



Quick Releases

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Of the Portland Wheelmen Touring Club

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Top Talk

By Chip Kyle
President

The Awards Banquet is coming up at the end of this month on the 28th. We will all face a significant challenge: to see if we can recognize our fellow bike riders in street clothes without their riding kit and bike helmets. (Please refrain from saying "Hey, I didn't recognize you with your clothes on". It gives rise to unfortunate connotations!) Fortunately, there will be name tags. The Awards Banquet is where we take the opportunity to recognize members who have made significant contributions to the club as well as highlight those individuals who have been most active on club rides. We also typically have a few humorous awards (the "Grand Fartessa" award comes to mind), identifying a few individuals' distinct characteristics. It's a fun time, and the food is good. I encourage you to attend.

I look forward for a third (and last) time to serving with a strong, capable and dedicated board. We have something unique for the coming year - more than half the board members will have served for six months or less. With that many new faces, you should expect some changes in perspectives and areas of emphasis. It is a nice mix of longer serving members who can provide institutional knowledge as well as new members who will bring fresh ideas and initiatives. Each brings their own distinct talents and personal expertise and it will be fun to see how they complement each other. I have full confidence that despite my straying hither and yon, the rest of the board will keep the club going in the right

Jan:

No Club Meeting. Come to the Banquet instead!



Feb:

PWTC Member Jenny Peterson will give a slide show of her recent 6,000 mile loaded tour across South America

No Club Meeting in January

Come to the Banquet!

Monarch Hotel

I-205 at Sunnyside Road/Sunnybrook Blvd.
12566 SE 93rd Avenue
Portland/Clackamas
Oregon 97015

January 28, 2017

4:30 No Host Bar

5:30 Dinner

Board Meeting

Date: Monday, January 22, 2017
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



CARtoons by Andy Singer www.andysinger.com

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direction.

Since this will be my third year as your president, you are probably bored with my Top Talks. So, I think it will be informative to hear from some other board "voices". As the year progresses, you should expect to see other authors of this newsletter article. For full transparency, we might need to re-title the article to "Almost Top Talks", or perhaps "Top Talks, Maybe?"

The first event for the club President is the New Year's Day Ride. I'll be there and hope to see you there as well. Until then, stay warm, avoid the ice and safe riding!

Chip Kyle

Links of interest

1. The interactive bike map of Portland. The link can be found on this site: [Bike + Walk Maps](#)
But also here is the direct link:
[ArcGIS Web Application](#)

2. Also, [portlandoregon.gov](#) is encouraging folks to clear drain to prevent pooling of water (clearly something cyclists would rather not see). Guideline are described here:

[Adopt a Storm Drain](#)

3. Potholes.

To report a pothole, call the city maintenance hotline at [503-823-1700](tel:503-823-1700), email pdxroads@portlandoregon.gov or use the [PDXReporter](#) smartphone app.

Submitted by Pat McManus

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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 Bill Hamilton at PWTC
Road Captain email: roadcaptain@pwtc.com

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YAHOO GROUPS

2018 Edition

Respectfully Submitted by Ann Morrow

We love our Quick Releases. It's a great club newsletter edited by Kimberly Morehead that keeps us informed about club activities. It's a unifying agent to help us know our fellow club members better and learn what our club as a whole is up to.

But sometimes we have VERY timely information to share. The club uses YAHOO GROUPS for a "list serve" for our club. If someone crashes, or if there is some urgent club news, a bike eating pot hole to report or any general bike related information to share, it gets sent out on the list serve or e-mail list of subscribers. There are currently 140 members on the list. It is not a very active list, which is good. You won't be inundated with e-mails. But it may help you stay current with all things Wheelmen.

The club also uses your e-mail for "blasts" which we try to use sparingly. That's how your Quick Releases gets to you or information about Pioneer Century, STP etc. This Yahoo! list is different and is used a bit more liberally.

If this isn't your first rodeo you know you need to join/subscribe/register to enable you to play with your friends on the internet. So go to YAHOO and join. You know, the user name and the password routine.

Now that you belong to YAHOO you can go to : Yahoo Groups. On the home page of Yahoo! see on the top of the page "Groups ." Click on that. In the empty box that appears right of "YAHOO! Groups," enter Portland Wheelmen Touring Club. Click on Portland Wheelmen Touring Club. Under the banner "Bicycling news and discussion group generally focused on the Portland Wheelmen Touring Club rides and functions" click on the button on the right "+ Join Group" and get signed in. Of course you may unsubscribe at any time.

It can also be used as a forum for discussion and I am the moderator and pretty liberal about what goes out. No jokes or politics, just bike related sharing.

Join in. Don't be left out!

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Spotlight on Safety

By Bill Hamilton

Sun Screen and Signing Off

Although we have all heard how important it is to apply sunscreen before exposure to the sun, its probably not on the top of everyone's priority list right now because there isn't much sun to remind us of the need for sunscreen. We all know that prolonged exposure to the sun can damage our skin and cause skin cancer, but we usually don't think of it often.



Well, after having some minor skin cancer removed and then undergoing a two week long painful and unsightly skin treatment to remove potentially problematic skin cells, I can assure you that you should think of sun screen often and apply it before every ride and other exposure to the sun. Its a minor annoyance to apply it before a ride while you're trying to get ready for the ride, but I can tell you from personal experience that its well worth the effort in the long run.

So, lather up!

On a different note, I've been writing this column for two years, and have had favorable response from many readers. Thanks to these readers for their encouragement. Unfortunately, the same unsafe riders continue to be unsafe riders. Neither the safety suggestions proffered here, or the personal admonishment provided on the road by me and others seems to have any effect on

these riders. I think the PWTC Board will take up this issue in 2018 and hopefully find a better way to deal with these unsafe riders. As a result, I have decided to discontinue writing this column and instead spend my time on other club activities



"Let's be safe out there"

Its Not Always Just About the Miles!

SnowCap Update

Attendees at December's Club meeting demonstrated their big hearts by donating 116 pounds of non-perishable foods and 66 pounds of clothing (topping 2016 donations). When Dave and I dropped the donations off the warehouse volunteers expressed their appreciation to all who donated. So from them to you – THANKS!

A very impressive number came via a couple of members who chose to make their annual personal monetary donations to SnowCAP via the Club. We were able to present additionally \$3,125 to SnowCAP Charities. This translates to \$100 of buying power per \$5 donation, a very welcomed gift to support their operations. Thank you all for your generosity and taking time to think of families that are facing day-by-day living challenges at this time of the year. Wheelmen continue to demonstrate it is not always just about the miles. You are the BEST! Wishing you all a Happy New Year.

Joan Cullen

A Facebook Request:

from a guy from Britain doing a tour that will be passing through Portland in April. Maybe one of the ride leaders can coordinate with them and do a specific ride for riding with these 2 guys.

Hi guys,

Not your usual request but I'm planning a self funded/unsupported bike ride from Canada to Mexico down the Pacific coast starting April 2018 for a charity Help for Heroes, myself and Sam are British military veterans and Sam was injured whilst serving in Afghanistan.

The reason I'm making contact is apart from completing the whole trip we really would like to meet and ride with others to hear about some of your trips and adventures,

Due to Sam injury it has left him blind in one eye so we are a little concerned about traffic in some of the cities and it would be great if any of your group could help us out or even know of groups that could.

We have a Facebook group Canada to Mexico the long ride down and also on Twitter as @canada2mexico so please look us up.

Many thanks for you time,
Wes Craven

Facebook group is listed as: Canada to Mexico - The Long Ride Down



Welcome New Members

Vinny Billeci
Milan Kavanagh
Darin Swanson



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



MAPS

Respectfully submitted by Ann Morrow

This may be of some interest to everyone except our PWTC Human GPS, Bud Rice.

I was trying to create a map for a ride recently. Unlike Bud, I am unable to draw lines on paper with any likeness to a map or route even if I exclude the “to scale” factor.

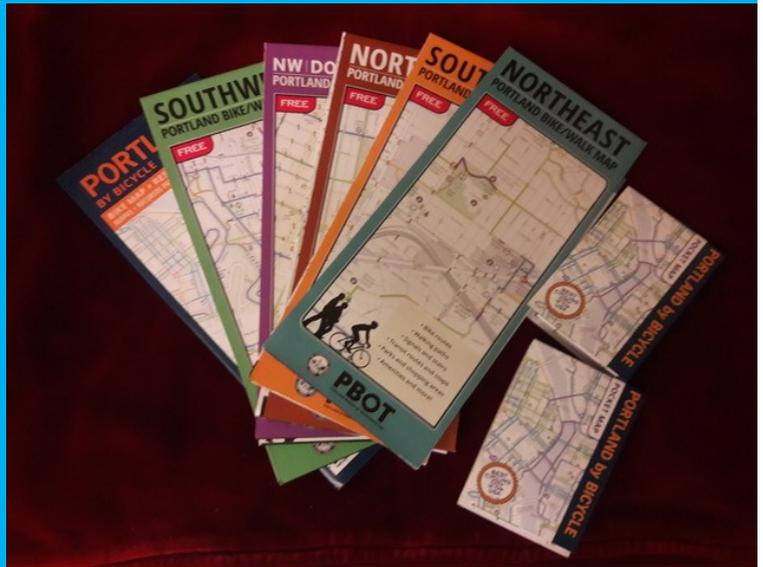
One trick I learned from the students I work with is to put your paper on your iPad or computer screen and trace what you want. That helped. I created the route on MapMyRide and then traced it as I cannot get MapMyRide maps to print on an 8 1/2 by 11 piece of paper. (Yes, I have even paid them some money).

I knew that PBOT (Portland Bureau of Transportation) has their bike maps on line but I also found I could order current maps for FREE. Yes, free! So I received a nice packet of the most current bike maps and I’m recycling the old ones. This helps me verify the best routes.

Go to PortlandOregon.gov and the PDX On The Go section has the option. You have many options and other booklets and information.

The maps were not helpful in tracing a route as they are too large. But they did help me connect bike friendly streets with confidence. For example, with MapMyRide I could NOT make a right off of Willamette south bound to continue on Willamette rather than proceeding on Rosa Parks. It forced me to make the right on Curtis. Aargh. Obviously, MapMyRide does not know that bikes can go right on Willamette there.

I’m sure many of you are much more competent with this stuff than I am and use other resources. Share what you know! The point of this article is to advise you of these free maps for those of you that enjoy actual maps or want to know what’s new.



Speaking of Awards.....

Submitted by Arden Shelton

Are you a winner????

There's only one way to find out. Sign up for the PWTC Awards Banquet on Sunday, January 28, 2018. The club selects a number of high profile awards each year, from Member of the Year to Most Improved New Rider. But many members may have earned an award and may not be aware.

Mileage awards begin at 500 miles and go up to the 1,000's. If you have surpassed the 2000 mile mark in 2016 you have earned a coffee mug that says you have ridden 2000 miles, or 3000, or 10,000 miles, or whatever 1000 mile mark you have reached, beyond the 2000 mile point.

And for those really serious mileage hogs, the club awards a mileage plaque to signify reaching each 10,000 mile plateau. And if you have led rides in 2017, you earn (in past years) bicycle socks, a water bottle, or a coin purse. If you lead 12 or more rides, there's another prize!

So be sure to sign up for the banquet so that you can collect your loot. And if you don't win one of these awards you can still go home with a really big prize. The club gives away about \$2000.00 worth of door prizes at the banquet. Almost everyone goes home with something.



Awards Banquet Best Night of the Year



Don't miss the best night of the year; the PWTC Awards Banquet on Sunday, January 28, 2018 at the Monarch Hotel near Clackamas Town Center. This is not your father's typical boring awards banquet. This one is very long on fun and very, very short on speeches.

This is an evening to celebrate our outstanding club members who have provided service to the club above and beyond the norm and whose efforts have contributed greatly to our riding enjoyment. And it is also a chance to go home with some really good loot because we always give away several thousand dollars' worth of door prizes!

The Banquet is a very casual affair. You can dress up fancy or wear your most comfortable jeans; your choice. Come and see if you recognize your best riding friends in street clothes.

If you have 2017 cycling photos of club rides or events, bring them along. There will be display space available to share them. Or send photos by email, CD or memory stick to Arden Shelton.

This is an event for all members. Come by yourself, or bring your guests, or bring a group! Come out and enjoy two of our three favorite things: bicycling and eating. The Monarch does a fantastic buffet.

The no host bar opens at 4:30PM and dinner starts at 5:30 with the festivities to follow. If it were summer, you'd be home before dark. Watch for the banquet entry form with the November newsletter. Sign up online or print out the form.



12/10 HOLIDAY EXPRESS RIDE





PWTC 2017 Christmas Lights Ride

We saw one of the largest turnouts ever at our Christmas Lights Ride hosted by Arden Sheldon and Bud Rice. Bud led us Wheel People on three different stops for viewing outrageous lights shows. We had excellent weather and for that we were all very grateful. Thank you, Arden for opening your home to all of cyclist, with warm toasty good treats and drinks. Thank you, Bud for leading us on an amazing route yet again!

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.

2018 Pioneer Jersey



Artwork created by Joe Velazquez. Artwork discovery and integration (event jersey) by Ron Ing and Benn Schonman.



Tired of the rain? Yearn for those days of summer when you could ride with just a jersey and shorts ... not all the rain gear, booties, heavy gloves etc?

As many of you know, there is wonderful weather and bicycling during the winter and spring in Tucson. Tucson is a superb city for cycling. Wide bike lanes on the main roads, many bike paths, a national Park filled with majestic saguaro cactus at the edge of town, Mount Lemon with its significant climb and many others. Once again, there is the opportunity to ride over a dozen different rides (including a couple brand new routes) for any PWTC members who can get to Tucson, AZ, during the month of March, 2018. Rides are in the morning leaving the afternoons for tourist activities including the Sonoran Desert Museum, the Air Force "boneyard" and Pima Air Museum, San Xavier mission and the Tubac artists' community to name a few.

Contact Roger Harris, [503-341-6385](tel:503-341-6385), or rch2815@gmail.com for more information concerning ride descriptions, places to stay, and things to see.

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WEB!

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12/17 DOBER ROAD (SANS
MAGGIE'S BUNS)



Check your membership expiration date.
Is it time to renew?

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



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EXPLORER