

The Roadrunner

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Bike share program big success for city

Jump Bikes, those 250 bright red electric bikes parked in 27 stations around town, are jumping to the top of the popularity charts for short-term mobility in Santa Cruz. In June, residents and tourists rode Jump Bikes 11,368 miles, taking almost six daily trips per bike. Those numbers jumped to 65,898 miles during July and August, with counts remaining at six trips per bike per day. Average distance traveled remained at just under three miles per customer.

MORE MOBILITY

The result is “increased mobility for visitors and residents and decreased auto congestion on city streets,” according to Claire Fliesler, city transportation planner and self-confessed ‘data junkie.’ Fliesler also revealed the bike share program is the result of 16 meetings of city officials and company executives, as well as the California Coastal Commission, before the program rolled out on Bike to Work Day last May. While 15 city parking spaces were removed to accommodate the bike stations, some business owners now are asking for new stations near their stores to attract customers. Jump Bikes is working with the city to expand the program to the UCSC campus, and the Bicycle Advisory Committee of the RTC has recommended future expansion into the county.

Why is the program so successful? It’s cheap. (\$1 buys 15 minutes on the bike,



Mayor David Terrazas and son Nathaniel, 8, at Streets Smarts event.

plenty of time to travel the average distance of three miles. Monthly rentals are \$30.)

It offers residents and tourists mobility and convenience. Its bikes produce zero greenhouse gases, and nobody need worry about bike theft. Jump Bikes have GPS locators, strong locks and they can’t be “cannibalized” or dismembered, allowing thieves to sell individual parts.

VALUABLE ACCESSORIES

Each bike comes with front and rear lights, a bell and a hardy basket and will run on battery power for two hours. Bikes may be left locked to street lights and are retrieved by company vans at the end of each day, when they are taken to a warehouse to be recharged and redistributed to the stations. If a customer (who must have an Uber app and account to rent the bike) leaves a bike outside city limits, he receives a warning, with a second offense costing \$25.

Yes, the program has a few glitches. While riders must be at least 18 years old, some parents sign their children up with their credit card. No helmets are offered, so customers are encouraged but not

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Holiday party is Dec. 9th

Mark your calendar for Sunday, Dec. 9th for the SCCCC annual Holiday Party! Festivities begin at noon at the Felton Community Hall, 6191 Highway 9. The menu is potluck, with the club providing a main dish, so bring your favorite salad, hors d'oeuvre or dessert. Non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. A white elephant gift exchange is optional.

THURSDAY, OCT. 25TH

SCCCC MEETING

7 P.M. SIMPKINS SWIM CENTER
979 17TH AVENUE

News you can use: Granite Creek, Green Hills road repair, new bike path across river

NEW PAVEMENT ON POPULAR ROUTES

Good news for bicyclists who enjoy riding in the Scotts Valley and upper Branciforte areas! Granite Creek Road, upper Glen Canyon Road, Green Hills and Navarra roads have all been repaved thanks to Measure D funds! Gone are those nasty potholes on Green Hills Road! Both sharrows (white bike image with two chevrons on road surface) and bright, white bike lane striping are ever-present. Also, the extremely busy intersection of Scotts Valley Drive and Mt. Hermon Road boasts green striping on bike lanes and solid green bike boxes

in front of cars for bicyclists waiting at the stoplight to turn left. Thank you Santa Cruz County Public Works!

SAN LORENZO TRESTLE TRAIL

Riding a bike across the San Lorenzo River Trestle will be easier and more enjoyable by Memorial Day Weekend, 2019, when a new, 10-foot-wide, multi-use path is completed. The wider bike/ped walkway will be cantilevered adjacent to the railroad tracks, using steel beams and fiberglass decking. Vertical steel posts and horizontal steel cables will replace the chain link fencing. During construction, bicyclists will detour onto Riverside Ave. The Land Trust

of Santa Cruz County provided \$15,000 for a structural analysis, which encouraged the RTC to choose the wider path instead of replacing the bridge.

CITY FUNDS WEST CLIFF PATH/BIKE LANES

The City of Santa Cruz will be spending \$40,000 to re-stripe and improve its 30 miles of bikeways, thanks to funding from the Transportation Development Act. The West Cliff Drive paving path (Phase 3) will receive \$200,000 to improve the path between David Way and Swanton Blvd., and \$200,000 will go to the San Lorenzo River Parkway, Phase III/Trestle Trail.

Club shorts: *It's a new look for club jersey, shorts*

About 45 club members will be wearing the new club jerseys and shorts (photos) this winter, thanks to a redesign of the SCCCC's logo by a local artist. Club President **Catherine**



vanRhee has been overseeing the ordering and distribution of the new clothing, which will arrive in mid-November. Cost is \$65 for jersey and the same price for shorts. Stay tuned, if you like the new look, to place your order, depending on demand.

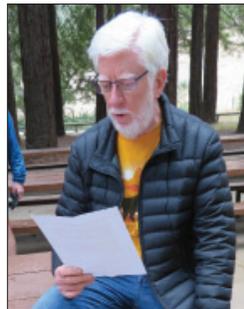
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members **Osman and Judy Isvan, Leo Jed, Mike Schell, Teri Ruegg, Daniel Spero** are touring Australia's west coast along with bicyclists from Canada, China, Finland, Japan, Spain Taiwan and Australia. The itinerary was arranged by Paul and Kate Gubesch of Australia.

Veteran world traveler **Betsy Schwartz** is organizing a bike tour to take place in Malawi and Zambia from Sept 9— 21, 2019 which will cost \$5,500 without airfare. It includes seven days of bicycling

(between 24 and 50 miles daily) in Malawi, along with safaris at the lodges and swimming in beautiful Lake Malawi. Crossing by bus into Zambia, trip goers will spend three nights at the Lodge in South Luangwa National Park. The trip is for 12-18 people. Contact Betsy at bikenbets@yahoo.com if interested.

The **2018 California Climate Ride** shifted gears this year, with 125 riders riding the North Coast area from Fortuna to Santa Cruz last May. They rode 330 miles in five days. Bike Santa Cruz County's team members raised just under \$20,000, an all-time high. They are **Janneke Strause** (BSCC executive director), **Tawn Kennedy** (BSCC Youth Programs Director for Santa Cruz County), **Doug Engfer, Julia Sinn, Kristen Lee and Miguel Pena**. Congratulations to all!



Bill McBride reads tribute comments to Ed Kilduff at July Pizza 'n Pies bike ride and birthday celebration. (Story on page 3)

JUMP BIKES CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

required to wear their own helmet. Some riders fail to grant pedestrians the right of way. However, only two collisions have occurred—a pedestrian stepped out into the bike lane from between two parked cars and was hit by a Jump Bike, and two Jump Bikers rode too close to each other, causing an accident. —GLIDE A. LONG



Tuesday and Saturday ride leaders take a bow at Pizza 'n Pies event last August in Delaveaga Park. Larry Tierney and Chris Boman, far left, Sharon Curtaz, far right and Joe Kelly back row, second from right, are ride coordinators.



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THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY CYCLING CLUB is a nonprofit organization pursuant to Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Service code. The club's mission is to bring cycling to all levels of riders and encourage healthy lifestyles through education, friendship, teamwork and fun. The club is known for its annual **Santa Cruz Mountains Challenge** held the last Saturday in July. Proceeds from this event go to the club's educational activities.

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Consider being a SCCCC board member

The Santa Cruz Mountains Challenge was a success again this year with registration up by 10%. Thank you to the 100 volunteers who helped make it happen. This year we were able to allocate \$8,000 to bicycling clinics and grants, which were awarded to Ecology Action's Every Fifth Grader Program, Santa Cruz Composite High School Mountain Bike Team, UCSC's Bike Coop and Maintenance Clinic, Trips For Kids (Watsonville), the Bike Church, and the Street Smarts and the Earn-a-Bike program in Santa Cruz.

We predict our 2019 Budget will continue similar funding. If you know of deserving bicycling programs in Santa Cruz County, please encourage submission of a grant application, available at

<https://www.santacruzccycling.org>.



The 2018 Smart Cycling clinics, sponsored by the League of American Bicyclists and SCCCC were well attended! I encourage all of you to consider becoming a League Cycling Instructor or LCI, an effort which improves one's own safety skills and allows you to help with future clinics.

As 2019 approaches, some questions to consider are: Should SCCCC continue to offer Smart Cycling Clinics? Are members interested in different types of training rides and clinics? Please share your wishes with the board of directors. You may come to a monthly board meeting, chat with a

board member on a weekly bike ride or email board@santacruzccycling.org with your ideas.

Taking this idea a step further, consider becoming a member of SCCCC's Board of Directors. Who??? YOU! We have over 500 members and it only takes a few people to keep the club running smoothly. Open board positions for 2019—2021 are president, secretary and social chairperson. If you want to offer input on current board issues, please attend the Nov. 8th meeting, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Sorrento Oaks Clubhouse, 800 Brommer St..

And with that, let's get the heck out here and enjoy this perfect Fall weather by RIDING OUR BIKES!

—CATHERINE VANRHEE,
SCCCC PRESIDENT

SCCCC celebrates 90th birthday of Ed Kilduff, longtime ride leader

(SCCCC celebrated Ed Kilduff's 90th birthday on Aug. 25th at its Pizza 'n Pies event at Delaveaga Park. Here is the story on how Ed became involved in SCCCC and his style for leading rides.)

Ed Kilduff began bicycle riding in 1989. He and his buddies would meet at Soquel High School for the start of rides, using either the Robert Leibold county map or route sheets drawn by hand or copied from road maps. (No Rides Library at that time.)

In the early 1990's Ed joined Leo Moll, who had started a Tuesday "Learn to Ride a Bike" group leaving from Deer Park Shopping Center before eventually switching to the Nisene Marks Park entrance.

By 1993, Ed began leading Tuesday rides, and, over a two-year period, he lead all Tuesday rides, with Leo encouraging long distance riders to meet on Saturdays at out-of-town destinations, as Leo was training for the Davis Double. Meanwhile, today's 10 a.m. Thursday ride starting in Corralitos began when Ed's late wife Barbara organized it. (She and

other women riders felt the Tuesday group was leaving them behind.)

In the mid 1990's, according to Ed, "Some of the young kids in the club wanted harder routes, so they started the



Santa Cruz Mountains Challenge." Ed says he received two ride leader T-shirts for his efforts at developing new bike routes and maps. (His routes form the basis for the club's Rides Library today)

ED'S STYLE OF RIDE LEADERSHIP

Ed has a low key but conscientious style when it comes to being a ride leader. His route sheets may be printed on the back of whatever paper he has at home, so the rider needs to pay attention to only the route sheet listing. He is mostly on time and always courteous, and he takes great pains, if a rider leaves the ride for whatever reason, to follow up with a phone call to the emergency number listed on the ride

sheet. He is friendly and helpful, and his bicycle fix-it skills have helped many a club member solve any type of on-the-road problem.

ED'S GENEROSITY

Ed owns several bikes, and his generosity often results in CCE visitors from other countries borrowing one for the annual bike/camping trip in May. Now riding a pedal-assist bike, Ed has a spare e-bike which he lends to like-minded friends who want to accompany him on the Monterey Bay Bike Path from Pezini's to downtown Monterey.

Ed Kilduff is a wonderful man who loves his family and his three dogs! He has excellent people skills and he can fix anything on a car or a bicycle.

As horse lovers, Ed and Barbara were active in the local horseman's club, often taking their horses as far away as Point Reyes to ride the trails with other equestrians.

As a result of his extensive bicycling in the Pajaro Valley and his equestrian rides, Ed knows just about every paved road, semi-paved off road, dirt trail and detour in Santa Cruz County! SCCCC is lucky to have Ed Kilduff as a member!

—GRACE VOSS

Capitola resident gives reasons for “No on Measure L”

Regarding Capitola’s Measure L, the County Regional Transportation Commission has not proposed a route off the trestle, as may be seen on the actual trail map at <https://www.putcapitolafirst.org/map>. However, using existing streets to go around the trestle is all that bicyclists have until a multi-use trail is built on the old trestle (the RTC’s Rail Trail Plan). The Rail Trail Plan also includes improvements to those existing streets (see Coastal Trail Facilities on the linked map) such as adding signage and painting green lanes. Implementing those improvements, however, requires support from the city, which Measure L prohibits!

RAIL TRAIL HISTORY

The RTC, the county and the cities of Santa Cruz, Capitola and Watsonville have all adopted the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network Master Plan (MBSST) known as the Rail Trail Plan, a 32-mile multi-use trail within the existing rail right of way from Davenport to Watsonville. The Rail Trail Plan also includes spur trails connecting to other trail networks such as Nisene Marks and Wilder Ranch. The Rail Trail will be 12’ to 16’ wide, making it the widest, longest car-free trail in the county. The Rail Trail Plan has been in the works for more than 20 years, has been approved by all jurisdictions, and with the passage of Measure D in 2016, is essentially fully funded. The RTC expects



that about 11 miles of the rail trail will be completed in the next four years, while the entire 32 miles could be completed in less than 10 years.

YES ON L PROHIBITS SAFE STREETS

The Capitola Greenway Initiative (Yes on Measure L) proposes only a trail, no rail, on the trestle or anywhere else. The Rail Trail Plan includes a multi-use trail and preserves the rail for future use. If approved, Measure L directs the city of Capitola to only preserve the RTC rail corridor for “any form of human powered transportation” (no rail) and prohibits city funds to be used for the rail trail detour on city streets until there is a trail on the old trestle over the village. (That could take a few years.) Furthermore, Measure L prohibits city funds for staff time or any expenditures that could support any kind of trail or detour, including signage. The Capitola City Council unanimously voted to oppose

Measure L and, if it passes, the council will probably continue to challenge it, due to multiple legal concerns.

The rail trail could be completed without the Capitola segment. While there are currently no funds allocated for Capitola trestle improvements at this time, the RTC allocated \$50,000 last June to study how best to add the rail trail to the Capitola trestle and to leverage Measure D funds to secure all the money needed. Last month the Coastal Commission approved the City of Santa Cruz adding the rail trail to the San Lorenzo River Trestle and the RTC may complete that work by next summer. So, the Capitola trestle trail segment can become the county’s second trestle trail.

WHERE IS GREENWAYS FUNDING?

It doesn’t make sense to me to throw a wrench in the rail trail, which will be under construction by the end of the year. Greenway has no trail approved or funding. If the rail trail or the Capitola segment is not completed due to Greenway efforts, funding which is already secured would be lost and we would not have a county trail for at least another 10 years! I like having the rail option. We can have both a trail and rail since there’s plenty of room that exists for both. I like keeping our transportation options open. Please make an informed decision about the issues. If interested, link to the No on L website: PutCapitolaFirst.org.

—PAULA BRADLEY, CAPITOLA

RTC will debate the future of transportation in Santa Cruz County Nov. 15th

The future of transportation on the county’s three corridors— Highway 1, Soquel Avenue/Drive/Freedom Boulevard and the rail corridor— will be debated by the Regional Transportation Commission’s Board of Directors on Nov. 15, with a final decision by the board coming Dec. 6. A complete analysis of four transportation ‘scenarios’ is available in long (217 pages) and short (29 pages) versions on the RTC’s website: sccrtc.org.

The decision on which scenario is best is the result of a mandate by Measure D, a half cent sales tax increase for transportation improvement which voters approved in 2016 by a two-thirds majority. Kimley Horn, a planning and

design engineering firm from San Bruno, prepared the report, which features 16 performance measures (i.e. collisions, vehicle miles traveled, greenhouse gas emission, visitor tax revenue etc.) for each scenario. Here is a brief overview of each scenario.

AUTO-CENTRIC SCENARIO 1

Automobile-centric Scenario 1 features HOV, auxiliary lanes and metered on-ramps on Highway 1, additional lanes on the San Lorenzo River Bridge and Mission Street intersection improvements. The Soquel corridor will have intersection improvements for cars, bikes and pedestrians, while bus rapid transit (BRT) will enjoy express service and traffic signal priority. It favors only a bike and ped trail

along the rail corridor (no rail).

SCENARIO 2 IS BIKE FRIENDLY

Scenario B is a more bicycle-friendly approach, offering both bike/ped trail and rail transit on the rail corridor. It includes Bus Rapid Transit Lite on the Soquel corridor as well as protected/buffered bike lanes and intersection improvements in that area. For Highway 1, it includes buses on the shoulder of the highway between Mission and State Park Drive, ramp metering and Mission Street intersection improvements.

SCENARIO C: BUSES ON RAIL LINE

Scenario C includes bus on shoulders and auxiliary lanes for Highway 1, Bus Rapid Transit Lite with increased transit frequency (CONTINUE ON PAGE 5)

Dr. Leonard Moore, 70, completes 75th double century!

Longevity is in the genes of Dr. Leonard Moore, 70, (photo at right) club member, dermatologist and long distance bicyclist, who recently completed his 75th double century or 200-mile bike ride. He and his wife Joan, who accompanied her husband to his first double century (Davis in 2004), have been married for 44 years.

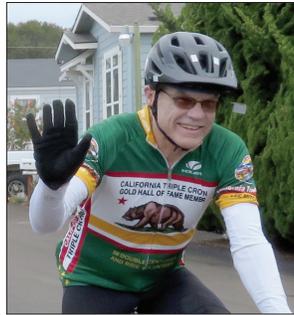
As a long distance bicycling guru, Moore has retired from that distance after completing Double Century #75, the recent Knoxville Double near Lake Berryessa. He has ridden three double centuries each year from 2004 to 2018, earning him Triple Crown status for that time span, and his high water mark for the distance is nine double centuries in 2011! Not surprisingly, he became a member of the California Triple Crown Hall of Fame in 2013.

How did it all start? "In the year 2000 my doctor told me I couldn't run anymore," says Moore, an affable man who is easy to talk to, and a safety-conscious bicyclist, "so I had to find something to

do. Some of my friends, learning of the Davis Double, said that would be fun, let's do it."

Not only did the friends complete the event, Moore says he found the finish so exhilarating that he began charting his new hobby of riding double centuries.

Which of the California events is the most interesting? Moore says he really enjoys the Central Coast Double Century in mid-May, starting from Paso Robles. It has the most variety of terrain—wine country, coastal mountain range, ocean views and large fields studded with oak trees in the Fort Hunter–Liggett area. It was at this century seven years ago that he was suddenly engulfed while riding by a swarm of ladybugs. "Clouds of bugs! I



was covered with them!" he said. However, when comparing notes at the end of the ride with others, he learned, amazingly, that he was the only one who encountered this phenomenon!

Moore, a safety conscious bicyclist, has experienced only one meeting with the pavement in all his travels. A front tire blew on a downhill at the Bass Lake Double, leaving him with gravel pieces still embedded in his fingertips.

When not riding his bike on daily recreation rides, Moore still works in dermatology at the UCSC Clinic. He also enjoys both downhill and telemark skiing and he loves to do stand up paddling at Privates Beach in Capitola. You may find him on Saturday mornings at the Market Street Senior Center, playing guitar or trumpet with a group called "The Swift Street Brass." He owns two mountain bikes, one tandem and five road bikes.

Although not riding any more double centuries, Leonard Moore is one of the most active 70-year-olds in the county!

—GLIDE A. LONG

RTC Scenario offers bus on rail (CONTINUE FROM PAGE 4)

and multi-modal intersection improvements for the Soquel corridor and a bike-ped trail, Bus Rapid Transit on the rail line as well as freight service in Watsonville. (Yes, buses on the rail line!)

SCENARIO E: HOV LANES AND RAIL TRANSIT

Scenario E includes HOV, auxiliary lanes and ramp meters for Highway 1, protected bike lanes and bike/ped intersection improvements for the Soquel corridor and a bike/ped trail, rail transit and freight service in Watsonville.

The RTC's Bicycle Advisory Committee unanimously approved Scenario B at its October meeting. The RTC has held two public outreach meetings in October to present all four scenarios, and a Focus Group session took place Oct. 18 at the Santa Cruz Metro Administrative Office.

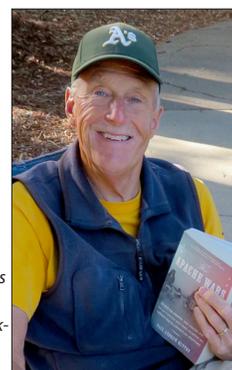
The RTC's website contains a Performance Dashboard (the 29-page summary), while the draft of its United Corridors Study, Step 2, Analysis Results (217 pages) contains a thorough analysis plus cost estimates of each plan.



Six SCCCC friends have returned from their recent Road Scholar bike trip in Quebec. L to R: Marilyn Marzell, Lilly Ann Popken, Betsy Schwartz, Judy Marsalis and Margo Hober. (Not pictured is JoAnn Smith). After a week of organized touring, the group traveled by ferry/bicycle through the middle of Lake Champlain, spending nights on Isle La Motte and South Hero. They loved staying in the Old Schoolhouse on Isle La Motte, a bed and breakfast with a bicycle motif! And the fall colors grew better and better with each passing day!



Brothers Kyan 11, left, and Aidan Rail, 8, the youngest members of SCCCC and servers at this year's Pizza and Pie Ride, recently took time out from cycling and studying to create a new species of arachnid for upcoming events. Rumor has it that these creatures eat only mountain bikers and their bikes!



Leonard Foreman, left photo, lost his 2010 Specialized Secteur black and white road bike recently to a bicycle thief, who stole the bike out of Leonard's garage. We hope, if he doesn't recover his bike, that Leonard rejoins the club rides with a 'new and improved' road bike, and we are sorry for his loss.

Weekly Rides *Rider Levels*

C Rides are between 25-35 miles, at 10-14 mph, with up to 2,000 feet of elevation. **B Rides** are for intermediate riders and are between 25-50 miles, at 12-16 mph pace, with up to 3,000 feet of elevation; **A Rides** are for experienced riders looking for a challenge., These rides are from 40 - 80 miles, at a 15-20 mph pace, with over 3,000 feet of elevation.

Bicycle club members lead social group rides for enjoyment. While riders regroup along the way, we recommend riding with a buddy, or feel free to ask one of the other riders if you can ride along with them. Come prepared with extra tubes and know how to change a flat tire. Bring water, a snack and ID. Before the ride starts, every participant must sign a League of American Bicyclist (LAB) approved waiver stating that the Santa Cruz County Cycling Club is not responsible for any incident occurring during the ride. Saturday bicycle rides (or carpools) may start from the Capitola Community Center (Jade St/45th Ave)in Capitola. Route sheets will be emailed to the club mailing list about two days before each ride. Rain cancels rides.

Tuesday ride: Meet at 9:45 a.m. for a 10 a.m. start for this social/leisurely paced road ride. 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of month, start at Gateway Plaza (the shopping center on River St. near Hwy 1). No public water or restrooms available.. On the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, meet at parking lot of the Aptos Shopping Center. The fifth Tuesday of the month is leader's choice for start location. Distance will vary from 20-40 miles. Destinations include a lunch stop. Bring water and snacks. "Lite" rides are offered with regular Tuesday rides for a less strenuous, generally shorter ride. New C/D rides on Mondays and Thursdays on club calendar at www.santacruzcycling.org.

Saturday, November 3rd A/B Ride

Old San Jose Road/Eureka Canyon
9 a.m. start at CCC; A=52 mi/5100'; B=43 mi/3,400'
Chris Boman.....831-475-5902

Saturday, November 3rd C Ride

Sand City to Pebble Beach
10 a.m. start from Starbucks in Sand City
Petronella van Dam.....elsvandam@live.com

Saturday, November 10th A/B Ride

Big Basin Loop
9 a.m. start at Johnny's Market; A=43 mi/4591'; B=34.9 mi/3902'
Tom Mattinson.....831-566-8247;
Kathy Frank.....831-278-1784

Saturday, November 10th C Ride

Gazos Creek to Pescadero
Meet at 10 a.m. at Gazos Creek and Highway 1
Marilyn Marzell.....Marilyn.marzell2000@yahoo.com

Saturday, November 17th A/B Ride

Jamison Creek via Empire Grade
9:30 a.m. start at Gateway Plaza; A/B=41.4 mi/4,157'
Ron Olson.....408-218-3189

Saturday, November 17th C Ride

Gateway to Laurel Glen
10 a.m. start at Gateway Plaza, Santa Cruz. 24 mi/1300'
Joe Kelly.....831 234-1977

Saturday, November 24th A/B Ride

Half Moon Bay for Lunch
9 a.m. start at Pescadero; B=43.5 mi/3,488'; extras for A riders
Paul McDonald.....831-419-7388

Saturday November 24th C Ride

Fort Ord
10 a.m. start Pezzini 's, Nashua Rd., Hwy 1, 32.1 mi/1323'
Debbie Joyce.....831 247-1505

Saturday, December 1st A/B Ride

Lockheed Gate Special
9:30 a.m. start at Gateway Plaza; Route details TBD
Shahe Matoufian.....831-462-5601

Saturday December 1st C Ride

Gateway to Scotts Valley
Start 10 a.m. Gateway Plaza; 25.4 mi/1757"
Paula Bradley.....831 345-5482

Saturday, December 8th A/B Ride

Pebble Beach with A Ride Bonus
10 a.m. start at Marina Walmart; Route details TBD
Bruce Dau.....831-234-5177

Saturday December 8th C Ride

Aromas and San Juan Bautista
10 a.m. start Aromas School, 29.1 mi/1467'
David Kadotani831 588-3561

Saturday, December 15th A/B Ride

Davenport/Swanton/Bonny Doon
9:a.m. start at Gateway Plaza; A=55 mi/4,600'; B=31 mi/3,000'
Richard Burton.....408-540-4695

October Bike to Work Day at the Picnic Basket; new and familiar faces



Left photo: Kai Tanaka, 10 and Zuki Tanaka, 10, accompany their dad Andrea Kopp-Tanaka to the Picnic Basket for Bike to Work Day on Oct. 4. Center photo: Dave Dominguez and his dachshund Koa are familiar faces at the event; Right photo: Joe Kelly and Mike Harrison.

Saturday December 15th **C Ride**
17-Mile Drive
 10 a.m. start Starbucks/Sand City Shopping Center, 33.1 mi/1242'
Jack Johnson.....831 359-2501

Saturday, December 22nd **A/B Ride**
Gazos Creek, Portola Redwoods, Pescadero
 10 a.m. start at Gazos Creek; A=54.3 mi/4,157'; B=44.6 mi/3,039'
Michael Siefritz.....415-938-6714

Monday C rides with Chris Zemny

(408-892-5585)

All rides start at 10 a.m. go to website for details.

Ride leaders are Chris Zemny, Brian Treece,

Third Thursday of the month is a Metric Century ride with Brian Treece

All rides start at 9 a.m. go to website for details

www.santacruzcycl.org

Thank you September/October ride leaders

Marilyn Marzell, LillyAnn Popken (2), Kia Dragon, Bart Coddington, Teri Ruegg, Frank and Vita Pritchard (2), Judy Marsalis, Rick Shypit, Larry Tierney (2), Bruce Dau (3), Lisa Beaudreau, Tony Rall, Jane Ferguson, Leonard Foreman, Joe Kelly, Tom Penello, Catherine vanRhee, Isabelle Magnin, Paula Bradley, Dan Hughes, David and Jeanni Kadotani, Barbara Moore, Ron Olson, Jack Johnson, Chris Boman, Ric Eiserling (2) Petronella van Dam and Chris Zemny (many!)

Saturday December 22nd **C Ride**
Granite Creek from Capitola Community Center
 10 a.m. start at CCC, 25.7 mi/1595'
Ric Eiserling.....831 234-7725

Saturday, December 29th **A/B Ride**
Old San Jose Road/Eureka Canyon
 9 a.m. start at Capitola Community Center; A=52 mi/5100'; B=43 mi/3400'
Grace Voss.....831-247-8878

Saturday December 29th **C Ride**
Gilroy and Uvas
 10 a.m. start at Gilroy Sports Center. 34.2 mi/1188'
Petronella van Dam.....831 454-6010

Saturday, January 5th **A/B Ride**
Big Basin Tour
 9 a.m. start at Boulder Creek; A=43.5 mi/4,591'; B=25.4 mile/2,567'
Dan Hughes.....925-640-5797

Saturday January 5th **C Ride**
Gizdich for Lunch
 10:a.m. start Ann Soldo School, Watsonville. 30.4 mi/1150'
Bill McBride.....831 239-6081

Are you wearing your helmet correctly?



HELMET FIT :
 LEFT-CORRECT;
 RIGHT-INCORRECT

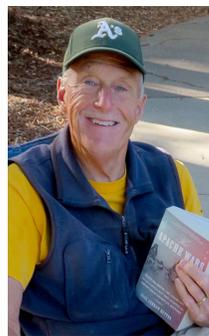
Lots of smiles for both SCMC riders and volunteers



Left to right: Kathy Ferraro and Jamie Jamison on Swanton Road, Evan Tenderhort of Tehachapi, Marcus Koenen and Janet Sim of Brisbane, Karen Burman, Petronella van Dam, Betsy Schwartz, Cliff Barrett and Sophie McKenzie



L to R: Former SCCC presidents Robert Leibold and Jeff Clark, Jane Ferguson, Tim Thomes, Marianne Benforado, David Lawrence, Toby Ferguson and Helen Oldfield, Skippy and Andrea Givens



L to r: Mike Andalora, Heidi Fraser, Howard Unkeles, Annette Siefert, Jeannine Forsyth Rauch, Margaret Shamaria and Dennis Harvey. In rear, Chris Peterson
Center photo: Leonard Foreman



L to R: Zelma Fennell, Michelle Lee, Earl Rosenbrau, Tina Ensign, Susan Dayoc and Shalom Compost. Right photo: Steve Walker, Skippy Givens (event director), Maura Noel, Judy and Jack Johnson



L to r: JT Hart, Alan Eklof and Doug Huskey, Paula Bradley, Helga Wiench, Eileen Beaudry, Chad Williams and John Armstrong

Bicycle safety with Pete Pearson: shedding the light on bike lights

Bike lights are both important and complex! First, do you prefer AA batteries that can be obtained anywhere in the world? Or rechargeable lights that may die towards the end of your ride? Do you ride at night? (48% of all bicycle fatalities occur between 4 p.m. and midnight according to The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, while 40% of all accidents between vehicles and bicycles are a result of rear end collisions.) Do you want a helmet-mounted headlight and (or) taillight for greater visibility? Do you want a waterproof or water resistant light? Keep in mind that, as the lumens increase, battery life decreases. Some lights allow you to control the light level.

PETE'S SEARCH

My local search took me first to Cycle Sport in Scotts Valley where I spoke with Light and Motion factory rep Robert Mann, who said the main question is, 'Do you want to be seen, or do you want to see?' Daytime running lights are becoming more common, and some models have cross direction yellow pulsating lights. Robert said studies show a pulsating light will attract a driver's attention from greater



distance than a solid red lens.

I have noticed that some older tail lamps are barely visible from 50 feet back, not enough distance to attract the attention of a distracted driver. Online source **Best Reviews** states that safety lights generally fall in the 25-100 lumen range or just enough to make your light visible. Headlamps are in the 100-300 range and mountain bike lights will run 400 lumens and more.

BLAZING AWAY

Blackburn offers the Blaze 140 Model for a low \$32 and 1/2 watt on AA batteries with side amber lights. The company has 75, 100 and 200 lumen front lights and 10, 15 and 40 lumen rear lighting, all with a two-year warranty.

Blaze in Great Britain offers the "front burner" headlamp with 180 lumen and 100 lumen rear tail lamp with 180 degree visibility, six modes and automatic on/off at dusk with up to 60 hours per charge. Both have magnetic attachment. Half a watt is considered brighter than a standard LED

and gives up to 32 hours of run time. It is water resistant. Housing is core laser tech and aircraft aluminum. It may be helmet mounted.

LIGHT AND MOTION

Light and Motion is a step up with its 500 lumen Vibe Pro, rechargeable on USB port, with front, side and rear lighting for \$69. This waterproof unit shuts off automatically after 30 seconds of no motion and will last about six hours. The standard Vibe with 50 lumen will last up to 12 hours.

VIBE URBAN MODEL

The Vibe Urban is suggested for those that want to be seen from a distance. With 700 lumen forward and a 100 lumen tail light, both pulsating, you will be seen! Studies have shown that drivers find it difficult to judge the distance of bicycles from their vantage point. The Vibes have up to seven motion settings and a two-year guarantee. I took the headlamp to one end of the store and then went to the far opposite side. The light was blinding at 40 feet. The 700 sells retail for \$199. Light Motion products also are local, with an assembly plant in Marina. —PETE PEARSON

On the road stories of hardy bicyclists from 2018 Mountains Challenge

This is Adam (photo at right) at the Natural Bridges Water Stop for the Santa Cruz Mountains Challenge. He was the nicest, calmest guy. We helped him with a tubeless tire side puncture. (A dollar bill and a patch were needed to get him back on the road.) We learned from him!

Adam works for the county and



rides his bike roundtrip to and from Ben Lomond every day. He loves his tubeless tires and says he has had many fewer problems since switching. He

was a great guy and the last one to

leave our stop. We hope he made it to the finish.

We also had another young rider who rode to the event from Sunnyvale, arriving at 4 a.m. at the start. He rode the 135-mile route, and he was going back over the hill by bike! He said that he would arrive home about 4 a.m. (He worked for Google.)

—TWO VOLUNTEERS

Team Santa Cruz places 2nd in Team Co-Ed Division of Mt. Diablo Climb

Congratulations to the 11 SCCCC hill climbers who helped their team finish second in the Coed Team-Club division of the Mt. Diablo Challenge on Oct. 7th. The event involves an 11.2-mile ascent of the 3,249' mountain. Strong cross winds added an extra challenge for the riders, who faced a steep grade for the final 200 meters!

Leading the way for Team SCCCC was **Kathleen Bortolussi**, who was the

8th female finisher overall and second in her age group. Both **Ron Olson** and **Catherine vanRhee** finished eighth in their age groups. **vanRhee** finished as 20th woman overall out of 71 women.

Other club members on the climb were: **Chris Boman, Dan Hughes, Claire Northall, Greg, Sara and Timothy Rauch, Michael Siefert and Steve Williams**. Total finishers: 463.

Bortolussi reports that the event was well organized and bicyclists were lucky

not to have the Solano fire smoke present during the climb.

All results available at: <http://mountdiablochallenge2018.itsyourrace.com/results.aspx?id=11068>

The following website encourages all bicyclists to sign to advocate for more bicycle turnouts on the Mt. Diablo Road. <https://mountdiablocyclists.org/petition-bike-turnouts/>.

—GRACE LEMOND

Local bicycle shops

These shops are supporting our bicycle club with discounts on bicycling accessories. Discounts vary according to the shop. Ask sales clerk for club discount.

Another Bike Shop
2361 Mission Street
427-2232
Open daily-10AM-6PM

The Bicycle Trip
1001 Soquel Avenue
427-2580
Monday-Saturday-10AM-6PM
Sunday-10AM-5PM

Bill's Bike Repair
2826 Soquel Drive
477-0511
Open daily but call first!

Dave's Custom Bikes
910-A Soquel Avenue
423-8923
Tuesday-Sunday-9AM-5PM

Family Cycling Center
912 41st Avenue
475-3883
Monday-Saturday-10AM-6PM
Sunday-10am-5pm

The Spokesman Bicycles
231 Cathcart Street
429-6062
Monday-Saturday 10AM-6 P.M.
Sunday-Noon-5PM

Cycle Works
1420 Mission St.
316-7671
Monday-Friday 10AM-6PM
Saturday-Sunday 9AM-6PM

Bicycle Trip Capitola
3555 Clares St., Suite T
Capitola 95010
831-226-5050
Monday-Friday-11AM-6PM
Saturday-10AM-5PM
Sunday-Closed

Scotts Valley Cycloport
245 Mount Hermon Road
Scotts Valley
440-9070
Tuesday-Thursday-10AM,-6PM; Friday 10AM-7PM
Saturday-10AM-6PM; Sunday-Noon-5PM

Watsonville Cyclery
25 East 5th Street
724-1646
Monday-Saturday-11AM-6PM;
Sunday-Noon- 5PM

Epicenter Cycling
Aptos Station, 8035 Soquel Dr. Suite 23
662-8100
Monday-Friday-11AM-7PM; Weekend-8AM-4PM

AND...

1730 Mission Street, Santa Cruz
423-9000
Monday-Friday 10AM-7PM; Weekend 9AM-6PM

Current eBikes
131 Front Street, Suite D
831-621-2309
831-588-0936 (cell)
www.currentebikes.com

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Santa Cruz County Cycling Club Membership Application/Renewal Form

The Santa Cruz County Cycling Club is a group of bicycling enthusiasts with a wide variety of interests and abilities. The mission of the SCCCC is to promote bicycling for all ages through education and organized bicycling events. Included in your membership is a subscription to The Roadrunner, the club's award-winning, bimonthly newsletter, which publishes a schedule of rides and bicycling announcements. In addition, local bicycle shops offer a 10% discount for club members. The club's website, www.santacruz cycling.org provides a home base for your club activities. Annual membership dues must be paid to remain a member in good standing. **Dues become due on Jan. 1st of each year based upon the term of your membership.**

Member First Name	*Member Family Name	*Member Contact Email
*Member Contact Telephone	Member Ride Cell Phone	<input type="checkbox"/> New Member <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal Member <input type="checkbox"/> Include on Printed Roster <input type="checkbox"/> Add to SCCCC Email list
2nd Member First Name	2nd Member Family Name and Email	One Year Memberships <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> \$30 for RR Mail* <input type="checkbox"/> Family \$35 <input type="checkbox"/> \$40 for RR Mail* <input type="checkbox"/> Junior \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 for RR Mail*
2nd Member Contact Telephone	2nd Member Cell Phone	Three-Year Memberships <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$60 <input type="checkbox"/> \$75 for RR Mail* <input type="checkbox"/> Family \$90 <input type="checkbox"/> \$105 for RR Mail*

*Street Address	*City	*State	*Zip	*Roadrunner Newsletter delivered by US Mail
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League of American Bicyclists (LAB)

Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement ("Agreement")

Each applicant for membership shall read and sign the following Release Agreement

In Consideration of being permitted to participate in any way in Santa Cruz County Cycling Club ("Club") sponsored Bicycling Activities ("Activity") I for myself, my personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin:

1. Acknowledge, agree and represent that I understand the nature of Bicycling Activities and that I am qualified to participate in such Activity. I further acknowledge that the Activity will be conducted over public roads and facilities open to the public during the Activity and upon which the hazards of traveling are to be expected. I further agree and warrant that if at any time I believe conditions to be unsafe, I will immediately discontinue further participation in the Activity.

2. Fully Understand that: (a) Bicycling Activities Involve Risks and Dangers of Serious Bodily Injury, including permanent disability, paralysis and death ("Risks"); (b) these Risks and dangers may be caused by my own actions, or inactions, the actions of others participating in the activity, the condition in which the activity takes place, or the negligence of the "Releases" named below; (c) there may be other risks and social and economic losses either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and I fully accept and assume all such risks and all responsibility for losses, costs and damages I incur as a result of my participation in the Activity.

3. Hereby release, discharge, covenant not to sue, and agree to indemnify and save and hold harmless the Club, the LAB, their respective administrators, directors, agents, and employees, other participants, any sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of the premises on which the Activity takes place (each considered one of the "Releases" herein) from all liability, claims, demands, losses or damages on my account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the "Releases" or otherwise, including negligent rescue operations.

I have read this agreement, fully understand its terms, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it and have signed it freely and without any inducement or assurance of any nature and intend it to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law and agree that if any portion of this agreement is held to be invalid the balance, notwithstanding, shall continue in full force and effect.

_____	_____	_____	_____
Signature of Applicant	Date	Signature(s) of additional family members 18 years or older	Date

Please complete the following for any minor (18-year-old) family members:

Minor Release

And I, the Minor's parent and/or legal guardian, understand the nature of bicycling activities and the Minor's experience and capabilities and believe the minor to be qualified, in good faith, and in proper physical condition to participate in such activities. I hereby release, discharge, covenant not to sue, and agree to indemnify and save and hold harmless each of the releasees from all liability, claims, demands, losses, or damages on the minor's account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the "releases" or otherwise, including negligent rescue operations and further agree that if, despite this release, I, the minor, or anyone on the minor's behalf makes a claim against any of the releasees named above, I will indemnify, save, and hold harmless each of the releasees from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss liability, damage, or any cost that may incur as the result of any such claim

_____	_____	_____
Printed Name of Parent or Guardian	Signature of Parent or Guardian	Signature of Minor

Please sign waiver — Incomplete Forms Will Be Returned

Enclosed is \$_____ dues for membership in the Santa Cruz County Cycling Club which entitles me to all the rights and privileges of membership. Make check payable to SCCCC and mail to: Santa Cruz County Cycling Club, P.O. Box 8342, Santa Cruz, CA 95061-8342

November–December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <i>Gizdich ride</i>	2	3 <i>Club Ride</i>
4	5 <i>C ride</i>	6 <i>Club Ride</i> <i>GP</i>	7	8 <i>Gizdich ride</i> <i>SCCCC Board</i> 6:30 p.m.	9	10 <i>Club Ride</i>
11	12 <i>C ride</i>	13 <i>Club Ride</i> <i>Aptos</i>	14	15 <i>Gizdich ride</i> 10 a.m. <i>Corralitos</i>	16	17 <i>Club Ride</i>
18	19 <i>C ride</i>	20 <i>Club Ride</i> <i>GP</i>	21	22 <i>Gizdich ride</i> 10 a.m. <i>Corralitos</i>	23	24 <i>Club Ride</i>
25	26 <i>C ride</i>	27 <i>Aptos</i>	28	29 <i>Gizdich ride</i> 10 a.m. <i>Corralitos</i>	30	1 <i>Club Ride</i>
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 Santa Cruz Cycling Club Membership Card
 www.santacruzccycling.org (Valid only with member's mailing label.)



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