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Cycling Club**

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Alta Alpina Challenge: Riding the Wild Sierra Covid Edition — June 26, 2021

Michael Bayer, Ride Director

Alta Alpina's reputation for producing world-class cycling events has spread far and wide. This year's Alta Alpina Challenge is now just weeks away.

Endurance cyclists from far and wide are traveling here to pit themselves against the 8 Pass Challenge—the Toughest Double Century in the World. However with a year off, people are opting for the shorter 5 and 7 pass challenges and even more are expected to ride the "Brush with Death" (a training option for the Death Ride) or to just pick their favorite passes.

Thanks to everyone who has already volunteered to help. We still need volunteers at all hours of the day on June 26 as well as on Thursday June 24, Friday June 25, and Sunday June 27. We need people with trucks and trailers to move gear and supplies. We need people with medical backgrounds, HAM radio license, and motorcycles. We even need people who can volunteer time working from home. Please contact me at challenge@altaalpina.org and let me know when you're available to help out with this annual fund raiser for the club.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Equipment Needed

Logistics are a little different this year and we're looking to borrow some extra gear for the weekend of the event including: family band radios (walkie-talkies), ice chests, 10x10 shade tents, work lights, extension cords, camera tripods, stainless steel canning funnels, and Instant Pots. If you can loan us equipment, label it with your name and phone number using indelible marker and contact me at challenge@altaalpina.org.

Encourage Your Friends to Register and/or Volunteer!

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 but we're not sold out yet. With so many new cyclists in our area and a \$5 discount for locals, we really want to get a good community turnout. The range of ride options we have available makes the Alta Alpine Challenge quite unique. Registration closes when we sell out of spaces and we will probably not have same-day registration this year. Please do what you can to recruit some new participants!



Vice-Presidential Posting

Bruce Eisner, Vice President

June has arrived quickly this year and the Alta Alpina Challenge is a go on June 26th. On behalf of the entire Club Board of Directors, I encourage you to volunteer for our sole fundraising event of the year. You'll find more info about volunteering elsewhere in this newsletter.

I hope you were able to ride or assist with the annual Spring Century on May 29th. Over 35 riders participated, with about half riding the traditional loop from the Carson Valley to Topaz and over Monitor Pass. Others stayed in the Markleeville Valley to ascend Monitor and/or Ebbetts passes.



Stay tuned for more information about the resumption to Thursday Night Club Races. While the weekly Strava time trial races met our socially-distanced Covid requirements, there is no substitute to head-to-head competition. Let's go racing!

AACC Weekend Ride Schedule—June/July

Leon Malmed, Weekend Ride Coordinator

Sunday, June 13, 2021 --Kingsbury-Luther Loop with Blue Lakes

We'll roll from the trees at Foothill and Fredricksburg at 8:00am. We'll climb Kingsbury then Luther. We'll do an out-and-back on Blue Lakes Road before descending Woodfords Canyon and Carson River Rd. before returning to the start. This ride will be about 75 miles with about 5800 feet of climbing. (Dropping Blue Lakes would be about 69 miles.)

Saturday, June 19, 2021 — Spooner-Kingsbury Loop with Blue Lakes

Start from Genoa Town Park on Nixon St. at 8:30am. This is a 45 mile loop with 4200 feet of climbing.

Saturday, July 3, 2021 — Markleeville and Beyond

Meet at the trees at Foothill and Fredricksburg ready to ride at 9:30am. We'll head out beyond Markleeville for a 40 mile ride.

Saturday, July 10, 2021 — Wild Sierra Staff Ride

This is a supported ride for all the Wild Sierra volunteers.

Saturday, July 24, 2021 — Highway Cleanup Plus Ride

Meet at Turtle Rock Park at 8:00am for the second highway cleanup up the year. Afterwards we'll head out for a ride—probably Monitor this time.

Sunday, July 31, 2021 — Yuba Pass / Gold Lakes Loop

Meet at the USFS facility in Sierraville (check the rideboard in case of change of venue). We'll ride out at 9:00am heading for Yuba Pass. Then we'll climb to the Gold Lakes summit and around to Calpine Summit. This loop is about 69 miles with 4000 feet of climbing.





First 2021 Highway Clean-Up







Last Chance to Order Race Cut Jerseys - Place Order by June 17

Bruce Eisner, Club Clothing Coordinator

Voler (our primary jersey supplier) has informed us that they will no longer be making jerseys to order.

If you were planning to purchase a new Alta Alpina Club jersey (or an Alta Alpina Challenge jersey) this season and your size and preferred cut isn't available in our inventory, you now have only 1 week left to place your order.

The jerseys are available in Womens/Mens Club Cut (\$75) or Race Cut (\$79)

<http://www.voler.com/browse/collections/details/li/AltaAlpinaChallenge>

Here is a link to the Club's Clothing page to check your other options:

<https://www.altaalpina.org/clubkit/>

So if you've thought of ordering a jersey but have procrastinated, now is your chance to receive the jersey in a short time frame (ships in 7 to 10 days after your order). If not, you could wait for months or longer before the club secures a new supply.



Board Meeting Minutes—June 6, 2021

Secretary: Michael Bayer; Other Board

Members: Frank Dixon (Deputy Treasurer);

Bruce Eisner (Vice-president); Allen Forbes (Membership); Nigel Leigh (President); Carlo Luri (Advocacy); Leon Malmel (Weekend Rides); Sadilek (Website); Gregg Westerbeck (Social Media);

Joseph Whitely (Race Director)

Meeting held by Zoom Call

Called to order at 6:05 pm

Minutes of the March meeting approved. [Nigel | Jennie | Unanimous]

1. Monthly Status Reports:

- **Treasurer:** The checking account balance is: \$11938.61. The PayPal account balance is \$26464.99. Jennie updated the club budget to reflect the latest Challenge Snapshot. Jennie flagged that we are behind in membership fees so far this year and we need more income from the Challenge. Budget Approval for 2021 [Nigel | Bruce | Unanimous] Frank reported that he is making progress in catching up on financial filings and we are two weeks from having everything wrapped up in this regard. Drew has been doing a great job fund raising for the NICA Team.
- **Membership:** Membership renewals are behind.

Michael distributed a list of expiring members we need to reach out and Jennie identified a list of people who have paid the 2021 membership fee without sending in the corresponding waiver. Board members should reach out to everyone on the list who has allowed their membership to lapse. In many cases the problem is that longstanding members have not been reading all of the emails explaining that for the first time in many years we need a new signed waiver.

- **Weekend Rides:** We need to set weekend rides for the second half of the season and there's currently nothing posted for this weekend.
- **MTB Rides:** We're getting good participation in the Tuesday night rides.
- **Social Media:** Gregg is sending out regular posting for the Challenge. Jennie will follow up with Laura to sort out the Facebook group issue.
- **Newsletter:** Michael needs to get the newsletter



out right away as the Challenge is just weeks away. Please submit items ASAP.

- **Website:** Jim reported that he has performed another update on the clothing inventory and removed the spring century poster. Michael will send Jim the latest challenge poster for the home page.
- **Insurance:** BRDAA membership must be renewed for both Challenge and Racing insurance.
- **Clothing:** Bruce reported that sales from inventory keep rolling in. Notice went out that the Voler race cut jersey is going away.
- **Weekly Road Races:** Joseph reported that Reno Wheelmen have started their in-person racing. It was decided that our in-person racing will resume as soon as we can put all the elements in place. Michael will get quotes for insurance and the portable toilet.
- **Spring Century:** Chris reported that 30-35 riders participated in the Covid-Edition (half of whom RSVPed). Half the riders did the classic loop and about half did Ebbetts. He felt that having the two weekends was good for flexibility but would be hard when we return to the regular format. Big thanks to all the volunteers who helped out.
- **Fall Century:** No Update.
- **Adopt A Highway:** We had an unprecedented turnout--about 20 people showed up on Saturday morning. The clean-up was followed by a great ride up Ebbetts with some people going as far as Lake Alpine. Next clean-up is July 24.
- **Pinenut Cracker:** No Update.
- **NICA Team:** Drew has been getting donations for the NICA team. First training ride had 38 people last week. There will be 5 more training rides before the season starts. There are 42 registered racers and 24 coaches so far with

more in the queue. The total team may reach 100 this year. The team clothing start drew 26 orders so a second window is planned. Drew has been trained for TAMBA trail work so there are efforts under way to arrange one or more trail building days for the NICA team.

- **Challenge:** Michael provided a detailed report on progress. The price of the ambulance has risen by 30% but the rest of the budget is in good shape and we should at least break-even despite the head winds. The key is maximizing registrations over the next two weeks. The reservations we set up in the spring have not panned out as most people who reserved have since dropped out. Nigel suggested that we initiate a Facebook advertising campaign over the next 10 days. The board authorized \$200 for this and Gregg will get started right away. For this year's Covid edition we'll be building on the logistics from the staff ride last year. A significant number of volunteers are still needed, particularly for radio, SAG, motorcycle, and medical. All members are asked to reach out to family members and work colleagues for participants and volunteers.
 - **Mixed Terrain:** No report.
 - **Bike Advocacy:** Carlo reported that Bike Monkey is moving ahead with their Sept 11 event and there may be an opportunity to work with them.
2. **Legacy Giving Project:** Leon requested feedback on the latest draft of his call for legacy giving. Once complete we'll create a new web page and include the item in the newsletter. He will also reach out to local newspapers and estate planners.
 3. **Next Meeting:** Monday, July 5, 2021, 6 pm, by Zoom.
Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm

Local Merchant Discounts

For discounts from these local merchants, please visit the AACC website at www.AltaAlpina.org





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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Alta Alpina ChallengeSat, June 26
 Wild Sierra Staff RideSat, July 10
 Death RideSat, July 17
 Fall CenturySun, October 3
 Weekly Racesevery Mon-Sun

MOVED? GOT NEW CONTACT INFO?
 Have you moved? Has your e-mail address changed?
 Don't miss out on the latest AACC happenings!
 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** typically held the **first Monday of each month at 6:00 pm.**

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In-person meetings alternate between the Carson Valley and South Lake Tahoe..
 Join us on **July 5 by Zoom.**