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Cycling Club**

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Vice-Presidential Posting

Nigel Leigh, Vice President

Over the last couple of years the club's been going from strength to strength. Out from the cloud of Covid the Challenge has been running well, and now the Death Ride Training Series is really starting to hit its straps too. The Thursday Race Series has been so successful this year that they're getting short of race chips. The Ride Board is packed with weekend rides, and some clown keeps getting away with reckless after-work mountain bike rides on Tuesdays. Even the finances are looking healthy, under attentive fiscally-prudent management. Membership is strong, helped by the introduction of online waivers for most. The website is tidy and up to date, and social media posts are popping out frequently. Youth cycling is vibrant via NICA. And there are now some fancy new rides on the calendar with trendy names like Rider Roundup and Cyclorama. It all seems to be going rather well - hopefully you've been able to join in and enjoy it. A BIG thanks to all everyone who has volunteered to help all of that happen.

The 2024 Alta Alpina Challenge

Michael Bayer, Challenge Director

On Saturday June 29 the club's showcase event, the Alta Alpina Challenge: Riding the Wild Sierra, was a tremendous success.

Thanks to the incredible talent and dedication of all our awesome volunteers the event was a success by every measure: participants finished tired but happy, we received many compliments, and the club earned a good profit for our efforts. Of significant note this year was that the fastest 8 Pass Finisher was a woman who now holds the QoM. Participants didn't over extend themselves and the last rider returned to Turtle Rock Park nearly an hour earlier than in past years.

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!

This year we returned to Turtle Rock Park and our pre-Covid format. We continue to rebuild from Covid, the wildfires, and last year's rider cap with a 33% jump in registrations. The Alta Alpina Challenge once again delivered a world-class experience for our registered participants while we creatively kept our costs and fees down in the face of significant inflationary pressures.

More big thank yous to SIERA, StorAll, Smiths, Alpen Sierra, Bike Habitat, Blue Zone, Shoreline of Tahoe, Bike The West, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, and the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce which all made significant contributions to the event. Last but not least, a huge thank you to all the volunteers who made the Alta Alpina Challenge possible.



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Volunteers Still Needed

We still need volunteers for the following:

Death Ride Expo (July 12)

We need two or three volunteers to host the club tent at the Expo on Friday.

Death Ride Bib Check July 13

We need two or three volunteers to help at the bib check location early on Saturday morning.

Death Ride Poster Signing

We need another three or four volunteers to host the Alta Alpina tent at the finish line where riders who complete the full Death Ride course sign the finishers poster. These volunteers are needed from noon to 6:30pm.

Challenge Staff Ride (July 20)

We need a few volunteers to help staff the rest stops for the staff ride. Most locations will allow you to ride for part of the day and volunteer for the other. All volunteers and riders are invited to the post-ride meal.



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AACC Weekend Ride Schedule

Lyn Willoughby, Weekend Ride Coordinator

Saturday, July 20, 2024 — Challenge Staff Ride

The staff ride for those who volunteered for the Alta Alpina Challenge will take place all day on July 20 with a BBQ dinner at the end. Volunteers are invited to join just for dinner. If you haven't yet been able to volunteer for the 2024 Challenge please consider volunteering to support the staff ride for part of the day, riding for part of the day, and joining us for dinner. Email challenge@altaalpina.org for details.

Sunday, July 21, 2024 — Second Highway Clean-Up

Meet at Turtle Rock Park at 8:00am. This is second highway cleanup for the season. It's an easy way to help the club, the environment, and your community! Please wear long pants and long sleeves for this. At roughly 0900 we'll regroup and set off to ride either Monitor or Ebbetts, whichever the group prefers. The more folks who show up, the easier, faster and more fun this goes, so if you're on the fence, c'mon out!

Sunday, July 28, 2024 — NorthStar to Cisco Grove

Meet at the Castle Peak Lot 1 at Northstar and be ready to ride at 9:00am. We'll ride to Cisco Grove and back with climbs of Highway 40 Donner Pass and Ritz Carlton.

Sunday, September 1, 2024 — Kingsbury-Luther Mixed Terrain

Meet at 8:30am at Genoa Town Park on Nixon. This is another take on the Kingsbury-Luther loop, but we're going to take all the dirt we can: up Old Kingsbury, down Edgewood Dr, K2K to Van Sickle (and top up water there), Powerline Trail, Railroad Grade, then around to South Upper Truckee to TRT and out TRT Luther Connector, down Old Luther to Hope Valley, then all pavement back to Genoa. The ride is about half pavement, so a gravel bike is ideal. If the whole loop is too much of a good thing, join us anyway and turnaround at the top of Old Kingsbury, or down at Van Sickle State Park after topping off water there. There will be snacks and drinks afterwards..

Saturday, September 7, 2024 — Gold Lake 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 regroups 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.

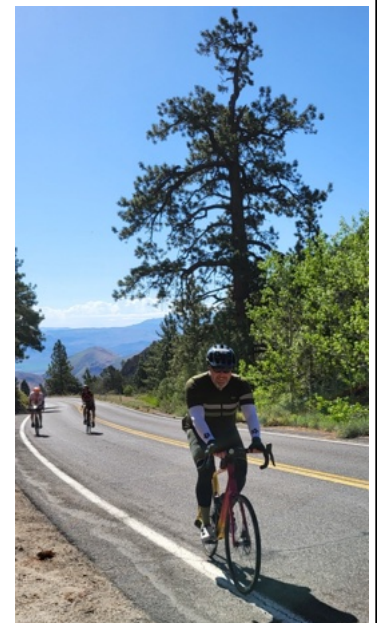
Death Ride Training Series 2024

Michael, Training Series Leader

This year's Death Ride Training Series (DRTS) was a big success with over 58 people registered.

We partnered with the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce to co-promote the series and they integrated it into the Death Ride registration process as an option, listed the series on their website, and sent multiple emails recommending the series to the people on their distribution lists. While the first ride in the series was impacted by the snow storm in May the next three rides enjoyed great weather and lots of participants.

A huge thanks to Jennie Hamiter and Bruce Eisner who took on lead roles in organizing club ambassadors for the ride and providing SAG on every ride. Big thanks to Curt Wohlgemuth, Dave Scarborough, Pam Giltner, Rick Miyashiro, and Paul Amato who staffed rest stops. Also a big thanks to Paul Amato, Eric Hulphers, and Mark Edwards who contributed to the program of coaching emails. And thank you to all the club members who came out to ride as club ambassadors.





AACC Thursday Night Race Series

Joseph Whiteley, Thursday Night Race Director

We're just half way through the season with lots of great races left. Whether you're a veteran or you're gearing up for your first race, it's not too late to start!

Race Chips

We are out or low on C (300 series) and D (400 series) chips. If you still have your chip from a previous race season and you'll be racing in 2024, keep it on your bike and we'll re-register it to you. If you still have a race chip but you won't be racing this year, PLEASE RETURN your chip! Bring it to a race or other club event or contact Joseph at racedirector@altaalpina.org.

Full Race Schedule

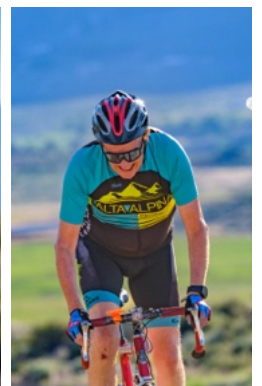
7/11	Eagle Ridge Circuit Race	8/1	Kingsbury Time Trial	8/22	Grandview Criterium
7/18	Blue Lakes Time Trial	8/8	Diamond Valley Road Race	8/29	Fredericksburg Time Trial
7/25	Pinenut Road Race	8/15	Blue Lakes Time Trial	9/5	Diamond Valley Road Race Short Course

Time Trial Series Schedule

Never raced before? Not sure if you're ready for a road race or criterium? Plan on doing the Time Trial Series!

7/18	Blue Lakes Time Trial	8/15	Blue Lakes Time Trial	9/5	Diamond Valley Road Race Short Course
8/1	Kingsbury Time Trial	8/29	Fredericksburg Time Trial		

Check the club website at <https://www.altaalpina.org/clubracesroad/> for details of all race venues, formats, other rules, and updates.





Board Meeting Minutes—July 1, 2024

Secretary: Michael Bayer; Other Board Members: Nigel Leigh (Vice-President); Bill Magladry (Treasurer); Joseph Whitely (Race Director); Lyn Willoughby (Weekend Rides)

Meeting held at the Carson Valley Swim Center in Minden

Meeting called to order at 5:34 pm

Minutes of the June meeting approved as published [NigelLynUnanimous]

1. Monthly Status Reports:

- **Treasurer:** The current checking account balance is \$20,674.37. The Paypal balance is \$867.32. CDs are currently at \$20,016.03, \$10,168.50 and \$10,563.30.
- **Membership:** We will invite the DRTS participants who live locally to become members next year .
- **Weekend Rides:** As the weather has improved participation in weekend rides has increased. Upcoming weekend activities are the Death Ride and the Staff Ride. Lyn is working on a ride for August 4 and getting the rest of season's weekend rides posted to the rideboard.
- **Weekly MTB Rides:** Nigel reports that the Tuesday night rides are going well and are well attended.
- **Social Media:** Michelle has been very active posting on Facebook.
- **Newsletter:** Michael is aiming to get the newsletter out next week. Everyone is asked to get their content to him by Saturday.
- **Website:** Greg reports that he is working on a structural redesign/long-term overhaul. In the shorter term he's adding some analytics so we know how many visitors we get, from where, and what they're looking at. Greg is also adding some action photos in the MTB section. Please send any web requests/feedback to Greg
- **Insurance:** Michael will be paying for the Challenge insurance over the next few days.
- **Clothing:** One jersey was sold from Challenge jersey inventory.
- **Weekly Road Races:** Joseph needs to restock on drinks and there should be enough V-8 left over from the Challenge to cover what the races need but Joseph will buy root beer and other requested beverages that aren't in our inventory. Lani suggested a women's road racing clinic and Joseph is working on how to make it happen. The board discussed options for acquiring more chip assemblies for the races as we've now run out of chips for at least one category. The chip assemblies we are using are no longer available so we need to sample and test new chips. There may be an opportunity to use newer cheaper chips if we can build more of the assembly ourselves and test alternatives during the off season.
- **Junior Road Race Team:** Mel is looking to pass along the mantel to a new junior race team coach. Nigel, Joseph, and Mel will persuade a colleague to take over.
- **Fall Century:** No update.
- **Adopt A Highway:** Jordan staged the first highway cleanup of the season just before the Death Ride mowed the area and the second is scheduled for just after the staff ride.
- **Challenge:** Michael reported that the 2024 Challenge went well. We had great weather, there were no serious incidents, and riders did well. The fastest 8 Pass Finisher for 2024 was a woman who earned the Strava QoM for the 8 Pass Challenge. It will take a few more weeks to compile all the expenses. Revenue was just under \$22K and expenses should be in the forecast range of \$14K-\$17K. We were able to accept credit cards for onsite registration and jersey sales for the first time thanks to the WiFi at TRP. Riders were really well behaved and we didn't have issues with riders blowing through cut-offs or over extending themselves. As a result we finished about an hour earlier than usual. We were short a volunteers at TRP for checking in riders so the team at TRP was stretched thin covering the check-in desk in addition to preparing food, serving food, and managing the rest of TRP operations.
- **Bike Advocacy:** Zach has indicated that his work doesn't allow him to spend the time needed for this role.

2. **Next Meeting:** Monday, August 12, 2024, 5:30pm, Carson Valley Swim Center in Minden. Meeting adjourned at 6:56pm.



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Death Ride Sat, July 13
Challenge Staff Ride Sat, July 20
TARA First Annual Sat, Aug 10
Radio Rodeo
Thursday Night Races every Thu @6:00

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Have you moved? Has your e-mail address changed?
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The club is about and for you! All AACC members are welcome to participate.
Join us on **August 12** at 5:30pm at the **Carson Valley Swim Center** in **Minden**.