of the "Safety Spiel" (found on the webpage "Ride Leader Info").

Work with Road Captains in planning of Ride Leader meetings.

Report Committee activities at monthly Board meetings.

The duty of the Membership Secretary is expanded to include electronic distribution of the document 'Riding Safely in Groups' (to be found at this URL <http://pwtc.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/RidingInGroupsFull.pdf>) to all new and renewing members upon receipt of their membership dues.

The duty of the Club President is expanded to include publication of a short description and explanation in the QR of our liabilities and how our insurance addresses them, to be updated every year after insurance renewal.

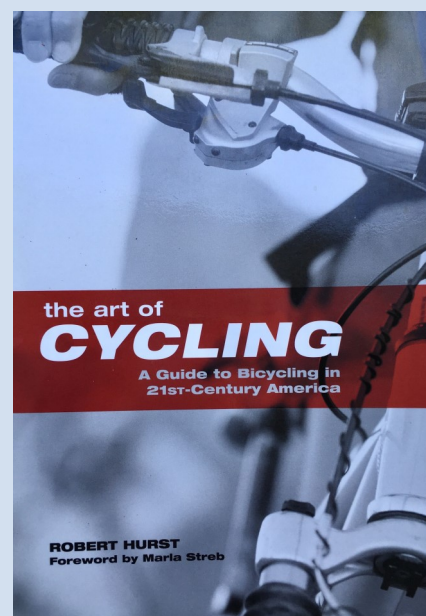
Ride Leaders and/or members involved in accidents are responsible for reporting them online to the Safety Committee. A link to the online accident submission can be found under 'info for Ride Leaders' and under 'Bicycle Safety'. The Safety Committee will present descriptive information regarding any accidents at Board meetings as an agenda item to determine if measures could have prevented the accident and what action may possibly prevent a recurrence. The accident, the discussion it provokes, and any conclusion will be documented in Board meeting minutes, but also reported in the QR if deemed essential to share with members. A yearly summary of accidents and follow-up regarding affected riders is to be presented to the board by the Safety Committee at the December board meeting.

The Board encourages on-the-road communication between riders to address unsafe actions in a timely manner, but if additional response is needed, complaints regarding reckless riders are to be submitted to the Safety Committee. In turn, the Safety Committee will present descriptive information regarding any specific incident to the Board. The discussion it provokes and response by the Board should be reported in the meeting minutes (specific names kept confidential) and also reported in the QR (specific names kept confidential) if deemed instructive to share with members.

Accident free months are to be rewarded by adding an extra raffle prize at the following month's club meeting.

With PWTC's renewed focus on safety I'd like to recommend an excellent book, available from the club's library, that includes a wealth of information on the topic: "The Art of Cycling – A Guide to Bicycling in 21st Century America" by Robert Hurst (Note: there's also an earlier edition of the book titled: "The Art of Urban Cycling"). The author definitely has the "bona fides" with over 150K miles of hard core riding in heavy traffic under his belt. IMO this is a "must read" for newer cyclists - and even grizzled veteran riders might learn a thing or two. btw - PWTC's library is a great resource, with dozens of books, DVD's, etc. on all manner of cycling related topics. Check it out some time!

Barry Emmerling





Bud & Tim (artist for the bike farm bike racks at Jazzy)



05/08/19 Special Tuesday AM Spin to help the Gresham City Council dedicate a new bike-shaped bike rack at Jazzy Bagels.

(See last page for group photo).



May 2018 Board Meeting Synopsis

By Chip Kyle

The full minutes of both the monthly club and board meetings are published to the website for all club members to read. However, it's been suggested that a more timely version be available in the QR. This is the first of "Board Meeting Cliff Notes".

Visitors gave a short presentation concerning Ride to Defeat ALS and were welcomed to provide an article in the QR or Yahoo distribution list.

The treasurer reported that the club's various accounts have a total slightly north of \$51k. The treasurer also estimated that the Pioneer needs around 300 riders to break even. To date only 97 have pre-registered.

Membership reported 418 members and 565 riders as of the date of the meeting.

Road Captains reported that June has 68 rides so far, but additional rides are needed on Sundays.

The Web Committee gave an overview of their project to bring the membership database and related functionality onto the website. Three key issues were put on the table: whether the current structure of "Family" memberships should be changed; whether the club can move to an all electronic registration and payment environment; and how grandfathered paper processing should be handled. The board was asked to consider these issues and decide on approach at the June board meeting.

The Safety Committee presented their report and finalized safety policy. After some discussion, minor amendments were made and the amended policy was adopted by the board. The preamble states: *"It is the policy of the Portland Wheelmen Touring Club to develop and foster a culture of safe riding and to develop training, communication, and corrective procedures to implement this policy."*

Annual Charitable Contributions. A draft set of guidelines was presented to the board with follow-on discussions and questions. The Board was asked to review and consider the issues for further discussion / decision at their next meeting.

Membership dues and types. The club's constitution requires that membership dues be reviewed at each June board meeting. The possible elimination of Family memberships is under consideration. Input from members attending the June club meeting will be solicited concerning this and the structure of club dues.

Miscellany. The web committee was asked if # of rides/member could be added to the YTD mileage listing under "Rider Mileage" in the member only section of the website. There was also a request for data regarding the #riders/ride.

RTB success for the little guy, Jake Rog!

It's very true this isn't this families first time Reaching the Beach. We have a new youngster who just got his first road bike! Jake is around 10-11 years old sporting his new FUJI road bike and sporting the 2015 PWTC jersey. Geoff, Tara, little Jake, and Chris, all rode a portion of RTB this year. Jake knocked out his first 28miles ever. This may not seem long to a seasoned cyclist, but I assure it was quite the accomplishment for this little guy! Even better, he sported his PWTC 2015 jersey. Jake waited at the finish line (I hope not for too long), to cheer on a few of us Wheelmen coming through to share to his grand accomplishment and show us his cool jersey. Sadly, were a little late crossing the finish line, but it was heartwarming that Jake accomplished that many miles at such a young age. WAY TO GO, JAKE!!!

Great job to the Rog family and friends who RTB in 2018!

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Hellem



Fort Stevens Camping Trip - July 19, 20, 21, 22

Explore the northern Oregon coast this summer on this riding and camping extended weekend. We'll be staying at Fort Stevens State Park at the mouth of the Columbia River. There will be rides on July 19, 20 21, and 22.



Make your own campsite reservations at [1-800-452-5687](tel:1-800-452-5687) or at oregonstateparks.org. Event headquarters will be at campsite #173. Remember that state park campgrounds fill up very quickly. If you are not a camper you can book a motel in the area.

RIDES

Thursday, July 19 --- A late afternoon/early evening ride around the park and the over to Warrenton for a dinner stop. Distance about 15 miles

Friday, July 20 --- Ride mostly back roads down to Seaside for a lunch stop. Return along Hwy 101. Distance about 47 miles

Saturday, July 21 --- Ride back roads on a loop along the Youngs River. Several distances from 28 to 54 miles.

Sunday, July 22 --- Take a loop over to Fort Clatsop. About 35 miles.

For more information contact Bud Rice, [503-667-0683](tel:503-667-0683) or bikebud@spiretech.com.



Cove Palisades Camping Trip - August 24, 25 & 26



Explore some of the most scenic parts of the state on this three ride camping weekend in Central Oregon, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday August 25, 26, and 27. We will be staying at the Crooked River Campground at Cove Palisades State Park near Madras. All of the campsites have water and electricity at each site.

Fridays ride travels along Lake Billy Chinook, Round Butte Dam, and has a lunch stop in Madras. On Saturday we ride down to Smith Rocks State Park, with a lunch Stop in Terrabonne. Sundays ride goes out to Haystack Reservoir.

Make your own campground reservations at [1-800-452-5687](tel:1-800-452-5687) or at oregonstateparks.org. Event headquarters is at campsite E31. If you aren't a camper you can book a motel in Madras, about 10 miles away. For more information contact Bud Rice, [503-667-0683](tel:503-667-0683) or at bikebud@spiretech.com.

The Old West Scenic Bikeway: June 28-July 2

The Old West Scenic Bikeway is a beautiful, challenging, 174-mile loop through rural Eastern Oregon. It passes through small communities and every time you round a corner you take a big sigh and recognize how lucky you are to be in such a majestic area.

We'll start in the town of Long Creek which is about a 5 hour car trip from Portland. The Long Creek Lodge / 541.421.9212 has rooms and there is camping at the Long Creek RV Park / 208.360.5197 for \$10/tent Make your own accommodations. Vehicle parking available for a few days in town. Ritter Hot Springs (not on 'Old West' Bikeway) is just a few additional miles up Hwy 395 and is the idyllic last night of camping for our trip. Ritter has a very small hotel and camping. It's an easy 20 miles back to Long Creek from Ritter.



The Fine Points

- Day 1: Long Creek to Lone Pine Campground / Kimberly.....33 miles
- Day 2: Lone Pine to Clyde Holiday Park / Mt. Vernon.....51.3 miles
- Day 3: Holiday to Bates State Park.....36.8 miles
- Day 4: Bates to Ritter.....49.7 miles
- Day 5: Ritter to Long Creek.....19.5 miles

Total 190.3

Note: There are sections without potable water...tablets or filtration folks! Carry extra water bottles

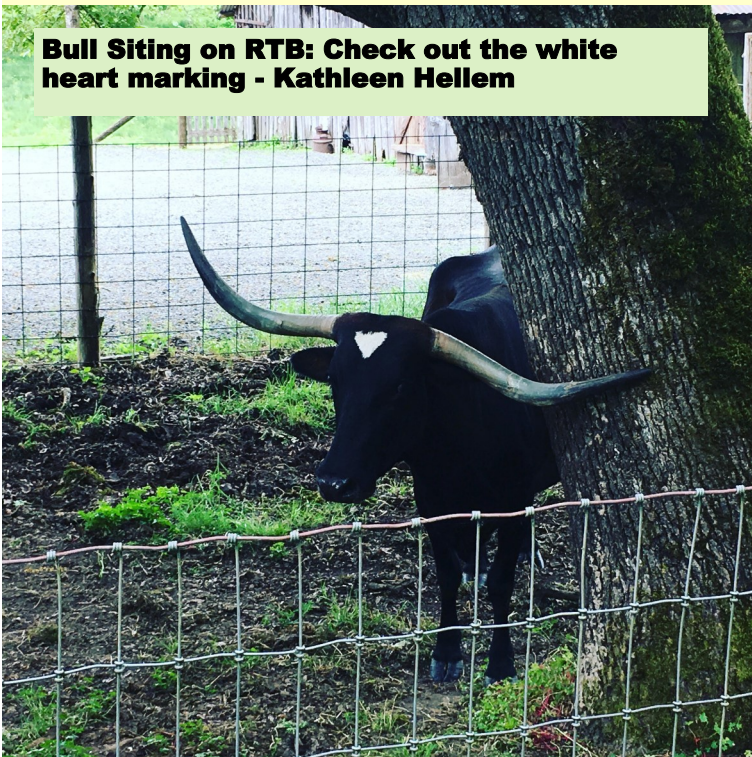
Website Info / Map / Cue Sheet <https://traveloregon.com/things-to-do/outdoor-recreation/bicycling/road-biking/old-west-scenic-bikeway/>

Details Date: June 28-July 2

Start Time: after a good hearty breakfast with a not too early start ...it's only 33 miles today...we're on vacation!

Type: Non Group Pace: Leisurely Length: 190 miles Terrain: C-D

For More Information contact: Benn Schonman / 503.775.8300 / bennschonman@gmail.com



Bull Siting on RTB: Check out the white heart marking - Kathleen Hellem



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Is it time to renew?

Online: <http://pwtc.com/>

CLUB MEMBERS SUPPORTING DEDICATION FOR BIKE RACKS AT JAZZY BAGEL 05/08/18

