



PACELINE

**Alta Alpina
Cycling Club**

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Presidential Posting

Bruce Eisner, President

The Season is in Full Swing!

Summer weather is here and the big passes are open and full of cyclists. Hope you're out and about on your bike as well. The Death Ride Training Series is in its 4th year; registrations are lower than last year, but rider and volunteer enjoyment is equal or greater. The next ride in the series takes place this weekend on June 14. It's an awesome route from Markleeville to Lake Alpine and is open to all club members to ride as club ambassadors. We'll have about 20+ registered participants, so come ride and share your knowledge and don't be put off by the "Training Series" bit in the name. We're hosting people across the spectrum of riding experience. The series helps riders building up to completing endurance rides in the mountains and familiarize themselves with the local passes. They'd love to have more club members to ride and chat with. The 5th and final Training Series ride is June 28th, and covers both sides of Monitor Pass and Ebbetts Pass (riding order not yet finalized).



Our Club is once again assisting with the Death Ride - this year on July 12th. 2-3 more volunteers are needed to assist with Rider Check-in at the end of the ride (11:30 am to 6:00pm (the greatest need is during the 2:30 -5:30 pm crush of riders). Contact me at president@altaalpina.org if you can assist. Allen Forbes is the DR Bib Check Captain and may also need people early in the morning (5:00 am to 8 am)- contact Allen at membership@altaalpina.org.

Have you been joining any of the other club rides recently? We're working hard to ensure there are always plenty to choose from. Lyn Willoughby is our Weekend Ride Director and he has a number of club members organizing rides throughout the season. But don't fall into that "Oh I'm not fit enough at the moment" trap. Just how do you plan to climb out of it? The only way, of course, is to climb out of it! So check the rideboard, join some rides, pace yourself to enjoy a sociable chat, turn back when your legs or lungs really insist, and watch that fitness improve.

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Volunteers Needed

DRTS Ride #4, June 14

We need club ambassadors to ride with the group. Contact Jennie at jenniehamiter@mac.com

DRTS Ride #5, June 28

We need more volunteers for this ride than the others. We're looking for volunteers to help with rest stops, water stops, and the finish. Do you have an RV you can bring? As always, we're looking for club ambassadors to ride with the lead group and the slower riders. Contact Jennie at jenniehamiter@mac.com

Death Ride, July 12

We'll have a team at the ride finish. Contact Bruce to join this team: president@altaalpina.org

We'll have another team managing bike parking. Contact Bruce if you'd like to help with this: president@altaalpina.org

Allen is leading the group at bib check out on the course before the Monitor climb: membership@altaalpina.org



AACC Weekend Ride Schedule—June/July

Lyn Willoughby, Weekend Ride Coordinator

Ride Options For Everyone

Please check the rideboard on the club website for details and updates. Riders should carry water, food, and be prepared for flat tires. E-road bikes are welcome.

Saturday, June 14, 2025 — Death Ride Training Series Ride #4

We'll meet behind the Markleeville General Store (99 Water St, Markleeville), ready to ride at 8:30am. All club members welcome to join us as Alta Alpina hosts the fourth ride of the Death Ride Training Series for non-club members. Weather and road conditions permitting, the plan is to ride from Markleeville to Lake Alpine and back. Club members are needed to help ensure the participants know the way, and you may be asked to wait at an intersection to point out a turn. Mostly you'll be expected to ride with participants and be positive and helpful, and you might need to ride slower than you're used to in order to ride with people. As always, we need a sweep rider for each climb, too. With this out and back format you can join us for just part of the ride if you'd like. There will be support (snacks and drinks) at three rest stops as well as at the end. Also, we need people to help staff the rest stops, so please let Jennie know if you can help with that or if you just have any questions (jenniehamiter@mac.com).

Sunday, June 22, 2025 — First Highway Clean-up

This is first highway cleanup for the season. It's an easy way to help the club, the environment, and your community! We'll meet at Turtle Rock Park community building at 8:00am and spend an hour or so cleaning the highway roadside of litter. Please wear long pants and long sleeves for this. After the cleanup 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!

Saturday, June 28, 2025 — Death Ride Training Series Ride #5

We'll meet at Turtle Rock Park. All club members welcome to join us as Alta Alpina hosts the fifth ride of the Death Ride Training Series for non-club members. Weather and road conditions permitting, the plan is to ride both sides of Ebbetts Pass and both sides of Monitor Pass along with "Turtle Rock Pass". Club members are needed for the rest stops and water stops and to sweep riders for each climb. With this format you can join us for just part of the ride if you'd like. There will be support (snacks and drinks) at multiple rest stops as well as at the end. We'll need more help with this one than the other DRTS rides and we're looking for someone who can bring an RV. Please let Jennie know if you can help with a rest stop, water stop, ride finish, riding sweep, or if you just have any questions (jenniehamiter@mac.com).

Sunday, July 6, 2025 — Hot Dog! Let's do a Bike Ride

An appropriate ending to the 4th of July weekend. We'll meet at the Shoe Tree Brewing Minden parking lot, 1758 US Hwy 395, near the Pizza Factory. We will circumnavigate the center of the Carson Valley and rally back for hot dogs and beverages. Head north on 395 to Sunridge. Cross back over 365 at Mica. Right turn on Vista Grande brings us to Jacks Valley. Then there will be 3 options. Left turn on Muller and south on 395. Left turn on Centerville and north on 88 or all the way till Foothill turns to Fairview and return north on 88. We will reconvene back at Shoe Tree. There is an alleyway between Shoe Tree and the theater where we will set up a grill or two. I'll bring hot dogs, condiments buns, chips, potato salad and cold drinks. Beer will be available for purchase from Shoe Tree starting at noon. I will need a count so I can get an appropriate number of hot dogs and potato salad. Respond to lynwilloughby@att.net or text to 951 642-1611

Saturday, July 12, 2025 — Death Ride

Once again we're helping out at this year's Death Ride on Saturday July 12. We'll have a team at the bib-check checkpoint, a team at the finish, a team handling bike parking, plus other volunteers scattered across the course. Roads beyond Markleeville are closed to non-participants, but club members who are volunteering are invited to ride to Turtle Rock Park.

Sunday, July 20, 2025 — Second Highway Clean-up

This is second highway cleanup for the season. It's an easy way to help the club, the environment, and your community! We'll meet at Turtle Rock Park community building at 8:00am and break into groups to clean the highway roadside of litter. Please wear long pants and long sleeves for this. After the cleanup 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!

Saturday, July 26, 2025 — Johnny's Ride

Johnny Estrada was planning to lead this ride but after his crash, he's still recovering. We'll still hold the ride and celebrate his ongoing recovery. Watch the rideboard for details .

Cyclorama 2025

Thanks to all the volunteers and participants who braved the weather on May 17.



League of American Bicyclists Webinars

The LAB produces webinars for bicycle advocates and club leaders on a regular basis. Check out their YouTube channel at:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLEunXMVRYA7RHfMVC2Yf0s8z405vuLkrv>

Upcoming webinars include:

Educating Drivers on Sharing the Road: What Works and How to Make it Happen

Welcoming All Wheels: Organizing Inclusive Bike Events

Marin 2025 Century - Saturday, August 2, 2025, Stafford Lake Park, Novato

Marin Cyclists have extended a 10% discount to members of Alta Alpina. Register at marincentury.com and use the coupon code "AltaAlpina2025"

May 25 Six Mile Canyon Rides

We had a great turnout for the Six Mile Canyon Ride with some riders completing the extended loop.



Local Merchant Discount Program

Details about local merchant offers is listed under "Merchant Discounts" on our website www.AltaAlpina.org.





Board Meeting Minutes—June 2, 2025

Secretary: Michael Bayer; Other Board Members: Chris Cherrix (Spring Century); Frank Dixon (Deputy Treasurer); Bruce Eisner (President); Allen Forbes (Membership); Jennie Hamiter (Assistant Treasurer); Nigel Leigh (Vice-President); Bill Magladry (Treasurer); Timari Pruis (NICA Team Director); Joseph Whitely (Race Director); Lyn Willoughby (Weekend Rides)

Meeting held at Carson Valley Swim Center

Meeting called to order at 5:39 pm

Minutes of the May meeting approved as presented. [Bruce|Joseph|Unanimous]

1. Monthly Status Reports:

- **Treasurer:** The current checking account balance is \$10455.61. The Paypal balance is \$3,509.66. CDs are currently at \$11,024.49, \$12,102.45 and \$12,074.92.
 - **Membership:** There are 143 fully paid memberships. Dennis has tracked down one of the bugs that was impeding renewals and is making good progress converting to the new Paypal APIs. Two memberships were paid with last year's fees but we'll waive the difference as it doesn't appear to have been their fault. Pam and Jennie will be invited to have board member status next year to reflect their DRTS contributions [Bruce | Bill | Unanimous].
 - **Weekend Rides:** Weekend rides are being well attended. Everything is set for the hot dog ride on the July 4 Weekend.
 - **Weekly MTB Rides:** Nigel reported that the Tuesday rides continue to be well attended with a new venue every week.
 - **Social Media:** Michelle reports that she continues to post club updates including race news to our social media pages.
 - **Adopt A Highway:** Highway cleanup rides are posted and the first cleanup is coming up soon.
 - **Newsletter:** Michael will be working on the newsletter next weekend and everyone is asked to provide their material by Saturday.
 - **Website:** Greg reports that he is working through the broken links found on our website. Most are links to ride maps and he is working on replacing them with links to GPX files and off-site links that don't require an account.
 - **Clothing:** The last club kit order has been manufactured and we're waiting on shipment.
 - **Insurance:** The only remaining insurance bill will be for DRTS once the series concludes.
 - **Weekly Road Races:** There was a huge turnout at Kingsbury with many new people including racers purchasing season passes. Crit training went well—a big thanks to Greg and Mel for their presentation. We need to do this for the first crit every year. Joseph noted that he would still like to find someone who can help as a race steward so he can race.
 - **NICA Team:** Timari reported that they've held two events as the team ramps up for regular Wednesday night skills sessions. There has been some success recruiting more Douglas/Carson Valley team members with four fifth graders joining.
 - **Cyclorama:** Turnout was thin due to the extreme wind. (Timari reported that PayDirt, which was also held that day, was impacted as well.) Riders on Monitor reported that conditions there weren't as bad as they were in the valley. We had enough volunteers and will probably keep the same weekend next year but we should coordinate with Bike Monkey to avoid conflict as many people from our club would like to participate in both events.
 - **Fall Century:** No update.
 - **Death Ride Training Series:** Enthusiastic participants and great turnout from club volunteers but participation but numbers are down significantly from last year.
2. **DRTS Ride 4:** We'll implement a turn-around time to ensure volunteers aren't out too late.
 3. **DRTS Ride 5:** Bruce, Michael and Jennie will work on the details but there's consensus to have everyone ride their own pace.
 4. **Death Ride:** Bib Check (Allen), Finish (Bruce & Tammy), Bike Valet (NICA). Bruce has the details for coordinating the details with team captains. Raffle for 5 donated Death Ride entries among those who have lead rides and volunteered for the DRTS and/or Cyclorama.
 5. **Next Meeting:** Monday, July 7, 2025, 5:30pm, Swim Center in Minden.
Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Death Ride Training Sat, June 14
 Series Ride #4

Death Ride Training Sat, June 28
 Series Ride #5

 Death Ride Sat, July 12

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 **July 7, 5:30** at the **Carson Valley Swim Center.**

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