



# PACELINE

**Alta Alpina  
Cycling Club**

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## Presidential Posting

Bruce Eisner, President

### What a Year!

Happy Holidays to everyone. The recent snow storm has created an exceptional snowpack for mid-December and has ended outdoor cycling around our area for all but the heartiest. Time for some cross training!

What a year 2022 has been: a near return to normal from the Covid Pandemic only to be met this winter with the most severe flu epidemic in a decade; staying healthy and injury-free for most of us; healing from past crashes and surgeries for some; another year of successful club activities including our Thursday race series, weekend road rides, Tuesday evening MTB rides, our signature spring and fall centuries, a profitable Alta Alpina Challenge, and our first annual club dinner at Jethro's. Don't forget the return of the Death Ride on a new course after Covid and fires shut down the event for two years. Finally, we remember the cherished times we had with two of our club members who passed suddenly, Randy Jacobs and Carlo Luri.

2023 will see the return of our many signature activities, may include Club assistance with the Death Ride in a more structured way, and an expanded Death Ride Training Series.

Stay healthy cross training on your favorite snow slopes.



## Alta Alpina Challenge: Riding the Wild Sierra

Michael Bayer, Challenge Director

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the 2022 Alta Alpina Challenge on Saturday June 25. The club's showcase event faced a lot of headwinds this year but exceeded expectations ultimately netting the club over \$6,300 in profit.

I want to thank all the participants, sponsors, agencies, and most significantly the 77 volunteers (of which 49 are club members), who came together to make the day a success.

A big thanks to CVMC, StorAll, Bike The West, Smiths, Alpen Sierra, Blue Zone, Bike Habitat, and Shoreline of Tahoe who all made significant contributions.



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### 2022 Race Series Winners

#### Category A

- 1st Place: Robert Braun
- 2nd Place: Dustin Hess
- 3rd Place: Shane Trotter

#### Category B

- 1st Place: Joshua Fox
- 2nd Place: Michael Bayer
- 3rd Place: Dave Bryant

#### Category C

- 1st Place: Bill Magladry
- 2nd Place: Kirt Willard
- 3rd Place: Lani Raspen

#### Category D

- 1st (Tie): Leon Malmed
- 1st (Tie): Dennis Allen
- 3rd Place: Elsa Harrison



## Alta Alpina Cycling Club Mourns the Loss of Carlo Luri

Nigel Leigh, Vice-President

**Long standing club member passed away December 14 after a brief battle with cancer.**

Carlo was an active member of the board of directors, coordinating Cycling Advocacy and representing youth mountain biking. He was also instrumental in the growth of our NICA youth mountain bike team, helping build a strong team of coaches and leading training rides several times per week during the season.

Carlo's interest in cycling also extended beyond AACC, including multi-day bike packing trips, particularly with Friends of Black Rock Desert.

His outdoors interests were many and varied. An excellent skier, he reveled in the powder and in backcountry ski touring. Ice was also a playground for him, either skating on frozen lakes, or climbing up frozen waterfalls. Always an advocate for the environment, after the snow & ice melted Carlo would re-use it for stand-up paddle boarding and kayaking on our beautiful lakes. For example, last July he completed a multi-day 65 mile circumnavigation of Lake Tahoe.

But Carlo wasn't just an avid user of the outdoors, he also gave back. In addition to his involvement in Alta Alpina, he was a long standing member, board member and ex-president of the Carson Valley Trails Association. He was also active in the Carson Valley Chamber of Commerce and the CV Visitors Association. This enabled him to be a regular contributor to, and advocate for, trails and tourism in Carson Valley and the State of Nevada.

Work-wise, Carlo spent the last 20 years at Bently Enterprises, growing into the role of Director of Government Affairs. This saw him provide critical leadership for projects like Bently Biofuels, and the Heritage Distillery.

As you can see, Carlo was involved in nearly everything outdoors and business-related in the Carson Valley / Tahoe area. A great networker, he seemed to know everyone, and everyone knew of, liked and respected him. He will be sorely missed.

Carlo's departure was very sudden. He went from apparent perfect health & fitness in October, to the diagnosis of a severe brain tumor late in November. Attempts to race to a specialist treatment centre on the east coast were of no avail. At least he died peacefully, without pain, and with his family at his side.





## Bicycle Advocacy through League of American Bicyclists Membership

Bill Nesper, LAB

It's been said the only constant is change, and in today's tech-centered transportation sector, that's more true than ever. Many recent advancements have been great for biking and walking—the rise of protected bike networks and the growth of multi-use trails has been exponentially beneficial. But sadly, so many changes in recent years have been detrimental for people biking and walking: the increase in size and weight of trucks and SUVs, roads increasingly designed for speed and the ubiquity of distracted driving. Now is the time for change. By advocating for safer streets and holding decision makers responsible, we can alter the route of history for the better.

With any new technology, there's an opportunity and a responsibility to ensure its impact makes positive changes for people biking. With this in mind, our Policy Development Team has been at the forefront of advocating for the rights (and lives) of people biking and walking in the rapidly developing space of Autonomous Vehicles.

Late last year, we worked with Argo AI to develop six guiding best practices to promote safe AV-cyclist interaction with the hopes that our principles are adopted industry-wide. This year, several AV tech companies have fully signed-on in effort to truly create safer streets through autonomous driving. We need your support as we continue to hold companies accountable and speak out for our communities.

The League of American Bicyclists team in Policy Development has a lot to be proud of in 2022:

- Launched our Safe Streets for All petition to amass political support for stemming the public health crisis that is serious injuries and deaths on our nation's roads. For the majority of these tragedies, speed is the compounding factor.
- Produced a comprehensive update to [data.bikeleague.org](http://data.bikeleague.org) - this interactive tool continues the Benchmarking Project on Biking and Walking created in 2007. We also published 126 fact sheets to provide useful snapshots of data for advocates, policymakers, and agency staff.
- Collaborated with the Transportation Equity Caucus on enforcement-related policy changes, including a letter on the Data-Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety program that led to a meeting with high level Biden administration officials from the White House, FHWA, NHTSA, and the Department of Justice.
- Advocated for improvements to NHTSA's New Car Assessment Program (NCAP) resulting in 2,000+ comments submitted demanding that NHTSA add bicyclist-automatic emergency braking testing ASAP.
- Published a new Bicycle Friendly State ranking, and named Massachusetts the #1 Bicycle Friendly State. This was the first time that a state other than Washington was ranked #1 and reflects both the great work of Massachusetts and our evolving strategy to make the ranking more competitive and meaningful for more states.
- Published the Benchmarking Bike Networks report which was featured in an exclusive article by CityLab and supported with a webinar.





### 2022 Club Gatherings



Rider Roundup



Spring Century



Criterion



Randy Jacobs Ride



Fall Century

### Local Merchant Discount Program

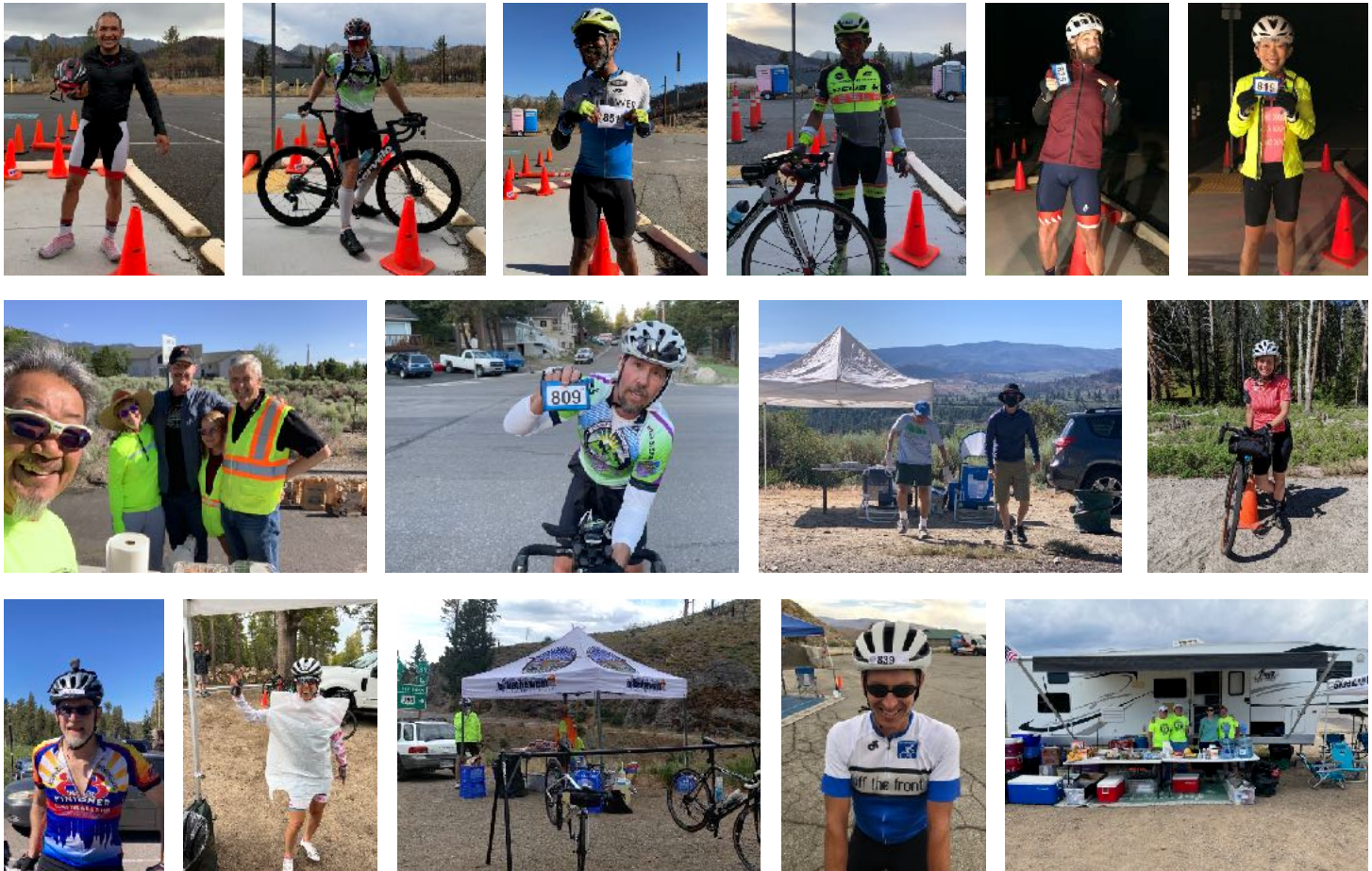
We're excited to announce that local merchants who support AACC will be offering discounts to club members. Visit the merchant, peruse their shops and find out what you can buy as a benefit of being an AACC member. Details about local merchant offers is listed under "Merchant Discounts" on our website at [www.AltaAlpina.org](http://www.AltaAlpina.org).







## Alta Alpina Challenge 2022



## Annual General Meeting Minutes—October 20, 2022

Acting Secretary: Jennie Hamiter

Chairperson: Bruce Eisner (President)

29 Voting Members present in person at Jethro's

4 Voting Members present via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm

1. **Thanks to 2022 Board of Directors:** The individuals who served the club during 2022 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 2023:
  - President: Nigel Leigh
  - Vice President: Bruce Eisner
  - Secretary: Michael Bayer
  - Treasurer: Bill Magladry
  - Membership Coordinator: Allen Forbes
  - Ride Coordinator: Lyn Willoughby
3. **Call for Coordinators:** Vacant coordinator positions were reviewed and there was a call for volunteers. Michelle Brooks volunteered to help with the Social Media portfolio.
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,  
[Kevin Willits, 1st, Frank Dixon, 2nd, No  
Objections]

Meeting Concluded at 7:05pm



# Board Meeting Minutes—November 7, 2022

Secretary: Michael Bayer; Other Board Members: Frank Dixon (Deputy Treasurer); Bruce Eisner (President); Jennie Hamiter (Assistant Treasurer); Nigel Leigh (Vice-president); Carlo Luri (Advocacy); Bill Magladry (Treasurer); Leon Malmel (Weekend Rides); Jim Sadilek (Website); Joseph Whitely (Race Director)

Meeting held at Bill Magladry’s House and by Zoom.

Meeting called to order at 6:09 pm

Minutes of the October meeting approved as presented. [Jennie | Bill | Unanimous]

## 1. Monthly Status Reports:

- **Treasurer:** The current checking account balance is: \$19,690.43. The PayPal account balance is \$16,334.37. Bruce is working to connect with his contact at Blue Zone regarding their donation. Jennie reports that there was no other new mail in the mailbox.
- **Membership:** One new member has been added to the database over the last month.
- **Weekend Rides:** Leon reports that the weekend ride season is over for the year given the dip in temperatures and snow in the mountains. Gregg will continue to post Big Daddy rides.
- **Weekly MTB Rides:** Weekly MTB rides have wrapped up for the year.
- **Social Media:** Gregg will continue to post Big Daddy rides.
- **Newsletter:** As usual there won’t be a November Newsletter and the next newsletter is scheduled for December after the December board meeting.
- **Website:** Jim reports that Blue Host maintenance did not affect our website.
- **Insurance:** Nothing to report. We’re waiting for the new 2023 rates from League of American Bicyclists.

- **Clothing:** Nine pieces of clothing were ordered from NICA team store by adult club members. We should open the store again three weeks prior to the Spring Party/Kickoff.
- **Junior Team:** Carlo reports that team came in 3rd overall despite the team’s size and limited number of older riders (who earn more with the league points weighting formula).
- **Weekly Road Races:** Joseph reported that all the expenses for road racing (about \$700) are in and he’ll be submitting an expense report to Bill. Joseph will complete a final accounting for the next meeting but believes we came close to breaking even.
- **Challenge:** Michael reported that we received and paid the final USFS invoice.

2. **Federal and State Filings:** Frank reported that we received a letter from state of California asking for five items to be addressed: Frank indicated that three of the items have already been completed and he will be working to address the others over the next few days. Frank will report back on the status of federal filings at the next meeting.
3. **Death Ride Proposal:** Bruce has been working with the Chamber on a proposal for the club to re-engage with the Death Ride. Frank, Bruce, and Michael will schedule an evening Zoom meeting with Mark at the Chamber in the next couple of days
4. **Next Meeting:** Monday, December 5, 2023, 6 pm, at Jethro’s (unless otherwise specified).

Meeting adjourned at 7:39pm

## 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





## Board Meeting Minutes—December 5, 2022

Secretary: Michael Bayer; Other Board Members: Jordan Brooks (Highway Cleanup); Chris Cherrix (Spring Century); Frank Dixon (Deputy Treasurer); Bruce Eisner (President); Allen Forbes (Membership); Jennie Hamiter (Assistant Treasurer); Nigel Leigh (Vice-president); Carlo Luri (Advocacy); Bill Magladry (Treasurer); Gregg Westerbeck (Social Media); Joseph Whitely (Race Director); Other Attendees: Lyn Willoughby (Ride Director Elect), Michelle Brooks

Meeting held by Zoom call.

Meeting called to order at 6:07 pm

Minutes of the November meeting approved as amended to reference "Blue Host". [Bill | Michael | Unanimous]

1. **Death Ride Partnership:** Bruce has been working with representatives of the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce to identify opportunities for the club to contribute to the 2023 Death Ride based on a desire to do so expressed by some members. A subset of the board met previously to review a proposal offered by the Chamber and Bruce and Michael are meeting with the Chamber to work through details. Michael presented an analysis of the Chamber's proposal with options for consideration. The board discussed all aspects of this initiative at great length and concluded that Bruce and Michael should continue the conversation with the Chamber to ensure that the club's role is well defined/bounded and ensures that the event is successful and will not reflect negatively on the club.
2. **Death Ride Training Series:** Bruce proposed a pricing formula for a 2023 Death Ride Training Series: \$20 plus \$30 per ride for up to four rides. Michael proposed that the 2023 series should be scheduled for the same weekends with the same rides as last year but noted that additional volunteers were needed to revise the emails for the series and for staffing the rides. Plans are conditional on linking the registration process to the Death Ride registration process. The board approved these plans [Michael | Bill | Unanimous]
3. **Monthly Status Reports:**
  - **Treasurer:** The current checking account balance is \$19,454.43. The PayPal account balance is \$16,334.37. The donation check from Blue Zone was received. Frank reported that California state filing status has been updated but one action item remains with a deadline of 12/11.

- **Membership:** There are 131 fully paid memberships with 144 active members.
  - **Weekend Rides:** No Report.
  - **Weekly MTB Rides:** No Report.
  - **Social Media:** No Report.
  - **Newsletter:** Michael will produce the November/December newsletter as soon as he has the presidential posting.
  - **Website:** No Report.
  - **Insurance:** LAB will release new rates/waivers/rules/etc the last week of January. Michael will join the annual LAB conference call and report back to the board as soon as details are known.
  - **Clothing:** No recent sales.
  - **Weekly Road Races:** Joseph distributed a year-to-date income and expense report for the 2022 race season showing that the club did not lose money. The report did not reflect the value of the refreshments provided from Challenge leftovers nor the cost of refurbishing/replacing damaged/lost race chips. It was also pointed that we did not hire race stewards this year and this will add to costs next year.
  - **Junior Team:** No report.
  - **Spring Century:** May 20 is the proposed date based on coinciding with the Training Series. Jennie proposed bringing back the post-ride BBQ. Chris will work on a BBQ venue.
  - **Fall Century:** No Report.
  - **Adopt A Highway:** No Report.
  - **Pinenut Cracker:** No Report.
  - **Challenge:** Books are closed for 2022 and the net profit was \$6602.14.
  - **Bike Advocacy:** No report.
4. **Next Meeting:** Monday, January 9, 2023, 6 pm, by Zoom and possibly at Jethros if weather permits.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm



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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Winter Solstice	Wed, Dec 21
Daylight Saving Starts	Sun, Mar 12
Spring Century	Sat, May 20
Alta Alpina Challenge	Sat, Jun 24

**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 :  
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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 **January 9** by **Zoom Call**. Contact Bruce Eisner for details.

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