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Cycling Club**

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Presidential Posting

Bruce Eisner, President

A big thank you to all the club (and non-club) members who were critical for staging a successful Alta Alpina Challenge, the 4 Death Ride Training Series rides, and who assisted in various capacities with the Death Ride. An extra big shoutout to Michael Bayer and Jennie Hamiter for their tireless work on the Challenge and the DRTS. See the Challenge recap below.

In the coming months the Club Board will continue discussions with the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce to determine if there is a path forward for enhanced Club involvement with the Death Ride. Michael Bayer and I (though Michael to a much greater degree) have participated in the planning, and will participate in the post-ride evaluation, as we develop a greater understanding and appreciation for what it means for the Club to be more actively involved.

Stay cool as we enjoy a snow-free summer!



The 2024 Alta Alpina Challenge

Michael Bayer, Challenge Director

On Saturday June 24 the club's showcase event, the Alta Alpina Challenge: Riding the Wild Sierra, was a tremendous success. I want to thank all the participants, sponsors, agencies, and most significantly the small team of volunteers (both club members and non-club members), who came together to make the day awesome!

Some participants were riding their first organized ride and others were hoping for their best time on the 8 pass route, but for just about everyone this day represented one of the greatest challenges and adventures of their lives. Members of Alta Alpina should be very proud of this event!

With the fire department using Turtle Rock Park, our venue was the front lawn of Diamond Valley School this year. (A big thank you to the school district administration for letting us use this facility and providing access to water and power.) This small venue meant that we were limited to 100 participants and with just \$28 spent on marketing we sold out. Despite that limitation the club still earned over \$4000 plus all the leftovers needed for the race series and weekend rides.

The weather was perfect for riding and for serving food in our outdoor venue.

More big thank yous to SIERA, StorAll, Smiths, Alpen Sierra, Bike Habitat, Blue Zone, Shoreline of Tahoe, and The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society which all made significant contributions to the event.

Last but not least, a huge thank you to Jennie Hamiter, Jordan Brooks, and Bruce Eisner who helped out for weeks before, during, and after the event.



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JULY 27

Douglas County Comprehensive Trails Plan Public Workshops

Douglas County is working to update the county's official plans for the future of recreational trails.

Two workshops are planned for **July 27:**

10:00am-12:00pm
Topaz Ranch Estates
Community Building
2838 Carter Drive,
Wellington NV

3:00pm-6:00pm
Douglas County Community
and Senior Center,
1329 Waterloo Lane,
Gardnerville NV

We only get this opportunity to influence county policy on trails once every decade or so. As an Alta Alpina Cycling Club member, please try to attend one of these workshops so that the needs of both road cyclists and mountain bikers are incorporated into the Douglas County plan.

For questions, contact:
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Alta Alpina Challenge Photos







AACC Weekend Ride Schedule—July/August

Lyn Willoughby, Weekend Ride Coordinator.

Sunday, July 30, 2023 — Boca to Cisco Grove

Meet at the Historic Boca Townsite, which is a dirt parking lot (right turn right after the railroad tracks off of Stampede Meadows Rd, about 1/3 of a mile north of I80 at the Hirschdale Rd. Exit. Be ready to ride at 9:00am. As Donner Pass is closed still by Nevada County for rock wall stability, an alternate route is planned. If the pass is open last minute, we will ride the original planned route. The alternate route is to go Stampede Rd to the dam out to Dog Valley Rd-Hobart Mills to Hwy 89. From there up Alder Creek-Ski Slope-Northwoods back to Donner Pass Rd. A CW lap of the lake and W/E River to the Legacy Trail. The ride would go up at the Sports Park-Joerger, cross 267 at Old Brockway, then the new Trail to Castle peak lots and up highlands to the Ritz then back to Legacy Trail Hirshdale to the car. Distance will be about 70 miles and ride time about 4:45.

Sunday, July 30, 2023 — Virginia City, the easy way

Meet at the Chocolate Nugget parking in Mound House off of Hwy 50, ready to ride at 9:00am for a 30 mile ride. We will start from the parking lot and ride up the truck route to Virginia City. There will be an optional Lousetown loop and then return. Please RSVP to lynwilloughby@att.net or text to 951 642-1611.

Sunday, August 20, 2023 — Quincy to Laporte

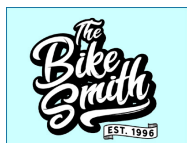
This is a 60 mile ride with about 7700 feet of climbing. Meet at the intersection of Quincy LaPorte Rd. and Highway 89. (There is limited parking there, more just north in Quincy a block or two to the North.) The LaPorte Rd is very lightly traveled by cars. You may see 20 cars all day even on the weekend. The key challenge is Laporte Climb #3, just after Nelson Creek, climbing 3.5 miles at 10%. Scenic beauty in healthy and burn-recovery forests. If its hot this one can be hard, but the beauty and quiet roads are worth the drive up for the day. Please RSVP to Tony (775) 857-8716 as he will arrange SAG at the top of the climb and along the way.

Sunday, September 3, 2023 — Lake Davis-Gold Country Loop

We'll start from the Lake Davis Campgrounds at 9:30am. Those looking for a shorter 50 mile option can meet the group in Graeagle Park on Highway 89 and Wasco Trail at 10:20am. This ride was success in 2018 so let's bring it back with camping at the Lake over labor Day weekend. Moderate grades and light traffic on Sunday. The ride heads down from Lake Davis to Graeagle where it will pick-up riders at the park and follow a clockwise Gold Lakes loop through Calpine, Yuba Pass, Bassetts, Gold Lake and the long downhill back to Graeagle. From there it works back up to Lake Davis for an unforgettable day/weekend. Ride time should be around 5:30 with regroupes on the passes. Water and food is available in Graeagle and Bassetts. Camping reservations at Grasshopper Flats and Grizzly campground are now available at: <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/232830?tab=campsites> Grasshopper Flats is closer to the showers. There are a few more reservations available as of 7/8/23. There are also quite a few first come first serve campsites available as well.

Local Merchant Discount Program

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



Leon is Going for the World Championship in Austria this Summer

Leon Malmed

At 83, Leon Malmed signed up for the yearly USA Cycling Road Bike event competing in three Races with lifelong Cyclists. He dreamed about his participation in this event and had been training mostly indoor due to the smoke issues in Tahoe. He had no idea about the level required to be competitive.

In the 2021 competition first race, the Time Trial race, 20km (12.4 miles), he came in 2nd. In the second race, the Road race, 50km (32.3 miles) with a mile long 14% grade which forced several other riders to walk up, he came second again. In the last race, the Criterium, 11 laps of 1.1 miles each, he won the Gold.

The next year, 2022, he could not wait to compete again and was ready with a brand-new Time Trial bike. First race of the event, the Time trial, he wins the gold Medal! Second race is the Road race, very challenging. He wins it, two Gold Medals! The third race, the Criterium, he wins it! Three gold medals!!!

This year at the age of 85, he has set his eyes on the World Championship to be held in St. Johann, Austria in August of 2023.

Leon is a WWII Holocaust Survivor. He became an orphan at the age of 4 when his parents died in Auschwitz. Leon got into biking when he was 64. A friend lent his first racing road bike three sizes over. Not knowing anything about biking, Leon felt OK and made quick progress. He fell in love with the sport. He soon bought his own bike. A few years later, when he moved to South Lake Tahoe, he joined Alta Alpina Cycling Club.

Peloton Bicycle for Sale

Contact Jerry Lasarow at (530)545-1789. Price is \$1200.





Board Meeting Minutes—July 10, 2023

Secretary: Michael Bayer; Other Board Members: Jordan Brooks (Highway Cleanup); Michelle Brooks (Social Media); Frank Dixon (Deputy Treasurer); Bruce Eisner (President); Allen Forbes (Membership); Jennie Hamiter (Assistant Treasurer); Nigel Leigh (Vice-President); Bill Magladry (Treasurer); Jim Sadilek (Website); Gregg Westerbeck (Social Media); Joseph Whitely (Race Director); Lyn Willoughby (Weekend Rides)

Meeting held at Jethro's

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm

1. Monthly Status Reports:

- **Treasurer:** The current checking account balance is \$18,878.38. The Paypal balance is \$10,522.93. The investment CDs have a balance of \$20,077.62
- **Membership:** There are 121 up to date memberships with numerous pending memberships. The board discussed the need to simplify the waiver process in 2024 as the existing waiver process is preventing many members from renewing. The cost per member for online signature processing may be high but going this route may be necessary to retain and successfully recruit members.
- **Weekend Rides:** Lyn reported that there are no rides this weekend due to Death Ride, etc.. Staff ride is planned for July 22. The next weekend ride posted is for July 29th.
- **Weekly MTB Rides:** Nigel reports that we've had to cancel a number due to the extended winter conditions. but now that we're finally experiencing summer, scheduling should be back to normal.
- **Social Media:** Gregg is posting race emails again. Michelle and Gregg have both been traveling but they're back online again now.
- **Newsletter:** Michael reports that he'll be busy with the Death Ride and will try to get the newsletter out as quickly as possible afterwards. Monthly items should be submitted as soon as possible.
- **Website:** Jim cleaned up the sidebar on the left side column of the home page. Dennis Pederson fixed bug on ride posting deletions but Jordan reported we still need to fix issue with duplication of modified ride. We need a process for maintaining PayPal buttons for clothing inventory.
- **Insurance:** Michael made final payment on Challenge insurance policy.
- **Clothing:** The online store for the new club kit has closed, and orders are in production. The store opened for event jerseys and the store for finisher jersey sales will open once Eric finalizes the photo analysis.
- **Weekly Road Races:** Joseph proposed a new points scheme for those who are dropping down a category in the middle of the season. The new rule, will preserve the results of finished races but allow racers who move to still collect points for those races by being ranked as the last racer. (If two people switch they'll be ordered based on their relative results in the higher category). [Joseph I Michael I Unanimous]. It was suggested that we should consider fewer categories for 2024 if we don't see a

resurgence in the number of weekly racers, but there was no consensus.

- **Junior Team:** NICA team practices have moved to Monday nights. NICA team won't be able to do bike valet at the Death Ride this year and Bruce is working to recruit other club volunteers to cover this area.
 - **Fall Century:** Dave has confirmed that CG bar can host us in October.
 - **Adopt A Highway:** The next cleanup is scheduled for July 23. Jordan has tracked down the contact for permit renewal and getting the signs updated.
 - **Bike Advocacy:** Douglas County Trails public workshops are being held on July 25th and 27th. We need to encourage members to come out to represent the needs of cyclists in the county. There was a brief discussion of candidates to replace Carlo.
2. **Annual General Meeting and Fall Party:** The board is considering using Jethro's again. Bill will check on available dates with the first Monday in November preferred.
 3. **Alta Alpina Challenge:** Michael reported that the 2023 event sold out due to the permit cap of 100 riders due to the temporary venue. Only \$28 was spent on marketing this year due to that cap. Based on the very low no-show rate and the same-day registration, we could have doubled registration with very little extra effort. On the day of the event 34 members volunteered, a few brought their family members to help, and there were 22 non-member volunteers. The board agreed to donate \$200 to then SIERA Ham Radio club which provided their radio trailer and a number of volunteers. And to pay Michael \$1500 again this year for administrative expenses [Bruce I Nigel I Unanimous, Michael abstained]. With these along with all actual and estimated expenses the net profit is expected to be over \$4000 before jersey sales. Michael proposed that some of this should be spent on repairing older tents, refurbishing other old/broken equipment, and updating our registration/membership server.
 4. **Death Ride Training Series:** Total revenue for the 2023 DRTS was \$1650, however only \$140 has been received. Michael, Jennie, Bruce, and Curt were the key volunteers. Paul helped reviewing the emails and many club members helped by riding along and riding sweep. We received a great deal of positive feedback on this program from the participants and we will seek testimonials.
 5. **Proposed Death Ride Partnership:** Michael presented his proposal for a framework to negotiate with the ACCC around partnering for Death Ride production. Michael was tasked with developing detailed staff and volunteer requirements as filing roles was the key concern raised.
 6. **Next Meeting:** Monday, August 7, 2023, 6 pm.
Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Lake Davis Weekend Sept 2-3
Highway Cleanup Sat, Sept 16
Thursday Night Races every Thu @6:00

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 :
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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 August 7 by Zoom.

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