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**Alta Alpina  
Cycling Club**

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## Alta Alpina Spring Membership Party



**Thursday, April 9 — CVIC Hall, Minden — 6:00PM**

The annual Alta Alpina Spring Membership Party is the official kick-off of the cycling season in the Tahoe—Alpine—Carson City—Carson Valley region. This year the party will once again be at the historic CVIC Hall in downtown Minden. This is a central location with lots of nearby parking.

There will be free food, friendly people, and lots to see and learn. Again this year we're holding the big Bike Swap: Bring any bike-related items to give away or sell. Bike stuff left behind at the end of the night will go to groups rebuilding bicycles.

We'll have deals on club clothing in inventory and you can order a new kit.

You can join or renew your membership at the party, but to avoid spending time in line, please renew your membership now using the new online membership renewal system that will allow you to pay and sign an individual waiver online.

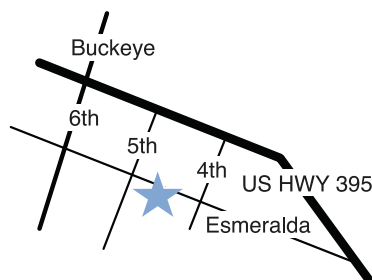
Know any friends or neighbors just getting into cycling? Bring them along and we'll sign them up at the door! For any questions contact Allen at [membership@altaalpina.org](mailto:membership@altaalpina.org) or the club hotline at 877-845-2453.

Doors open at 6:00 pm. Don't forget your Rides of March Entry Form. See you there!

### Bike & Stuff Swap • Trade

Bring your bike related stuff for sale, or give away to other AACC members. You will have the opportunity to sell, buy, give away, or pick up bike related items.

**CVIC Hall  
1602 Esmeralda, Minden**



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### Time to Renew Your Membership!

Take advantage of our updated online membership renewal software developed by Dennis Pederson. Click on "Renew Membership" on the [Membership Page](#) on the club website.

If you have any questions, please contact Allen Forbes at: [membership@altaalpina.org](mailto:membership@altaalpina.org)

### Spring Rider Roundup, April 11

The Spring Rider Roundup consists of a number of different rides chosen to meet the needs of our diverse membership ranging from easy to hard and with options for road and mountain bikes all starting from Genoa Town Park on Nixon Street in Genoa.

Watch the rideboard on the website and your email inbox for the latest ride details and start times.



## Presidential Posting

Jim LaHue, President

It's time to put Winter in the rearview mirror and get ready for Spring. As I write this, we are couple of days away from moving our clocks forward. For those of us that still have to work, this means an extra hour to get out and ride in the evenings. The club has many activities starting in the near future, so make sure you check the club calendar to stay informed as to what is happening. Also, the Weekend Rides are a great way to enjoy time with fellow cyclists, so check the website often to see what's coming up. On a personal note, I would encourage those that have never raced to give it a try. You don't need to have Tour de France experience to participate. For me, the weekly races gave me the motivation to ride more and improve. I finished dead last in my first race, but I had a great time. If you really don't feel comfortable riding in a group, then start with a Time Trial. And there are homemade cookies at the finish! I hope to see everyone at the Spring Party on April 9th.



## Spring Rider Roundup - Saturday April 11 (April 12)

Jennie Hamiter, Weekend Ride Coordinator

### Meeting at Genoa Town Park

We're once again holding a Spring Rider Roundup on April 11 to formally kick off the riding season for 2026. If it's raining on April 11 (watch for an email and check the website) we'll ride on April 12 instead.

The Spring Rider Roundup consists of a number of different rides chosen to meet the needs of our diverse membership ranging from easy to hard and with options for road and mountain bikes all starting from Genoa Town Park on Nixon Street in Genoa. All the details will be at the party and on the rideboard.

Planned rides include:

- Mountain Bike Loop on Genoa Trails**
- Short Carson Valley Road Loop**
- Longer Carson Valley Road Loop**
- Kingsbury-Spooner Loop**
- Kingsbury-Spooner Loop (Fast Group)**



## Alta Alpina Cycling Club 2026 Rides of March Mileage Contest Log

Start logging your rides on March 13.

Bring completed form to the Spring Membership Party on April 9.

>>> \$150 in Prizes <<<

Name:  Gender:

The (R)ides of March Mileage Contest is Back!

Here's how to participate:

1. Print and use this official mileage log.
2. Ride as many miles as you can over 4 weeks starting on March 13.
3. Record the number of miles you ride each day and where you rode.

If you ride dirt, those miles count for double.

	Friday 3/13	Saturday 3/14	Sunday 3/15	Monday 3/16	Tuesday 3/17	Wednesday 3/18	Thursday 3/19
Where?							
Mileage							
Week Total							

	Friday 3/20	Saturday 3/21	Sunday 3/22	Monday 3/23	Tuesday 3/24	Wednesday 3/25	Thursday 3/26
Where?							
Mileage							
Week Total							

	Friday 3/27	Saturday 3/28	Sunday 3/29	Monday 3/30	Tuesday 3/31	Wednesday 4/1	Thursday 4/2
Where?							
Mileage							
Week Total							

	Friday 4/3	Saturday 4/4	Sunday 4/5	Monday 4/6	Tuesday 4/7	Wednesday 4/8	Thursday 4/9
Where?							
Mileage							
Week Total							

Note: Miles on dirt count for double. If you rode dirt miles, write down twice the mileage ridden.

Grand Total



## Cyclorama

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Noun

A noncompetitive recreational bicycling event where participants choose from multiple ride options of varying distances starting and finishing at the same location.

## Annual Memorial Cyclorama and BBQ (Formerly The Ray Richard Memorial Spring Century) Saturday May 30th

Chris Cherrix, Spring Century Coordinator

**Free for all members!**

Yes, spring is just around the corner, and do you know what that means (besides great corn snow for our skiers and boarders)? Our annual Spring Memorial Cyclorama and post-ride (free!) BBQ is coming up! This event pays tribute to our fellow club members who have been an integral part of the club, and whom we have lost over the years, including Ray Rickard, Carlo Luri, Randy Jacobs, and many others.

Although the name has changed to better reflect the variety of rides our members can choose from, the ride options remain the same as previous years, with the classic Monitor Pass Metric Century at its core and additional route options for all riding abilities, supported by well-stocked rest stops.

This year our illustrious former president, Nigel Leigh and his wife, Desiree are graciously hosting the (free!) post-ride BBQ at their lovely home on Foothill Road in Gardnerville, where the ride will also start and finish. The BBQ is one of the club's big social events and all members are invited, so please plan to attend even if you won't be riding in the cyclorama.

Our backup date will be May 31st (Sunday) in case of foul weather on the 30th.

For anyone who would like to help out at the rest stops or BBQ, please contact Chris at (928)600-1097.

Watch for more details in future newsletters, and we encourage everyone to invite their friends to join the club and participate in this event. (Did I mention the BBQ is FREE?!)





## AACC Thursday Night Race Series

Joseph Whiteley, Thursday Night Race Director

The 2026 Alta Alpina racing season kicks off on April 16.

We're hoping that everyone will come out on Thursday evenings to join in the fun. Whether you're a veteran or you're gearing up for your first race, please read on so you're up to speed!

### Race Season Passes and Race Chip Deposits

We'll be offering race season passes (\$120) again this year—a great way to save on weekly race fees. All racers need to mount a race chip (\$20 deposit) on the front right fork of their bicycle for each race. You'll want to get both at the Spring Party on April 9 to avoid a delay at your first race.

### Full Race Schedule

The race schedule for 2026 once again features a full set of twenty races with something for everyone.

4/16	Fredericksburg Prologue	6/4	Diamond Valley Road Race	7/16	Pinenut Road Race
4/23	Diamond Valley Road Race Short Course	6/11	Jack's Valley Time Trial	7/23	Kingsbury Time Trial
4/30	Grandview Criterium	6/18	Diamond Valley Double Back Road Race	7/30	Diamond Valley Road Race
5/7	East Valley Time Trial	6/25	Fredericksburg Two Up Time Trial	8/6	Blue Lakes Time Trial
5/14	Pinenut Road Race	7/2	Eagle Ridge Circuit Race	8/13	Grandview Criterium
5/28	Grandview Criterium	7/9	Blue Lakes Time Trial	8/20	Fredericksburg Time Trial
5/29	Kingsbury Time Trial			8/27	Diamond Valley Road Race Short Course

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





## Tahoe Area Radio Association HAM CRAM Saturday April 25

### Get Licensed for a Valuable Skill

Are you interested in getting a HAM Radio license? It's really useful to have in case of any kind of emergency—not just for Alta Alpina events.

The Tahoe Amateur Radio Association (TARA) has invited us to a special training event on April 25 to fast-track getting HAM radio licenses. This is how many Alta Alpina members obtained their licenses.

The "HAM CRAM" day takes place at the fire station in Zephyr Cove from 9:30am to 4:30pm. Participants will review exam questions from 9:30 to 2:00, take the test from 3:00 to 4:30pm, and then get their license if they pass.

Are you interested? To sign up or learn more, visit <http://tahoeamateurradio.com/hamcram2.htm>



## Board Meeting Minutes—March 2, 2026

Secretary: Michael Bayer; Other Board Members: Jordan Brooks (Highway Cleanup); Michelle Brooks (Social Media); Chris Cherrix (Spring Cyclorama); Frank Dixon (Deputy Treasurer); Bruce Eisner (Clothing Coordinator); Pam Giltner (Vice President); Jennie Hamiter (Weekend Rides & Assistant Treasurer); Greg Kogut (Website Coordinator); Jim LaHue (President); Bill Magladry (Treasurer); Joseph Whiteley (Race Director)

Meeting held by Zoom

Meeting called to order at 6:06pm

Minutes of the February meeting approved as amended. [JenniChrisUnanimous]

### 1. Monthly Status Reports:

- **Treasurer:** The current checking account balance is \$12,914.85. The Paypal balance is \$6880.60. CDs are currently at \$12,395.52, \$12,270.06, and \$14,336.33. Bill is dealing with Paypal reporting issues and Frank will work with him to find a resolution.
- **Membership:** There are 17 fully up to date memberships with 20 up to date members. We'll push out a renewal reminder email when Allen is on his way back from Europe.
- **Weekend Rides:** The pizza meeting for weekend ride leaders will be held on March 9 at 6pm at the Pizza Factory in Minden. The weekend ride schedule will start in the middle of March if there are weekend ride leaders. We'll restart the bike box program. Members will be a deposit of \$100.
- **Weekly MTB Rides:** Some trails have been open, but club rides won't start until after the season kickoff on the Spring Rider Roundup.

- **Social Media:** Michelle will work on promoting the March Mileage contest. She created a new Instagram account because recovering the old account proved to be impossible. The new account already has engagement. Michelle is seeing lots of engagement around past rider testimonials and she will be repurposing and promoting those testimonials. She has been looking into Strava and in addition to working on Challenge promotion she is lining up the posts to promote the kick-off of the club's 2026 season: the ride leader meeting, spring party, rider roundup, Cyclorama, etc..
- **Newsletter:** Michael is requesting content by Saturday with planned publication next Monday.
- **Website:** Greg will update the board member list and the interactive calendar. He is also working on enhancements for the rideboard to allow engagement between potential participants.
- **Insurance:** Michael reported that he has purchased the race insurance, registered for the base event policy for the Challenge, and purchased the \$2M rider for the Challenge policy. We're now done with insurance shopping for this season.



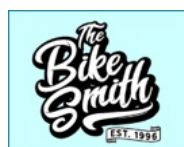
- **Clothing:** There was no activity last month.
- **Weekly Road Races:** The racing web page has been updated for the 2026 season. Posters have been printed and posted at nearby bike shops. A porta potty has been secured. Joseph is still working on the details of the new points system and working out which of the alternatives works best. Joseph contacted public works department to see if the newly paved, but not yet opened, Mueller parkway could be used for racing. Other alternatives for East Valley were discussed.
- **Junior Team:** No report.
- **Cyclorama:** Chris reported that Nigel and Desiree have again volunteered their home for the BBQ location. We expect a great turnout this year as it has been rescheduled for later in May and won't be in conflict with the Stetina Paydirt. The budget will need to be increased over last year.
- **Fall Century:** Jennie has contacted Dave Scarborough and is up to speed.
- **Adopt A Highway:** Jordan confirms that everything is set for the season.
- **Challenge:** We have 44 participants registered. Marketing plan is in place and we are executing on it. Michael has assembled art and photos for use in ads, posters, social media and the website. Michelle is implementing the social media plan, Posters have been printed and Joseph has been getting them posted with the race posters, Michael is working on print advertising and online calendars. Michael is working on rest stop/checkpoint details which have to be finalized for permit submissions.

Porta potty rentals are still/once again a challenge. We are also working on volunteer assignments and creative solutions for replacing stickers and bibs for tracking pass completion.

- **Bike Advocacy:** No report.
- 2. **Rides of March Contest:** It was agreed that we'll restart the March Mileage contest this year. It will be four weeks of logging rides leading up to the Spring Party. Starting on March 13. Rules will remain as they have been in the past. A budget of \$150 was agreed. [Michael | Jennie | Unanimous].
- 3. **Stetina Paydirt:** Pam checked with the organizers and more details will be available next month. It looks like we can host a rest stop and/or a table at registration.
- 4. **CVTA Spoker Ride:** The event takes place June 6. Pam also checked in with the CVTA to line up a role with the CVTA event again this year. It's the same weekend as AMBBR which takes place the next day but we should be able to recruit a couple of volunteers. Pam will post on the rideboard
- 5. **Board Meeting Venue:** Jim proposed using his office in the Bently Science Park for in-person board meeting starting in May. One of us can bring Pizza and the other snack and catering supplies. The meeting room has a monitor for presentations and Zoom, if needed, and there is no time limit so we can continue to meet at 6:00pm. We'll continue to look for a meeting room option at the Lake.
- 6. **Next Meeting:** Monday, March 30, 2026, 6 pm, by Zoom.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm

## Local Merchant Program

Local merchants that support AACC offer discounts to club members. 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.AtaAlpina.org](http://www.AtaAlpina.org).





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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Spring Membership Party	Thu, April 9
Spring Rider Roundup	Sat, April 11
Weekly Racing Starts	Thu, April 16
Tahoe Ham Cram	Sat, April 25
Annual Memorial Cyclorama and BBQ	Sat, May 30

**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 **March 30** on **Zoom.**

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