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**Alta Alpina
Cycling Club**

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Pinenut Mountain Bike Poker Run

Nate Littrell, Poker Run Dealer

On Sunday, June 5th, Nate Littrell will be hosting the 8th Annual Mountain Bike Poker Run. With a barbecue, the poker run is a great start to summer fun. The course is an easy one, designed to allow nearly anyone to complete the ride (the youngest rider to complete the course one year was four). The start and finish of the ride is at Nate's house in Ruhensroth. "I have a huge backyard, so I feel obligated to throw parties" says Nate. After the ride, stay for the barbecue. Chips, soda, beer, and snacks will be provided, but it is BYOM (Bring Your Own Meat).

Poker Run Details

Poker run leaves around 11 am. Party starts about 1 pm.

The ride is approximately a 10 mile loop.

\$5 Ante (seven card stud, high/low split)

Special Extra 8th card (high hand only, separate pot & additional \$5 ante). This card will be significantly farther out than the other seven and the course will be poorly marked so you can buddy up with someone knows the pine nuts if you want that 8th card.

Afterwards we may do some races in the back for fun and prizes depending on the level of interest.

Directions:

The Littrell home is in the Ruhensroth area at 1914 Colt. Phone: 707-265-9936

Start by heading south on 395 past the Gardnerville 7-11.

LEFT on PALOMINO.

LEFT on PINTO.

RIGHT on COLT.

The street is narrow. Please park well off the road so as not to impede traffic. We'll also be parking cars in back of the house—just drive around back.



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Wild Sierra is on June 11 Volunteers & Equipment Needed!

Some key jobs are still vacant:

- Saturday Signage Captain
- Rest Stop Volunteers
- Food Transport
- Gear Transport

We're still looking for some key equipment:

- EZ-up 10x10 tents
- Water Coolers
- Ice Chests
- Folding Tables
- Camp Stoves

To get involved or loan equipment for the Wild Sierra please contact: volunteers@altaalpina.org



Alta Alpina Challenge: Wild Sierra Century and Metric Century, Family Fun Ride, and 8 Pass Challenge

Michael Bayer, Wild Sierra Director

Ride, Volunteer, or Ride AND Volunteer

This year's Wild Sierra gives you the opportunity to bring your family for a 15 or 20 mile supported ride, ride a couple of your favorite passes with rest stops and lunch, tackle the toughest 200 mile ride in the world, hang out for a fun day with Alta Alpina members, help our guests succeed in their challenge for the day, or engage in a combination of these activities!

Volunteer Opportunities

For club members, the Wild Sierra is an opportunity to meet and collaborate with other club members as we all pull together to volunteer for the big day. Volunteers make new friends and have a great time. This is a wonderful opportunity to be part of something really big.

Here are some of the jobs that we need help with:

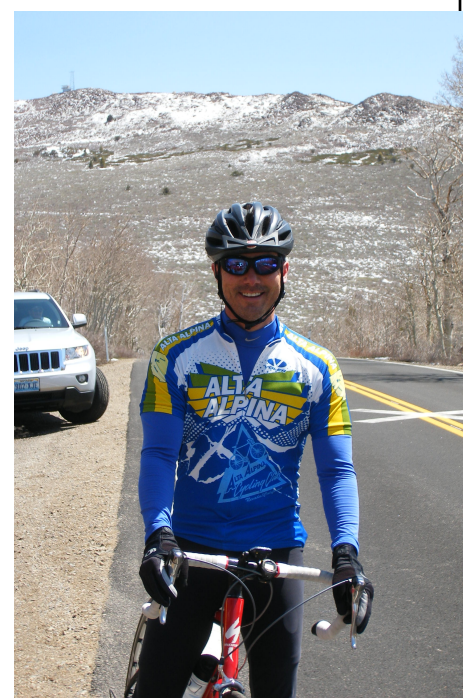
Now to June 9	June 10	June 11	June 12
Ride Promotion Equipment Cookie Baking Volunteer Coordination	Shopping Logistics Weed Whacking Goody Bag Stuffing Equipment Sorting Sign Making Rider Check-in	Rider Check-in Jersey Sales Rest Stops SAG Course Marshals Signage Crew HAM Radio Operators	Clean -up Equipment return

Please call (877)845-2453 or send email to volunteers@altaalpina.org and sign up for one or more of these jobs. Family and friends are welcome to join us. Most jobs allow you to participate in the ride as well! If you volunteer 8 or more hours, you can take advantage of the volunteer discount.

Equipment Needed

We're still need to track down the following. Please let us know if you can loan or donate any of the following

- 10x10 EZ up Tents (with side walls if possible)
- Tarp/Shade Structures
- Large Vehicles
- Cargo Trailers
- Folding Tables
- Ice Chests
- 5 Gallon Water Coolers
- 10 Gallon Water Coolers
- Camp Stoves
- Paper Grocery Bags
- Old Blankets
- Old Sweatshirts/ Sweatpants





Wild Hillacious Century Series

Twain Berg, Century Series Coordinator

The Alta Alpina/Bike Habitat Wild Spring Century is in the books. About 25 AACC members gathered in Woodfords for the first ride of the series. The Spring Century has been a long tradition for the club and is often the start of the riding season for the club.

Big thanks to John and Helga Cotter for hosting the ride, lunch and dinner and to Cory and Di Bolton for SAG on the Monitor Loop. The hot food for lunch and dinner was much appreciated as well as the food and drink up on Monitor.

While the weather may have scared off a few, it was a near perfect with cool temperatures for climbing, mostly sunny, and favorable winds in the afternoon for the Century Riders. The traditional Monitor Loop in the morning ended with lunch and the end of the ride for the Wild Hill Metric. Century riders went on to the Kingsbury/Luther Loop for Century credit. Looks like Pike Reardon and Jim Wire were the first in from the century.

Riders can check to see if they received proper credit on the Wild Hill Stats page:

<http://numsum.com/people/view/AltaAlpina>

If your credit is incorrect or missing or if you rode with someone who didn't receive credit please email me at: hillacious@charter.net with the corrections.

Club members who finish 5 Metrics or 3 Centuries earn

rights to the Finisher's Jersey at the end of the season. The Spring Century is free to club members.....don't miss it next year!

The Alta Alpina Challenge/Wild Sierra on June 11 is next for the Wild Hill Series. First and foremost, the club needs a few more volunteers to help on the biggest day of our year. Please contact Brenda Giese at volunteer@altaalpina.org to offer help.

There are still jobs that will allow you to ride on Saturday.

If you have registered for the event, sign up for Wild Hill credit at the Challenge registration Friday.

Wild Sierra Metric = 1 metric credit

Wild Sierra Century and the 5 Pass Challenge = 1 Century Credit

8 Pass Challenge = 2 Century Credits

At the end of your ride, come back in with your bid to get Wild Hill credit.

Along with the 5 scheduled Wild Hill rides this summer, members can post bonus and make-up rides. Just email me at hillacious@charter.net to do so. All the approved routes are on the Wild Hill pages:

<http://www.altaalpina.org/hillacious/2011%20HillaciousSeriesIntro.htm>





AACC Thursday Night Race Series

Diane Bolton, Thursday Night Race Director

See our website at www.AaltaAlpina.org for directions to race venues. Schedule is subject to change, so check the website before each race. Races start promptly at 6:15 pm. Be there ready to race!

6/9	Diamond Valley Double Back Road Race	7/5	Club Challenge: Reno Air Center	8/4	East Valley Criterium
6/16	Club Challenge: Eagle Ridge Criterium	7/14	Eagle Ridge Criterium	8/11	Club Challenge: Pinenut Road Race
6/23	Pinenut Road Race	7/21	Diamond Valley Road Race	8/18	Foothill Time Trial
6/30	East Valley Criterium	7/28	Blue Lakes Time Trial or Road Race (TBD)	8/25	Diamond Valley RR (short course, season finale)

Overall Standings

Overall Points 2011	4/21	4/28	5/5	5/10	5/19	5/26	6/2	Total
A's								
Kevin Willitts	1	10	20	10	20	5	9	75
Mel Maalouf		8	17		12	5	8	50
Garth Jackson		20	8		10		12	50
Pike Reardon		14			20	5	10	49
Robert Braun		12	12			5	20	49
Andrew Huntington	1	17	9		9	5	6	47
Dave Johnson		9	14		14	5		42
Jim Wire	1		4	10	7	7	7	36
Paul Tindal			10		17			27
Josh Rennie						24		24
Pete Morris		17				5		22
Micah Herman					5	17	22	
Dave Bryant			6	10		5		21
Tyree Holdridge	1				10	5		16
CJ Dudley						15		15
Trevor Ellsworth							14	14
Sean Sweeney	1	1			8			10
Randy Volkmar				10				10
Keegan Brunner			7					7
Peter Stromberg		1	5					6
Walter Morris					5			5
Nick Cavalato						5		5
Jason Schoonover	1		3					4
C's								
Scott Roby	1		17		17	14	14	63
Michael Dalzell		17			20	20		57
Michael Bayer	1			10	14	12	20	57
Jennie Hamiter	1	14		10			17	42
Scott Herman	1	1	20	10		9		41
Dan Robertson			14		9		10	33
Eric Studencko		12					12	24
Callis Ogles			10			10		20
Megan Waskiewicz		9				8		17
Frank Dixon						17		17
Joseph Whiteley					12			12
Kurt Rasmussen					10			10
Russ Petrosky						7		7
Dave Alexander	1							1

Overall Points 2011	4/21	4/28	5/5	5/10	5/19	5/26	6/2	Total	
B's									
Ryan Stoffer	1	20	7		12	10	14	64	
Peter Niday	1	12	3		17	5	17	55	
Jamie Buck	1		12		8		20	41	
Rich Miyashiro	1	7	8		10	5	10	41	
Bob Gagen				10		20	6	36	
Jeff James			9	9			5	12	35
Tanner DeGiovanni			1	14		7	9	31	
Eric Aguilera			1	17			12	30	
John Drum	1	14	6				9	30	
Jeff Bryan						10	5	9	24
Jason Collin		1	8			14		23	
Dave Norvel		1		5		9	7	22	
Chris Lucas		1		20				21	
Adrienne Tieslau			20					20	
Michael Turek	1		4	10				15	
Jason Hayes						11		11	
Jim Piscotti				10				10	
Scott Robertson							8	8	
Frank Dixon			1	6				7	
Don Williams						5		5	
Ellen Sherrill							5	5	
John Cotter							5	5	
Michael Sharp		1						1	
Tina Hughes		1						1	
D's									
Jamie Borino	1	12	20		20	12	10	75	
Palmer Cronkhite	1	10	9		12	10	14	56	
Bridget Mato	1	17	14		14			46	
Michael Shipman	1		10			17	17	45	
Chrissy Robertson	1		12		10		12	35	
Tammy DeGiovanni			14	17				31	
Helga Cotter			10			14		24	
Kurt Rasmussen			20					20	
Chris Hjelm						20		20	
Sean Richards							20	20	
Sean Richards		1				17		18	
Kim Hunt			8		9			17	
Chris Rhiner		1	7	6				14	
Marie White		1	8					9	
Cole Pinther						9		9	
Cade Pinther						8		8	
Vanessa Littrel				7				7	
Brandon Curd		1						1	
Peter Price		1						1	



Bike Spokesman

Tim Rowe, AACC Bicycle Advocacy

1) 2011 Nevada Legislature – Bicycle related bills Update:

AB328 – Vulnerable User - This bill provides an enhanced penalty for motorists who seriously injure or cause the death of a "vulnerable highway user." This bill was spearheaded by a Muscle Powered & Bicycle Advocate group in Carson City, including Tim Rowe. The bill is sponsored by Assemblywoman Teresa Benitez-Thompson, D-Reno. The bill passed the Assembly Transportation Committee and then the full Assembly 42-0 on 4/25/11. Heard in front of the Senate Transportation Committee on Thursday May 5th. Six or so local Bicycle Advocates have testified in favor, including Tim Rowe. The organizing group have met with several Assembly members and Senators to gain support of the bill and passage looks favorable. Please Email your local Senator to support this bill!

SB248 – 3 Foot - This bill requires a driver of a motor vehicle to overtake and pass a bicycle or an electric bicycle proceeding in the same direction by: (1) moving the vehicle into the immediate left lane, if there is more than one lane traveling in the same direction and it is safe to move into the lane; or (2) passing to the left of the bicycle or electric bicycle at a distance of not less than 3 feet from the bicycle or electric bicycle. This bill is from an effort from Las Vegas and is sponsored by Senators Parks and Lee. The bill passed the Senate Transportation Committee and then the full senate by 21-0 on 4/22/11. Heard in front of Assembly Transportation Committee on 5/3/11. Five Bicycle Advocates from Las Vegas and Tim Rowe from Carson City have testified in favor. Passage looks favorable. Please Email your local Assembly member to support this bill!

Other bills with some affect on bicycling that are still alive include:

AB188 – Limit Truck length –from 3 to 2 trailers.

SB475 – Transportation- This is the bill that will move the Bicycle/Ped Education Program from the Dept. of Public Safety to the Bike/Ped program at NDOT thus consolidating those programs under one roof.

SB140 – Cell Phone - This bill prohibits the use of a cellular telephone or other handheld wireless communications device while operating a motor vehicle to send or read data (text message), and it prohibits talking on a cell phone w/out a hands-free device when operating a motor vehicle.

AB151 – Cell Phone -This bill prohibits the use of a

cellular telephone or other handheld wireless communications device while operating a motor vehicle to send or read data (text message), and it prohibits talking on a cell phone w/out a hands-free device when operating a motor vehicle.

2) The 10th annual Nevada Bicycle and Pedestrian Conference will be on Tuesday May 24th at the Atlantis in Reno. Tim Rowe, as a member of Nevada Bicycle Advisory Board, is again involved in the Planning of this event. Michael Bayer and Lauren Lindley will attend for the club and hopefully others.

3) Carson City Freeway Multiple Use Path Open House this was held on Wednesday May 4th at the Carson City Community Center and Tim Rowe attended. Carson City has come up with a plan for a multiple use path along Phase 2 of the new Carson City Freeway. This will go from Northridge (north of Hwy 50 east) all the way to Hwy 395/Hwy 50 west. The plan is good but would have been better if NDOT had included this in the original plan years ago and not had the path removed. Oh well, better late than never. Now it is on to get approvals and money. Thanks Carson City for spearheading this!

4) New Bicycle Stamp – ‘Ride a Bike’– part of USPS ‘Go Green’ initiative!

5) GOOD BICYCLE NEWS – Most of the ugly white construction concrete barrier has been removed along Edmonds Drive in south Carson City. The almost 2 mile section is down to less than 0.2 miles! This was installed as NDOT builds the 2 bridges and drainage systems for Phase 2 of the Carson Freeway . Having the concrete barrier right on white line along with a chain link fence on the top – made this section of roadway very Unsafe and really not usable to bicyclists. Many complaints were made – but nothing changed. Now we can ride most of Edmonds again, albeit still a bit narrow! YAHOO! Too bad Edmonds can't be widened and bike lanes included which could be part of a nice a loop around Carson City! Just imagine!

6) May is BIKE MONTH! May 16-20 is Bike to Work Week!! Join the Challenges in Lake Tahoe and Carson City. In Carson City - Join The Corporate Challenge from May 16-20 at www.BikeCarson.com. Bike to Work Week party is Friday May 20th at 5:30 pm Firken and Fox in Carson City!

The Tahoe Bike Challenge is May 23-June 3rd. For more information check <http://www.tahoebike.org/>. As part of Bike Month, our own Jennie Hamiter taught a Bike Repair class for Women at Bike Habitat on Wednesday evening May 4th.



Board Meeting Minutes—June 1, 2011

Acting Secretary: Michael Bayer; Other Board Members: Twain Berg, Diane Bolton, Robert Braun, Laura Caimi, Pete Costa, Curtis Fong, Mel Maalouf; Other Attendees: Wayne Treloggen, Helga Cotter, John Cotter

1. Monthly Status Reports:

- **Treasurer:** The current balance is \$43580. Paypal balance \$12314.
- **Membership:** There are 187 fully paid members including 26 families and 4 students.
- **Weekend Rides:** Ellen not present.
- **Newsletter:** Michael will take over as editor.
- **Website:** Twain will upload pictures from the Spring Century.
- **Weekly Road Races:** Averaging about 30 riders.
- **Mountain Bike Races:** Ellen not present.
- **Junior Team:** Great turn out. Running short on bikes. Riding in the garage.
- **Spring Century:** Thanks to John and Helga Cotter for hosting! They did an awesome job and their house was a perfect location as it allowed people to ride alternative routes.
- **Pinenut Cracker:** Awesome turnout! 126 racers. Revenue was about \$4500.
- **Carson Valley Classic:** Cancelled for 2011. Mel is trying to publicize the cancellation.
- **King of Kingsbury Time Trial:** 39 racers. Thanks to Marc Evans for helping out.
- **Cyclocross Race:** Planning is underway for two Cyclocross events in the fall.
- **Bike Advocacy:** Working on a way to forward notices to the whole club. Michael and Tim attended the NV Bike-Ped Conference.
- **Adopt A Highway:** Casey Willits has taken this job and scheduling the first pickup of the year for June 19.

2. **Hillacious Hill Climb Century:** Spring Century was a great success.
3. **Lake Tahoe Bike Challenge:** Time is running out to post miles for the AACC team.
4. **Mysterious Charity Report:** Not enough information for the Board to take action.
5. **Challenge Planning:** Biggest issue is need for volunteers and particularly a signage captain.
6. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, July 5, 2011, 6 pm, TRPA offices in Stateline.

May Presidential Posting

Mel Maalouf, President

There are many things afoot in the legislatures in both California and Nevada. Please take the time to respond to the many emails and links that are associated with efforts of our local bicycle advocacy groups. Many of the proposed legislations have wheels (pun intended) and may pass. In these times, gasoline is becoming more expensive and the future energy supplies are uneasy, it is important that our governments and local agencies facilitate bicycle transportation. This can't be done without the energy and enthusiasm of people and organizations that have a passion and a vision for cycling in the future. We need your help so please do your part to support these initiatives.

Once again Alta Alpina is participating in the Tahoe Bike Challenge as a team. For me, it is a no-brainer to ride to work, as I only live 3 miles away. It is actually quite pleasant to ride there and allows me to connect to work on the way and disconnect on my way home. I want to encourage you to ride your bike not just in funny lycra clothes, but with a backpack and a bike lock with an eye for reducing energy consumption and congestion, and keeping our air clean. A backpack is a good tool for making small trips to stores and carrying other things such as your bike lock.

I absolutely love this time of year. There are some days when we can get in 60 miles without too much hooky from work. With the weather so warm, one of my favorite things is to ride until dark. I also love that good weather brings out more club members posting rides of varying length, pace and difficulty. I want to encourage all you to keep up the efforts to ride together, as I know how much I like to connect with other cyclists when I ride. Whether the ride is a simple after work ride, quick jaunt, a long planned out ride, or a carpool to an event or ride start, please use the tool to get out the word.



Board Meeting Minutes—May 2, 2011

Secretary: Ellen Sherrill; Other Board Members: Michael Bayer, Diane Bolton, Robert Braun, Pete Costa, Curtis Fong, Mel Maalouf, Joe Marzocco, Tim Rowe; Other Attendees: Christopher Rowe, Casey Willits, Kevin Willits, Levi Grabow

1. Monthly Status Reports:

- **Treasurer:** The current balance is \$41907.47 as of 4/19. Approximately \$10,000 in PayPal.
- **Membership:** Membership party was successful in enrolling new members. Grace period has finished so we need to push for remaining renewals. Printing membership pamphlets for upcoming events was discussed.
- **Weekend Rides:** May is full but ride leaders are still needed for June.
- **Newsletter:** We need more content for May.
- **Website:** Joe is caught up on updates.
- **Weekly Road Races:** Great turn out for first two races of the season.
- **Mountain Bike Races:** Ellen is working to finalize the dates.
- **Junior Team:** Six kids turned out. Training has started and team is working on building up new bikes. Tanner and Levi have volunteered for tutoring. Mel will open this up to "D" racers.
- **Spring Century:** May 29. Curtis has volunteered to SAG.
- **Pinenut Cracker:** May 21. Junior Team will organize the BBQ.
- **Carson Valley Classic:** Not masters' championships anymore, but Mel reluctant to cancel officially on NCNCA calendar. Curtis suggests a large cash purse for next year – and applying to tourism agency for support.
- **King of Kingsbury Time Trial:** Looking for ways

to promote the event to pros in town for Amgen, no luck so far.

- **Bike Advocacy:** Nevada Bike and Pedestrian Conference – May 24th; Lauren and Joe will attend. Bike talks by UC Davis in Incline Village coming up in May/June. Bike bills for NV – 2 passed unanimously in state legislature! Peter asks about donating to the Tahoe-to-Pyramid Lake bike route, assuming the advocacy agency for the project has made some progress; proposes \$200. Motion passes.
 - **Adopt A Highway:** Casey Willits has volunteered and will work on a date.
 - **Clothing:** We still have old clothing available at discounted prices..
2. **Hillacious Hill Climb Century:** Jerseys have been ordered.
 3. **UNR Rider Support:** Board voted to provide \$400 to racers Levi and Sam from UNR cycling to attend USFS Developmental Camp in Moraga in August.
 4. **AMGEN Status:** Di and Corey are reg. captains. Curtis has only 95 for Legends Ride signed up.
 5. **Wild Sierra:** Michael reports. on meeting w/ Hung-A-Lei Ti about kitchen management; rider registration at 135 not including GE; marketing on active.com with \$200 ad; queries about Jim Swarzman memorial component to ride; MB and Laura will be promoting and signing up at AMGEN; NHP insurance discussed.
 6. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, June 1, 2011, 6 pm, Pizza Factory in Gardnerville.

Local Merchant Discount Program

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





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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- America's Most BeautifulJune 5
Bike Ride
- Poker RunJune 5
- Wild SierraJune 11
- Highway CleanupJune 19
- Thursday Night Races ..every Thu @6:15

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** 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 5** at the **TRPA offices in Stateline.**