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**Alta Alpina
Cycling Club**

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Presidential Posting

Bruce Eisner, President

That's a Wrap for 2025 and for my 4 years as Club President. What a ride (pun intended) it has been. It's great to welcome new Club Leadership: Jim LaHue as President and Pam Giltner as VP. Returning Club Officer veteran Jennie Hamiter is our 2026 Weekend Ride Director. During my 4 years the Death Ride Training Series was a personal highlight. I'm saddened it is not a viable option for 2026, but perhaps it will return in the future.



Member engagement/volunteering with Club activities and governance is the backbone of any volunteer-run organization. GET INVOLVED; bring new ideas and energy to the Club. I hope to ride and volunteer with many of you next year at our many events, including the spring membership party, spring cyclorama, Highway 89 Cleanup, Tim Rowe Memorial Century, and Alta Alpina Challenge (returning in 2026 as the primary club fundraiser geared towards 200-mile riders, but produced more like our past "Challenge staff appreciation ride" with fewer support locations and fewer volunteers required). Of course our Thursday evening road race series will resume in April and Weekend & Tuesday MTB rides will resume as conditions and daylight allow.

Cycling weather continues to reign supreme this late fall. If skiing on man-made snow run isn't your thing, then cycling, hiking and running are great options. Weekend and weekday rides continue to be posted. We rode Monitor Pass last Tuesday and Sonora Pass is once again an option. The Carson Valley roads are full of riders enjoying the awesome conditions and the west slope of the Sierras is an option for some.

Keep upright and don't kiss the pavement. Kiss your partner, mom, dad, kids, pets or friends instead. See you on the road soon...

2026 Alta Alpina 8 Pass Challenge

Michael Bayer, Challenge Director

The club will be staging the Alta Alpina 8 Pass Challenge on June 27, 2026.

Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered to help with next year's event. Right now I'm looking for volunteers to join our marketing team and to help coordinate volunteers. I'm also working to line up medical, radio, and motorcycle volunteers. If you can help or know someone who you recommend please contact me at challenge@altaalpina.org.

Please mark June 21-June 28 in your 2026 calendar as "Alta Alpina Challenge Week". I'll be in contact with everyone over the next few weeks to set up volunteer assignments so please think about what role you'd like to have.



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2025 Race Series Winners

Category A

- 1st Place: Greg Kogut
- 2nd Place: Blake Herrmann
- 3rd Place: Dustin Hess

Category B

- 1st Place: Michael Bayer
- 2nd Place: Jim Wire
- 3rd Place: James Close

Category C

- 1st Place: Jennie Hamiter
- 2nd Place: Bill Magladry
- 3rd Place: Kirt Willard

Category D

- 1st Place: Jim LaHue
- 2nd Place: Leon Malmel
- 3rd Place: Erick Studenicka





Tim Rowe Memorial Fall Century

Dave Scarborough, Fall Century Coordinator

A huge thanks to Curtis Fong and Hank Rowe for all their help at the rest stop.





Member Profile:

Jim LaHue

AACC Member since: 2017

Current Residence:
Carson City, NV

Arrived here by way of:
San Jose, CA

Started riding: 1978

Proudest moments/ achievements riding:
Riding 200 miles over the course of three days while never being more than a half mile from my house. Or riding 135 miles indoors on a Saturday.

Race Category: D

Bikes I ride:
2017 Trek Domane, and a Gravel Bike



How I support my Bike Habit:

I work full time for a company in Minden that is in the Elevatory Industry (30 years in February!)

In one word, my cycling style is...: "Repetitive" (see proudest achievements!)

Favorite Rides/Races:

I love the beauty of riding around Washoe Lake and the excitement of the club's road racing series

Favorite Post-Ride Food: Chipotle

Other Sports & Pastimes:

I played tennis in high school and I currently bowl in a league

Ambitions/Aspirations:

I would like to do a Double Century

My Motto or Inspired Quote:

"Gotta Serve Somebody"

Grab Bag:

My wife is my biggest fan.

Member Profile:

Pam Giltner

AACC Member since: 2019

Current Residence:
Minden, NV

Arrived here by way of:
Grew up in Southern California but lived on the East coast for 25 years, then moved to Minden 11 years ago

Started riding:
In middle school I was in 4H that had a biking group. We organized rides and even did bike camping.

Proudest moments/ achievements riding:
Riding in 12 Tour de Cure rides as a Red Rider (persons with diabetes)

Race Category: D

Bikes I ride:
Avail Road Bike, and a Liv Mountain Bike



How I support my Bike Habit:

I am an independent consultant with my own company that is contracted by Pharmaceutical companies to audit human clinical trials to ensure they are being conducted to FDA regulations (similar to an FDA Inspector).

In one word, my cycling style is...: "Casual" (with a smidge of competitiveness)

Favorite Rides/Races:

Diamond Valley was my first introduction to the Carson Valley area, it is still one of my favorites.

Favorite Post-Ride Food:

Something salty

Other Sports & Pastimes:

Hiking, Triathlons, Snow Shoeing, Skiing, Off-roading, Volunteering

Ambitions/Aspirations:

To continue to move and stay active as I get older

My Motto or Inspired Quote:

"Yes I Can"

Grab Bag:

I am looking forward to contributing to AACC in 2026.



Member Profile:
Jennie Hamiter

AACC Member since: 1997

Current Residence:
Minden, NV

Arrived here by way of:
Martinez, CA, 34 years ago

Started riding:
I think I was 5 and never went very long without riding. But I became an avid cyclist about 30 years ago.

Proudest moments/achievements riding:
Retiring early so I could ride more.

Race Category: C

Bikes I ride:
I own a lot of bikes. But mostly I ride my Ibis Ripley mountain bike, and my Liv Langma road bike. This winter I'll be riding my 2001 Specialized S-Works on my trainer a lot.



How I support my Bike Habit:

I'm retired, so I cross my fingers that the stock market stays strong.

In one word, my cycling style is...:
"Endurance" Long live long rides.

Favorite Rides/Races:
Mountain biking: the Tahoe Rim Trail.
Road Riding: Any mountain passes.

Favorite Post-Ride Food:
Chocolate milk!

Other Sports & Pastimes:
Skate skiing in the wintertime.

Ambitions/Aspirations:
Right now, to recover fully from my broken ankle. I'm hoping to be able to go cross country skiing this winter.

My Motto:
"On any given day, choose the ride that's most fun rather than the best workout."

Member Profile:
Curtis Fong

AACC Member since: Its Founding

Current Residence: Gardnerville, NV

Arrived here by way of:
Grew up in Sacramento and rode 30 miles a day on my 10 speed at the age of 12. Mid 70's worked and lived at Kirkwood. Early 80's worked in radio and lived in Meyers.

Started riding:
Started riding again in 1983 and was a Founding Father of Alta Alpina Cycling Club..

Proudest moments/achievements riding:
First Director of Death Ride in 1984, 1989 Comstock Silver Century, 1991 America's Most Beautiful Bike Ride and OATBRAN, 2002 Tour de Tahoe in 2002. Retired in 2023 after raising over \$110 Million for Team in Training.

Race Category: C, but I no longer race

How I support my Bike Habit:
By being in the Bike Event Business, but now retired...

In one word, my cycling style is...: "Recreational"

Favorite Rides/Races:
Around Lake Tahoe, Hwy 50 Across Nevada, Diamond Valley & Markleeville...



Bikes I ride:
Miyata 912, Tommasini, Custom built Titanium, Specialized S Works Athos, S Works SL Creo, Roubaix SL3, Custom built Renovo wooden bike, Litespeed, Pinarello Dogma, and MTBs:
Santa Cruise, Specialized Stump Jumper Elite, Specialized Levo Turbo (ebike) and Surly Fat Tire

Favorite Post-Ride Food: Tacos

Other Sports & Pastimes:
Skiing - Fishing - Camping - Driving Sports Cars

Ambitions/Aspirations:
Continuing my Lifestyle

My Motto or Inspired Quote:
"Get After It Before It's Gone..."

Grab Bag:
I've spent more than half my lifetime in bicycling: Helped start Alta Alpina, Lake Tahoe Bicycle Coalition, & TAMBA.



NICA Team Highlights



Annual General Meeting Minutes—November 19, 2025

Secretary: Michael Bayer

Chairperson: Bruce Eisner (President)

42 Voting Members present in person at Douglas County Community Center

8 Voting Members present via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 6:41 pm

1. **Thanks to 2025 Board of Directors and Volunteers:** The individuals who contributed to the club during 2025 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 2025:
 - President: Jim LaHue
 - Vice President: Pam Dellea-Giltner
 - Secretary: Michael Bayer
 - Treasurer: Bill Magladry
 - Membership Coordinator: Allen Forbes

- Ride Coordinator: Jennie Hamiter
 - Race Coordinator: Joseph Whitely
3. **Call for Coordinators:** Vacant coordinator positions were reviewed and there was a call for volunteers. At the conclusion of the meeting the following positions remained vacant:
 - Volunteer Coordinator
 - Marketing Coordinator

Motion to Adjourn: [Bill | Joseph | All]

Meeting Concluded at 7:34pm



Board Meeting Minutes—October 30, 2025

Secretary: Michael Bayer; Other Board Members: Jordan Brooks (Highway Cleanup); Michelle Brooks (Social Media); Chris Cherrix (Spring Century); Frank Dixon (Deputy Treasurer); Bruce Eisner (President); Jennie Hamiter (Assistant Treasurer); Nigel Leigh (Vice-President); Bill Magladry (Treasurer); Timari Pruis (NICA Team Director); Joseph Whiteley (Race Director); Lyn Willoughby (Weekend Rides); Others: Jim Lahue, Pam Giltner

Meeting held at Carson Valley Swim Center and by MS Teams

Meeting called to order at 5:45pm

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

1. **Monthly Status Reports:**

- **Treasurer:** The current checking account balance is \$8,494.51. The Paypal balance is \$3,842.01. CDs are currently at \$12,232.54, \$14,174.33 and \$12,169.94. Timari passed along a spreadsheet with NICA team accounting and Bill calculates that the NICA balance is now \$566. Frank will update the chart of accounts for tracking NICA team. NICA team funds raised in 2025 will then be deposited and accounted for.
- **Membership:** There were no new memberships during October.
- **Weekend Rides:** Weekend rides are over for the season.
- **Weekly MTB Rides:** Chris wrapped up the season last Tuesday with a good turnout and a BBQ at his house.
- **Social Media:** Michelle will be promoting the upcoming annual meeting.
- **Newsletter:** Single page flyer for annual meeting will go out to all members by email.
- **Website:** Greg has updated the website with the annual meeting information.
- **Insurance:** New rates for 2026 will be announced during the last two weeks of January.
- **Clothing:** We will give away some clothing as prizes at the fall party.

2. **Fall Meeting:** We have rented the kitchen at the community center in addition to the meeting room. Michael will again take the lead on catering. He presented options for the party dinner menu and the board voted for salty snacks as appetizers, a tossed green pear-cranberry salad, a variety of Mexican food, and cream puffs for dessert. Michelle suggested ideas for boosting attendance and the board discussed ideas including serving alcohol, door prizes, a speaker, staging a food

drive, club clothing raffle, making items to give to all participants, recognizing the contributions of all the 2025 volunteers with gifts, recognizing individual achievements among club members, and recognizing the accomplishments of the NICA team. It was agreed that the board would continue discussing these options by email.

Frank volunteered to handle the RSVPs. Jordan volunteered to bring a projection screen. Timari and Geoff will be present and will try to bring other NICA team members to present. Michael will prepare a photo slide show and asked everyone to submit any photos from the year that they have not yet shared.

It was agreed that the budget for the event would be \$1500 [Bruce / Bill / Unanimous].

3. **Election of Officers:** There will be vacancies for president, vice-president, and weekend ride coordinator. Bruce has secured nominees for these positions: Jim LaHue, Pam Giltner, and Jennie Hamiter.
4. **Death Ride Training Series:** Bruce recapped the news of our negotiations from last meeting. After that meeting Michael prepared a mock-up of the integrated registration page that we were proposing and Bruce presented this to the Chamber along with a proposal that the club would pay the Chamber \$9 for each registration processed for us. The Chamber has formally responded that they will not implement this registration mechanism for us. It was agreed, with great disappointment, that the club would not host the DRTS in 2026 without this support from the Chamber. [Bruce | Joseph | Unanimous].
5. **Racing Series:** It was agreed that the Race Director would again be compensated \$100 per race for a total of \$2000. [Bruce | Michael | Unanimous].
6. **Challenge:** Michael presented options for the 2026 Challenge at the last meeting however as time for this meeting has expired, this discussion will be postponed to next meeting.
7. **Next Meeting:** Monday, Dec 1, 2025, 5:30pm, Swim Center.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29pm



Board Meeting Minutes—December 1, 2025

Secretary: Michael Bayer; Other Board Members: Chris Cherrix (Spring Century); Frank Dixon (Deputy Treasurer); Bruce Eisner (President); Allen Forbes (Membership); Jennie Hamiter (Assistant Treasurer); Greg Kogut (Website); Nigel Leigh (Vice-President); Bill Magladry (Treasurer); Joseph Whiteley (Race Director); Lyn Willoughby (Weekend Rides); Other Attendees: Jim Lahue, Pam Giltner

Meeting held at Carson Valley Swim Center and by MS Teams

Meeting called to order at 5:34pm

Minutes of the October 30 meeting approved as presented. [Bill | Joseph | Unanimous]

1. **Memberships:** Members joining after November 1 will have their 2025 membership rolled into a 2026 membership. [Allen | Nigel | Unanimous]
2. **Club Baseball Caps:** Bill questioned the wisdom of giving hats to non-members for a non-club event for which we weren't compensated but the consensus was that we appreciate the contributions of all volunteers and hope those non-members will join in 2026. The board authorized the purchase of 60 hats as gifts for all 2025 volunteers for \$973.85. [Michael | Allen | Unanimous]. Leftover hats will be sold at the Spring Party and additional hats will be ordered.
3. **Monthly Status Reports:**
 - **Treasurer:** The current checking account balance is \$10,120.80. The Paypal balance is \$3,842.01. CDs are currently at 12,265.82, \$14,207.44 and \$12,190.43. Leon Malmel made a donation of \$1000.
 - **Membership:** There are 111 fully paid individual memberships and 19 family memberships.
 - **Weekend Rides:** Over for the season.
 - **Weekly MTB Rides:** Wrapped until spring.
 - **Social Media:** No report.
 - **Newsletter:** Newsletter planned for next week. Michael needs content by Sunday including photos of new board members.

- **Website:** Twain connected with Greg and they are working on getting together. Greg will update the board members page at the start of the year.
 - **Insurance:** New rates for 2026 will be announced during the last two weeks of January.
 - **Clothing:** One item was sold and one item was given away at the general meeting. We will order more club caps to sell at the Spring Party. Target price will be \$20 each.
 - **Weekly Road Races:** No report.
 - **NICA Team:** No report.
 - **Bike Advocacy:** Curtis Fong was appointed to the position of Bicycle Advocacy Coordinator [Bruce | Bill | Unanimous] Michael will follow-up with Curtis.
4. **Challenge:** Michael presented detailed options for the 2026 Challenge including marketing plans, volunteer requirements and budgets. The three options considered were (1) repeating the 2024 Challenge, (2) staging just an 8 Pass Challenge, and (3) staging an 8 Pass Challenge and a repeat of the 2025 Brush With Death on the same day. After considerable discussion, the board voted to proceed with staging just the 8 Pass Challenge on June 27, 2026 allowing participants to ride a subset. [Bruce | Joseph | Unanimous]. The board also decided to allocate \$500 towards the marketing budget for the 2026 8 Pass Challenge and directed Michael to prepare a marketing plan and recruit a marketing team. [Bruce | Nigel | Unanimous]. Jennie noted that everyone who voted for the motion needs to volunteer on June 27.
 5. **Next Meeting:** Monday, Jan 5, 2026, 6:00pm, ZOOM. Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm

Local Merchant Discount Program

We're grateful to all our local merchants who support the Alta Alpina Cycling Club.

Details about local merchant offers is listed under "Merchant Discounts" on our website at www.AltaAlpina.org.





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Daylight Saving Starts March 8, 2026
Ides of March March 15, 2026
Spring Equinox March 20, 2026

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 **January 5 at 6:00pm by Zoom.**

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