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Alta Alpina Spring Membership Party



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Sunday, April 22, 2012 Elks Lodge , Gardnerville Ranchos, 6PM

The annual Alta Alpina Spring Membership Party is the official kick-off of the cycling season in the Tahoe-Carson-Gardnerville area. This year the party has moved to the new Elks Lodge on Kimmerling Road in the Gardnerville Ranchos. There will be plenty of food, friendly people, and lots to see and learn.

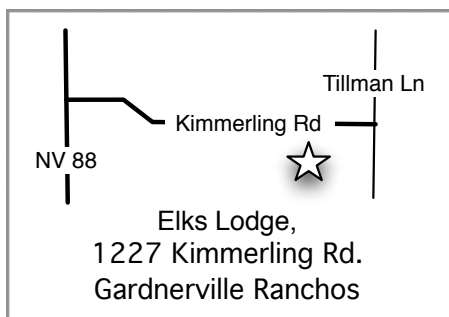
Again this year we're holding the big Bike Swap: Bring any bike-related items to give away or sell. Bike stuff left behind at the end of the night will go to the junior team or ROP.

Membership Sign-ups: You can join or renew your membership at the party, but to avoid spending time in line, you can renew your membership now online. If you were a member in 2011 we just need a check or Paypal payment for your 2012 membership. Know any friends or neighbors just getting into cycling? Bring them along and we'll sign them up at the door! Please try to carpool (or ride your bike) to the new Elks Lodge.

Doors open at 6:00 pm with plenty of food and great people to meet. Presentations start at 7:00. 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.



2012 Membership Renewal

If you were a member in 2011 we just need your membership fee paid by check or Paypal payment—no forms to sign! If you're a new or returning member, just complete the online form on the website.

2012 Membership Card

Your membership card (the label on the first copy of your *Paceline* newsletter after renewing) is good for discounts at local merchants.

Printed Newsletters

Every member receives a digital copy of our club newsletter. The only printed copy you'll receive is the one with your membership card unless you indicate that you want to receive all printed copies when you join or renew your membership.



Big Rides Coming Up

Laura Caimi, Alta Alpina Challenge Marketing Director

Almaden Cycle Touring Club, Chico Velo, Sacramento Wheelmen and other event organizers are all promoting the Wild Sierra to their members and participants so let's reciprocate and support their rides!

Saturday, April 14, 2012 — Tierra Bella

Rides range from flat 37 miles to hilly 62, 100 and 127 miles in the beautiful southern Santa Clara Valley. The Almaden Cycle Touring Club provides multiple rest stops with great food, SAG support and catered hot meal. No day of registration. Registration closes March 25 or when 2,000 riders registered. See tierrabella.org for info and application form.

Sunday, April 29, 2012 — Chico Wildflower

Chico Velo celebrates the 30th anniversary Wildflower Century in 2012 with a new 125 mile option. The ride entry fee includes a large water bottle, bandanna map, Wildflower bag, all-you-can eat rest stops and post-ride dinner. This ride is limited to 4,000 riders. The pre-registration deadline is April 15, 2012. Late registrations will be accepted at the \$75 rate (or \$15 for the Childflower) until midnight on Friday, April 20th. Day-of registrations will only be accepted if there is still space available on the ride..

Saturday, May 12, 2012 — Ride for Mom

On the day before Mother's Day, have fun cycling with your family while raising awareness about living better. The inaugural Ride for Mom™ will take place Saturday, May 12, 2012. This family event will be staged at Johansen High School located at Johansen High School, 641 Norseman Drive, Modesto, CA.

Saturday, June 16, 2012 — The Slug is Back!

The Sacramento Wheelmen's annual century is returning to Amador county. Slug Gulch, a well-known climb for the century and double metric riders, will once again be a feature of this event. Registration opens January 15, 2012. Limited to 1500 riders. Early Registration is \$55, Regular Registration is \$60, Day Of, if available \$70. Includes continental breakfast, rest & water stops, SAG, post-ride meal. For registration, jerseys, and more information, visit www.sierracentury.org Fairgrounds reserved Friday, June 15, 2012 for tent camping and RV parking. Contact email is sierracentury@sacwheelmen.org

Saturday June 23, 2012 — Tour de Nez

On June 23rd the Tour de Nez is running the second annual "Gran Fun-do." Rides from 25 miles to a metric century will take place, all with the serious quirkiness you have come to expect of the Tour de Nez. [Register online.](#)

Alta Alpina Challenge 2012

Pre-Event Volunteers Still Needed

Michael Bayer, Alta Alpina Challenge Ride Director

Thanks to all the volunteers already hard at work on the 2012 Wild Sierra. The big event is scheduled for June 30 this year, and will be the primary fund raiser for the club. The new date means that we have eliminated conflicts with graduations and Carson Valley Days so we're looking for a greater level of family participation this year.

We're counting on every club member helping out the weekend of June 30 to ensure that this event continues to grow and live up to its well earned reputation as the best cycling challenge in the western states. The funds we raise keep membership fees low, subsidize club racing, support the junior team, and help us pursue the club's mission.

We still need volunteers to help between now and June 30. Whether you have a few hours or a few days you can contribute between now and June 30, we can match your interests, skills, and availability to the tasks we need to get done. Please contact me at challenge@altaalpina.org if you can help out.



Presidential Posting

Mel Maalouf, President

The club activities are ramping up for the year. Again, May looks to be a great month with the King of the King Kingsbury Hill Climb Time Trial, Pinenut Cracker Mountain bike race, and the spring century at the end of the month. Planning is in full swing for the spring party and with a likely change in venue, look for a fresh look. We hope to have some new clothing this year for those of you who want to freshen up your Alta Alpina gear from Pearlizumi. The planning for the Challenge is looking solid and with the new dates, we expect a great ride with better weather and the un-certainty of the road closures due to snow should be alleviated. Although, with the warm weather and the lack of snow this year, it shouldn't be an issue. If you can help get the word out about the ride by taking some of our posters and info to the rides that you attend. I have no doubt this year's event will be a bigger success than year's past.

I have been getting in some skiing when the snow is good, but the riding has been super. I am torn as I enjoy the warmer drier weather but we could really use the water and snow. While the weather for winter has held off, I have been getting out on the road and mountain bike. I rode the Rim trail in early January and the conditions were excellent and in the Pine Nuts, the dusty conditions before the last storm have transformed into some of the best conditions in the Great Basin. I secretly hope that it doesn't snow, but I know it should. This season holds great promise and I hope you are a big part of it. This part of the year is ripe with planning and if you have comments, suggestions or ideas, don't hesitate to contact me or the board.

Club Clothing

Good news: we have finalized the design for the 2012 clothing. We hope to have it at the spring party if all goes in our favor, but otherwise you should have no problem getting a kit. I think we will need a re-order as this kit is downright awesome, so keep this in mind over the summer.





2012 Alta Alpina Road Race Season

Di Bolton, Road Race Director

Hi Race Fans!!!

I am gearing up and looking forward to the upcoming season! The 2012 schedule is posted on the AACC Website. I hope to see all the regular faces (missed you all) and a lot of new ones at the races (looking forward to meeting you)!! Encourage your family members and friends to come out to cheer you and the other racers on. Volunteers are greatly appreciated and needed to help at the finishes, especially the Crits and TT's; they can get kind of hectic. Thanks in advance to my helpers!!!

2012 Race Fees

The race fees this year will be \$8 for Alta Alpina Members and \$15.00 for non members.

To save you having to bring cash every week, I will have the punch cards again this year.

For AACC Members it will be 8 races for \$64, \$128 for the entire season.

For Non Members the punch card pricing is 8 races for \$120 and season pass \$240.

New Junior Series

For something new this year we will be running a "Junior Series" this year. I am thinking it will be for kids under 13 years old? They will race with the D group but will have their own points. This will take the younger kids out of the race for points that the adults will be vying for and give them their own competition amongst their age group and chance for prizes. I do encourage all Juniors (18 and younger) to join and participate on the AACC Junior Team (this will also give you free race entry). The objective of the Alta Alpina Junior Team is to provide an avenue to racing for junior riders, with an introduction to bicycling with an emphasis on safety, training independently with a group, and introduction to nutrition.

Racing Waivers

All racers please bring a filled out a race waiver to your first race, this will give me the emergency contact info on site for the season and will save time at registration. I will need this even if you are an AACC member. There is a link to the USACycling site on the [Road Race page on the AACC website](#) to [download the waiver form](#).

If you are planning on bringing your membership forms and fees to the races and/or are planning on buying race passes or just paying your race fees please make separate checks for membership and race fees, this helps with the accounting. All checks should be made to AACC.

Prologue on April 19th

Our first race is Thursday April 19th (note that this is **before** the spring party) we will be starting at a "new venue": Fredericksburg and Fairview Lane for the season Prologue. We are thinking there will be less auto traffic and a slightly shorter course to compensate for the possibility of cold and the early dark. The following week we will be at Diamond Valley for a short course instead of a regular course due to the cold and it still gets dark too early for a regular course.

Come out and join in the fun and a lot of tail gate racing.





Bike Spokesman

Tim Rowe, Bicycle Advocacy

Off to Washington again

Nevada Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board members and AACC members Tim Rowe and Denis Coyne will be attending the National Bike Summit (NBS) in Washington DC on March 20-24, 2012.

The theme this year is "Save Cycling". NDOT pays for both NBPAB members to attend. We stay across the Potomac River in Virginia as it is cheaper and ride the Metro everywhere, which is great. This year we have word that we will not be the only Nevadans in attendance as someone from RTC of Southern Nevada and also from the Reno Bicycle Project will be attending. NBS is sponsored by the League of American Bicyclists with other major players like IMBA, Bikes Belong and Alliance for Bicycling and Walking. It will be Tim's third trip to NBS and he will again serve as the Nevada State Coordinator. For many of the first 8 years, Nevada did not have representation but we are glad that is different now. Being Nevada State Coordinator means you make all the arrangements for visits to the 5 Nevada Congressional representatives on Bicycle Day on the Hill on that Thursday.

Tuesday is the opening evening session and dinner. Alliance for Bicycling and Walking will also have their annual event later that night.

The agenda for Wednesday consists of one main session followed by concurrent sessions on many bicycle issues. Then everyone collects again by state and all 50 states are there. Many bicycle groups have events this night, like last year I attended the California Bicycle Coalition (of which I am a member) fund raiser.

Thursday will begin with putting on your suit – as this is required in Washington – with your bright bicycle pin. Then there is the breakfast for visiting Nevadans with Senator's Reid and Heller at 8am sharp in the LBJ room in the Capital. This involves a light breakfast followed by brief visits with both Senators and then photos with each person and the Senators. Please note this is available for any Nevadan visiting Washington DC if you make an appointment. The rest of the day you are running around to the Senate and House buildings for visits to both Nevada Senators and the three Congressman. Normally you usually get to see the Transportation Aids, which are the ones you really want to see. But visiting with Sen. Ensign was always good because he was a bicyclist and had his Trek in his personal office. This year will be different as



Dean Heller is a Senator now and Mark Ameodi replaced him in Congress. While attending these visits you express what you want — support for bicycling if at all possible— and hope for the best. This year will be critical with the Congress finally taking up the Transportation Bill, which has been in the works since **2009**. The critical bills are H.R. 7 (American Infrastructure and Energy Jobs Act) in the House and Senate Transportation Bill (MAP 21). We need a Transportation Bill finally enacted but not sure these are the correct vehicle. We just want to keep bicycling in the mix and not be totally cut out. Thursday evening is the closing reception with many dignitaries showing up and talking, like Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood. Nice when you can have a quick one-on-one conversation with him.

Friday is the Congressional bike ride at 8:30am and you tour around many interesting bicycle facilities in Washington depending on rain. It is a great week and gives you some hope that the people still have some say in the process. Bicyclists get their one big day to really be heard and it is so nice to be part of it all. I'll provide a report in April.



Board Meeting Minutes—January 9, 2012

Secretary: Lauren Lindley; Other Board Members: Michael Bayer, Robert Braun, Pete Costa, Mel Maalouf, Joe Marzocco, Dave Scarborough, Tim Rowe; Other Attendees: Christopher Rowe

1. Monthly Status Reports:

- **Treasurer:** As of September 17, 2011 our balance was \$9,695.25 and our certificate of deposit as of October 30, 2011 was \$40,021.48. Upcoming expenses: deposits on bottle orders, t-shirts and jersey deposits (around \$5k). Last year in the first quarter we had \$4,100 in expenses.
 - **Membership:** Robert would like to start with the business memberships. Discussion ensues regarding options for spring party (CVIC Hall vs Jethro's). Lauren suggests looking into the possibility of using the Elk's Lodge and seeing if there is a club member who is a member.
 - **Weekend Rides:** No update.
 - **Newsletter:** Michael is still doing the newsletter and if someone else wants to be editor he would enjoy that. Next issue will be Feb issue.
 - **Website:** Joe installed wordpress on the host site. Joe thinks it is easier to maintain what we have unless someone else wants to take over as he is short on time right now.
 - **Weekly Road Races:** Di is working on schedule.
 - **Mountain Bike Races:** No update.
 - **Wild Hillacious Century Series:** No update.
 - **Junior Team:** No update.
 - **Spring Century:** Dave Scarborough is going to help with the Spring Century. Date to be Sunday, May 27th.
 - **Pinenut Cracker:** Saturday, May 19th. Paperwork has been submitted to the BLM for a five year approval to hold the event. It will include the possibility to use parking along Pine Nut Rd #2. Facility rental for the pavilion has doubled this year. With the new permit and the additional parking from the BLM, we don't necessarily need the pavilion rental. If the BLM fee structure is too high we can always fall back on Indian Hills. Last year we profited \$1300 off the event. Board recommends that we go ahead and reserve the pavilion just to keep the option available.
 - **Carson Valley Classic:** Discussion ensues regarding how to enlist interested parties in helping reinvigorate the CVC.
 - **King of Kingsbury Time Trial:** May 6, 2012. Alan B will take care of permits but will not be able to run the event, but Mel will run the event if needed.
 - **Cyclocross Race:** No update.
 - **Bike Advocacy:** Tim will be attending Nevada Bike Plan Stakeholders Group and Muscle Power meetings. He should be attending Bike Summit. Lauren submitted an application to be on the Measure R advisory committee. Lauren also requests that the club write a letter of support to the TAMBA bike park. Mel motions that we write a letter of intent and that we will determine financials on that at a later date. Motion passes. Lauren also suggests that we consider making a donation to Disabled Sports Far West out of Alpine Meadows who is a 501(c) 3 non profit that needs assistance and runs a summer cycling program. Pete thinks that we will be making a donation for the Lake Tahoe Map again this year. Tim will look into it.
 - **Adopt A Highway:** No update.
 - **Clothing:** Lauren will have Pearl Izumi custom send over information again.
 - **Alta Alpina Challenge:** Michael explains the wiki-server to all of us and asks us to check it out. He is looking for someone to assist Laura with marketing. Michael plans to place a 200-250 order of t-shirts to hand out to volunteers. Discussion ensues regarding whether or not a t-shirt is incentive to get people to register early for the event. Marketing efforts going smoothly. Michael is working with local Markleeville business to promote them. Dave Scarborough suggests that Disabled Sports Far West would be a great recipient of a challenge donation as our designated charity. Michael discusses the word of mouth success of the flyer promotions.
2. **Carson City Map:** Map is being updated. Mel motions to continue our sponsorship of the map. Motion passes..
 3. **Next Meeting:** Monday, Feb 9, 2012, 6 pm, Pizza Factory in Gardnerville Ranchos.



Board Meeting Minutes—February 9, 2012

Secretary: Lauren Lindley; Other Board Members: Michael Bayer, Robert Braun, Pete Costa, Curtis Fong, Mel Maalouf, Tim Rowe; Other Attendees: Christopher Rowe

4. Monthly Status Reports:

- **Treasurer:** As of January 17, 2012 our checking account balance was \$6,718.74. We have a \$40,000 CD due April 6, 2012. Our paypal balance is \$4,375.00 as of February 5, 2012. We just recently filed our 2010 taxes. We expect our 2011 taxes to be filed late again. Motion to purchase accountant a \$50 gift card from Pearl Izumi and make him an honorary member passes.
- **Membership:** Robert still trying to get Elks Club on the phone to discuss possibly holding the party at their lodge. Board agrees to vote by email regarding spring party plan finalization.
- **Weekend Rides:** No update.
- **Newsletter:** Scott Herman expressed interest in being the newsletter editor.
- **Website:** No update.
- **Weekly Road Races:** No update.
- **Mountain Bike Races:** Nate Litrell would like to volunteer as the mountain bike race series director. He is interested on doing Tuesdays starting in May/June in the Pine Nuts. Lauren will email Nate the TAMBA contacts to continue the series in the basin post Pine-Nut Series.
- **Wild Hillacious Century Series:** No update.
- **Junior Team:** 3-4 kids have been showing up for weight training.
- **Spring Century:** Sunday, May 27, 2012. Curtis will run SAG.
- **Pinenut Cracker:** Saturday, May 19, 2012. Expecting 5 year permits this week in mail. It will be the first race of Kevin Joell's race series.
- **Carson Valley Classic:** No update.
- **King of Kingsbury Time Trial:** Sunday, May 6, 2012.
- **Cyclocross Race:** No update.
- **Bike Advocacy:** 5th Grade Poster contest for Sierra Cycling Group who is trying to get Nevada involved. They are looking for fifth graders to design a poster for cycling theme: "Take me places." Lauren has been appointed to the Bicycle Advisory Board to the JPA of South Lake Tahoe.
- **Adopt A Highway:** No update.
- **Clothing:** Motion to keep the same design for current year passes. Board agrees that Lauren should make decisions regarding color and design changes. Board agrees that colors of safety orange/white/black should be sought after. Board agrees to strike long sleeve jerseys from the order and roll those numbers into men's short sleeve jerseys sales.
- **Alta Alpina Challenge:** Still need a volunteer to replace Andrew Huntington. Otherwise things are on track. Lauren requests that Michael take a look at the inventory of items Hammer is seeing and assess what they are sending and what else we will need.

5. **Waterbottles:** New specialized bottle the "purist" is out. Board requests that we get price comparisons on the cost of two bottles. Discussion tabled until next meeting..
6. **Next Meeting:** Monday, March 5, 2012, 6 pm, TRPA Offices in Stateline.

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

- Tierra BellaApril 14
- First Thursday RaceApril 19
- Spring Membership PartyApril 22
- Chico WildflowerApril 29
- Spring CenturyMay 27

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 Have you moved? Has your e-mail address changed?
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 Update your info at www.AltaAlpina.org; click on "Membership"

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