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Ray Rickard Memorial Spring Century – COVID Edition on May 29

For All Up To Date Alta Alpina Club Members!

The Ray Rickard Memorial Spring Century has traditionally been a social event centered around a variety of fine ride options. Regrettably we're forced to minimize the social aspect of the ride again this year. To keep riders spread out and appropriately distanced, we won't have a group start time nor a starting/ending location. Everyone will pick their own start/finish location and many will ride from home.

The traditional metric century loop from Gardnerville, past Topaz Lake, over Monitor Pass, and returning via Markleeville continues to be the "big loop" option, however we will have just a single "pit stop" location south of the intersection of CA 89 and CA 4 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. A toilet will be provided at the pit stop.

Those who are interested in a shorter ride can start wherever they like and enjoy a relatively flat ride along the river and as far towards Ebbetts Pass or Monitor as they would like. Those who would like a climb-fest, are invited to do Monitor (one or both sides), and then climb Ebbetts (assuming it is open). Those doing the traditional loop, who really want to test their legs, are invited to start early and do Ebbetts along the way, for a full Century.

While riding bicycles out on the road is about the most virus-safe activity we're able to enjoy at the moment as long as everyone stays well spaced, conventional rest stops are not. In order to keep everyone safe, our volunteers in particular, we cannot run the rest stop as usual. Instead we'll have a single "pit stop" at a central location.

The "pit stop" approach is something we've developed for a virus-safe Alta Alpina Challenge. This location will be much more like a racing pit stop than the rest stops you're used to. Our goal is to hand-off snacks and fill water bottles as quickly as possible while keeping everyone safe.

Please RSVP to springcentury@altaalpina.org and give us an idea of which ride you plan to do.

We're looking for volunteers for May 29th. Please let us know if you can help.



Ray Rickard Memorial Spring Century – COVID Edition Details

Choose a Ride Option: the Century, the Traditional Loop, the West Side, or any other ride through Markleeville and the Carson River Canyon. Ride from home or pick your own start location. Time your ride so that you can take advantage of the pit stop south of the CA89-CA4 intersection between 10am and 2pm. RSVP to springcentury@altaalpina.org with your plan.

Things to Bring: You'll need sunglasses, a face covering, hand sanitizer, and two water bottles. Also recommended: a riding mirror (on your glasses, helmet, or bars) and a jacket.

Socially Distanced Riding: Ride with your family members and, if you are fully vaccinated, feel free to ride with others who are fully vaccinated. Pass others riders only when it's safe to do so with a wide berth and wave but avoid projecting your voice, coughing, sneezing, or blowing your nose while riding. Please model best behavior for other road users—be patient, stay distanced, and avoid forming large groups.

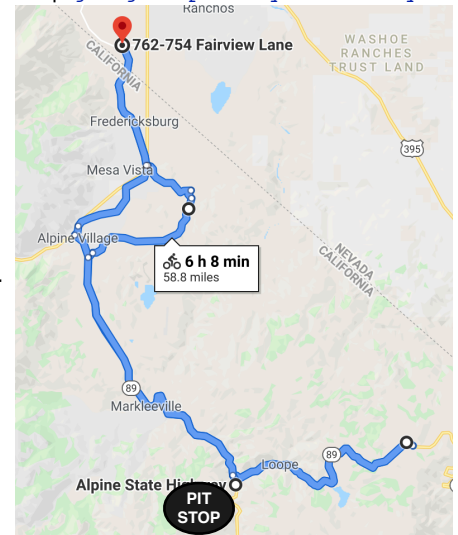
Pit Stop Location: The Pit Stop is located on CA4 in a pull-out 0.4 miles south of the intersection with CA89.

Using the Pit Stop: As we're not yet back to normal, we're still required to implement the protocols we developed last year but things are a little easier. This is not a conventional rest stop: rather than self-service, volunteers will hand your supplies to you as quickly as possible with as little contact as possible. The hand-off area is the only place where a face covering is needed.

1. Pull up to one of the spaced-out pit stop cones, straddle your bike, and put on a face covering.
2. A volunteer will present you with a Chlorox wipe. Use this to clean your water bottle(s). Tell the volunteer what snacks you'd like to have.
3. Remove your water bottle lid and hand your bottle to the volunteer so they can fill it. A volunteer will bring you a bag or container with all your requested snack items. Once you have what you need, move away for the next rider.
4. You can then take off your mask and enjoy your snacks.

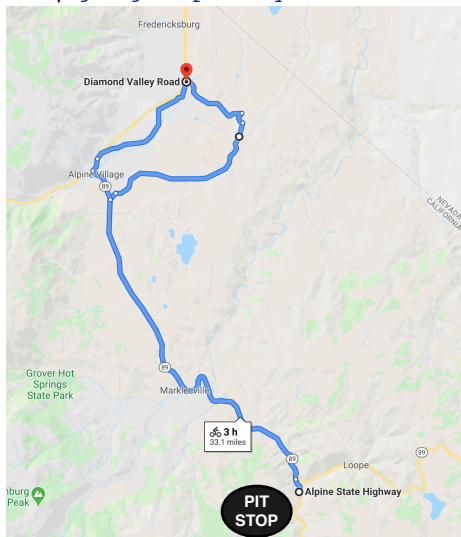
West Side Ride

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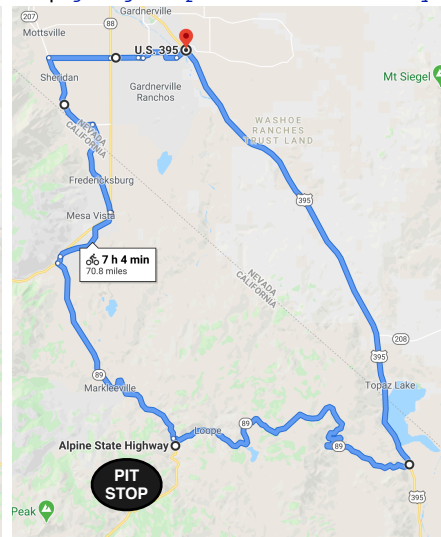
Valleys Ride

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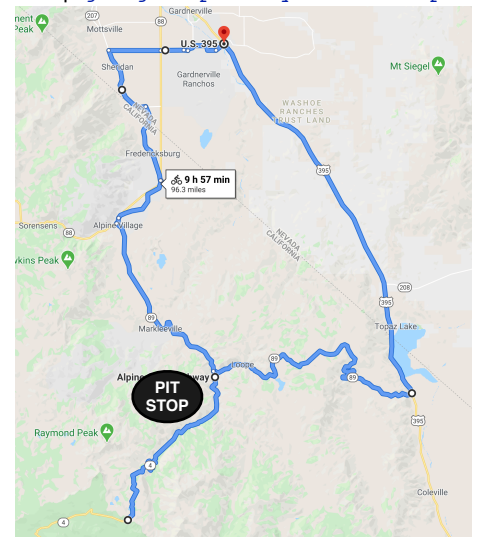
Traditional Loop

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Century Loop

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Presidential Posting

Nigel Leigh, President

Isn't this a great time of year for riding around here? The temperature's warmed from the chills of winter, but hasn't yet turned the valley into the hot house of summer. And the jewel in the crown, that magical period when our mountain roads are clear of snow, but not yet busy with cars. Monitor pass, Blue Lakes road, Ebbetts pass, Hermit Valley, Sonora pass... these are all so beautiful, with snow on the peaks, and without the threat of holiday traffic. I hope you've been enjoying them!

Either way, an opportunity is coming this weekend, with the Spring Century now scheduled for Sat May 29. See you out there, somewhere around Monitor pass!

Meanwhile, mountain biking has also been ramping up rapidly. This seasons meagre snowpack is melting away quickly, so the upper trails are starting to open already. If you've "always wanted to do more mountain biking, but never quite got regular with it", how about joining our series of weekly after-work mountain rides? Make it a regular habit, rather than an event which you need to organize. We've been doing these each Tuesday evening throughout summer for the last 4 years or so. Of course last year was a bit weird with Covid, but we're getting closer to normal again now, especially for outdoor activities like this.

We meet at typically 5pm each Tuesday, at a different location each week. Starting with rides in the valley (Clear Creek a few weeks ago), then moving up to the Tahoe area as the snow melts. Won't take long this year! There are so many world class trails around here, that we get through to about Sep/Oct without needing to repeat a ride. They're posted each week on the ride board: <https://www.altaalpina.org/rideboard/> If you look there, you'll see that this weeks is Cold Creek & Monument Saddle. Its a beaut!

Most rides have an out-and-return format, so there's no pressure to keep up. Go at a pace which suits you.

And yes, most rides are followed by snacks & drinks, usually b.y.o. at the trailhead, or occasionally at a nearby establishment like the Fox & Hound. Life's good come and join in!

Alta Alpina Challenge 2021 - June 26

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Michael Bayer, Challenge 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 or 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 in the days leading up to the event and on Sunday morning to move gear back. Please contact me at challenge@altaalpina.org and let me know when you're available.

We're also looking for family band radios (walkie-talkies), ice chests, and 10x10 shade tents to borrow for the weekend. 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!

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!

AACC Ride Schedule—May/June

Leon Malmed, Weekend Ride Coordinator

Tuesday, May 25, 2021 — Tuesday Evening MTB: Cold Creek / Monument

Meeting at the High Meadow Trailhead at the (south/high) end of High Meadow Trail, South Lake Tahoe. We'll start at 5:15pm. Climb from High Meadow Trailhead (at the end of the paved part of High Meadow Rd) up Cold Creek Trail to High Meadow, then up to Monument Pass. There are certainly some technical sections, and some sections that pretty much everyone will walk/push, but a lot of the trail is rideable and quite fun, and the views up high are spectacular. This is an out-n-back, so climb as high as you want and turn around when you've had enough.

Saturday, May 29, 2021 — Ray Rickard Memorial Spring Century

Our big spring event was rescheduled due to bad weather. See all the details on Page 2 of this newsletter..

Saturday, May 30, 2021 — Kirkwood from Blue Lakes Road

Starting from Blue Lakes parking on the right (west side of road) at 10:00am. For a 30 mile ride featuring a climb up to Carson pass, down to Caples Lake, out to Kirkwood and return.

Saturday, June 5, 2021 — Highway Cleanup plus Ride

Our first clean-up in what feels like forever! Meet at Turtle Rock Park at 8:00am. Come give us a hand as we clean up the roadside of CA-89 north of Turtle Rock Park. The first cleanup of the year is always the biggest so we could use a good turnout. Please wear long sleeves, long pants, and gloves for the cleanup. Once we're done cleaning up, a road ride will follow at about 9:00am. We'll probably do a casual climb of Ebbetts but the group that shows up will decide on the route.

Saturday, June 12, 2021 — Kingsbury Grade

Watch the rideboard for details.

Saturday, June 19, 2021 — Spooner-Kingsbury Loop

Meet at Genoa Town Park on Nixon St. in Genoa, ready to ride at 8:30am. We'll climb Clear Creek Rd. to Highway 50, climb Spooner Pass, descend to the lake, use the bike path to get to Kahle, and the climb Kingsbury. Lots of climbing and beautiful views for about 4200ft of climbing over 45 miles.

Saturday, June 26, 2021 — SAVE THE DATE: The Alta Alpina Challenge

All hands on deck: this is our annual fund raising event for the club.

All Members Can Post Rides to the Club Rideboard!

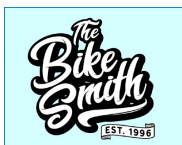
Looking for someone to join you for a ride?

Post your own at:

www.altaalpina.org/rideboard/

Local Merchant Discounts

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



BlueZone @Sports





2020 Socially Distanced Thursday Race Season

Joseph Whitely, Race Administrator

It has been great watching the results come in each week for the race segments. It is evident that some of you have been working on getting faster during the off season. There are a couple of new racers that have joined the Cs this year, but a few of you that were regulars last year we have not seen yet. Please join in the fun at any time.

Hopefully we can resume our regular Thursday night race format here in a few weeks.

If you see any mistakes in the results here please let me know: racedirector@altaalpina.org

2021 AACC COVID-19 Social Distancing Race Series (North Venue)

(No North Race - WK1)
Franktown TT Prologue - (WK2)
Air Center Criterium - (WK3)
Jumbo Duck TT - (WK4)
Geiger Grade TT - (WK5)
Boca TT - (WK6)
Season Total Points

A

B									
1	William Cassity	M	-	20	-	20	17	-	57
2	Eric Lehman	M	-	-	-	-	20	-	20

C

1	Brandon Whitmer	M	-	14	25	17	20	-	76
2	Ron Sandoval	M	-	17	21	20	17	-	75
3	David Machen	M	-	12	17	14	12	-	55
4	Scott Robertson	M	-	10	-	-	14	-	24
5	Tony Parenti	M	-	20	-	-	-	-	20

D

1	Louise Hose	F	-	20	-	20	-	-	40
2	Dusty Dustyn	F	-	-	-	17	-	-	17

2021 AACC COVID-19 Social Distancing Race Series

Fredricksburg TT Prologue - (WK1)
DV Road Race (Short Course) - (WK2)
Starbucks Criterium - (WK3)
East Valley Time Trial - (WK4)
Pinenut Road Race - (WK5)
Foothill Time Trial - (WK6)
Season Total Points

A

1	Kevin Willitts	M	10	20	14	17	17	14	92
2	Blake Herrmann	M	10	12	24	14	20	10	90
3	Brian Hamilton	M	10	14	17	10	14	12	77
4	Dustin Hess	M	10	17	11	20	-	17	75
5	Mihai Filimon	M	-	-	-	12	-	20	32
6	Greg Tafoya	M	-	-	22	-	-	-	22
7	Mark Schwartz	M	10	-	-	-	-	-	10

B

1	Joseph Whiteley	M	10	17	16	14	17	12	86
2	Robert Gagen	M	10	14	13	17	12	17	83
3	Michael Bayer	M	10	8	24	8	20	10	80
4	Randy Jacobs	M	10	12	7	12	-	14	55
5	Jim Wire	M	10	10	8	7	10	8	53
6	Pistol Pete	M	10	-	22	10	-	7	49
7	Chad Lipovsky	M	-	20	13	-	14	-	47
8	William Cassity	M	-	-	-	20	-	20	40
9	Jennie Hamiter	F	10	-	-	-	8	-	18
10	Mel Maalouf	M	-	-	-	-	7	6	13

C

1	Tom Mapes	M	10	12	19	17	20	20	98
2	Keith Benson	M	10	17	20	-	10	14	71
3	Brandon Whitmer	M	-	-	24	14	8	17	63
4	Lori Kroboth	F	10	20	6	12	12	-	60
5	Jeffrey Milligan	M	10	8	13	20	5	-	56
6	Ben Schneider	M	10	7	7	-	7	10	41
7	Bill Magladry	M	10	10	5	8	4	-	37
8	Kristi Partridge	F	10	14	-	-	-	12	36
9	Brian Dempsey	M	10	-	10	10	3	-	33
10	Dave Alexander	M	10	-	-	-	14	-	24
11	Thomas Walker	M	-	-	-	-	17	-	17
11	Lana Merkle	F	-	-	11	-	6	-	17
13	Tony Parenti	M	10	6	-	-	-	-	16
14	Ron Sandoval	M	10	-	-	-	-	-	10
14	David Machen	M	10	-	-	-	-	-	10

D

1	Jim LaHue	M	10	20	25	17	20	-	92
2	Jordan Brooks	M	10	-	21	14	17	17	79
3	Callis Ogles	M	10	-	17	12	14	12	65
4	Leon Malmed	M	-	14	14	8	12	14	62
4	Louise Hose	F	10	12	-	20	-	20	62
6	Michelle Brooks	F	10	10	-	-	10	7	37
6	Austin Sass	M	10	17	-	-	-	10	37
8	Jerry Lasarow	M	10	-	-	-	-	8	18
9	Tammy DeGiovanni	F	10	-	-	7	-	-	17
10	Pam Dellea-Giltner	F	10	-	-	-	-	6	16
11	Henri Evard	M	10	-	-	-	-	-	10
11	Dusty Dustyn	F	-	-	-	10	-	-	10
11	Glynnis Miller	F	10	-	-	-	-	-	10

**We're looking for photos from
club and local rides!**

Please send ride photos to:

photos@altaalpina.org



NICA Clothing Now Available To Order

Coach Drew, Alta Alpina NICA Unified Team

NOTE: The store closes on May 27!

Our NICA Team uniforms are now available to purchase. Please use this link to access the team store:

hyperthreads.com/team-stores/alta-alpina/

You can go to the store anytime between now and May 27 and purchase as many or as few items as you wish. We included a really cool team Hoodie for after practice or wearing to school/work for you as well. All items are available in a women's and a men's fit for juniors and adults of all sizes.

Important notes:

- The team store will only be open until May 27
- You purchase the items and have them shipped directly to the address of your choice
- Items will hopefully arrive mid to late June
- Check sizing carefully as items **cannot be returned** if incorrect as they are all custom
- There is a sizing link (hyperthreads.com/size-charts/) on the web page to reference (they run small)

Contact Coach Drew at mtnwallaby@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Board Meeting Minutes—May 3, 2021

Secretary: Michael Bayer; Other Board Members: Drew Bray (NICA Team Coach); Brian Dempsey (Pinenut Cracker); Frank Dixon (Deputy Treasurer); Bruce Eisner (Vice-president); Allen Forbes (Membership); Jennie Hamiter (Treasurer); Nigel Leigh (President); Carlo Luri (Advocacy); Leon Malmel (Weekend Rides); Jim 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 | Bruce | Unanimous]

1. Monthly Status Reports:

- **Treasurer:** The current checking account balance is: \$10,427.56. The PayPal account balance is \$19,166.55. Jennie presented a revised version of the budget spreadsheet she had been working on. This was reviewed by the board at length. Leon suggested adding columns for "Actual" amounts to future versions so the spreadsheet could also be used by the board to see progress against the completed budget. The board chose to defer approving the 2021 budget but in the meantime authorized \$300 in spending for the Alta Alpina Challenge [Nigel|Michael|Unanimous]. Frank reported that he has

completed work on the club's Quickbooks data and additional key filings.

- **Membership:** Allen is up to speed on the membership renewal process. Without a spring party and in-person races, it's taking more time to get all the members to sign the new waivers. The board decided to extend the Membership Grace Period until May 31 [Nigel | Allen | Unanimous]. Gregg will continue to post membership renewal reminders to the club Facebook page.
- **Weekend Rides:** Leon has lined up ride leaders for all the weekends for the first half of the season. Rides have been well attended. He will coordinate having appropriate waivers at the start of all rides.
- **MTB Rides:** Nigel is posting rides so there will always be an MTB ride on the rideboard. Everyone is signing a waiver for every ride.



- **Social Media:** Gregg will kick Challenge promotion into high gear. Michael will provide the latest art for this purpose. Carlo discovered a disused club Facebook private group started by Laura Caimi. Jennie will contact her to coordinate closing it.
 - **Newsletter:** The May newsletter will go out May 24. Everyone should submit material by the 21st.
 - **Website:** Jim has updated the home page to promote the spring century.
 - **Insurance:** No report.
 - **Clothing:** There were good sales at the Spring Rider Roundup so we need to make sure the inventory goes to all the big club events.
 - **Weekly Road Races:** Joseph reported that the lead acid cell inside the club race system battery will need to be replaced for \$50. Participation in the Strava races has been going well so far.
 - **Junior Team:** Drew reported that NICA coach training was very successful--we're fortunate with having such a terrific level of adult participation. The schedule for the season has been set and the number of races has been increased. Drew proposed a NICA team participation fee that would include student club membership. Funds raised, less insurance costs, would be earmarked for the NICA team.
 - **Spring Century:** Chris is all set for the event however a few more volunteers are needed.
 - **Adopt A Highway:** Thomas posted the next clean-up to the rideboard for June 5.
 - **Pinenut Cracker:** Brian, Jennie, and Michael rode the course to map it again for the BLM permit. While a number of sections have been badly impacted by 4 wheelers and the fire has changed the view, the course is still in good shape. The board discussed the efforts that will be required to promote the event next year. We will reach out informally to other NICA teams, to mountain bikers at GE, and Bruce will notify TAMBA of our plans..
 - **Challenge:** Board decided that we should start collecting fees and paying for permits and a small set of posters.
 - **Mixed Terrain:** We are making plans for 2022.
 - **Bike Advocacy:** Carlo reported that "SOAR" act should simplify permitting process for outdoor events. The state bill barring cyclists from highways died in committee. CVTAs plans for the Indian Hills trail work are still pending with USFS and they have started plans for a new trail from the end of Stephanie Lane.
2. **Planned Giving:** Leon is working on another draft of the text for this appeal and board members are asked to review and provide feedback. Once complete, it will be posted as a new page on the website.
 3. **Next Meeting:** Monday, June 7, 2021, 6 pm, by Zoom Call.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm



Club Jersey:

Order from inventory.

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

or Order from Voler:

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



Red and Orange:

Order from inventory.

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



Fashion Kit:

Order from inventory.

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



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Spring CenturySat, May 29
 Alta Alpina ChallengeSat, June 26
 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.** In-person meetings alternate between the Carson Valley and South Lake Tahoe.. Join us on **Monday June 7** for aZOOM call

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