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**Alta Alpina
Cycling Club**

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Annual Membership Meeting, Awards Dinner, and End of Season Party

Friday, November 13, 2015, 6:00pm

Lakeview Loft, Stateline, NV

This year our annual general membership meeting, awards dinner and end of the year party will be held at the beautiful Lakeview Loft overlooking Edgewood Golf Course and Lake Tahoe (148 US-50, Stateline, NV 89449, on the second floor above DART at the intersection of US50 and Kingsbury Grade).

Dinner will be catered by Sonny's BBQ Shack in South Lake Tahoe. The menu will include items such as:

- Choice of BBQ Chicken, BBQ Ribs, or Portabella Mushrooms
- Seasonal Vegetables and Rice Pilaf
- 1 Drink Ticket for Beer, Wine, (followed by no-host bar)
- Coffee and Dessert

Please RSVP as soon as possible and specify if you need a Vegetarian meal or not. To confirm your attendance and meal choice please send email to:

FallDinnerParty@AltaAlpina.org

The event is free to all 2015 members in good standing. If you have a family club membership, please list the names of those attending. Guests (including friends and family of those with individual club memberships) are invited to join us for \$35 each.

This is the club's annual meeting and officers for 2016 will be elected (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Weekend Ride Coordinator, Membership Coordinator).

Doors will open at 6:00pm for social time. The formal part of the evening will begin at 6:30pm with elections which will be followed by dinner.

We've lined up a very special after dinner presentation this year that you won't want to miss! **Michelle Faurot** competed in RAAM as captain for **team Bike Like a Girl**. She and her husband **Duane Lodrige**, who was their crew chief, will tell us about their incredible race.

The evening will wrap up with the presentation of awards for the 2015 racing season and a drawing for door prizes.

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Buying Club Clothing

Club clothing will be available at the party on November 13. We can accept payment by cash or cheque or you can pre-order your clothing using a credit card and pick it up at the party. Supplies are limited so pre-orders are recommended. Use the club clothing order page:

www.altaalpina.org/clubkit/





AACC Weekend Ride Schedule—September/October

Garth Jackson, Weekend Ride Coordinator

Saturday, October 17, 2014 — WEEKEND RIDE: Tahoe to Blue Lakes

Meet at Dave Scarborough's house (see website rideboard for address). We'll roll at 10:00am and ride out to the base of Old Myers Grade. We'll wait there until 10:45am to meet up with anyone wanting to start a little later. Then we'll take South Upper Truckee to Luther Pass, and on to Blue Lakes Rd. to the end. There should still be water at the campground but you should bring food. We'll return via old Luther for a total of about 70 miles (50 miles from the Old Myers Grade). We'll have snacks and a bring-your-own BBQ at Dave's house. (If you want something other than snack food, bring something to cook.)

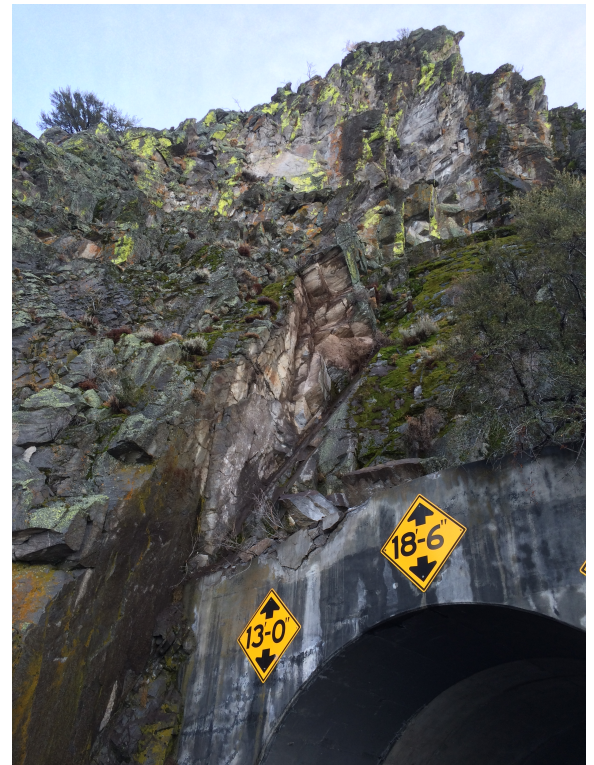
Cave Rock Road Closure

Michael Bayer, Newsletter Editor

NDOT briefed the club on plans to address urgent safety issues at the Cave Rock Tunnel on US50.

There have recently been significant rock falls from the face of Cave Rock over the entrance to the southbound tunnel. One of the boulders that fell was so large NDOT didn't have the equipment to lift it—it had to be rolled through the tunnel and pushed off the road. Closer inspection of the rock face has revealed that significant blocks are ready to fall. NDOT is responding in three phases. Right now they are installing temporary chain link fencing as a temporary measure for this Winter. Starting in May, 2016 they will construct a new concrete structure to catch rocks before they hit the roadway and in 2017 they will be back to apply a camouflage treatment to the concrete structure and to install new lighting and automatic signs to warn motorists of cyclists in the tunnel.

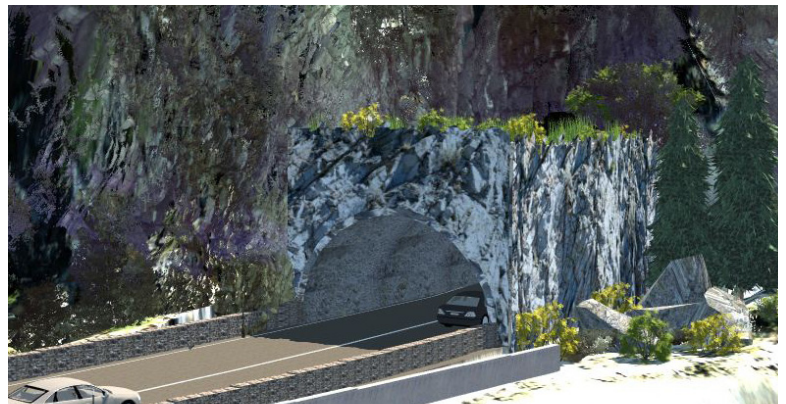
While work proceeds, traffic on US50 will be restricted to one lane in each direction traveling through the east tunnel. Cycling through the tunnel during this period will be permitted but discouraged and the club will avoid scheduling any rides through this stretch of US 50.



Light areas indicate recent rockfalls



Temporary fencing being installed now



New concrete structure for southbound entrance



Presidential Posting

Chris Rhiner, President

Why do we ride? I think we all have our own reasons. Some of us used to be runners and found cycling be a healthy substitute. But the real question is, why be a board member? Well, it gives you an opportunity to have a “louder” voice in our club’s decisions and direction. My favorite reason happens be the “free club races” for board members. Our elections are coming up this November 13th at the Fall Party and if you would like to run for office we usually have a few positions open with no incumbents. I hope to meet a few more club members and reconnect with those I missed this season. Looks like we have a guest speaker and thank you Jennie H. for sharing your trip with us last year. Our Tahoe venue should prove to be a nice wrap up of our cycling season. See you all soon!

Get More Involved in 2016!

The club is looking for a number of members to fill some key board positions in 2015. Please send an email to President@AltaAlpina.org if you can take on any of these volunteer roles:

- Social Media and Marketing Coordinator
- Pinenut Cracker Coordinator
- Mountain Bike Race Coordinator
- Weekend Ride Leaders

Members who fill these roles receive free club membership and free club racing.

Carson City Trail Users - Public Workshops



Who: All Trail Users and Stakeholders

When: Tuesday, October 20th 5:30-7:30 PM

Where: Sierra Room -Carson City Community Center[851 E. Williams]

Please come and review the maps of the existing trails and trailheads in Carson City and share your comments and concerns to help Eagle Valley Trail Committee and the land management agency staff. Your comments are essential for the success of this community trail planning effort to decide the future of trails in Eagle Valley.

If you are unable to attend this special stakeholder workshop please visit the EVTC's website at carsoncitytrails.org and please take the trail survey on line and/or attend one of the other two public workshop to be held on Oct. 17th and 27th[Visit website for details]



Questions—Mark Kimbrough—info@carsoncitytrails.org or Phone 775-720-4732



AACC Fall “Almost A Century” Sweetwater Pass Ride and Pizza

David Scarborough, Fall Century Coordinator

Saturday, October 10, 2014



Club Members assemble to enjoy a day of perfect weather on Sweetwater Pass.



Dave organized the Sweetwater pass rest stop.



Riders at the turn-around in Bridgeport.



Socializing at the Sweetwater Rest Stop.



The group celebrates in Wellington with pizza and beer.



Board Meeting Minutes— October 5, 2015

Secretary: Jim Sadilek; Other Board Members: Chris Rhiner, President; Frank Dixon, Treasurer; Michael Bayer, Alta Alpina Challenge Ride Director/Newsletter Publisher/Membership Coordinator; Di Bolton, Thursday Road Race Director; Garth Jackson, Weekend Ride Coordinator; Tim Rowe, Bicycle Advocacy Coordinator; Other Attendees: Devin Cartwright, Associate Engineer, NDOT; Curtis Fong, AACC member

Meeting called to order at 6:08 pm

Venue: Jethro's – Gardnerville Ranchos, NV

Minutes of the September 2015 meeting approved as circulated.

1. Treasurers Report:

- The current checking account balance is: \$46,919.21. The PayPal account balance is \$2047.01.

2. Cave Rock Tunnel:

Devin Cartwright, Associate Engineer with NDOT, reported on proposed Cave Rock Tunnel improvements. In February of this year, a number of very large rocks fell into the westbound lanes of U.S. 50 from the eastern face of Cave Rock tunnel. The largest of these rocks were larger than a three foot cube. Fortunately, the rocks fell at night and there were no injuries.

NDOT proposes to construct a sixty foot extension from the east side of the westbound tunnel which will provide a shelf to catch falling rocks in the future. The extension will be faced with faux rock to match the current appearance of Cave Rock.

This work is scheduled to begin about May 1, 2016 and going through the month of October. Then beginning again in May of 2017, with the scheduled project completion before the end of October 2017.

During the time of this construction, all U.S. 50 traffic, both westbound and eastbound will be routed through the current eastbound tunnel, utilizing one lane in each direction. It is anticipated that for any significant cycling events, such as America's Most Beautiful Bicycle Ride, there will be flaggers directing traffic for the safety of the cyclists.

In addition to the major construction of the tunnel extension, NDOT also plans, as part of the project, to install LED lighting strips in the tunnels and to apply white paint to the concrete portions of the tunnel walls.

The current push button "Bikes in Tunnel" lights and signage will be replaced with radar bicycle detection and a dynamic lighted sign to warn motorists of bicycles in the tunnels.

During the month of October (2015) there will be traffic controls at Cave Rock while NDOT contractors install temporary chain link netting to the eastern face of the tunnel to stabilize the rock until the permanent extension is completed.

Mr. Cartwright's very detailed report on this project and its impact on Lake Tahoe area cyclists is seen as a positive move by NDOT toward recognizing cycling as significant factor in State transportation planning. The club's appreciation goes to Mr. Cartwright and NDOT for their efforts.

3. Monthly Status Reports:

- **Membership:** There are, as of the meeting date, 180 paid members. This is an increase of three since last month's report.
- **Weekend Rides:** The 2015 Weekend Rides series is winding down.
- **Newsletter:** The newsletter will go out the week of October 11.
- **Website:** The Ride Board will be changed to include the option to list "gravel rides" in addition to road rides and mountain bike rides. For ride notices with long lead times, email notices of rides will go out three weeks prior to the rides, even though the ride may have been posted several weeks in advance.
- **Weekly Road Races:** The weekly road race series is completed for this year. Year end award trophies have been ordered for distribution at the Fall Party.
- **Mountain Bike Races:** The position of Mountain Bike Coordinator is open. The Board of Directors would be most grateful for a volunteer to step forward and fill the position. Contact President Chris Rhiner.
- **Junior Team:** Griffin Allen, a Junior Team rider was issued an Alta Alpina kit.
- **Pinenut Cracker:** No report.
- **King of Kingsbury Time Trial:** No report.
- **Cyclocross Race:** According to Robert, a cyclocross race at Davis Creek Park is



scheduled tentatively for November 14, 2015. Volunteers are needed for the day before and the day of. Mark your calendars—contact Robert robertingville@yahoo.com.

- **Bike Advocacy:** The NHP continues the program to educate motorists about the “3 Foot Law”. During the week before the board meeting, Tim Rowe reported riding with an NHP officer in Gardnerville while several troopers conducted the educational effort. A total of 88 motorists were stopped, notified of the new law and given educational materials about the program. Tim reports that none of those who were stopped were aware of the law. All were either Nevada drivers or local Tahoe area drivers—of course, California now has a similar three foot law. No citations were issued, although at least seven of those stopped were clearly in violation of the law.
- The week before the Gardnerville effort, a similar campaign was conducted in Las Vegas.
- **Adopt A Highway:** No report.
- **Clothing:** No report.

- **PR:** The Board of Directors is creating a Social Media Coordinator position. The Board is seeking input/volunteers for this position, please contact Michael if interested. Advertising for next year’s Challenge ride was discussed. The board’s consensus is that, although we have a large number of riders’ registrations carried over from this year’s cancelled ride, we should advertise the coming 2016 as at the same level we have in past years. If the ride registrations reach the limit early, we can always discontinue the advertising.

- **Challenge:** Nothing new to report.

4. **Annual General Meeting and Fall Party:** Tentatively scheduled for 6 pm Friday, November 13 at a banquet room above Dart Beverages (next to Lakeside Inn and Casino) in Stateline.
5. **Next Meeting:** The November meeting will be the Annual General Meeting on November 13. The next regular meeting will be Monday, December 7, 2014, 6 pm at Jethro’s in the Gardnerville Ranchos, NV.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm

Local Merchant Discount Program

We’re excited that local merchants who support AACC are offering discounts to club members and we encourage our members to visit these local merchants.

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.AltaAlpina.org.

Show your AACC Membership Card at time of purchase. [If you are an active AACC member, the mailing label on the first Paceline you received upon renewal has the club logo and note indicating that it is your membership card.]



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



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

End of Daylight Savings Sunday, Nov 1
 Annual Meeting & Party Friday, Nov 13
 Davis Creek Cyclocross ..Saturday, Nov 14

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.**

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 Michael Bayer

The location alternates between the Carson Valley and South Lake Tahoe..
 Join us on **November 13** at the **Annual Meeting** in **Stateline, NV.**