



# PACELINE

**Alta Alpina  
Cycling Club**

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## Presidential Posting

Jim LaHue, President

Welcome to 2026! I hope that the New Year has been good so far. I know that many of you have been taking advantage of the crazy weather and are getting in some outdoor rides. If you're a skier or snowboarder, I hope you have managed to get some time in on the slopes.



I am honored to be allowed to serve as club president, and you can be assured that the leadership team has been hard at work in planning activities for the upcoming season. I hope to see everyone at our Spring Party on April 9th and our Spring Rider Roundup on the 11th. We will be reviving the "Ides of March" contest to help motivate us to get out and ride. Also, the Alta Alpina Challenge is back this year and we will need all the volunteers we can get. And, Joseph has been working on a revamped scoring system for our Thursday Night Racing Series, so stay tuned for that.

Remember this club exists for all of us. It is a club for all types of riding and all levels of riders. I would encourage anyone with a thought or idea to contact any of the board members (our emails are on the Alta Alpina Cycling Club website). You can also attend a board meeting. The dates, time, and location of the next meeting are on the website.

Of course, I would like to thank our board members that have moved on or to a different role in the club. Bruce (past president), Nigel (past vice president) and Lynn (past ride coordinator) deserve a big "THANK YOU" you for all their efforts to keep our club running smoothly.

Lastly, let's have a safe and incident free season. As many of you probably know we have had a number of accidents in Northern Nevada over the past few years. Make yourself visible and stay aware of your surroundings. We want to see you at the Fall Party in November!



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## Time to Renew Your Membership!

Take advantage of the online membership renewal software developed by Dennis Pederson. Click on "Renew Membership" on the [Membership Page](#) on the club website.

If you have any questions, please contact Allen Forbes at: [membership@altaalpina.org](mailto:membership@altaalpina.org)

## Season Kick-off April 9, April 11

Our riding season will kick-off on April 9 with the Spring Party at the CVIC Hall in downtown Minden. Doors open at 6pm. We'll have lots of food, race registration, gear, clothing, prizes, and more.

Two days later, the Spring Rider Roundup will once again offer a number of different rides starting from Genoa Town Park on Nixon Street in Genoa. Watch the rideboard on the website and your email inbox for details of the ride options and start times.



# Alta Alpina 8 Pass Challenge

Michael Bayer, Ride Director  
Mark Your Calendar for June 27

The 8 Pass Finisher Jersey is the ultimate endurance cycling trophy. Our double century features Alta Alpina's favorite passes with 20,300' of climbing –mostly riding at an altitude over 7000'. Our guests enjoy the breathtaking beauty of eight diverse climbs (and descents) in a remote and rugged area.



The 8 Pass Challenge is our primary fund raiser for 2026 and we're looking for volunteers to help before, during, and after the ride.

Please email [volunteers@altaalpina.org](mailto:volunteers@altaalpina.org) and indicate your preference for full day, morning, afternoon, or evening and if you'd prefer to volunteer at Turtle Rock Park, at a rest stop, or out on the road.

If you can't help on June 27 (or if you'd prefer to ride the 8 passes), please help out with setup or cleanup.

**Alpine County California** **June 27 2026**

**ALTA ALPINA CHALLENGE**  
EST. 2008  
Riding the Wild Sierra

Can you climb all 8 of our famous passes in one day?

KINGSBURY	EBBETTS EAST
LUTHER	EBBETTS WEST
CARSON	MONITOR WEST
BLUE LAKES	MONITOR EAST

www.AltaAlpina.org/challenge  
877.845.2453

Remember that ALL club members can post rides to the Ride Board

<https://www.altaalpina.org/rideboard/>

We've had a lot of warm weather this winter, but while the skiing has suffered, a lot of us are getting out on our bikes. If you're planning a ride and you'd like some company, please post your ride to the Ride Board. You may well meet folks that like the same type of rides as you. Send questions to [RideCoordinator@AltaAlpina.org](mailto:RideCoordinator@AltaAlpina.org)

## Weekend Ride Leaders Meeting

Jennie Hamiter, Weekend Ride Coordinator

Are you interested in improving the club ride schedule this year? Please come to our annual ride leader meeting to work out the 2026 Weekend Ride calendar. Think about the rides routes you'd like to do this year and specifically the ones that you'd be willing to lead. (It's not hard, and it's pretty fun!)

When: Monday March 9, 6pm

Where: Pizza Factory in Minden (the pizza is on the club)

RSVP or send ride ideas to: [RideCoordinator@AltaAlpina.org](mailto:RideCoordinator@AltaAlpina.org), or text to 530-307-1168

If you didn't RSVP, come anyway. If you are unable to attend but have a ride or two that you would like to see us do, please send me a description of the ride and I'll get it on the schedule.



# Alta Alpina Cycling Club — 2026 Calendar

- Mon - Mar 2**      **March Board Meeting-by Zoom**
- Mon - Mar 9**      **Weekend Ride Leaders Meeting**
- Sun - Mar 15**      **Start of the Ides of March Contest**
- Mon, Mar 30**      **April Board Meeting-by Zoom**
- [April 1]              **Passover]**
- [April 3-6]           **Easter Weekend]**
- [April 6-10]         **Lake Tahoe Schools Spring Break]**
- Thu - Apr 9**        **Spring Party at CVIC Hall**
- Sat - Apr 11**       **Spring Rider Roundup in Genoa**
- Sun - Apr 12**      **Alternate Day: Spring Rider Roundup in Genoa**
- Tue - Apr 14**      **First Weekly MTB Ride**
- Thu - Apr 16**      **First Thursday Race of 2025 Season**
- Apr 18/19**         **First Weekend Ride: TBD**
- [April 20-24]       **Diamond Valley School Spring Break]**
- [April 20-24]       **Douglas County School Spring Break]**
- Apr 25/26**         **Weekend Ride: TBD**
- Sat - Apr 25**      **TARA Ham Cram - Ham Radio Licensing**
- Sat - May 2**         **Weekend Ride: TBD**
- [Sun, May 3]        **Sierra Vista Spring Bike Festival]**
- Mon - May 4**      **May Board Meeting - Location TBD**
- May 9/10**         **Weekend Ride: TBD**
- [Sat - May 16]      **Stetina Paydirt]**
- Sun - May 17**      **Weekend Ride: TBD**
- Sun - May 24**      **Weekend Ride: TBD**
- Sat - May 30**      **Annual Memorial Cyclorama & BBQ**
- Sun - May 31       **Alternate Date for Memorial Cyclorama**
- [Mon - June 1]      **Start of Tahoe Bike Month (tahoebikemonth.org)]**
- Mon - June 1**      **June Board Meeting - Location TBD**
- Sat - June 6**      **Weekend Ride: TBD**
- [Sat - June 6]      **CVTA Spoker Ride]**
- [Sun - June 7]      **AMBRR]**
- Thu - June 11**     **Diamond Valley Bike-A-Thon**
- June 13/14**       **Weekend Ride: TBD**
- Sat - June 20**     **First Highway Cleanup**
- [June 20/21??]     **TAMBA Tahoe Mountain Bike Festival]**
- Thu - June 25      **Alta Alpina Challenge Transport Evening**
- Fri - June 26      **Alta Alpina Challenge Setup Day**
- Sat - June 27**     **Alta Alpina Challenge**
- Sun - June 28     **Alta Alpina Challenge Cleanup Day**
- July 4/5**           **Weekend Ride: TBD**
- Mon - July 6**      **July Board Meeting - Location TBD**
- Mon - July 6**      **TBD: First NICA Team Practice**
- [Sat - July 11]     **Death Ride]**
- Sun - July 12**     **Weekend Ride: TBD**
- Sat - July 18**     **Alta Alpina Challenge Staff Ride**
- Sun - July 19**     **Second Highway Cleanup**
- July 25/26**       **Weekend Ride — TBD**





- Aug 1/2**                    **Weekend Ride – TBD**
- Mon - Aug 3**            **August Board Meeting - TBD**
- Aug 8/9**                   **Weekend Ride – TBD**
- Aug 15/16**               **Weekend Ride – TBD**
- Aug 22/23**               **Weekend Ride – TBD**
- Thu - Aug 27**           **Last Thursday Race of 2026 Season & Pizza Party**
- Aug 29/30**               **Weekend Ride – TBD**
- Sep 5/6**                   **Weekend Ride – TBD**
- [Sun - Sep 6]            TBD:Rose to Toads]
- [Mon - Sep 7]            Labor Day]
- Tue - Sep 8**             **September Board Meeting - Location TBD**
- Sep 12/13**               **TBD: Davis Lake Camping Weekend (Gold Lake Loop)**
- Sat - Sep 19**            **Third Highway Cleanup**
- Sep 26/27**               **Weekend Ride – TBD**
- Oct 3/4 or 10/11**      **Tim Rowe Memorial Fall Century & Pizza Party**
- Mon - Oct 5**             **October Board Meeting - Location TBD**
- Tue - Oct 27**            **Last Weekly MTB Ride**
- Mon - Nov 2**            **Annual Meeting, Fall Party, and November Board Meeting - CVIC Hall**
- Mon - Dec 7**            **December Board Meeting - Location TBD**

**2025 Race Schedule**

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|----------|-----------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|
| April 16 | Fredericksburg Prologue     | June 25   | Fredericksburg Two Up Time Trial |
| April 23 | Diamond Valley Short Course | July 2    | Eagle Ridge Circuit Race         |
| April 30 | Grandview Criterium         | July 9    | Blue Lakes Time Trial            |
| May 7    | East Valley Time Trial      | July 16   | Pinenut Road Race                |
| May 14   | Pinenut Road Race           | July 23   | Kingsbury Time Trial             |
| May 21   | Grandview Criterium         | July 30   | Diamond Valley Road Race         |
| May 28   | Kingsbury Time Trial        | August 6  | Blue Lakes Time Trial            |
| June 4   | Diamond Valley Road Race    | August 13 | Grandview Criterium              |
| June 11  | Jacks Valley Time Trial     | August 20 | Fredericksburg Time Trial        |
| June 18  | Diamond Valley Double Back  | August 27 | Diamond Valley Short Course      |

**2025 Social Events**

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|----------|----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| April 9  | Spring Party                     | Sep 12/13           | Lake Davis Camping Weekend |
| April 11 | Spring Rider Roundup             | Oct 4, 5, 11, or 12 | Fall Pizza Party           |
| May 30   | Spring Cyclorama BBQ             | Nov 2               | Annual Meeting Fall Party  |
| Aug 27   | Racing End of Season Pizza Party |                     |                            |

**Other Big Events**

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|---------|----------------------|----------|---------------------------|
| 2/7     | Tour de Palm Springs | 5/3      | Grizzly Peak Century      |
| 4/4     | Party Pardee         | 5/17     | Strawberry Fields Forever |
| 4/16-19 | Sea Otter Festival   | 5/30     | Eastern Sierra Double     |
| 4/19    | Primavera Century    | 6/7      | The Sequoia               |
| 4/25    | Levi's Gran Fondo    | 9/12     | Mammoth Gran Fondo        |
| 4/26    | Wildflower Century   | Sept TBD | Fall River Century        |
| 5/2     | Wine Country Century | 11/14    | Death Valley Century      |



## Board Meeting Minutes—January 5, 2026

Secretary: Michael Bayer; Other Board Members: Jordan Brooks (Highway Cleanup); Michelle Brooks (Social Media); Chris Cherrix (Spring Cyclorama); Frank Dixon (Deputy Treasurer); Allen Forbes (Membership); Pam Giltner (Vice President); Jennie Hamiter (Weekend Rides & Assistant Treasurer); Jim LaHue (President); Bill Magladry (Treasurer); Timari Pruis (NICA Team Director); Joseph Whiteley (Race Director)

Meeting held by Zoom

Meeting called to order at 6:06pm

Minutes of the December meeting approved as amended. [Jennie | Pam | Unanimous]

### 1. Monthly Status Reports:

- **Treasurer:** The current checking account balance is 12,141.87. The Paypal balance is \$3,842.01. CDs are currently at \$12,331.57, \$12,230.84 and \$14,272.81. Bill and Frank pulled together a full report for the 2025 calendar year. The club's balance sheet lost \$1,234.82 over the course of 2025.
- **Membership:** Membership for 2026 is off to a great start as there are already 8 fully paid memberships including 4 brand new members. Bill suggested printing business cards for board members. Michael will find the art that Jim Sadilek prepared and Pam suggested printing to Avery card stock. Allen and Bill reviewed the process for membership renewals with the latest software updates developed by Dennis Pederson.
- **Weekend Rides:** Jennie will call a meeting for ride leaders to line up all the open slots on the weekend ride calendar in late February or early March. Chris suggested continuing the tradition of the Pizza party.
- **Weekly MTB Rides:** MTB rides will kick off in April.
- **Social Media:** Michelle is working with Michael on the Challenge social media marketing plan. Michelle needs to recover the Facebook account for the Challenge and Instagram accounts. Notices for Challenge registration have been posted.
- **Newsletter:** Michael will publish the next newsletter in February.
- **Website:** Greg reported that he updated the home page to link to the Challenge. He's working on the design of a new layout and updated look for the Challenge website. Greg needs to be looped in with the Social Media campaign so we can integrate an SEO strategy.
- **Insurance:** Michael reviewed the four essential insurance policies we need to purchase for 2026 and the timetable.
- **Clothing:** Michael raised the question of clothing donations. The consensus was that we should continue to accept donations for junior racers and promote the Spring Party gear exchange.
- **Weekly Road Races:** Joseph is working on the race budget. We'll be getting quotes on porta potties and race insurance and. There's some concern that rates may go up this year because of Johnny's accident. He's also doing a final analysis of the new scoring system.
- **Junior Team:** Timari is working on building up the Carson Valley half of the NICA team.
- **Cyclorama:** The Stetina Pay Dirt conflicts with the traditional date for the Cyclorama. Given the significance of this conflict, the Cyclorama will move to the May 30/31 weekend. Pam will contact the Stetina organizers to see if there is a role for the club which could allow us to promote membership and our events.
- **Adopt A Highway:** Jordan confirmed the weekends for 2026 Adopt-A-Highway days.



- **Challenge:** Dennis completed the registration update and we immediately launched registration with five people registering almost instantly. First drafts of the marketing plan, budget, and permits have been completed.
- **Pinenut Cracker:** Pam suggested that it might be possible to recover the PNC if we modify the course to use another permitted

route in the Pinenuts. Pam will connect with Brian for the materials.

2. **2026 Budget:** All coordinators should bring their budgets to the February meeting.
  3. **Next Meeting:** Monday, February 2, 2026, 6:00pm, by Zoom.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm

### Board Meeting Minutes – February 2, 2026

Secretary: Michael Bayer; Other Board Members: Frank Dixon (Deputy Treasurer); Bruce Eisner (Clothing Coordinator); Curtis Fong (Bicycle Advocacy); Allen Forbes (Membership); Pam Giltner (Vice President); Jennie Hamiter (Weekend Rides & Assistant Treasurer); Greg Kogut (Website Coordinator); Jim LaHue (President); Bill Magladry (Treasurer); Timari Pruis (NICA Team Director); Joseph Whiteley (Race Director)

Meeting held by Zoom

Meeting called to order at 6:01pm

Minutes of the January meeting approved presented. [Bill | Allen | Unanimous]

#### 1. Monthly Status Reports:

- **Treasurer:** The current checking account balance is \$15,871.70. The Paypal balance is \$5,138.89. CDs are currently at \$12,365.12, \$12,251.43, and \$14,306.15. Total of \$59,933.29 (including NICA funds).
- **Membership:** There are already XXX new and renewed 2026 memberships. The club has been invited to have a booth at the Biggest Little Sierra Event on Sun May 3 to promote membership. Allen is looking for volunteers.
- **Weekend Rides:** Jennie is planning the annual ride leader pizza meeting for early March. She will post something shortly.
- **Weekly MTB Rides:** No update.
- **Social Media:** Michelle has been working with Michael on the marketing the Challenge.
- **Newsletter:** Michael plans to publish the Jan/Feb newsletter around February 9. Everyone is asked to submit their content and provide feedback on the club calendar.

- **Website:** Greg is finishing up the ride catalog with Twain and updated images on the home page to pictures taken this decade. When the club calendar is set Greg will program the interactive calendar.
- **Insurance:** Michael reported that after receiving board approval he renewed the club’s LAB general liability and D&O insurance policies for \$2548.80. The next policies to purchase will be for racing and events. The LAB reminded us that all members must still sign a waiver each year, all mountain bike ride participants must sign a waiver at the start of every ride, and guests may join club rides for a single ride.
- **Clothing:** Bruce will update the inventory of clothing in stock. Michael reported that the production time for Agile Sports right now is 9 weeks with a minimum of 4 items. Timari indicated that Voler could produce jerseys faster but with a higher minimum. However there was a consensus that we should explore developing new club branding before offering new jerseys. Curtis volunteered to work on the branding project. Michael will send all the branding project documentation to Curtis.



- **Weekly Road Races:** Joseph presented a budget of \$5300 including \$1250 for the porta potty and \$1000 for insurance for the 2026 race season which was approved [Michael | Bill | Unanimous] Bill suggested moving the East Valley Time Trial to Jack's Valley due to the bad surface. Joseph presented his work on modeling all the new scoring systems. Michael pointed out that it may be useful to have a system that encourage greater participation in the second half of the season.
  - **NICA Team:** Timari reported that the South Lake Tahoe team will be splitting away from Alta Alpina. The Douglas Team will stay as an Alta Alpina team. Timari is looking for members to volunteer as coaches and looking to grow the size of the team and keep training rides in Carson Valley and Carson City to make it easier for team members and coaches.
  - **Cyclorama:** No report.
  - **Fall Century:** Jennie volunteered to take over as Fall Century Coordinator. after Dave Scarborough resigned.
  - **Adopt A Highway:** The first and third cleanups will be on Saturdays and the second will be on a Sunday to accommodate the Staff Ride.
  - **Challenge:** Marketing has gone well and early bird registrations hit a record of 34. We're now at 35. Michael presented a budget of \$19,825 including up to \$1500 for marketing and \$2600 for insurance. [Pam | Jim | Unanimous].
  - **Bike Advocacy:** Curtis is tied into LTBC, CVTA, Reno Bike Project, Muscle Powered, other groups, and legislative activities at different levels of government. Curtis will work with Michael to push out news through the newsletter and priority emails.
  - **Pinenut Cracker:** Michael tracked down the GPX for the old PNC route and passed it to Pam.
2. **Pay Dirt:** Pam is working with the organizers of the Stetina Pay Dirt to identify a role for Alta Alpina.
  3. **Ides of March Contest:** Given the warm weather and strong early season interest, we will bring back the Ides of March contest for 2026. Rules will be the same as in the past. Michael will provide details through the newsletter.
  4. **Travel Case Lending Program:** The club will also revive the travel case lending program with a couple of bicycle travel boxes that will be available for members to borrow. Michael will store the boxes temporarily and work to make space in the club storage unit. The board needs to appoint a contact person for this program.
  5. **Local Merchant Program:** Local merchants have indicated that the existing program hasn't kept up with changes in the economics of retail. Members are asked to review the existing program, talk to local merchants, and be prepared to discuss changes to the program at the next board meeting.
  6. **Next Meeting:** Monday, March 2, 2026, 6pm by Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52pm

## Local Merchant Program





# Alta Alpina Cycling Club

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Daylight Saving Time	Sun, March 8
Spring Membership Party	Thu, April 9
Spring Rider Roundup	Sat, April 11
First Thursday Race	Thu, April 16
Memorial Cyclorama	Sat, May 30
8 Pass Challenge	Sat, June 27

**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](mailto:membership@altaalpina.org)

## Alta Alpina Cycling Club Board Members

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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 **March 2 by Zoom.**

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