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**Alta Alpina
Cycling Club**

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Time to Renew Your Membership!

Tod Conover, Membership Coordinator

It's time to renew your Alta Alpina Cycling Club membership for 2019.

Membership fees are unchanged for 2019:

Individual Membership \$30

Family Membership \$50

Student Membership \$15

The annual membership party is **April 11 at the CVIC hall in Minden**, but you should renew online right now by visiting the club website.

Membership Renewal Instructions...

1. You can find the "Join or Renew Membership" link at the top of the "Membership" page of the club website. Or just go directly to: http://altaalpina.org/membership/join_renew.php
2. Enter your email address (the one that you used to join in 2018).
3. If you need to make changes to your contact information, select "Changes to contact info." The system provides a link to download a PDF form to fill out and return to us. It also says to include a check. A check is great, but you can still pay by PAYPAL if you want - just run through the process twice. The first time select "Changes to contact info," so you get the form; the second time say select "No changes," so you can continue on to PAYPAL.
4. If you don't need the form for making changes to your contact information, select "No Changes."
5. Click "Paypal or credit card."
6. On this page (a) select the type of membership you want to sign up for, (b) select "Digital Only" (printed newsletters are no more), (c) enter your email again, (d) select "Pay Now."
From here on the process is handled by PayPal

If you have questions, or problems, contact Tod Conover (membership@altaalpina.org)

An Incentive to Recruit New Members

Each brand new member you bring to the club earns you \$10. Tell your friends, family, and coworkers about us and get them to join. New members start the process by using the same link above or by just navigating from our home page (at <http://altaalpina.org>), clicking on "Membership", and clicking on "Join or Renew Membership". They download their membership form, fill it out, sign and initial in the indicated spaces, and send it in with their check for membership fees. To receive your credit make sure that they reference you in the space provided on the form. There is no limit to how many new members you can earn credit for.

Membership Party...

The membership party is again being held at the CVIC hall in Minden. It is on April 11 and starts at 6:00 PM. There will be pizza and prizes as always. Even if you've already renewed, please come and bring your friends.

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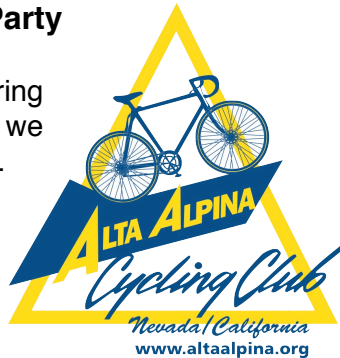
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2019 Alta Alpina Events and Activities

Spring Membership Party Thursday April 11

Join us for the annual spring membership party where we kick off the riding season. Enjoy great food, make new friends, and learn more about all the events and activities planned for 2019.



Ray Rickard Memorial Spring Century Sunday May 26

This event is free to club members and this year will feature 3 different route options: 36 mile (Diamond Valley Loop), 65 mile (out-and-back), 70 mile (full loop).



Tim Rowe Memorial Fall Century October, Date TBD

Another free event for members, the Alta Alpina Fall Century is the last big ride of the year. The out-and-back ride from Wellington to Bridgeport features a rest stop coming and going and a Pizza Dinner at the finish.



Weekend Club Rides Every Weekend Starting in April

There's a club ride or activity virtually every weekend from April to October. Club rides vary in distance and terrain but always feature post ride snacks. Check the rideboard on the website or newsletter for details.



Thursday Night Races Starting Thursday April 18

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to enter these races - you don't have to consider yourself a racer to participate. The races have four categories, A through D, where A's are the fastest.



Alta Alpina Challenge Saturday June 29

The Alta Alpina Challenge— Riding the Wild Sierra is the club's annual fund raising event. We host riders from around our neighborhood and around the world to challenge themselves on our local roads and mountain passes.



Annual End of Season Party November, Date TBD

At our annual general membership meeting, awards dinner and end of the year party we celebrate the year with great food and presentations of race series awards.



Alta Alpina Rideboard All-Year

The Alta Alpina rideboard is a fantastic way to link up with people to ride with. Use the rideboard on the club's website to post a ride you're planning to do so that other club members can join you.





Presidential Posting

Nigel Leigh, President

G'day team! This is your new club president here. For those of you who don't happen to know me, I'm a three year resident of Carson Valley, imported from New Zealand by GE-Bently Nevada. My better-half Desiree is one of the Thursday night race directors, and we have two teenage sons Pieter & Isaac. I'm a very keen mountain biker, a B-grade Thursday night racer and a mediocre road rider. I'm somewhat surprised (but quietly very proud) that you've voted me in as President of such a dynamic club. But you know you've scraped through the bottom of the barrel when you come up with something from the South Pacific! If you promise to keep your expectations low, I'll promise to meet them :-)

Its mid winter, and you're probably not thinking about biking a lot at the moment. But rest assured, your hard

working committee is. They battled through blizzard conditions this week to attend the monthly meeting. Races and rides are being planned along with the myriad of little tasks needed to keep an active club like this humming along.

One awesome piece of news which came out of the committee meeting - this year's California Triple Crown series is to include the Alta Alpina Challenge as one of its rides. There are typically 180 riders in that series, so that should be a great boost to the numbers in Challenge this year. Yeah!!

When I asked my family what I should write in this blurb, they said "keep it short, like two words". Wow. So which two to choose? Here's the winning combo:

"Biking soon!"

We're looking for photos from club and local rides!

Please send ride photos to:

photos@altaalpina.org

Annual Meeting Minutes—November 2, 2017

Secretary: Michael Bayer;

69 Members present

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm

1. **Thanks to 2018 Board of Directors:** The individuals who served the club during 2018 were introduced and thanked for their service. Chris Rhiner, who has served many years as the club's president will not be standing for election and the club extended a hearty thanks to her for all her efforts as president.
2. **Board of Directors Election:** After calls for nomination for each position, the following directors were elected for 2019:
 - President: Nigel Leigh
 - Vice President: Tammy Lundquist
 - Treasurer: Frank Dixon
 - Secretary: Michael Bayer
 - Membership Coordinator: Tod Conover
 - Ride Coordinator: Rick Miyashiro
3. **Call for Coordinators:** Vacant coordinator positions were reviewed and there was a call for volunteers. The following volunteers came forward:
 - Curtis Fong: Weekend Ride Leader
 - Lori Kroboth: Deputy Treasurer
 - Gregg Westerbeck: Membership Growth
 - Thomas Walker: Highway Cleanup
 - Brian Dempsey: Pinenut Cracker Coordinator
4. **Vacancies:** At the conclusion of the meeting the following positions remained vacant:
 - Volunteer Coordinator
 - Marketing Coordinator
 - Social Media Coordinator

Motion to adjourn the meeting,
(Chris, 1st, Frank, 2nd, No Objections)



Board Meeting Minutes—December 10, 2018

Secretary: Michael Bayer; Other Board Members: Tod Conover (Membership); Frank Dixon (Treasurer); Tammy Lundquist (by telephone, Vice-president); Carlo Luri (Advocacy); Rick Miyashiro (Weekend Rides); Chris Rhiner (President); Jim Sadilek (Website); Others: Nigel Leigh (President-Elect); Kimberly Bodenstein; Lori Krobach, Jim Rhiner

Meeting called to order at 6:10pm

Minutes of 11/12 (Chris/Frank/Unanimous)

1. Monthly Status Reports:

- **Membership:** One member has already paid for 2019 membership so we need to approve 2019 fees at this meeting. Streamlining membership renewals process was discussed.
- **Treasurer:** The current checking account balance is \$9311.70. The Paypal balance is \$9938.91. Our financial situation is better than it was at this time last year.
- **Weekend Rides:** Two people volunteered to join the weekend ride team for 2019: Curtis Fong and Dave Scarborough.
- **Social Media:** Jennie took care of updating the Facebook pages for the club and the challenge for the launch of Challenge registration. We're working to get all the account details from Corby to Kimberly.
- **Newsletter:** It was decided that the next newsletter will be in January. Michael is looking for good off-season content.
- **Website:** Jim has updated the website post-annual meeting.
- **Weekly Road Races:** We're still missing 26 chips from this year and 35 from last year. The big project for the winter is getting back all the chips and refurbishing them. We're looking at fade-resistant materials, better water proofing, and stronger plastic. Joseph Whitely has modified the chip carrier design and is working on manufacturing them. The current deposit does not cover the replacement cost of the chips and it was suggested that we should consider increasing the deposit to \$20 for 2019.
- **Junior Team:** Carlo reported that the Oct 17 race was the last of the NICA season and the team won 3rd overall just behind some very substantial teams and there were some outstanding individual wins. The board heartily congratulates the team and its coaches! The team is well represented in the South Lake but we want to recruit more students from Carson Valley schools.
- **Spring & Fall Centuries:** Dave Scarborough has volunteered to coordinate again but we need to confirm a start location for the Spring Century. Dave will confirm the date for Fall Century.
- **Spring Party:** The date for the spring party needs to be before the first Thursday race and timed so that it fits the schedule for local schools so that we can recruit for the Junior Teams. Tod will work with Gregg Westerbeck on plans. Michael will check on CVIC availability so that the hall can be booked ASAP.
- **Annual Party:** Lori once again did an amazing job and everyone agreed that the food was awesome. The board authorized payment of \$1200 to Lori (Frank/Chris/Unanimous). Michael followed up with the Town of Minden on the issue with the fire alarm. Frank suggested we might look for a lake basin venue next year.
- **Insurance:** Kimberly volunteered to review our insurance arrangements. Michael has started the process for Challenge and race insurance and reported that the Liability and D&O insurance will be due at the end of January.
- **Pinenut Cracker:** Brian Dempsey volunteered to work on the Pinenut Cracker. We might be able to pull it off for 2019 but it might be too late to get permits, but we can work towards 2020.
- **King of Kingsbury Time Trial:** Interest was expressed in reviving the KoK Saturday race we just need to recruit a coordinator. It should be easier to promote the event now that it was part of the Amgen and there are pro times to measure against.
- **Cyclocross Race:** We may still be able to pull off a event in 2019.
- **Mixed Terrain:** Michael presented an update on the Mixed Terrain project. The plan is to lead a community coalition to produce the Carson Valley Adventure Ride Series. Michael produced a 10 minute video to present the project to the Carson Valley Visitors Authority who we hope



will be a significant partner.

- **Bike Advocacy:** Carlo reported that he attended the annual Eastern Sierra Trails Coalition meeting. He met with BLM, USFS, NVSP and other trails groups and discussed making trail connections between existing systems. There were updates on the Sand Harbor trail, the Tahoe-Pyramid trail, the Clear Creek Trail connector to King's Canyon, and the proposed VNT trail to connect Minden to Reno. Douglas County approved work on the Old Kingsbury Trail including an underpass. Carlo also reported that we need to take action to push the county to build bike lanes on the Mueller Parkway which will be completed over the next six years.
 - **Adopt A Highway:** Frank reported that we had three successful cleanups this year. Thomas Walker will be taking over in 2019 and Frank is going to facilitate the official transition with CalTrans.
 - **Clothing:** We sold some clothing inventory at the party and Lori will inventory what's left so we can update the website. Lori will bump some prices to reflect the higher costs.
 - **Challenge:** The Challenge website has been updated for 2019 and has been re-dressed to be consistent with the new color scheme and logo and other marketing materials. The posters and cards have been printed and distribution has started. Registration for 2019 has opened and registrations have started coming in. Michael requested that members send him pictures and their thoughts and advice for riding their favorite of the eight passes. Michael will be working with Kimberly on a social media campaign. Next up is working on insurance and permits.
2. **Appointment of New Officials:** The board approved the job description for the Deputy Treasurer. It will support all the roles of the Treasurer other than filings (Michael/Frank/Unanimous). The board approved the job description for the Membership Growth Coordinator to work on attracting new members and retaining existing members (Chris/Michael/Unanimous). The board appointed Lori Kroboth as Deputy Treasurer, Gregg Westerbeck as Membership Growth Coordinator, and Kimberly Bodenstein as Social Media Coordinator (Michael/Tod/Unanimous)
 3. **Club Tents:** The club's existing logoed 10x10 shade tent is at the end of its useable life and needs

to be replaced. (It's about 30 years old.) Carlo and Michael were shopping for deals and vendors at Interbike. Having a logoed tent is important for promoting the club at all the club events, at the junior races, and all the events to which we send volunteers to promote the club and our events. In particular, the NICA team really wants logoed tents as it is essential functionally for the team and the branding is actually a key part of team building for the kids. Media coverage for these events is also great publicity for the club. Tents are used at the annual club events (SC, FC, AC, PNC, KoK, CX, 3xMT), at least four junior team events, and a handful of other events where we hope to have a presence. It would be desirable to have multiple tents to ease logistics. The NICA team wants three tents and the Challenge and Mixed Terrain need as many tents as we can get. Tod expressed concern about the cost of this investment. The trade-offs of cost versus durability were discussed. Michael pointed out that the club has committed to financial support for the NICA team and that this is at the top of their list of needs and expressed concerns about having sponsor logos on tents that should last decades. It was suggested that we buy at least one as soon as possible and that we acquire two more as we can afford them and once we've had a year to fully evaluate the durability and design. In the meantime we could purchase some additional banners to use with borrowed and plain tents. Carlo will do more research and the board will make a final decision at the February or March meeting at the latest.

4. **2019 Membership Fees:** It was decided that the membership fees will remain unchanged for 2019.
5. **Chip Deposit:** Michael will work up a budget for the refurbishment process and determine a replacement cost. We can then determine an appropriate deposit amount.
6. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, Jan 15, 2019, 6 pm, Lakeside Inn in Stateline.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Michael presented the Mixed Terrain proposal video after the meeting was adjourned.



Board Meeting Minutes—January 15, 2019

Secretary: Michael Bayer; Other Board Members: Tod Conover (Membership)(by telephone); Frank Dixon (Treasurer); Nigel Leigh (President); Tammy Lundquist (Vice-president); Carlo Luri (Advocacy); Rick Miyashiro (Weekend Rides)(by telephone); Gregg Westerbeck (Membership Growth)

Meeting called to order at 6:20 pm

Minutes of the December 4 meeting approved
[Nigel/Frank/Unanimous]

1. Monthly Status Reports:

- **Treasurer:** The current checking account balance is: \$6,210.26. The PayPal account balance is \$12,265.18. Paypal wants to know if we want to add Paypal Payments to our account. Frank and Michael will review. and Frank will activate his Paypal access. Frank with access to Paypal. Frank will coordinate schedules with Nigel and Lori Kroboth to have them added to the checking account as signers.
- **Membership:** 2019 Membership renewal season has begun and Tod is working on a renewal email that will go out to all 2018 members. The membership party is set for Thursday April 11 and will be a real focus for recruiting new members.
- **Weekend Rides:** Rick reports that there's nothing new since December. He will be contacting the weekend ride leaders before the end of the month to hash out the first half of the ride schedule.
- **Social Media:** Nigel will try contacting Corby to retrieve needed passwords. Jennie will work with Kimberley to get her set as on our Facebook accounts.
- **Newsletter:** Michael has started on the January newsletter and it will go out as soon as he has completed the minutes, and received items from Nigel, Tod, and Carlo.
- **Website:** Jim Sadilek is working on a new website banner and has requested a fix for problems with the homepage. Michael is working on this and is consulting with Dennis.
- **Insurance:** League of American Bicyclists Insurance is due for renewal on February 1. We have a quote for D&O insurance of \$575 but we don't yet have a quote for the GL insurance. Once we have a quote Michael will circulate to the board for approval. Carlo asked if a wet-ink signature is required for club waivers. Michael will explore this with the insurance company.
- **Clothing:** Lori is updating inventory so we can update the website. Michael is working on new options on the Voler store.
- **Weekly Road Races:** Michael is working on the elements needed for refurbishing race chips and is still hoping to get back the missing chips so that they can be refurbished. Joseph is getting a cost on producing the new chip holders. We're looking for race photos from the 2017 and 2018 season. Anyone with photos should submit them to photos@altaalpina.org. Michael proposed that we repeat the same race schedule as last year as it included the option for racing a time trial every other week. The race series will start on April 18. July 4 lands on a Thursday this year and the board decided to skip that Thursday and extend the race season to September 5.
- **Junior Teams:** Carlo reviewed the NICA team organization and timetable for 2019. All members of the team will need to be club members this year. The club will immediately reimburse Carlo's accumulated prior-years expenses. Carlo also presented a budget for 2019. The club will explore the option to fully sponsor the team or to look for sponsors. The NICA team needs a branded tent and banners for the team area at each of their races.
- **Spring Century:** The 2019 Ray Rickard Memorial Century takes place on Memorial Day weekend. Michael will confirm location with Tina.
- **Fall Century:** Dave Scarborough is working on organizing this but has warned that he may be away on the day of the event so he might need a volunteer for the rest stop.
- **Adopt A Highway:** Frank is pulling together all the supplies and will be contacting Thomas to coordinate a hand-off.
- **Pinenut Cracker:** The government shutdown is creating a backlog of permit applications so pulling off the traditional Pinenut Cracker might not be possible this year so we may have to focus on a 2020 event. However, Robert had



some ideas for alternatives to carry us to next year.

- **King of Kingsbury Time Trial:** This could be a popular event now that we have RFID timing chip equipment and there are professional times for men and women thanks to the Amgen race last year.
- **Cyclocross Race:** No Report.
- **Mixed Terrain:** Carlo reported that the proposal video prepared for the Carson Valley Visitors Authority was very well received and they are writing a letter of support for us. The next step that Michael and Carlo will be undertaking is to begin recruiting other partners in the Carson Valley. Carlo suggested that we try to modify the courses to start/finish at hotels.
- **Challenge:** Exciting news: the Alta Alpina 8 Pass Challenge Double Century will be part of the 2019 California Triple Crown Stage Race. This means we can expect a good turn-out for this year's 8 pass option. Marketing for the other options is well underway and we already have 33 registered riders. Michael is still looking for club members to submit photos and thoughts on their favorite pass. Michael is now working on the detailed budget for 2019. Among the biggest risks for 2019 is the government shutdown which threatens to create a backlog of permit approvals.
- **Bike Advocacy:** Carlo reported that there is an upcoming bicycle advocacy day at the Capitol in Carson City to meet/educate the 2019 assembly. Carlo will get details. The Amgen men's race is coming back to the Tahoe Basin in 2019 and they are expected to climb Luther Pass and finish at

Heavenly but they will not be coming through Carson Valley and climbing Kingsbury.

2. **Appointment of 2019 Officials:** Motion to appoint all coordinators who volunteered for the 2019 term. [Michael/Tammy/Unanimous]
3. **Membership Recruiting Incentive:** Gregg proposed that we provide an incentive to encourage existing members to recruit new members. After exploring a variety of alternatives the board decided that to authorize Tod to set up a system for awarding a \$10 credit for each brand new member that an existing member recruits. [Michael/Nigel/Unanimous]
4. **Tent Purchase:** Carlo contacted the tent vendor that we met with at Interbike. They will honor their show price special for an order that we place this spring. He also confirmed the terms of their warranty and that they do stock spare parts. The consensus is that we should order one new tent plus banners that can be attached to two generic tents that the club already owns. We'll test the new tent this season and invest in up to two additional tents when appropriate. We'd like to have the tent as soon as the spring party and given the lead time in production so it was decided that we should order now. [Michael/Frank/Unanimous]
5. **Challenge Admin Expenses:** It was decided to reimburse Michael \$1500 for miscellaneous expenses for the 2018 Challenge. [Tammy/Frank/Approved]
6. **Next Meeting:** Monday, February 4, 2019, 6 pm, Jethros in Gardnerville.
Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm

Local Merchant Discount Program

We're excited that local merchants who support the Alta Alpina Cycling Club are 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.

Show your AACC Membership Card at time of purchase. When you renew your membership you'll receive a PDF to print with your membership card.



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Spring Party at CVIC Hall .Thursday, April 11
 Spring Century Sunday, May 26
 Alta Alpina Challenge .Saturday, June 29
 Thursday Night Races .Thursday, April 18

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

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The club is about and for you! All AACC members are welcomed to participate in our **Board Meetings** held the **first Monday of each month at 6:00 pm.** The location alternates between the Carson Valley and South Lake Tahoe.. Join us on **Monday February 4 at Jethros** in the **Gardnerville Ranchos.**

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