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**Alta Alpina
Cycling Club**

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Alta Alpina Spring Membership Party



Thursday, April 9 — CVIC Hall, Minden — 6:00PM

The annual Alta Alpina Spring Membership Party is the official kick-off of the cycling season in the Tahoe—Alpine—Carson City—Carson Valley region. This year the party will once again be at the historic CVIC Hall in downtown Minden. This is a central location with lots of nearby parking.

There will be free food, friendly people, and lots to see and learn. Again this year we're holding the big Bike Swap: Bring any bike-related items to give away or sell. Bike stuff left behind at the end of the night will go to groups rebuilding bicycles.

We'll have deals on club clothing in inventory and you can order a new kit.

You can join or renew your membership at the party, but to avoid spending time in line, please renew your membership now using the new online membership renewal system that will allow you to pay and sign an individual waiver online.

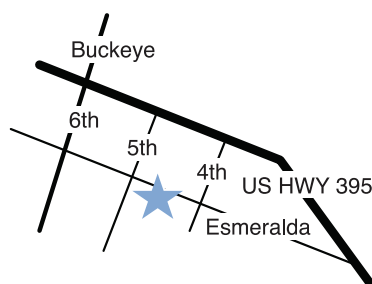
Know any friends or neighbors just getting into cycling? Bring them along and we'll sign them up at the door! For any questions contact Allen at membership@altaalpina.org or the club hotline at 877-845-2453.

Doors open at 6:00 pm. Don't forget your Rides of March Entry Form. See you there!

Bike & Stuff Swap • Trade

Bring your bike related stuff for sale, or give away to other AACC members. You will have the opportunity to sell, buy, give away, or pick up bike related items.

**CVIC Hall
1602 Esmeralda, Minden**



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Time to Renew Your Membership!

Take advantage of our updated online membership renewal software developed by Dennis Pederson. Click on "Renew Membership" on the [Membership Page](#) on the club website.

If you have any questions, please contact Allen Forbes at: membership@altaalpina.org

Spring Rider Roundup, April 11

The Spring Rider Roundup consists of a number of different rides chosen to meet the needs of our diverse membership ranging from easy to hard and with options for road and mountain bikes all starting from Genoa Town Park on Nixon Street in Genoa.

Check the rideboard on the website for the latest ride details and start times.



Presidential Posting

Jim LaHue, President

Welcome to Spring! The outdoor riding season is upon us and I hope everyone is taking advantage of the extra daylight in the evenings and longer daylight hours in general. We have quite a few activities planned for April. First, our Spring Party is just a week away as I write this. Don't forget to bring your mileage log with you to the party for a chance to win a \$50 gift certificate to a local bike shop of your choice. Also, the routes for the Spring Rider Roundup on April 11th are posted on the Rideboard and we hope that you can join us as we kick off the outdoor season. And be sure to check out the many other weekend rides while you are there. Lastly, the Thursday night race season starts on April 16th. You can sign up at the Spring Party.

Happy and safe riding!



Spring Rider Roundup - Saturday April 11 (April 12 Alternate Day)

Jennie Hamiter, Weekend Ride Coordinator

Meeting at Genoa Town Park

We're once again holding a Spring Rider Roundup on April 11 to formally kick off the riding season for 2026. If it's raining on April 11 (watch for an email and check the website) we'll ride on April 12 instead.

The Spring Rider Roundup consists of a number of different rides chosen to meet the needs of our diverse membership ranging from easy to hard and with options for road and mountain bikes all starting from Genoa Town Park on Nixon Street in Genoa. All the details will be at the party and on the rideboard.

Planned rides include:

Foothill Road

This is the easiest ride of the Roundup, and it's out-and-back along gentle rollers. We'll head south on Foothill Road. We can turn around when we get to Fredricksburg (roughly 10 miles one way), or keep going another 4 miles out Fredricksburg to where it hits 88. Then head back. We'll play it by ear a bit depending on what the group feels like doing. The group will start at 11:00am.

Emigrant Trail/Diamond Valley

At 10:30am we will head out on Foothill, turn onto Fredricksburg, climb Emigrant Trail to Woodfords, go over to 89, turn on Diamond Valley Road, and head back to Genoa via Fredricksburg and Foothill. You are welcome to ride at any pace you desire, and we will make sure that no one is left behind.

Kingsbury-Spooner Loop

We'll head south on Foothill Rd, climb Kingsbury, down to Highway 50, and take 50 around to Spooner Summit, down to Carson, then either a short dirt road or a trafficky bit on 395 to get back to Jack's Valley Rd, then to Genoa. Note that a slightly easier option is to turn around at the top of Kingsbury. This ride starts at 10:00am.

Mountain Bike Loop on Genoa Trails

For those club members who would prefer to hop on their mountain bikes prior to the club picnic, come join us for a fun MTB ride on the singletrack trails above the town of Genoa. Starting at 10:30am, we'll ride north to the Sierra Canyon Trailhead (Centennial Dr) and head on up at a relaxed pace. This ride is approximately 10 miles in length, and not very technical, except for a few tight switchbacks (Trailforks lists it as "Intermediate"). Since it's an out-and-back, you're free to ride at your own pace, and there will be plenty of opportunities for photos along the way!

Walking Group

Bill is recovering from shoulder surgery and will lead a walking group for those in a similar plight or a spouse or friend who would like to walk/hike instead of riding. Walkers will start at 10:30am.



Alta Alpina Cycling Club 2026 Rides of March Mileage Contest Log

Start logging your rides on March 13.

Bring completed form to the Spring Membership Party on April 9.

>>> \$150 in Prizes <<<

Name: Gender:

The (R)ides of March Mileage Contest is Back!

Here's how to participate:

1. Print and use this official mileage log.
2. Ride as many miles as you can over 4 weeks starting on March 13.
3. Record the number of miles you ride each day and where you rode.

If you ride dirt, those miles count for double.

	Friday 3/13	Saturday 3/14	Sunday 3/15	Monday 3/16	Tuesday 3/17	Wednesday 3/18	Thursday 3/19
Where?							
Mileage							
Week Total							

	Friday 3/20	Saturday 3/21	Sunday 3/22	Monday 3/23	Tuesday 3/24	Wednesday 3/25	Thursday 3/26
Where?							
Mileage							
Week Total							

	Friday 3/27	Saturday 3/28	Sunday 3/29	Monday 3/30	Tuesday 3/31	Wednesday 4/1	Thursday 4/2
Where?							
Mileage							
Week Total							

	Friday 4/3	Saturday 4/4	Sunday 4/5	Monday 4/6	Tuesday 4/7	Wednesday 4/8	Thursday 4/9
Where?							
Mileage							
Week Total							

Note: Miles on dirt count for double. If you rode dirt miles, write down twice the mileage ridden.

Grand Total

Annual Memorial Cyclorama and BBQ Saturday May 30th (Alternate Sunday May 31st)

Chris Cherrix, Spring Century Coordinator

Free For All Up-To-Date Alta Alpina Club Members!!

Our annual May member event, now a Cyclorama, will be taking place on May 30th! If you haven't already done so, please renew your club membership so that you can participate.

This year our illustrious ex president, Nigel Leigh and his wife, Desiree are graciously hosting the (free!) post-ride BBQ at their lovely home on Foothill Road in Gardnerville, where the event will also start and finish.

There will be four fine rides offered this year, from the classic metric century loop with a climb over Monitor Pass, to shorter tours in and around the valleys, or a combination of your choosing. All rides will have staged start times and are self-paced. We'll have two well-stocked rest stops on both sides of Monitor Pass this year with plenty of snacks and beverages. Following the ride, the club will be hosting a free BBQ back at the start.

We'll have more information and maps of the various ride options in next month's newsletter, as well as a link to RSVP with your ride option and BBQ request. We're still looking for volunteers to help set up and clean up on the day of the BBQ, as well as lend a hand at the rest stops. If you'd like to help out, please call or text Chris at (928)600-1097.

Watch for more details in future newsletters, and we encourage everyone to invite their friends to join the club and participate in this event. (Did I mention the BBQ is FREE?!)

Cyclorama

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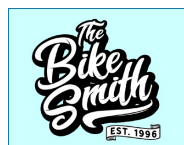
Noun

A noncompetitive recreational bicycling event where participants choose from multiple ride options of varying distances starting and finishing at the same location.



Local Merchant Program

See "Merchant Discounts" on our website at www.AltaAlpina.org.





AACC Thursday Night Race Series

Joseph Whiteley, Thursday Night Race Director

Our twilight race series begins this month on Thursday April 16th with the Fredericksburg Prologue.

We're hoping that everyone will come out on Thursday evenings to join in the fun. Whether you're a veteran or you're gearing up for your first race, please read on so you're up to speed!

New Points Scheme for 2026

This year we will be scaling the season points awarded at each race based on the number of race participants in a given category. Points for placement will be awarded as follows:

Number of Participants	Points for 1st, 2nd, 3rd...
1	10
2	13, 10
3	15, 12, 10
4	17, 14, 12, 10
5+	20, 17, 14, 12, 10, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1

Race Season Passes and Race Chip Deposits

Please come to the spring party on April 9 to register and get your RFID timing chip to avoid delays at your first race. Before the party, download and print a registration form from the race page on the AACC website:

<https://www.altaalpina.org/clubracesroad/AACCRaceRegForm.pdf>

Complete the form and bring it with you to the party along with \$141 (cash or check) to cover your season pass, chip deposit, and o-rings.

We are encouraging all race participants to have their emergency contacts and medical conditions stored in the health app on their phones so that first responders can access it in the event of a crash. Alternatively, I have applied for a 20% discount code from Road ID for the purchases of one of their Road ID physical products where you can have emergency contacts listed. With an optional subscription charge (not discounted), you can establish an ID Profile with access information engraved on the back of your tag for first responders to access your medical information. Watch for an email from me soon with the discount code information.

Race Categories

Racers compete within their category for points through the season. In road race, criterium, and circuit format races all racers of the same category start together and may draft one another but may not draft racers in a different race category. Use the following guidelines for choosing your category initially: Category A: Advanced/Very Fit/Race Experience/Train for Weekend Racing; Category B: Competitive/Very Fit/Race Experience; Category C: Competitive/Fit/Masters 50+/Strong Endurance; Category D: New Racers/Masters 60+; Juniors: 18 years and younger who don't want to race with adults. Everyone is strongly encouraged to participate in the Fredericksburg Prologue (all participants get 10 points). This race is the best time to validate category choice. Results will be available at the end of the race and everyone is free to change categories.

Full Race Schedule

The race schedule for 2026 once again features a full set of twenty races with something for everyone.

4/16	Fredericksburg Prologue	6/4	Diamond Valley Road Race	7/16	Pinenut Road Race
4/23	Diamond Valley Road Race Short Course	6/11	Jack's Valley Time Trial	7/23	Kingsbury Time Trial
4/30	Grandview Criterium	6/18	Diamond Valley Double Back Road Race	7/30	Diamond Valley Road Race
5/7	East Valley Time Trial	6/25	Fredericksburg Two Up Time Trial	8/6	Blue Lakes Time Trial
5/14	Pinenut Road Race	7/2	Eagle Ridge Circuit Race	8/13	Grandview Criterium
5/28	Grandview Criterium	7/9	Blue Lakes Time Trial	8/20	Fredericksburg Time Trial
5/29	Kingsbury Time Trial			8/27	Diamond Valley Road Race Short Course

There has been some growing concern about safety and road conditions on the East Valley Time Trial. Right now it is listed on the schedule but I am probably going to change that venue to the Foothill Time Trial or something else as we get closer to it. Check the club website at <https://www.altaalpina.org/clubracesroad/> for details of all race venues, formats, other rules, and updates.



AACC Weekend Ride Schedule—April

Jennifer Hamiter, Weekend Ride Coordinator

Please check the rideboard on the club website for details and updates. Riders should carry water, food, and be prepared for flat tires. E-road bikes are welcome.

Saturday, April 18, 2026 — Paydirt Recon Part 1

Meet at the Prison Hill Recreation Area Trailhead: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/qwxNhkUKuvK33Yrv9> and be ready to ride at 10am. This is the first day of a two-part recon ride for Stetina's Paydirt Gravel Race, covering Segment One (Prison Hill) and Segment Two (Brunswick Canyon). We'll start at the Segment One start, and do the relatively benign circumnavigation of Prison Hill as a warmup. There's a regroup at the Segment Two start, followed by the first big climb of the race. We'll regroup where the race day aid station will be at the top, the turnaround point for a ~40-mile out and back. We'll regroup a third time at the Segment One start before a social ride back to the ride start location. Though this is intended for Paydirt racers, all are welcome. Though the intent is for racers to try out the climb at speed, the 3 regroups will allow for more casual riders to stay in contact. I'm happy to sweep. Bring a gravel or mountain bike - this is not a course for "all road" bikes. Also bring ample water and nutrition, as there'll be no water available on course.

Saturday, April 25, 2026 — Kingsbury/Luther CCW loop

Meet at the Alpine County buildings, Woodfords (1st Diamond Valley left turn on hwy 89) and be ready to ride at 9am. We'll head down Carson River Road then along Fredricksburg to Foothill taking it to the base of Kingsbury. Over and down Kingsbury stopping at Kahle park for restroom and water. Along Pioneer Trail to Myers where we can refuel again if needed. Up Luther Pass and then an awesome downhill back to our start in Woodfords. This ride is about 54 miles.

Sunday, April 26, 2026 — Paydirt Recon Part 2

Meet at the parking lot adjacent to Jack's Valley Elementary. <https://maps.app.goo.gl/63pNXQ1Zuy7kn1X39> and be ready to ride at 10am. We'll start off by doing the off-road portion of Stetina Paydirt Segment 3, circumnavigating Indian Hills. After a short regroup we'll tackle Segment 4, the Clear Creek climb, the second and final major Paydirt climb. We'll regroup at the Segment 4 finish at the top, near highway 50. If we can arrange permission to descend through the Old Clear Creek HOA, we'll do that, otherwise we'll do the high speed descent down Hwy 50. We'll regroup at the bottom of the descent for a social ride back to the start location. Bring a gravel bike or mountain bike, and sufficient hydration and nutrition for the whole ride. The Clear Creek climb will be "independent study" to allow registered racers to explore race day pace. But we'll regroup. Non-racers and casual riders are welcome.

Tahoe Area Radio Association HAM CRAM: Saturday April 25

The Tahoe Amateur Radio Association (TARA) has invited us to a special training event on April 25 to fast-track getting HAM radio licenses. This is how many Alta Alpina members obtained their licenses. The "HAM CRAM" day takes place at the fire station in Zephyr Cove from 9:30am to 4:30pm. Participants will review exam questions from 9:30 to 2:00, take the test from 3:00 to 4:30pm, and then get their license if they pass.

Are you interested? To sign up or learn more, visit

<http://tahoeamateurradio.com/hamcram2.htm>

Bike Spokesman

Curtis Fong, Bicycle Advocacy Coordinator

The TRPA is working on infrastructure in the Tahoe lake basin. Be sure to take a few minutes to read about the the Lake Tahoe Environmental Improvement Program (EIP) at <https://restoretahoe.org/> and the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Also bookmark map.tahoebike.org for an interactive map of bike paths, including plowed winter paths, around Lake Tahoe.

Building on the success of the Tahoe East Shore Trail and the East Shore Express, additional improvements include new and better-managed parking at Chimney Beach and Spooner Summit, as well as new transit connections south of Sand Harbor. A separate bike and pedestrian trail from Meeks Bay to D.L. Bliss State Park, just north of Emerald Bay, would move Tahoe closer to a continuous path around the lake.



Board Meeting Minutes— March 30, 2026

Michael Bayer; Other Board Members: Jordan Brooks (Highway Cleanup); Michelle Brooks (Social Media); Chris Cherrix (Spring Cyclorama); Bruce Eisner (Clothing Coordinator); Allen Forbes (Membership); Pam Giltner (Vice President); Jennie Hamiter (Weekend Rides & Assistant Treasurer); Greg Kogut (Website Coordinator); Jim LaHue (President); Timari Pruis (NICA); Joseph Whiteley (Race Director)

Meeting held by Zoom

Meeting called to order at 6:12pm

Minutes of the March meeting approved as amended. [JennielJosephIUnanimous]

1. Monthly Status Reports:

- **Treasurer:** The current checking account balance is \$10,572.68. The Paypal balance is \$8840.32. CDs are currently at \$12,270.73, \$12,395.52, and \$14,336.33. No report from Bill on the status of the budget and PayPal reports.
 - **Membership:** Renewals and new memberships are coming along well with more people signed up for 2026 at this point in the year than last year. Michelle LaHue will cover for Allen at the spring party as he's traveling.
 - **Weekend Rides:** Jennie reported that the ride leaders meeting was well attended and all but three weekends are now covered which will be filled by Jennie, Greg, and Johnny. At the same meeting all the Spring Rider Roundup rides were scheduled.
 - **Weekly MTB Rides:** Nigel has started the season with great attendance and has posted another ride for tomorrow.
 - **Social Media:** Michelle reports that she has continued to make posts for the party and cyclorama on the club feed and she has posted a testimonial on challenge feed and is generating more. She also has been creating reels using photos and is looking for more great photos.
 - **Newsletter:** Michael is requesting content by Friday with planned publication this weekend.
 - **Website:** Greg has updated contact info, and upcoming events and is working on the dynamic calendar and updated Challenge pages.
 - **Insurance:** CVIC hall has insurance certificates for the upcoming spring party.
 - **Clothing:** Bruce reported selling one item today. Bruce will bring the clothing inventory to the spring party. Timari and Curtis are working on branding and clothing design. The board should consider a special meeting to review ideas. Timari will bring the whole array of Voler product samples
 - **Weekly Road Races:** Joseph is going with the scaled points system for this year's racing. Joseph is looking for ways to get medical information to first responders .
 - **NICA Team:** Douglas team is in the recruiting phase with a goal of 15-20 members. Pre-season is May 1 to June 30. Timari reported that Geoff is working on the spin-off of the Lake NICA team however it could take a long time to get the new organization in place. In the meantime the two teams will co-exist under the club's umbrella.
 - **Cyclorama:** Chris indicated that the details are confirmed and he is now seeking volunteers.
 - **Fall Century:** Nothing new to report.
 - **Adopt A Highway:** Jordan reports that he has everything all set for the new season.
 - **Challenge:** Michael reports that the marketing efforts continue with ads, posters, and social marketing. Unfortunately since the war spiked fuel prices we've only had one registration. The increase in fuel costs may require us to increase prices. Porta potty quotes came in at \$3000 for fixed units so we need to go back to trailers again for a fraction of this cost.
2. **Spring Party:** Same menu as last year but pizza from Pizza Factory. Announcements at 6:30, board members to supply material for slides. Michael will complete and circulate plans.
 3. **Branding:** Timari will circulate proposed design.
 4. **Spoker Run:** Looking for volunteers for booth and for aid station.
 5. **Board Meeting Venue:** 1728 Orbit Way, Minden (off Buckeye) in the Bently Science Park. Head for the building closest to Buckeye using the first driveway on the left.
 6. **Next Meeting:** Monday, May 4, 2026, 6 pm.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Spring Membership Party	Thu, April 9
Spring Rider Roundup	Sat, April 11
Weekly Racing Starts	Thu, April 16
Tahoe Ham Cram	Sat, April 25
Annual Memorial Cyclorama and BBQ	Sat, May 30

MOVED? GOT NEW CONTACT INFO?
Have you moved? Has your e-mail address changed?
Don't miss out on the latest AACC happenings!
Send your new contact information to :
membership@altaalpina.org

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The club is about and for you! All AACC members are welcomed to participate in our **Board Meetings** typically held the **first Monday of each month at 6:00 pm.** In-person meetings alternate between the Carson Valley and South Lake Tahoe.. Join us on **May 4 at 1728 Orbit Way, Minden.**

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