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2012 Alta Alpina Challenge

Michael Bayer, Ride Director

On Saturday June 30 the club's showcase event, the Alta Alpina Challenge: Riding the Wild Sierra, exceeded all our expectations. Thank you to all the volunteers, participants, sponsors, and agencies who came together to make it possible!

This ride changes people's lives. Participants from as far away as Japan trained for months. Some people were riding their very first organized ride and others were going for the personal best on the 8 pass course, but for just about everyone this day represented one of the greatest challenges of their lives. Members of Alta Alpina should be very proud indeed

Thanks to the year-round efforts of Laura Caimi and her far-flung marketing team of club members, enthusiastic repeat participants, and supporting cycling organizations, we had nearly 400 riders out on the road.

Mike Turek organized the health permits and the kitchen at Turtle Rock Park and with the help of an awesome team of volunteers from the club and Hung A LeI Ti community of the Washoe Tribe served meals to participants and volunteers from 3:00am to midnight.

Jim Harris pulled together the HAM radio infrastructure for the event including specially outfitting his RV and recruiting more HAM radio operators. Along with the team of mobile HAM operators, SAG drivers, motorcycle SAGs, course ambulance, NHP, Alpine County Sheriff's deputies, volunteer doctors and nurses, and the coordination of Kevin Willitts and Curtis Fong we once again produced an event with no serious injuries.

I wish I had room here to recognize the significant contributions of each and every club member who stepped up, got involved, and made an impact. I hope that everyone can attend the volunteer BBQ later this summer (date still TBD) where I'll get the opportunity to do so in person. I do want to mention a few other special volunteers whose efforts stretched over much of the year:

Dennis Pederson wrote and maintained the software for the online registration system; Lauren Lindley coordinated sponsorships; Peter Costa handled finances, medical team coordination and supplies, as well as the Monitor rest stop; Robert Braun managed and organized the club storage unit and the materials therein as well as the Kingsbury rest stop; Twain Berg aggressively promoted the event online and organized the Blue Lakes rest stop; last but not least Jennie Hamiter did everything that might have fallen between the cracks and put up with me working day and night for the last year.

Wrap-up of this year's event continues and work has already begun for next year. Make an entry in your calendar now for June 29, 2013.

[Please let me know](#) if you can help with the work for 2013.

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Thanks to the club members and volunteers, I was fortunate to experience the wondrous, majestic views of the Sierra riding for the first time. The supportive, welcoming volunteers, who were patient to answer all questions at sign up and at rest stops, regarding ascents, views, and passes, not only rendered the experience wonderful, but actually helped me push myself and do the three passes I signed up for. Every volunteer I met contributed to the sum of a great day. I find it amazing that so many people take so much of their time just to make other people happy.

--Naama, Campbell CA



Lunch Stop: Mike Turek and the Cleymaet Family



Kingsbury Rest Stop



Kingsbury



Emigrant Trail Rest Stop



Carson Pass Rest Stop



Luther Pass Rest Stop



Ebbetts Pass Rest Stop



Ebbetts



Hermit Valley Rest Stop



Hermit Valley



Monitor Pass Rest Stop





Presidential Posting

Mel Maalouf, President

It is hard to imagine a better challenge, the Alta Alpina Challenge. While the ride itself speaks for itself, the challenge of pulling off such a wide ranging ride with respect to all the different levels that can take their own personal challenge with the number and quality of rest stops is a challenge accompli. While it takes a lot of work by a lot of people, the workload always seems like soft pedaling as always when volunteering for cycling events. It seems like the clock flies by so quickly and the pulls not so tiring since this is a sport that we all enjoy. The buzz of cycling events always pushes up spirits and energy levels for both the riders and volunteers. Details of the ride will be forthcoming in this issue and following issues so I won't duplicate.

The junior team did general help on Friday and parking setup. Like we have done for about a dozen years, we

slept under the stars and woke for the early morning parking crew work. later that day we didn't let the opportunity escape for us to bag a pass. This year during the Challenge and during Junior Team training, 5 riders rode their first major pass. It is quite a good feeling to guide these kids up their first pass and then coach them down safely with them finishing the second half without fear and the exhilarating feeling of letting the brakes go and allowing gravity to take over. This year the junior team has seen a rewarding resurgence with new riders finding the tempo and returning riders setting the tempo at higher and higher levels. I look forward to working with the kids in the coming years and seeing even more kids learn to ride bikes.

Ride on!

2012 Alta Alpina Road Race Season

Di Bolton, Road Race Director

See our website at www.AлтаAlpina.org for directions to race venues. Schedule is subject to change, so check the website before each race. Races start promptly at 6:15 pm. Be there ready to race!

7/26	Blue Lakes Time Trial	8/9	Club Challenge:	8/23	Diamond Valley RR (short course, season finale)
8/2	East Valley Criterium		Pinenut Road Race		
		8/16	Foothill Time Trial		

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](#)

Local Merchant Discount Program

Details about local merchant offers is listed under "Merchant Discounts" on our website at www.AлтаAlpina.org. **Show your AACC Membership Card at time of purchase.** If you are an active AACC member, the mailing label on the first Paceline you received upon renewal has the club logo and note indicating that it is your membership card.





Saturday – July 28th

*Bikes Only Ride – 7 AM
Start at Galena High Parking Lot
12 -32 mile ride options*

*Fun Run – 7:30 AM
Start on Freeway
Enter freeway from Reno side*

*Public Event - 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Bikes and Pedestrians
Enter freeway from Reno Side*

Still lots of informational booth space left

*Questions, comments or booth space Contact – Mark Kimbrough 775-720-4732
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Riding in Italy

John Cotter

We spent the month of May visiting Italy. We spent almost the entire month touring in Northern Italy on our bikes. We spent the majority of our time riding with Bill Speckman our guide and the owner of Your Cycling Italia bike touring company in Semonza, Italy.

Bill Speckman tours consisted of day rides from a hotel located at the base of the Monte Grappa. We would ride each day, usually in the mornings unless it was raining, to various places such as the Asiago plateau, Foza, the walled city of Asolo or the town of Follina in the heart of the Prosecco wine region to name a few. Our final ride with Bill was up the Monte Grappa, a 18 mile climb with about 5600 feet of climbing. Our rides would always consist of a few hours of riding and then a stop for cappuccino and brioche and then a few more hours of riding back to the hotel for a 3-course lunch. The afternoons were filled with visiting walled cities such as Marostica, museums, bike shops and gelaterias.

During our visit to Italy we went to four stages of the Giro d'Italia. We saw the team time trial in Verona, the finish in Vedelago and the start in Treviso, where we were fortunate enough to have our picture taken with Giovanni the founder of Pinarello.



Our favorite stage was when we rented a car and drove to Agordo to ride up the Passo Duran where we watched the Giro come by on their way to Cortina.

We took a few side trips by train to visit Milan, Lake Como, Venice and Salzburg, Austria.

Everywhere we went we found the people of Italy to be friendly and welcoming. The food was delicious and always fresh. We also took a couple days to bike tour on our own. We rode up the Brenta River on a beautiful bike path that would take you into Austria if one wanted to keep riding. We

rode as far as Caldonazzo a beautiful little town on a lake at the base of the Dolomites.

Our trip to Italy was wonderful. We enjoyed every moment - the riding, the food, the sites, the Giro and the people we spent time with. We look forward to going back again very soon!





Board Meeting Minutes—July 9, 2012

Secretary: Lauren Lindley; Other Board Members: Michael Bayer, Robert Braun, Pete Costa, Curtis Fong, Mel Maalouf, Joe Marzocco, Dave Scarborough; Other Attendees: Laura Caimi, Wayne Trellogen

1. Monthly Status Reports:

- **Treasurer:** As of 7/09/12 our bank balance is \$63,083.91 and Paypal balance as of 07/09/2012 is \$7,151 but there around \$7,500 in outstanding checks. Mel is still owed for clothing order.
- **Membership:** 166 members as of yesterday. Postings on ride board goes to 180-ish emails.
- **Weekend Rides:** Ellen got 2nd in the Super D in Nationals. Way to go Ellen. Ride board has been very active.
- **Newsletter:** There is enough content for the July newsletter already. Just waiting on Presidential Posting and Minutes.
- **Website:** There are a few things that need to be updated on the website.
- **Weekly Road Races:** Di not in attendance. Reminders should be sent out every week.
- **Mountain Bike Races:** No update.
- **Junior Team:** 10 people for JR ride today. A couple of the kids raced the stage race this weekend. It was a good experience.
- **Spring Century:** Moment Ski Family is happy to host the spring century again next year. The location was awesome: there was plenty of lawn and parking.
- **Pinenut Cracker:** Next event May 2013, after Mother's Day but before Memorial Day. 102 riders this year.
- **Carson Valley Classic:** The Little City Stage Race had 240 riders with a large JR field and a large 15-18 field (40-ish) riders. Lots of prizes, very well done.
- **King of Kingsbury Time Trial:** No update.
- **Cyclocross Racing:** Indian Hills end of October. Possible date end of November as well for second event.
- **Bike Advocacy:** LTBC is holding a bike rodeo for youth on July 20th. Bike ride on new 395 freeway tentatively still to be held on July 28th.
- **Adopt A Highway:** We need a replacement Adopt-A-Hwy coordinator because Casey Willetts

has graduated and is moving out of the area.

- **Clothing:** We are already sold out of medium and large jerseys. Club agrees to order enough short sleeve jerseys to last us through next year. We will raise the price on each piece by \$5 to cover costs. Lauren will create a survey monkey to gauge interest in other pieces of clothing.
2. **The Alta Alpina Challenge:** 469 people submitted registration forms. Of those, 398 showed up to ride consisting of 107 eight pass riders, 49 five or six pass riders, 204 one to four pass riders (58 metric, 116 century, and 30 BYOR), and 38 family fun riders (29 were GE employees and 9 friends and family of other riders). \$40,052 plus possible post-event jersey orders in revenue. Expenses to date are over \$25,000. Outstanding expenses include jersey re-order, ambulance, forest service fees, reimbursements, scout troop, profit sharing with Hung-A-Lel-Ti, and other group donations. Profit could be as high as \$12,000. Receiving dozens of emails with thanks and positive feedback. Only four negative items to discuss: incident of damaged bike; an unhappy volunteer; one rider who got sick 28 hours after ride, and one food complaint. Decisions going forward: volunteer BBQ date; if we have enough income this year we should buy pre-printed cone-top directional signs printed; we would like to invest in plastic boxes and shelving in the storage unit; consider buying an additional tent for the club. We should explore other options for color printing for future years. Full ride postmortem meeting to be held in separate meeting in July or August. Lauren motions that we raise Michael Bayer's stipend for ride director to \$1600 from \$1200. Motion passes.
 3. **HCTT \$250 Champ Sponsorship:** Kevin Joell put in a bid for NCNCA Hill Climb Time Trial Championship and won it - August 12, 2012. He is making a request for a \$250 sponsorship. Lauren motions to provide a \$250 sponsorship for the event on behalf of the club. Motion passes..
 4. **Next Meeting:** Monday, August 6, 2012, 6 pm, Pizza Factory in Gardnerville.



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Rush to Washoe ..Saturday, July 28
- Wild Hillacious Comstock ..Saturday, Aug 18
- Hoodoo 500Friday, Aug 24
- Fruit Yard Century ...Saturday, Sept 8
- Wild Hillacious Sonora ..Saturday, Sep 15
- TAMBA MTB Rides ..every Tue @5:00
- Thursday Night Races ..every Thu @6:15

MOVED? GOT NEW CONTACT INFO?
 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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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 **August 6** at the **Pizza Factory** in the **Gardnerville Ranchos.**