



# PACELINE

**Alta Alpina  
Cycling Club**

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## **AACC Weekend Ride Schedule—June/July**

Garth Jackson, Weekend Ride Coordinator

Weekend rides will accommodate riders of different speeds—just show up and ride with the group of your choice. The whole group will regroup frequently. Everyone should carry plenty of water, a snack, and be prepared to fix a flat tire.

### **Saturday, June 10, 2016 — Blue Lakes and BBQ**

We'll ride from South Lake Tahoe through town to Sawmill to 50 to S. Upper Truckee, through the campground and over Luther. Then 88 to Blue Lakes Rd. We'll return via old Luther and Pioneer Trail. Post ride snacks and BBQ back at Dave Scarborough's house. Meet at Dave's place (see website) ready to ride at 9:00am or 9:45am at the bottom of Old Myers Grade and South Upper Truckee. Or meet at 11:30am at the parking area on the left at the beginning of Blue Lakes Rd. (We may get there a little earlier or later depending on the crowd.) Burgers and fixings will be provided but bring lawn chairs (and BYOB) for the BBQ.

### **Saturday, June 11, 2016 — Saturday Morning Ride**

Meet at Big Daddy's Bike and Ski, Hwy 395, Gardnerville ready to ride at 9:00am. We'll ride around the Carson Valley. The route is Hwy 395 south to Muller Prky, to Pine Nut Rd, Pine Nut Rd #2, Outter way, Fish springs Rd, East Valley Rd North. Left onto Johnson Lane, East Valley Rd, to Stephanie, to Hwy 395 north, to Sunridge Dr, to Jacks Valley Rd, water at the fire station on the top of Jacks Valley Rd, South into Genoa, to Muller Lane, and back to Hwy 395. (Someone will lead this ride on the first and third Saturdays.)

### **Sunday, June 19, 2016 — Kingsbury-Luther**

Meet at Genoa Town Park on Nixon Street (Nixon is just the continuation of Genoa Lane) ready to ride at 8:00am. We'll ride up Kingsbury to Lake Tahoe, to Pioneer Trail to old South Upper Truckee Road, and over Luther Pass. Down Woodfords Canyon and back along Foothill to the start. This ride has about 4500 feet of climbing. This is a club weekend ride, so we'll have drinks and snacks afterwards.

### **Saturday, June 25, 2016 — Alta Alpina Challenge**

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### **Sunday, July 10, 2016 — Pack Saddle Pass**

Meet at the bottom of Old Myers Grade and South Upper Truckee Rd. ready to roll at 9:00am. This ride will cover 70 miles and 8,300 feet of climbing. We go over Meyers Grade, east on US50, south over Packsaddle Pass to Mormon Emigrant, then out to CA88, and back via Luther Pass. There are long distances with no services available. We'll have snacks at the end but be sure to bring at least two water bottles and some money for the store at Kit Carson.

### **Saturday, July 16, 2016 — Staff Ride for Alta Alpina Challenge**

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### **Saturday, July 23, 2016 — Sonora Pass**

Ride from outside the Caltrans yard at US395 and CA108 at 9:00am (or carpool from Grocery Outlet at 8:00am.) This 50 mile ride features 7100 feet of climbing. We go over Sonora pass (9600 ft) and turn around at Dardanelles Resort (5000 ft). We'll have cold drinks and snacks at the end. Consider riding just the east-side-if doing the whole enchilada sounds like too much.

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# Alta Alpina Challenge June 25: Wild Sierra Century and Metric Century, Foothill Fun Ride, 5 and 8 Pass Challenges

Michael Bayer, Alta Alpina Challenge Director

This year's Alta Alpina Challenge is now just a couple of weeks away. Alta Alpina's reputation for producing world-class cycling events has spread far and wide. Riders are coming from around the world to experience our ride!

Our event features almost two hundred miles of roadway, 12 rest stops, 1 water stop, and a great menu for post ride meals at Turtle Rock Park. The "Build-Your-Own-Challenge" option is very popular with many participants choosing to ride their favorite combination of passes

The Foothill Fun Ride options are for riders who don't want to ride passes. These include the Carson Valley Ride (37 miles), the Diamond Valley Ride (19 miles), and the Carson River Canyon Ride (15 miles).

Regardless of the challenge each rider chooses for themselves, they'll collect stickers on their personalized souvenir rider bib to commemorate their achievement.

Hosting an epic event like this requires an awesome team of volunteers. We need every club member to contribute at least a little bit of time to this effort. Please plan to come out to support the Wild Sierra on Thursday and/or Friday June 23/24, the day of June 25, and/or the morning of June 26. This event is a great opportunity to hang out for a fun day with fellow Alta Alpina members and enjoy the satisfaction of helping our guests succeed in their challenge.

### Volunteer Now!

Please call (877)845-2453 or send email to [volunteers@altaalpina.org](mailto:volunteers@altaalpina.org) and sign up for one or more of the available volunteer jobs. Family and friends are welcome to join us. Most jobs allow you to register to ride in the ride as well!

### Staff Ride

If you volunteer all or most of the day on June 25 you can ride the staff ride for free on July 16. The staff ride has all the same ride options, but fewer rest stops, and no support vehicles.

### Can You Loan us Some Gear?

We also need a variety of equipment to make the event safe and successful. If you can loan us one or more of the items listed here please let us know. Send an email to [volunteers@altaalpina.org](mailto:volunteers@altaalpina.org) and we can make arrangements.

### Encourage Your Friends to Register!

Another way you can help to make the Alta Alpina Challenge a success is to encourage your friends to register to ride with us. We keep the ride small—we're limited to 459 riders—but we're not sold out yet and we're anxious to get as many riders registered as we can over the next few weeks. The range of ride options we have available makes the Alta Alpina Challenge quite unique. There is a challenging-yet-achievable ride waiting for everyone from elite endurance riders to beginners.

Please do what you can to recruit some new participants!

ALTA ALPINA CHALLENGE



RIDING THE WILD SIERRA

Now to June 22	June 23+24
Equipment Food Prep Cookies Gear Transfer	Logistics Goody Bag Stuffing Equipment Sorting Food Prep Rider Check-in
June 25	June 26
Rider Check-in Food Service Rest Stops SAG / Motorcycle Course Marshals	Clean -up Equipment Return

### Equipment Needed

- 10x10 EZ Up Tents
- Large Vehicles
- Cargo Trailers
- Ice Chests
- 5 Gallon Water Coolers
- 10 Gallon Water Coolers
- Large Cooking Pots



## Presidential Posting

Chris Rhiner, President

Only a short 2 weeks until our Annual Alta Alpina Challenge! (mother nature permitting)

This is a great Century Ride also, its the toughest, most beautiful 110 miles, if time or desire doesn't permit one to do 200 miles.

The streams are bubbling over and the reservoir is full like I haven't seen. The mountain roads to Markleeville are in great condition, but do watch for the occasional new pot hole or hidden wrinkle in pavement on the descents. Thank you to all the participants this year

who had to put their plans on hold for a year due to fire closure, it was worth waiting for as the beauty is top notch in 2017. I will be at the top of Hwy 4 but I hope to see you at Turtle Rock Park at the finish. The participant numbers are high this year. We have a few volunteer spots open, some of which could be just a morning at an early rest stop or remote like Hermit Valley and you could camp out! Let one of the board members know if you are interested. Fingers crossed we will have excellent weather!

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## Ray Rickard Memorial Spring Century

A big thanks to all the volunteers that made this year's spring century possible!

Eric Reuter hosted the start/finish at his beautiful home on the river. Dave Scarborough organized the rest stops and managed event sign-ups. Garth Jackson ran the Topaz rest stop, Curtis Fong hosted the Monitor rest stop,. Rick Miyashiro took care of the Luther rest stop and Pam and John Poco supported riders at the Kingsbury rest stop. Chris Cherrix, Michael Bayer, Jennie Hamiter, and Frank Dixon helped with logistics.

Despite threatening storm clouds we had great weather for the ride and the after-ride BBQ.





# 2016 Alta Alpina Road Race Season

Di Bolton, Road Race Director

Overall Points 2016		Prologie TT 4/14	Diamond Valley 4/21	Starbucks Crit 4/28	East Valley TT 5/5	Starbucks Crit 5/12	Pine Nut RR 5/19	Diamond Valley RR 5/26	Eagle Ridge Circuit 6/2	Season Points
#	A's									
103	Robert Braun	1	20	20					20	61
110	Kevin Willitts		12	14	8	7	12			53
107	Danner Hillman	1	17	17	10					45
105	Garth Jackson	1	14	9			17			41
111	Mel Maalouf		8	12	3	6		12		41
123	David Christenson				20	20				40
112	Scott Radow			8	6	5	14			33
124	Chad Timmerman				14	17				31
119	Josh Rennie				17	12				29
109	Rebecca Eckland	1	9					17		27
122	Timber Weiss				7		20			27
106	Dave Bryant	1		10	2		9			22
126	Joe Singer					9	8			17
129	Spencer Erickson							17		17
113	Andrew Washburn	1	20	1				14		36
108	Pike Reardon	1	10	1	1	1				14
125	Steve Thompson						14			14
104	Kurt Bickel	1			12					13
117	Beth Williams				4	8				12
115	Steven Barnhill				1		10			11
128	Aaron Rindy					10				10
116	Michael Williams				9					9
114	David Washburn			7	1					8
118	John Schindler				1					1

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#	B's									
248	Ben Meadors	1	20	14	20		20	8		83
232	Michael Bayer	1	5	12	17	12	14	10		71
234	Patrick Mobley		10	8	10		20	20		68
237	Jim Wire		9	9	9	14	12	12		65
226	John Cotter	1	17	17	12			17		64
241	Nigel Leigh			20	20		9	14		63
229	Dave Lund	1	14	20			17	9		61
228	John Ward	1	12				20	8		41
236	Rick Miyashiro		7	7	8		6			28
239	Jeff James			14	14					28
238	Andrew Huntington		6				9	7		22
240	Bob Gagen			10			10			20
247	Ron Shaw						10			10
231	Ryan Stoffer	1	8							9
242	Scott Robertson						1	4		5
244	Leslie Shaw									0
227	Bradley Colescott	1	3							4
246	Adam Salvo						4			4
230	Jim Kilian	1	1							2
245	David Evans						1			1





## Board Meeting Minutes—June 6, 2016

Secretary: Jim Sadilek; Other Board Members: Chris Rhiner, President; Tammy Lundquist, Vice President; Frank Dixon, Treasurer; Michael Bayer, Alta Alpina Challenge Ride Director/ Newsletter Publisher/Membership Coordinator; Robert Braun, Pine Nut Cracker Mountain Bike Race Coordinator; Lori Piccini, Clothing Coordinator; Eric Reuter, Mountain Bike Ride Coordinator; Tim Rowe, Bicycle Advocacy Coordinator; Dave Scarborough, Spring Century Coordinator

Meeting called to order at 6:10 pm

Venue: Lakeside Inn and Casino, 168 US-50, Stateline, NV

1. **Ray Rickard Memorial Century Review:** We all thank Eric Reuter for his hospitality. Everyone was pleased with the after ride BBQ. The main take away from the discussion is that for this event in the future, we need to set cut off times for certain points in the ride. For example, on the century route, if one reaches the top of Luther after the cut-off time, then the recommendation is that that rider go back down Luther and return to the starting point rather than proceeding on to South Lake Tahoe. Also discussed was to establish a phone number or group of numbers that a rider should call if still on the course after a set time. Actual times and policies will be determined in advance of next year's ride. Eighty-five riders participated. While the exact count has not yet been determined, the club gained between 12 and 20 new members because of the ride. All agreed that the event was a success.
  2. **Monthly Status Reports:**
    - **Treasurer:** The current checking account balance is: \$26,849.25. The PayPal account balance is \$15,580.44.
    - **Membership:** Approximately 222 members pending a determination of the number from the Spring Century event.
    - **Weekend Rides:** Eric reports that his plan is to alternate weekend mountain bike rides with weekend road rides. For example, if the weekend ride is on Saturday then Eric will schedule the mountain bike ride for Sunday. An effort will be made to post the road rides and mountain bike rides to the Ride Board to the end of summer.
    - **Newsletter:** Michael reports as usual, the newsletter will be published as soon as sufficient content is received—minutes, presidential posting, rides, etc..
    - **Weekly Road Races:** Turn out overall has been "great", with the exception of the most recent Eagle Ridge circuit race. <http://www.altaalpina.org/clubracesroad/>.
- **Junior Team:** No report.
  - **Insurance:** Errors and Omissions coverage is up to date.
  - **Pinenut Cracker:** There were 75 riders for the race. The event was a financial success. Actual monetary figures are dependent upon receipt of financial report.
  - **King of Kingsbury Time Trial:** Scheduled for Saturday, July 30.
  - **Bike Advocacy:** The construction on the Cave Rock tunnel is progressing. The posted speed limit in the immediate area is 25 mph, but actual experience indicates that commonly the speeds through the tunnel are ten to twenty mile per hour above the limit. Bicycling through the tunnel continues to be as terrifying as always. Highway 160 between Las Vegas and Pahrump is closed to cyclists for the two-year construction period.
  - **Adopt A Highway:** No set date for the next cleanup. Traditionally however, mid-July is usually scheduled for a cleanup. Tammy will provide yummy coffee and bagels.
  - **Clothing:** Has been restocked since the sales at the Spring Party. Clothing will be available at the Challenge..
  - **Challenge:** Registrations are at 390. Expectation is for another 70 entrants leading up to the event. Most of the logistical problems are under control. There was discussion of water for the ride. The 2.5 gallon rectangular containers are most convenient both for transport to the rest stops and for use by the rides because the dispenser is part of the container. A question of the environmental impact of the plastic containers as well as the cardboard boxes in which the containers are packaged by the supplier. The point made was that in the past, both the plastic and the cardboard are recycled.



The possibilities of using reusable 5 gallon containers were considered, but various problems make the 5 gallons containers less convenient both for transport and for rest stop usage. Consensus is that we will continue using the 2.5 gallon containers.

A recent development may cause a possible parking issue at the Turtle Rock Park (TRP) unpaved parking area. An Alpine County "biomass" pile established in the parking area at TRP. As an unintended consequence, a protected species of migratory birds have taken up nesting in the pile. The nesting area will need to be roped

off for a safe distance from the nesting sites, which will limit the parking area. Eric, who is familiar with the situation, believes there will be sufficient parking for the Challenge despite the birds.

3. **2017 Gravel Grinder:** Discussion of retaining the permits for the Pine Nut Cracker and the possibility of having a "gravel ride" race in addition to the Pine Nut Cracker mountain bike race.
4. **Next Meeting:** Monday, July 11, 2016, 6 pm at Jethro's Oven & Grill, 1281 Kimmerling Rd, Gardnerville, NV.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm

## NDOT's Cave Rock Tunnel Extension

Devin Cartwright, NDOT – Roadway Design

Work is well underway at Cave Rock and on the shoulders near Glenbrook. Work zone traffic control setup began on 5/11/16 near Cave Rock, with lane closures beginning on Friday 5/13. We held site meetings and mobilized equipment Friday 5/13 – Monday 5/16 and construction began Tuesday, 5/17. In the days since construction began, Q&D has demolished and removed the existing road surface where the tunnel extension will be located, relocated a sewer line, dugout for the tunnel extension footings, and they've begun to place reinforcing steel for the structure.



The traffic control has speeds near Cave Rock reduced to 25 mph and the Highway Patrol is actively writing tickets to speeders. Please be aware that as traffic increases in the area, there may be changes to the traffic control and there may be an additional law enforcement presence to ensure the temporary traffic pattern remains safe.

Up near Glenbrook crews are preparing for shoulder widening and barrier rail placement by digging out for the new shoulders. This work will continue through the summer so please be aware of the extended length of the work zone.

## Local Merchant Discount Program

For discounts from these local merchants, please visit the AACC website at [www.AtaAlpina.org](http://www.AtaAlpina.org)





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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Blue Lakes Ride & BBQ .....Sat June 11  
 Alta Alpina Challenge .....Sat June 25  
    Staff Ride .....Sat July 16  
    King of the King .....Sat July 30  
 Thursday Night Races ..every Thu @6:15

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 Update your info at [www.AltAlpina.org](http://www.AltAlpina.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 **July 11** at **Jethros** in the **Gardnerville Randhos.**

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