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Cycling Club**

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Presidential Posting

Nigel Leigh, President

Between Covid and wildfires, it's amazing that we did anything fun this year at all! Let's have a look back and see what we managed...

Our main season got underway in April with the novel "Spring Rider Roundup" in Genoa. This got us out on a selection of road and mountain bike rides, then back for the all important picnic in Genoa Town Park. It also gave Allen F the chance to sign up and renew some members, and for Bruce E to move some of our clothing stock.

Soon after that came the beginning of Joseph W's road race series, still in the popular socially-distanced time-trial format. Meanwhile Leon M had already started the weekend rides back in March, and kept them going through to December. A monumental effort! Also filling the ride board every weekend was Gregg W, supplementing his Social Media role with postings for the Saturday Big Daddy's world championship rides (races?). Another rideboard regular was the Tuesday Evening Mountain bike rides, setting out to tackle a different valley or Tahoe trail every week, for the entire season.

Soon came the Spring Century, well run by new board member Chris C. With the rest stop between Monitor & Ebbetts, riders were criss-crossing others in all directions. Slipping in between these events were the highway cleanups near Turtle rock Park, run by Tom W. The first of the season set what must have been an all-time club record for attendance.

In early summer came a couple of key developments - Joseph kicked the road races into second gear by re-starting the in-person Thursday evening race series. With invaluable help from Anita. Meanwhile the crew of NICA coaches started getting the youth squad out mountain biking again. This program has gone from strength to strength under Drew Bray's guidance.

Of course the big event for late June was our Alta Alpina Challenge. It was particularly efficiently run this year by Michael, eventually turning a net profit of over \$11K. That was a great boost for the club finances, and justification for the volunteer time you all put in. Thank you!

Who remembers what happened next? The Death Ride happened a couple of weeks later? No! Thwarted by the Tamarack fire. Which set the scene for the rest of the summer really. Dixie sent smoke down from the north, then Caldor sent an apocalypse from the west. Many of us scurried from our houses in fear. More rides and races were canceled than held. The nimble made forays down the Sierras (or further) for riding during breaks from the smoke.

Thankfully we did have houses to come home to, and the smoke cleared enough by October for Dave S to run another successful Tim Rowe Memorial ride, closing out the main events calendar. Thanks to Hank as the pit-stop crew.

Thanks also to our many behind-the-scenes board members: Jennie H managing the finances, Jim S keeping our website up to date, Carlo L maintaining cycling advocacy while also coaching for NICA, Brian D putting in the ground work to restart the Pinenut Cracker, and Michael B producing such a professional Paceline newsletter.

Clearly, it's going to take a lot more than a little virus and a puff of smoke to hold down this energetic club! So enjoy the holiday season, indulge in some skiing (if you're into that sort of thing), then look forward to another great year of riding with Alta Alpina in 2022!



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2021 in Pictures





Club Clothing

Bruce Eisner, Clothing Coordinator

Club jerseys, shorts, and other accessories are still available in a variety of sizes in our club inventory. Visit our website at: <https://www.altaalpina.org/clubkit/index.html> to see what is available. In addition to jerseys, there are great deals on shorts, bibs, and arm warmers.



Fashion Kit



Red and Orange



2021 NICA Season

Drew (Andrew) Bray, NICA Team Coach

Alta Alpina Composite youth mountain bike team had a great 2021 season. The team endured smoke interrupted practices schedules and evacuations due to the Tamarack and Caldor Fires. Our regular season runs from July through mid October. The team competed in 4 races at Walker River, Mammoth, and in Reno at Sierra Vista and Hidden Valley. Overall 28 student athletes competed in the race series. The athletes had very competitive races and all worked very hard to achieve their best results. The team achieved 4th place in the series and won 3rd place at the Sierra Vista race. We celebrated our senior athletes Zane Fink and Alex Beane having a great race season before moving onto bigger adventures beyond school. They both had a successful race season and

achieved 4th and 5th place in the series overall results. Zane and his father Pete had a big adventure for their summer break and rode bikes from Canada to Mexico via the Great Divide Mountain Bike Route. It was a journey of 2,696 miles criss-crossing the Continental Divide from the Montana border with Canada to Antelope Wells at the Mexican border. Several student athletes and coaches rode and competed at the Sea Otter Classic Mountain Bike festival and raced well to win 3 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze medal! The team finished a great year with a Halloween dress up ride on Clear Creek trail with pizza and a tailgate movie to end the night.

We are looking forward to next year!!

Happy Trails

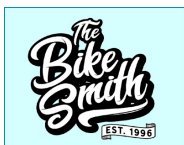
Championship race day!
Last race for these
awesome Varsity boys.





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Annual Meeting Minutes—November 1, 2021

Secretary: Michael Bayer; 34 Voting Members present in person and by Zoom

Meeting called to order at 6:37 pm

1. **Thanks to 2021 Board of Directors:** The individuals who served the club during 2021 were introduced and thanked for their service.
2. **Board of Directors Election:** After calls for nomination for each position, the following directors were elected for 2022:
 - President: Nigel Leigh
 - Vice President: Bruce Eisner
 - Secretary: Michael Bayer
 - Treasurer: Bill Magladry
 - Membership Coordinator: Allen Forbes
3. **Call for Coordinators:** Vacant coordinator positions were reviewed and there was a call for volunteers. Jordan Brooks was thanked for recently volunteering for the role of Highway Cleanup Coordinator for 2022.
4. **Vacancies:** At the conclusion of the meeting the following key positions remained vacant:
 - Volunteer Coordinator
 - Marketing Coordinator
 - Death Ride Training Series Coordinator

Motion to adjourn the meeting,
[Nigel, 1st, Michael, 2nd, No Objections]

Meeting Concluded at 7:05pm

Board Meeting Minutes—November 1, 2021

Secretary: Michael Bayer; Other Board Members: Brian Dempsey (Pinenut Cracker); Frank Dixon (Deputy Treasurer); Bruce Eisner (Vice-president); Allen Forbes (Membership); Jennie Hamiter (Treasurer); Nigel Leigh (President); Leon Malmed (Weekend Rides); Joseph Whitely (Race Director)

Meeting called to order at 8:17pm

1. **Monthly Status Reports:**
 - **Treasurer:** Balances are unchanged from October. Jennie proposed making a \$200 donation to TAMBA to support their efforts in post-fire trail repair. The board agreed. [Michael | Jennie | Unanimous]. Joseph will send Jennie a summary of income and expenses for the 2021 race season.
 - **Membership:** Twelve people submitted membership fee payments in 2021 but failed to submit their membership waiver forms. The board agreed to defer their memberships to 2022 (they will be asked again to submit their waivers) [Michael | Jennie | Unanimous]. Any new memberships received before January 1 will be held and processed in the new year.
 - **Weekend Rides:** Leon will continue to schedule weekend rides as long as the weather allows. The Big Daddy Saturday rides will also continue. After the winter break rides will resume with a spring meeting kick-off. Nigel encouraged Leon to round up a team of ride leaders for 2022 and Jennie suggested holding a coordinating meeting early in the season.
 - **MTB Rides:** Nigel announced that the November 2 ride will conclude the seasons MTB Tuesday ride series season.
 - **Social Media:** No Report.
 - **Newsletter:** It was decided that the next issue would be Nov/Dec volume to be released right after the December meeting.
 - **Website:** No Report.
 - **Insurance:** Nothing to report.
 - **Clothing:** Drew and Michael are still working on find vendors for NICA and club clothing for next year.
 - **Weekly Road Races:** Joseph reported that there are at least 10 chips that still need to be recovered so that he can check them all over the winter. Joseph is also working on a survey of past racers to inform plans for 2022.
 - **Pinenut Cracker:** Carlo pointed out that the Stetina pay dirt event has been rescheduled for the date we had been planning to stage the Pinenut Cracker so we'll need a new date. We're leaning towards May 21.
 - **Challenge:** Michael outlined the broad plans for the 2022 marketing strategy. He has been in



contact with the ACCC about the possibility of coordination for early season rides on closed roads. We're still waiting on them to confirm the rest of the details around our planned collaboration for the Death Ride Training Series. The uncertainty right now complicates rolling out our registration and marketing. Possible candidates for roles in managing the Death Ride Training Series were discussed. Brian will contact some of these people.

- **Bike Advocacy:** The Carson Valley Trails Association will be meeting with the USFS regarding work on the Indian Hills trails plan. It is hoped that work can begin before the end of the year. He also reported that Capitol Connector Trail may be opening soon.
2. **Next Meeting:** Monday, December 6, 2021, 6 pm, by Zoom.
Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm

Board Meeting Minutes—December 10, 2021

Secretary: Michael Bayer; Other Board Members: Drew Bray (NICA Team Coach); Chris Cherrix (Spring Century); Frank Dixon (Deputy Treasurer); Bruce Eisner (Vice-president); Allen Forbes (Membership); Jennie Hamiter (Treasurer); Nigel Leigh (President); Carlo Luri (Advocacy); Jim Sadilek (Website); Joseph Whitely (Race Director); Other Attendees: Bill Magladry

Meeting held via Zoom. Called to order at 6:04 pm

Minutes of the November meeting approved as revised and printed [Nigel/Michael/Unanimous]

1. Monthly Status Reports:

- **Treasurer:** Frank briefed the board on the status of records and filings. The current checking account balance is \$18,360.57 and the PayPal balance is \$11,891.98. There are a number of pending payments.
- **Membership:** All new memberships are being held for next year. We will begin the renewals process beginning in February after our insurance company sets the 2022 waiver.
- **Weekend Rides:** The weather has been very good and has allowed weekend rides to continue until quite late in the season this year.
- **MTB Rides:** Weekly MTB rides switched to Fridays for the month of November but the December 3 ride was the last for the year.
- **Social Media:** Gregg had nothing to report.
- **Newsletter:** Michael will get the newsletter out at the end of the week. All board members are asked to submit their material for the end-of-the year edition as soon as possible..
- **Website:** The website homepage has been updated. Please let Jim know if you spot anything that needs to be updated or corrected.
- **Insurance:** LAB insurance update/renewal will be at the end of January. Michael will report back to the board as soon as the waiver requirements

for 2022 are known.

- **Clothing:** One purchase of an item from inventory just came in. Bruce will update the count of items in inventory.
 - **Weekly Road Races:** Joseph sent Jennie a financial accounting of the 2021 season. Chips are coming back slowly and Joseph will work on getting them back over the winter. He will also work with Michael on a survey of past racers.
 - **Junior Team:** The NICA League is in hiatus right now. Drew is working on finding a new clothing vendor and making plans for 2022.
 - **Spring Century:** Chris is prepared to stage the Spring Century in either the original format or the Covid-safe format depending on where the pandemic stands in May.
 - **Spring Century:** Dave is set for October 2022.
 - **Adopt A Highway:** Jordan needs to complete the Caltrans training.
 - **Pinenut Cracker:** Brian has filed a BLM permit application for the 2022.
 - **Challenge:** The board approved the fee schedule for the 2022 Challenge.
 - **Mixed Terrain:** No Report.
 - **Bike Advocacy:** CVTA trail building is proceeding in the Indian Hills area.
2. **Next Meeting:** Monday, January 10, 2021, 6 pm, by Zoom.
Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm



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First 2021 Board Meeting ...Mon, January 10
 Daylight Savings TimeSun, March 13
 Starts
 Alta Alpina ChallengeSat, June 25

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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..

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 Michael Bayer

Join us on **Jan 10** by **Zoom.**