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Cycling Club**

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Wild Hillacious Century Series

Twain Berg, Series Director

August was a busy month for the Wild Hillacious Century Series. This year's bonus ride was Jennie's Mormon Emigrant Ride. Metric riders rode the 72 mile loop with 7200 ft of climbing. Milers started in Kyburz for 103 miles and 10,812 vertical feet. We all met up along the route and had a great ride on tiny forest roads with no traffic! In total 5 did the Miler and 15 did the Metric and only a handful got lost. Way to go!

The scheduled ride for August was the Packsaddle Century. 30 riders took up the call for another great ride on a beautiful day and only two got lost! We had to do a little hill repeat at the end to get 100 miles and 10,000 feet for the Miler. The metric riders completed 79 miles and climbed almost 8,000 feet. Thanks to Jim and Chris Rhiner for leading, and to Rick Miyashiro for the SAG.

September brings us to the series conclusion with the Sonora Pass Century. This ride will not have a SAG but that's no problem: food and water is available at just the right spots.

Remember, anyone can join us on club rides, anyone from anywhere can join the club to be eligible for the Finisher's Jersey and Certificate. Also, don't forget, members can post make up rides too...just email me: hillacious at charter.net to set up a makeup ride.

All the info is at:

<http://www.altaalpina.org/hillacious/HillaciousSeriesIntro.htm>



Mormon Emigrant Ride August 8

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WANTED:

Minister of Marketing

Each year we have a fantastic set of volunteers who are willing to organize all the club's events, but we always fall short at getting the word out about these rides, races, and parties. We need someone who can join the club's board in the role of Chief Marketing Officer.

Sound like fun? You can be the club's first Administrator of Amazing Advertising, the Boss of Balleyhoo, the Proprietor of Publicity. Choose your title!

Please contact Mel Maalouf (contact info on last page of newsletter) to volunteer.

Volunteer for [Iron Girl Triathlon](#) and Raise Funds for AACC

We're looking for 10 volunteers to help on Sun 9/19. Guys are already standing in line to be body markers, but there are plenty of other jobs available. If you can help out, please contact Joe Marzocco at

j_marzocco@yahoo.com



Alta Alpina Challenge: Riding the Wild Sierra

Michael Bayer, Ride Director

Second Annual Wild Sierra Breaks Even

The 2010 Alta Alpina Challenge, which took place on June 12 was once again a great success. In



just our second year hosting this event for the general public, we broke even financially and delivered a great experience for participants and an energizing day for our volunteers.

Despite a very wet and cold winter and spring which limited training time for most cyclists, we were still able to attract over 180 riders who signed up for challenges ranging from 1 to 8 passes.

We've been flooded with positive feedback and support from participants who are already eagerly preparing for the 2011 Wild Sierra and contributing their ideas for improving marketing for the event.

I'd like to thank all the club members, friends, and relatives who volunteered to make the Wild Sierra possible. The Alta Alpina Cycling Club once again demonstrated why we have a reputation for premier events among cyclist throughout the western states. Please mark your calendars: we'll be holding a **Volunteer Party on September 18th** in Minden as a thankyou to everyone who contributed to our success this year.



Thank you for the 8-Pass Challenge yesterday and for the great support I received from the group of dedicated volunteers at every stop along the way - excellent job! I look forward to the next Challenge.

Thank you for putting on a first class ride, as you know i've done a few of these and your ride was one of the best organized double ever! My wife as well did just two passes and had a wonderful experiences. I think it could turn out to be a premier event in the country. Your staff, organization, and support was superb and the way we were catered to, it almost felt like a vacation rather than an endurance event. The spectacular scenery and the ambiance was a memory of a lifetime.

Thanks for putting such on a fantastic event! I had a blast! Definitely among the best supported rides I've done, and website's advise on attire was spot-on.

I wanted to comment and give my thanks to the Alta Alpina Bicycle Club for a terrific ride!! It was so well supported with drinks, endurolytes, smiling and friendly faces, that you all helped take the "hurt" away of such a difficult and challenging ride. This was my first double....why I chose the hardest??? but it was so gratifying to arrive at TRP and get my 8 Pass Finisher Jersey that my body forgot about its aches...at least for a little while :) You've given me the opportunity to really feel proud of myself and seeing the list of riders with times is very classy and completes a wonderful support job you all did for us during the ride! Look forward to next years!

Thank you and the entire Alta Alpina crew for putting on such a great ride. I have only done two double centuries and both of them have been with Alta Alpina. Thanks for all the food/drink stops, and all the helpful volunteers. One thing I really like about the ride is the order in which we ride the passes; i like finishing on Monitor as opposed to Carson because it is so much more peaceful on Monitor, and at that point in the ride peaceful is much appreciated. PS Also thanks for putting on the Pinenut Cracker, that was fun too.

Thank you for the well supported and very friendly tour. I'm so impressed with your organization! Great event, great scenery, great people.

Thanks for putting on a great event, boy was it tough. Both my VDO computer and my buddy's gps recorded 21+K of vert

Had a great time making through the challenge on Saturday. Easily the hardest single day on the bike ever. Staff was great, weather perfect - what a day! Thanks for the great ride. I'm hoping to convince more people to come out next year for any number of passes.

I just wanted to say thanks to you and everyone in the Alta alpina cycling club for putting on another great event. Can't wait until next year - even will a stomach bug this years event was great!!!

Thanks for doing another stellar job of organizing the ride. It's a first class event, and I look forward to participating next year.

Just wanted to let you know you put on a great ride, and it was appreciated. Organization and support were the best. We will be back next year and try to bring a couple of friends with us.



Presidential Posting

Mel Maalouf, President

I (and many others also) always wonder: where has the summer gone? I guess we are only half way done with summer technically, but it seems like September will be here shortly and there is so much more riding left to do. One would figure that we would all plan many rides and bike maintenance etc. to get done but the nice weather sneaks up on us and boom: it is half over. But I have been getting some riding in and can't complain too much.

The Hillacious Century series has seen some consistently robust turnout and we have a few more to go, so I suggest you get out there and get a century (metric or mile) in and do some of these rides as they are some of the best riding in our area. I hope to make the last (metric) ones to get on some roads I have never ridden.

Carson Valley Classic

The Carson Valley Classic Road Race went off with the typical superb staff, organization and volunteers as well as some pretty intense racing. We had to cancel the Minden Criterium this year due to lack of registration. Although I was sad to see the criterium not happen, I think many of the club members enjoyed a day off and did some riding instead. I did the Tahoe Rim Trail in the morning and many others

packed in a good ride. In light of all the club does for ride and race promotion, I didn't see this as a failure but an opportunity for us to sit back and evaluate our efforts in all that we do. We are looking for another promoter next year for the Carson Valley Classic, so if you are inclined, please let Garth Jackson or me know as we are lining up people for next year's events.



New Rim Trail Sections Open

It looks like there are some opportunities coming up this year to do some trail construction on the Tahoe Rim Trail between the end of South Benjamin and Kingsbury. I have ridden part of the new section and it looks to be a classic Tahoe Rim Trail trail. This is our chance to continue to contribute to the legacy of the TRT. As a club we will choose a construction day to show up in force so keep your eyes peeled for the dates. There are many other

opportunities to help build if you can't make the club days, so check out their website to help dig.

2011 Teaser: It looks like there is a good chance the Amgen Tour of California will come to Lake Tahoe in 2011. More to follow on how the club will be part of the event.



Packsaddle Pass August 14



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Carson Valley Classic

The Carson Valley Classic Diamond Valley Road Race took place on Saturday, July 24th. Thanks to race director Garth Jackson for organizing another great CVC. Garth has done an outstanding job as CVC race director for the last 2 years, but he's looking for someone to fill his shoes for next year. If you think you'd like to step up and be CVC Race Director 2011, please contact Garth at gjacksonbsee@gmail.com.



Special thanks to Tom Compton for the use of his superb photos. He has graciously let us use his photos of AACC and other local races in the newsletter in the last couple of years. Please check out his gallery of more CVC photos at http://www.thomascompton.com/galleries/Road_Cycling/20100724 . From there you can get to galleries of some Thursday Evening and Reno Wheelmen races as well.



2010 Road Race Series

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East Valley Criterium

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Board Meeting Minutes— June 6, 2010

Acting Secretary: Mel Maalouf; Other Board Members: Michael Bayer, Robert Braun, Pete Costa, Curtis Fong, Jennie Hamiter, Garth Jackson, Tim Rowe; Other Attendees: Christopher Rowe

1. Monthly Status Reports:

- **Treasurer's Report:** \$56,272 Balance on 17 June. \$1,968 in PayPal. Estimate after all the expenses for the month will have about \$51,000.
- **Memberships:** 226 Individuals.
- **Weekend Rides:** Social rides: the ice cream and slower paced rides seem to be increasing in frequency and number of participants.
- **Newsletter:** Combining July/August Edition.
- **Website:** Updates are happening fast.
- **Weekly Road Races:** No Update.
- **Junior Team:** July was slow due to vacations.
- **Spring Century (FKAG100):** No Update, may have a new route/format next year with the start in Woodfords.
- **Pinenut Cracker:** No Update.
- **Carson Valley Classic:** Changed Crit categories to try and increase enrollment. Working on prizes for it with Big Daddy's. May need medical kit.
- **Kingsbury Time Trial:** No Update.
- **Cyclocross:** 18 or 19 September at Kirkwood

possibly. Want to do the Indian Hills one before Thanksgiving (Scott Herman).

- **Bike Advocacy:** Nevada Bike conference to happen in Las Vegas 8 October. Tim Rowe likely to attend on behalf of the club. May be a ride across new Hoover Dam Bridge to kick it off.
 - **Adopt-A-Highway:** Clean.
 - **Clothing:** No Update.
2. **Next Meeting:** Monday, 2 August at Tahoe Regional Planning Agency off Kingsbury..
 3. **Lake Tahoe Bike Coalition Report Out:** Tahoe Bike Day Festival was held to demonstrate our Tahoe Bike Community. Also, The Tahoe Area is looking to get some stages for the Amgen Tour of California. The club is in support of this effort with Lake Tahoe Visitors Authority and North Lake Tahoe Resort Association. Likely dates to be 14/15 May 2011. May have a citizen's race.
 4. **Alta Alpina Challenge, Results and Wrap Up:** 47 riders finished all 8 passes! 10% no show rate (typical for rides). Event broke even despite low numbers due to the efforts of Michael Bayer and others. Great results given the circumstances.



Mormon Emigrant Ride August 1



Board Meeting Minutes – August 2, 2010

Secretary: Lauren Lindley; Other Board Members: Michael Bayer, Di Bolton, Peter Costa, Jennie Hamiter, Garth Jackson, Mel Maalouf, Joe Marzocco

5. Monthly Status Reports:

- **Treasurer's Report:** Pete reported that as of today our account has \$55,261. PayPal balance was \$1,968. All but \$25 of the PayPal account was transferred into our bank account on 8/2/10.
- **Memberships:** Robert absent.
- **Weekend Rides:** Ellen absent.
- **Wild Hillacious Century Series:** Twain reported that Had almost 30 people for the Spring Century. We had about 20 people for the Hells Kitchen Ride. and We've had 3 people do make-up rides. The Emigrant Ride last weekend was turned into one of the series rides. Packsaddle Pass is the next century.
- **Newsletter:** Jennie is looking for a new volunteer to take over being the newsletter editor.
- **Website:** Joe reported that the sponsor footer is now up on the home page. We decided to stick with current server for another 6 months, despite some concerns about spam caused by unsecured server. Discussion of changing email addresses for club to gmail.
- **Weekly Road Races:** Di has ordered the 2010 trophies because they were on sale.
- **Junior Team:** Mel reported low participation. 4-5 seniors have moved on this year.
- **Spring Century:** The Cotters have offered to host the Spring Century in 2011.
- **Carson Valley Classic:** Revenue for race was \$6,949. Garth estimates that we lost \$220, but have \$340 in leftover door prizes and frames. When we didn't get the designation as the masters event for the Criterium, our numbers were too low to warrant holding the race. It may be possible for us to get it back next year based on racer feedback.
- **Kingsbury Time Trial:** Mt. Rose Hill Climb on Sunday, August 8th is the last of the series.
- **Cyclocross:** Kirkwood Cyclocross is tentatively planned for late September.
- **Bike Advocacy:** The Tahoe Pyramid Parkway is looking for a \$100/year donation commitment for 10 years. Lauren would like to attend the Lake Tahoe Trail Conference at MontBleu with the IMBA and Forest Service October 1-3, 2010.
- **Adopt A Highway:** Mel has Tina Keegan's weed whacker. Next clean-up will be in September.
- **Clothing:** Lauren will find out more about custom sublimation program through Pearl Izumi for Pearl Clothing.

6. **Tahoe Rim Trail Build Days:** The Tahoe Rim Trail Association is looking for organizations who would like to sponsor a trail day. They provide the director, we just provide volunteers. Board agrees that this is a good idea. Mel will contact them regarding date possibilities.
7. **Alta Alpina Challenge:** In the ballpark to break even on event. Final financials aren't prepared.
8. **Aflac Women's Triathlon:** Going on in September 19, 2010. Will pay organizations \$250/10 people/4 hours. The club should try to get a team together.
9. **Volunteer Thank You Picnic for Wild Sierra:** Michael needs to decide on a date.
10. **Next Meeting: Changed to Monday, September 6, 2010, 6 pm, Pizza Factory in Gardnerville.**

Local Merchant Discount Program

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





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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Last Thursday Night Race .Thursday, Aug 26
 Sonora Metric/Century ...Saturday, Sept 4
 Wild Sierra Party .Saturday, Sept 18
 Iron Girl Tahoe ...Sunday, Sept 19
 Kirkwood Cyclocross Saturday, Oct. 9

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

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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 **September 7** at the **Pizza Factory** in the **Gardnerville Ranchos.**