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Ray Rickard Memorial Spring Century—May 28

David Scarborough, Spring Century Coordinator

Free for club members!

The Ray Rickard Spring Century takes place on Sunday May 28th—the Sunday of memorial day weekend. Once again, we have seven ride options to choose ranging from: 13 to 110 miles. New this year: there will be a ride leader for the shorter distance rides. See the full maps on pages 2 and 3.

There will be four well stocked rest stops:

- at the East side bottom of Monitor (“Topaz”) from 9:30-noon,
- the top of Monitor 11:00-2:00,
- the top of Luther Pass 1:00-4:00, and
- the East side bottom of Kingsbury 2:30-5:50.

There will be a post ride BBQ for all at the finish. Eric Reuter has graciously volunteered to host the event at his home again this year (you’ll receive the address in response to your RSVP). Parking is limited so riding to the start and car pooling is encouraged.

There is plenty of lawn at the finish, but if you would prefer a chair, you need to bring one. A big thanks to those who have volunteered to help at the rest stops and to Eric for hosting.

Please RSVP to springcentury@altaalpina.org as soon as possible so we have enough food for everyone.

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Upcoming Weekend Ride

Sunday June 11th 2017
Ride around Lake Tahoe
BBQ to Follow

Meet at Dave Scarborough’s house (see website for address) and be ready to roll at 9:00am.

We’ll ride clockwise around the lake at a medium/casual pace. Total distance is about 72 miles. We’ll have snacks and a BBQ at the end of the ride.





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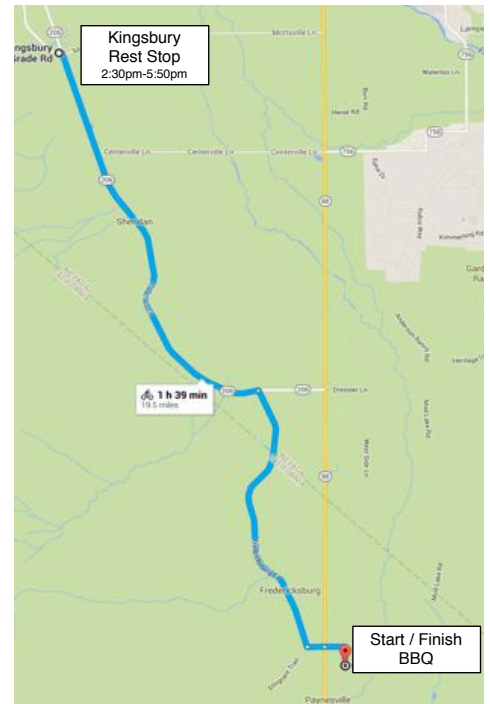
You can choose from 13, 20, 32, 50, 68, 85, and 110 mile rides. The 110, 85, and 68 mile rides will all start at 8:00am with a group picture and mass start. The 50 mile ride starts at 9:30am. The 20 mile ride, with ride leader, will be at 10am and the other short ride options start at 1:00pm.

Please RSVP to springcentury@altaalpina.org as soon as possible so we have enough food for everyone. Please indicate your route and choice of beef, turkey, or veggie burger.

Thanks to Eric for hosting the start/finish location and to everyone who has volunteered to staff a rest stop. We're still looking for volunteers to help with setup on Saturday and Clean-up after the event.

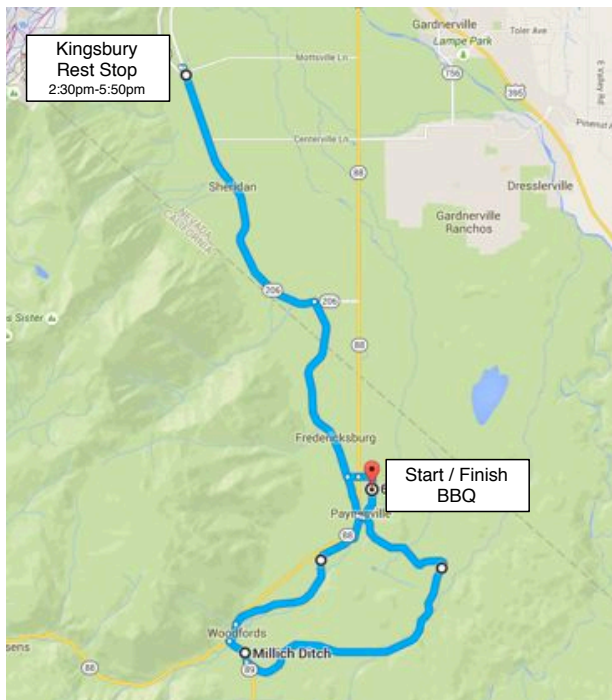
20 Mile Option (10:00am)

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32 Mile Option (1:00pm)

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13 Mile Option (1:00pm)

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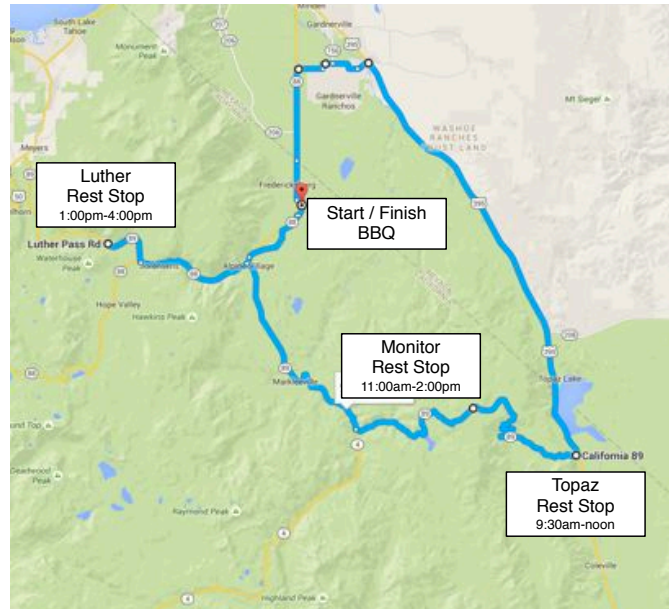
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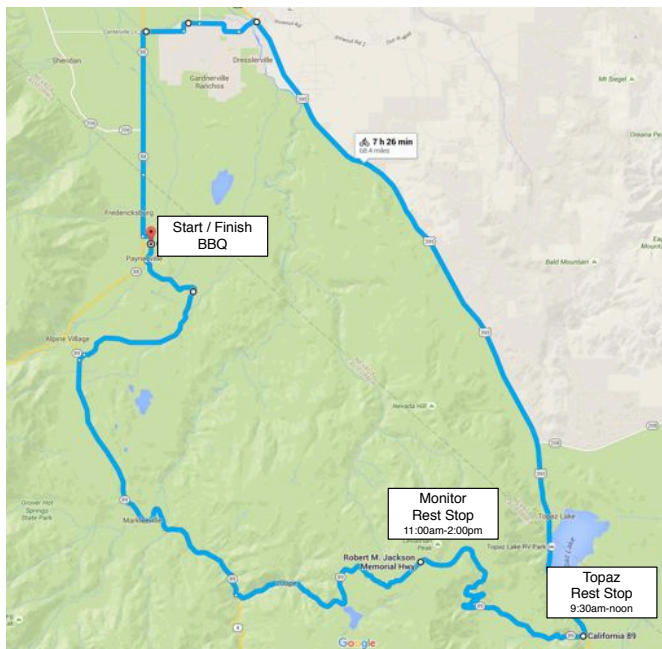
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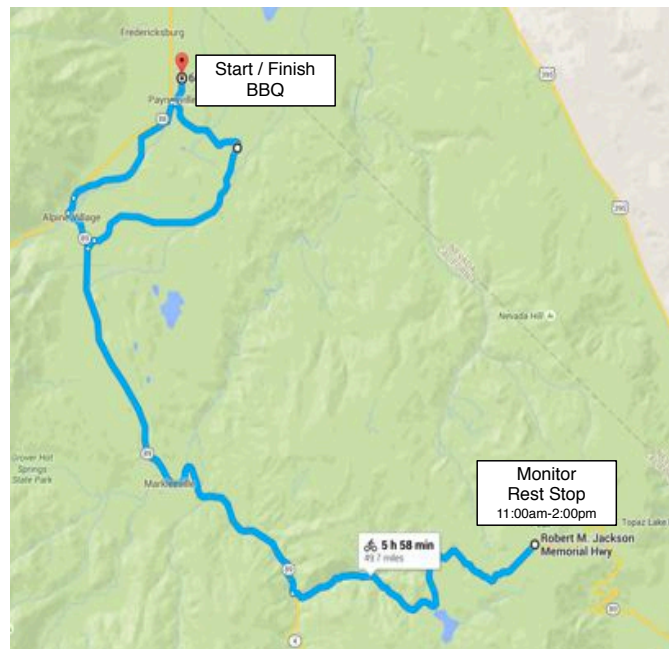
68 Mile Option (8:00am)

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50 Mile Option (9:30am)

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Presidential Posting

Chris Rhiner, President

A month of tough choices..... mother nature's abundance this winter left us with our arms in the air!

With no guarantee of Ebbetts Pass opening in time for the Challenge we deemed it best to skip yet another year to give our riders the epic Alta Alpina quality ride.

This is our major source of income so we have to make some budget cutbacks. I will send out poll to club members to get some ideas and feedback. I want this club to be something in your life that enhances your cycling experience and overall is a good contribution for the cycling community.

We had some website difficulties and have made some administrative changes in hopes of circumventing future problems.

As a small rural club there are many jobs to be done to

put on such a big ride and next year the Challenge will be part of the Triple Crown and it will likely be a sellout.

If you haven't noticed, our races are rolling. Every Thursday at 6pm... see the print the next page or visit our website to keep the schedule handy. Our two new stewards Kylie and Desiree are doing a fantastic job. Electronic results have been amazing. This is a club sponsored race series not affiliated with any racing organization, it's meant to provide a broad platform for all to enjoy at whatever your current level. Junior Team members and Rite of Passage race for free.

See you out there soon, get your bike tuned/detailed by our local bike shops or the new Velofix mobile van, ryan.jezek@velofix.com, do something that motivates you to get out there and ride!!



Alta Alpina Challenge

Michael Bayer, Challenge Coordinator

Northern California and Nevada experienced some really big storms over the winter. These storms have taken a terrible toll on infrastructure from dams to roadways. The Sierra really needed all that snow, and we hope that means we'll see few fires this summer, but the places we like to ride really got hammered.

The key roads making up the the 8 passes of the Alta Alpina Challenge routes are still being cleared of snow but reports so far are very negative. Kingsbury has been closed twice due to mud slides and sinkholes and contractors working there are making the shoulder worse. Highway 88 has been damaged by snow plows and avalanches. Blue Lakes Rd. is unlikely to be free of snow until some time in July. Last but not least, Caltrans may not be able to open Ebbetts by the end of June. Reports indicate that many bridges have been damaged, the roadbase may be washed away in places, and the road surface is likely to be in very bad shape when the road can be fully assessed.

Based on the feedback we received after the fire in 2015, we know that fans of the Alta Alpina Challenge don't want us to look at alternate routes—they want their favorite passes and that is what our unique format is all about. For this reason, we've concluded that it is unlikely we can deliver the experience that our participants expect in 2017 and that we should cancel the event now so that people can make alternate plans.

We've refunded registration fees for everyone who was already registered.

Next year's Alta Alpina Challenge is scheduled for June 30, 2018 and we expect a really big turn-out.



Thursday Evening Race Series — 2017 Season

Michael Bayer, Race Administration

Alta Alpina races are open to everyone in the cycling community. The race categories make it easy for anyone from racing veterans to first-timers to have a great race experience. Racing is one of the best ways to get some excellent cycling exercise and social time for cyclists of any age.

Race Schedule

The race schedule for 2017 features a full set of twenty races with something for everyone.

5/25	Starbucks Criterium	6/29	Diamond Valley Double Back Road Race	8/3	Diamond Valley Road Race
6/1	Kingsbury Time Trial	7/6	Kingsbury Time Trial	8/10	Blue Lakes Time Trial
6/8	Diamond Valley Road Race	7/13	Eagle Ridge Circuit Race	8/17	Starbucks Criterium
6/15	Eagle Ridge Circuit Race	7/20	Pinenut Road Race	8/24	Fredericksburg Time Trial
6/22	Fredericksburg Two Up Time Trial (See below)	7/27	Starbucks Criterium	8/31	Diamond Valley Road Race Short Course

Races will take place rain or shine. However, the Race Steward reserves the right to adjust the course, timing, or number of laps to reflect weather conditions. If a race must be terminated early all racers will receive 5 points.

Race Registration

Register for each race between 5:30pm and 6:00pm. If you already have a season pass you just go to the front of the line and check-in. If not, and it's your first race, allow time to register and get your RFID chip.

Race Venues, Maps, Directions, Safety Rules, Race Formats, and Race Results

Visit the racing page on the club website for all the details:

<http://www.altalpina.org/clubracesroad/>

Fast and Accurate Race Results

The new digital race timing system that incorporates both RFID chips and photo finish software has been working well. Results are generally available on the website within a few hours and the new software presents additional information that you'll find fun and interesting.

The new RFID tags take the place of race bibs so no more sticking pins in your jerseys and jackets. No more bibs flapping in the wind. The chips are a very bright color that corresponds to your race category. You can easily spot others in your race category because they have the same colored chip as you.



The race scoring hardware is designed to detect the RFID tags as they pass over the green finish line marked on the road. As the chip passes over the line it gets energized and sends a signal to the antenna on the side of the road. However, for this to work, you must mount your chip so that it faces the antenna as you cross the line. If your chip is loose or isn't positioned correctly, it won't get detected. The zip ties we provide will hold the chip in the right position on most forks as long as they're tight. However, the shape of some forks require the use of o-rings to hold the chip in the right position and we recommend using o-rings if in doubt.

The software will automatically compute everyone's finish times and time trial times. The photo finish software will allow race officials to determine finishing sequences when the RFID system indicates a tie.





Board Meeting Minutes—May 1, 2017

Secretary: Garth Jackson; Other Board Members: Chris Rhiner (President); Frank Dixon, (Treasurer); Michael Bayer, (Alta Alpina Challenge Ride Director/Newsletter Publisher/Membership Coordinator); Dave Scarborough, (Weekend Ride Coordinator); Jim Sadilek, (Website Coordinator); Other Attendees: Curtis Fong (Club Member, Bike the West Cycling Events)

Venue: Jethro's, Gardnerville, NV

Minutes from Special Meeting of April 17, 2017 approved as amended. Motion: Chris Rhiner/Frank Dixon-Passed

1. **Staffing Changes:** Jim Sadilek resigned the position of Secretary and was appointed to the position of Website Coordinator (Frank Dixon/Chris Rhiner-Passed). Garth Jackson resigned the position of Weekend Ride Coordinator and was appointed to fill the vacant position of Secretary (Michael Bayer/Chris Rhiner-Passed). David Scarborough was appointed to fill the vacant position of Weekend Ride Coordinator (Michael Bayer/Tammy Lundquist-Passed)
2. **Monthly Status Reports:**
 - **Treasurer:** The current checking account balance is \$18,463.65. The Paypal balance is \$3,616.43.
 - **Membership:** Grace period for 2016 members ends at the close of April. Number of members presently renewed for 2017 is 117.
 - **Weekend Rides:** The group of five is continuing to post rides to the ride board. All weekend ride leaders should get signed waivers from the riders who are participating in the ride. This includes members as well as non-members to satisfy liability requirements associated with insurance.
 - **Newsletter:** Michael is still soliciting club members to write a short piece on "why I ride", or "why I race". Next issue of the club newsletter is slated to go out as soon as possible.
 - **Website:** The board will re-assess the maintenance strategy for the club website. This will encompass the company that hosts the website, as well as the members that perform maintenance on the different aspects of the site. Database and application features will continue to be maintained by Dennis Pederson. The static individual page content which resides on the website will be updated by Jim Sadilek. Hosting Options include 3-year service for \$214.20, and monthly service for \$7.45/mo from BlueHost.
- **Domain transfers to BlueHost** are available at \$15.99 per domain. It was decided to move club website hosting to the 3-year service from BlueHost (Chris Rhiner/Garth Jackson-Passed).
- **Weekly Road Races:** Timing system has been working well for the road races. Results have been posted by 8:30 the same day. Race Stewards get \$50 apiece when jointly stewarding one of the Thursday races.
- **Junior Team:** Mel Maalouf sent a message requesting the junior team budget continue at \$2,000 for 2017.
- **Spring Century:** Plans are progressing well. Dave is spreading the word that riders need to RSVP to be supported for the ride. The riders for the spring century will need to sign the waiver at the start. Dave will follow up with Curtis to get rider wristbands to allow rest stop coordinators to determine who is with the club on the day of the ride.
- **Bike Advocacy:** Nigel may be a candidate for bike advocacy. Curtis can provide some guidance as far as the scope of the position. Curtis Fong mentioned that Carson Valley Visitor Authority is looking to help support a ride in the Carson Valley. Tahoe Bike Coalition, NDOT, TRPA working to install a memorial bench for Tim Rowe at Sand Harbor. Opening of the 580 freeway at base of Spooner is tentatively scheduled to have a commemorative bike ride.
- **Adopt A Highway:** Next planned cleanup day is Sunday May 7 at 8:30am.
- **Clothing:** Chris is transferring her inventory of fun black kits to Lori, who is the club clothing coordinator.
- **Challenge:** Refunds to registered riders for 2017 are being processed. Total amount of refunds is \$5,866.
3. **Spring Party post-Mortem:** Spring party wrap-up post-mortem noted that members of the board



would like to keep the party going later in order to allow members to converse and meet other members. The table that Deana Davis hosted was particularly effective at getting people to converse and enjoy themselves. Providing a map for the vendor tables would help members to be aware of the excellent vendors and organizations that are present at the party. Music would be a good addition to the party, however CVIC hall acoustics are not conducive to music and conversation concurrently. The overall cost of the party was \$524.60.

4. **2017/2018 Budget:** Frank pulled together and

reviewed a draft budget and pro-forma cash flow for 2017 and 2018. Board members added more precise numbers for certain areas. Frank's preliminary analysis indicated that the the club needs to earn at least \$5000 in mid 2018 in order to avoid running out of money in 2018. Frank will continue working to finalized the budget and all board members should submit budget data to Frank prior to the June meeting.

5. **Next Meeting:** Monday, June 5, 2017, 6 pm, Lakeside Inn in Stateline NV.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm

Please Help Us Fill these Volunteer Positions

Social Media Coordinator

Do you have social media expertise? The club needs a volunteer to keep our presence on the Internet active and engaging for club members, our community, and event participants.

Event Marketing Coordinator

We need a volunteer to coordinate the promotion of all the club's activities from our Spring Membership Party

and Spring Century to our Fall Century and particularly our big fundraiser, the Alta Alpina Challenge, Riding the Wild Sierra.

Pinenut Cracker Director

The Pinenut Cracker is the club's annual mountain biking event. After many years of coordinating our mountain bike race, Robert Braun has moved on and we need a new coordinator.



Local Merchant Discount Program

For discounts from these local merchants, please visit the AACC website at www.AtaAlpina.org





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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Highway Cleanup ..Saturday, May 21
 Spring CenturySunday, May 28
 Fall CenturySaturday, Oct 8
 Thursday Night Races ..every Thu @6:00

MOVED? GOT NEW CONTACT INFO?
 Have you moved? Has your e-mail address changed?
 Don't miss out on the latest AACC happenings!
 Update your info at www.AлтаAlpina.org; click on "Membership"

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TBD	Marketing Coordinator		
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Jim Sadilek	Website Coordinator	cwatchmaker@gmail.com	
TBD	Bicycle Advocacy Coordinator		

The club is about and for you! All AACC members are welcomed to participate in our **Board Meetings** held the **first Monday of each month at 6:00 pm.** The location alternates between the Carson Valley and South Lake Tahoe.. Join us on **June 5** at the **Lakeside Inn** in **Stateline NV.**

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 Michael Bayer