



# PACELINE

**Alta Alpina  
Cycling Club**

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## **Return of the Pinenut Cracker – Saturday, May 14th**

**Open to Alta Alpina Club Members! Post-Ride Snacks!**

Brian Dempsey, Pinenut Cracker Coordinator

The Pinenut Cracker, Alta Alpina's classic mountain bike race is back this year as a club time trial challenge. While the plan is to host a full public race in 2023, this year we'll get our members reacquainted with this classic mountain bike course as weekend ride.

Everyone is encouraged to join the Alta Alpina club on Strava record their ride with Strava. The course will be published on Strava as segment and will be available as a GPX file to load onto phones and bike computers. We'll meet at the single tree parking area at 10:00am. Those unfamiliar with the course can ride with those that remember the course. However everyone should refer to the GPS map as things look a little different out there because of fire.

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## **Ray Rickard Memorial Spring Century**

**Saturday, May 21 (Inclement weather backup May 22)**

**For All Up-To-Date Alta Alpina Club Members!**

Chris Cherrix, Spring Century Coordinator

The Ray Rickard Memorial Spring Century has traditionally been a social event centered around a variety of fine rides. With COVID restrictions easing off, we're taking a big step back to normal with a series of informal group-starts (no leader) for several suggested ride options around the valley and up the passes (see **ride options and maps next page**): **Valleys Ride Loop**, **Metric Century Loop**, **Two Pass Ride**, and **Three Pass Ride**. In addition, we'll be hosting a **Training Series Ride** in conjunction with the Spring Century and club members are encouraged to join in hosting this group. 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. Just remember to time your start so you can take advantage of our rest stop.

All rides will have access to our rest stop, located at the bottom of the West side of Monitor Pass on CA4 in a pull-out 0.4 miles south of the intersection with CA89. Our rest stop will be open from 10am - 2pm, and will host a variety of snacks, soda, water and ice. There will be a porta-potty. Since the rest stop closes at 2pm, we've established a start time for each of the suggested ride options to ensure all riders make it to the rest stop prior closing. Things to Bring: You'll need your helmet, sunglasses, sunblock, water bottles and additional layers (the tops of the passes can get chilly!). A riding mirror is also recommended. If you're not familiar with these routes, print and bring one of the ride maps with you.

**Now**, choose your ride option! **Next**, be sure and **RSVP!** (with your ride option and number in your group, to [SpringCentury@altaalpina.org](mailto:SpringCentury@altaalpina.org)) by Tuesday, May 17th.

Note that If bad weather forces us to postpone the ride, we'll be hosting the event the following day. There is always a chance that Ebbetts Pass may still be closed due to snow the weekend of the event. In that case, please choose an alternate ride.

We're still looking for volunteers to help staff the rest stop on both Saturday the 21st, and our backup date on the 22nd. We're looking to cover morning (9am-12pm) and afternoon (12-3pm) shifts. Bring your bike and ride either before or after your shift! If you'd like to help out, please contact Chris at 928-600-1097



# Ray Rickard Memorial Spring Century Suggested Ride Options

## Valleys Ride Loop

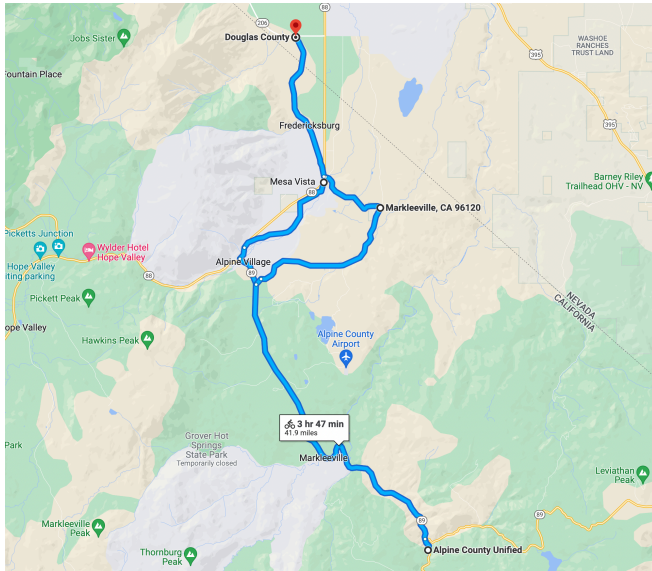
Start Time: 10:00am

Start Location: Foothill-Fredericksburg-Fairview (3F)

42 miles and 2237' climbing

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/H4EgUdToxDsVeXvr9>

To Woodfords, to Markleeville, up to the rest stop and return via Diamond Valley Road.



## Two Pass Ride

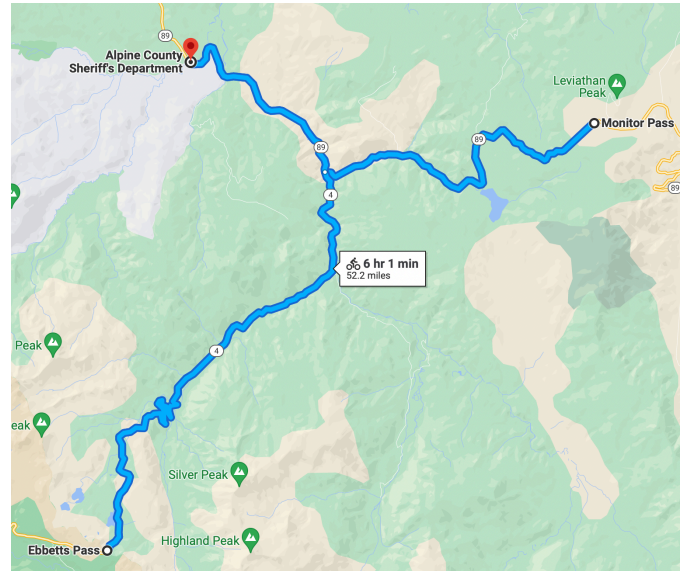
Start Time: 8:30am

Start Location: Markleeville (behind General Store)

52 miles and 5968' climbing

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/UVKgLK1WnR5iojnC7>

Climb the west side of Monitor Pass, back down and up the East side of Ebbetts Pass, then return to Markleeville.



## Death Ride Training Series Ride

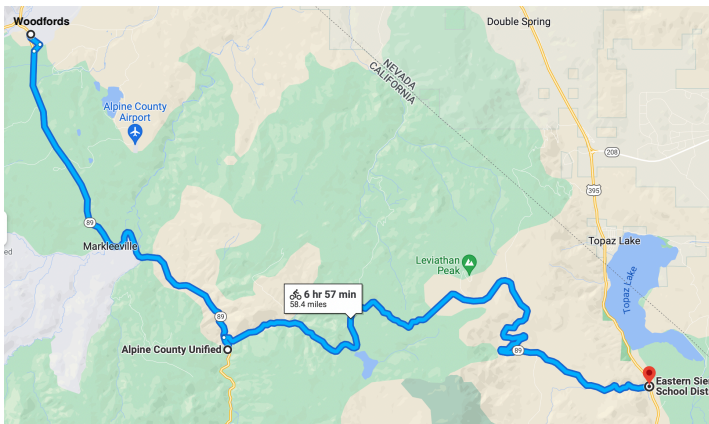
Start Time: 9:00am

Start Location: Rest Area at 395 and 89

58 miles and 7142' climbing

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/7YEjHpVdY6LftVvp7>

Climb the east side of Monitor Pass, Turtle Rock Pass, out to Woodfords, climb the west side of Monitor.



## Three Pass Ride

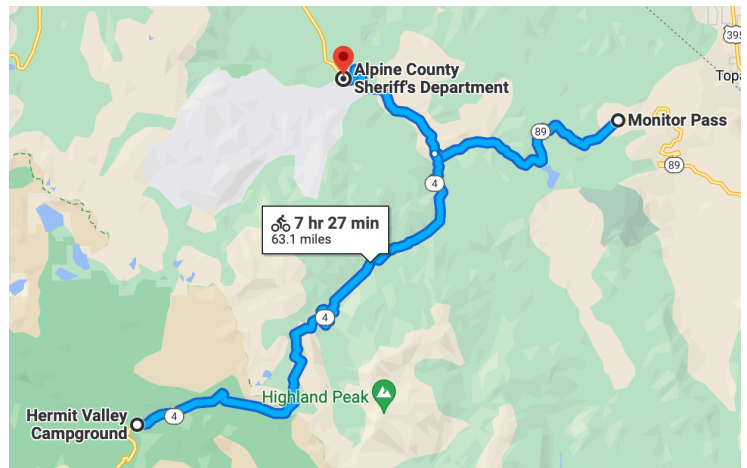
Start Time: 8:00am

Start Location: Markleeville (behind General Store)

63 miles and 7605' climbing

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/bey3mZZfwYxuHnMr5>

Up and down the west side of Monitor Pass, then over Ebbetts Pass to Hermit Valley and back to Markleeville.





**The Metric Century Loop**

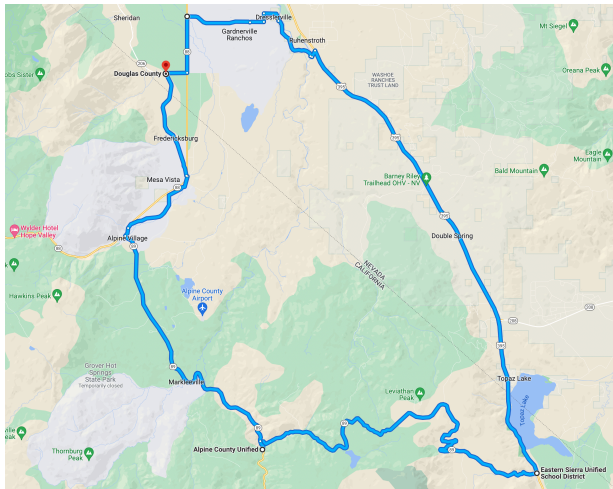
Start Time: 8:00am

Start Location: Foothill-Fredericksburg-Fairview (3F)

66 miles and 5344' climbing

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/fRstTCRpjzvNp1He6>

Through the Ranchos to Hwy 395 via Deer Run, past Topaz Lake, over Monitor Pass, and returning via Markleeville.



**The Full Century Loop**

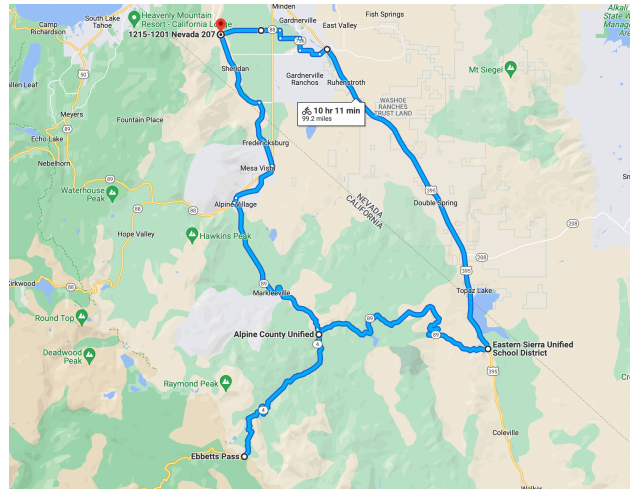
Start Time: 6:00am

Start Location: Kingsbury Park & Ride

100 miles and 8461' climbing

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/sqrann12hybvGU8J9>

Through Gardnerville to Hwy 395, past Topaz Lake, over Monitor Pass, and returning via Markleeville and Foothill.



**Vice President's Posting**

Bruce Eisner, Vice President

Spring has blown in with gusto again this year. Our intrepid Thursday racers know full well the unpredictable winds- with the certainty they'll be present on Thursdays! In between the strong winds are those beautiful days when our mountain roads are clear of snow, but not yet busy with cars. Luther Pass, Kingsbury Grade, Monitor pass, Blue Lakes road, Ebbetts 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! If you have not yet ridden our local passes this season, an opportunity is coming May 21 with the scheduled Ray Richard Memorial Spring Century. I hope to see you out there around our universal rest stop on the west side of Monitor pass.

The club's road riding schedule is in full swing, with at least one ride scheduled each weekend; check them out on <https://www.altaalpina.org/rideboard/> This year we also have the Death Ride Training Series- 4 rides covering different mountain passes to help with your training for either (or both) the Wild Sierra Alta Alpina Challenge (June 26th) or The Death Ride (July 16th). The first training ride was this past weekend; the next three rides are May 21st (part of our Spring Century), June 4th (Woodfords-Carson-Blue Lakes), and June 11th (Markleeville- Lake Alpine/Bear Valley). These rides are supported with food and water during and after each ride; hope to see you on one or more of these.

April rain/snow has created excellent mountain bike conditions, with the valley trails a "goto" before it gets too hot, and the mountain trails are quickly opening up. 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? We've been doing these each Tuesday evening throughout summer for the last 5 years or so. We meet at typically 5pm each Tuesday, at a different location each week. 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/> 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.









## Alta Alpina Challenge 2022 - June 25

Michael Bayer, Challenge Director

For club members, the Alta Alpina Challenge 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.

If you haven't already signed up for your volunteer job for the Alta Alpina Challenge on June 25, please contact me as soon as possible—bring your whole family if you can! Contact me at [challenge@altaalpina.org](mailto:challenge@altaalpina.org).

We still need volunteers for gear and food prep, rest stops, signage, SAG, motorcycle, radio, and rider check-in.

If you simply can't be here on June 25, please volunteer for other pre-event and post-event projects—contact me at [challenge@altaalpina.org](mailto:challenge@altaalpina.org) and let me know when you're available.



### Equipment Needed

Restrictions being imposed by Alpine County due to then ongoing wildfire clean-up along with agency requirements that we remain ready for any last minute return of Covid restrictions mean that the logistics for 2022 will be quite unique.

We're going to need some different and specialized equipment. Please let us know if you can loan, donate, or just track down any of the following:

- Electrical Distribution Panel and Cables
- LED Work Lights
- Camp Hot Water Heater/Pump/Faucet
- Space Heater
- Small Refrigerator
- Small Chest Freezer
- Portable Induction Cooktop
- Portable Countertop Oven
- Instant Pot / Crock Pot
- 10x10 Pop-up Tent with Walls
- Folding Tables
- Pickup Truck
- Cargo Trailer
- Ice Chests
- 5 Gallon Water Coolers
- 10 Gallon Water Coolers
- Canning Funnels
- Camera Tripod
- Cow Bells



## A Big Thank You to these Alta Alpina Challenge Sponsors



### Board Meeting Minutes—May 2, 2022

Secretary: Michael Bayer; Other Board Members: Jordan Brooks (Highway Cleanup); Frank Dixon (Deputy Treasurer); Bruce Eisner (Vice-President); Allen Forbes (Membership); Jennie Hamiter (Assistant Treasurer); Nigel Leigh (President); Carlo Luri (Advocacy); Bill Magladry (Treasurer); Leon Malmed (Weekend Rides); Jim Sadilek (Website); Joseph Whitely (Race Director)

Meeting held at Jethro's, Gardnerville Ranchos

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm

Minutes of the April meeting approved as printed.  
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#### 1. **Monthly Status Reports:**

- **Treasurer:** The current checking account balance is \$3,777.22, the temporary checking account has \$10,148.45, and the Paypal balance is \$21,034.87. We received \$2,125 in cash from Thursday race fees, chip deposits, and two memberships. Bill will have club budget ready for review at the next meeting. Frank explained the work that he has been doing with Bill to transition all the accounts and advises that we should see some statements from the tax authorities soon.
- **Membership:** Allen thinks we should send out another reminder for renewals. Joseph is getting membership forms and payments at the races. It was decided that all Training Series participants should be granted club membership [Michale | Bill | Unanimous]. It was also agreed that in recognition of his status as a club founder and all that he does to support the club each year, Curtis Fong is granted free membership [Michael | Leon | Unanimous].
- **Weekend Rides:** Leon reported that this weekend's ride was well attended despite the cold temperatures. Weekend rides are being well attended and with the end of ski season more participation is expected for the rest of the season.
- **Weekly MTB Rides:** The weekly MTB rides have been running for a few weeks now. Nigel reported 11 participants last week.
- **Social Media:** Gregg reported that he is posting Challenge reminders, race schedule, and race results. Michael reported that Greg's last posting boosted Challenge registrations.
- **Newsletter:** The next newsletter should go out early next week. Bruce will do the Vice-presidential posting. Carlo might have an article about riding in the Black Rock Desert. Chris will have content for the spring century including maps of riding options.
- **Website:** Jim updated the home page including a link for the Death Ride Training series.
- **Insurance:** Michael reported that the revised NHP contract for the Challenge may require "Non-owned Auto" coverage. The consensus was that Michael should further investigate this requirement and shop-around for alternatives if required.
- **Clothing:** Bruce reported a jersey sale. Bruce also mentioned that Tammy wants to buy some shorts. Pike dropped off free jerseys which we've added to our inventory and are free to all members while supplies last.
- **Weekly Road Races:** Joseph reported that we have 34 racers registered. Photos have been posted for the races that we can use for the newsletter and for social media. One race has already been cancelled due to weather and



Joseph proposed staging make-up races for the season on the Tuesday and Wednesday of the last week of racing. Starbucks criterium has frost heave issues and we should be looking for a new venue. We need to watch Kingsbury as there will be construction on berms. Jennie volunteered for the East Valley Time Trial.

- **Junior Team:** Carlo reported that the NICA league revisited their fee structure for 2022 and will now allow team members to pay a fee of \$140 for one included race or \$300 for all races. Drew is still working on the window for NICA uniform purchases. The NICA team has volunteered for a number of local events to raise additional funds.
- **Spring Century:** Chris will pickup port potty and rest stop gear and supplies on Friday May 20. May 21 is the primary day with May 22 as the weather backup date. Chris is still looking for volunteers. It was agreed that this year we should suggest meeting places and times. Aspen Park was suggested as a start/finish for the big loop option. Chris will work out the options based on rest stop timing. The newsletter will promote recommended ride options to make it easier for members to meet up to ride.
- **Fall Century:** No report.
- **Adopt A Highway:** Jordan located the training video so can get up to speed on the guidelines. The signs were burned so Jordan also need to identify the official limits of our clean-up zone.
- **Pinenut Cracker:** Brian needs to post the event to the rideboard. Michael will arrange snacks for the event and promote it in the newsletter.
- **Challenge:** The 8 Pass Challenge is part of then California Triple Crown stage event this

year. Michael presented a revised 2022 budget. The likelihood that we won't have access to Turtle Rock Park has created a significant new workload as we have to modify all permits, develop new operating plans, new logistics, and budget for new and unanticipated expenses. It also reduces the limit on the number of participants which has impacted the budget. Carlo raised the issue of cancellation insurance to protect from last minute postponement of the event. Michael was tasked with preparing an analysis of the club's exposure relative to the date of a possible emergency that would impact the event. Unless there is an unanticipated surge in Covid cases we'll be returning to normal protocols for rider-volunteer interaction. However we will probably still have to layout the course with pitstops and checkpoints (instead of rest stops) so that we're ready in case we're forced to implement Covid protocols. Jordan volunteered two trailers to help with logistics. Jennie raised the issue that we are short motorcycle volunteers.

- **Training Ride Series:** Bruce has volunteered to staff the rest stops for three of the rides. Jennie and Tony have volunteered to help lead the rides. Additional ride leaders are still needed. Carlo coordinated with the Chamber on promoting the series. Allen volunteered to coordinate with the Chamber on a group to work the Death Ride.
  - **Mixed Terrain:** No report.
  - **Bike Advocacy:** Carlo reported that he will be posting weekend rides near the Black Rock Desert. LAB published their annual state report card and Nevada ranked very low.
2. **Next Meeting:** Monday, June 6, 2022, 6 pm, Venue TBD- Frank will confirm.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:11pm

## Local Merchant Discount Program

For discounts from these local merchants, please visit the AACC website at [www.AtaAlpina.org](http://www.AtaAlpina.org)



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