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Cycling Club**

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Presidential Pause

Jennie Hamiter, AACC President

Many cyclists find this a tough time of year, what with the short days and some bitter cold riding weather. But winter really isn't that bad, even for cyclists. Think of it as a time to "rotate your tires", give your muscles and joints a break from all that pedaling, and try something else. Consider downhill skiing, cross country skiing, or snowshoeing: all fun activities that can keep you fit, add some variety to your exercise regime, and take advantage of your living in the Tahoe area. Consider joining us for the AACC Skate Ski day at Kirkwood in January. (See Page 3 for details.)

But if you just have to ride, note that the earliest sunset of the year is actually around December 7th, so by mid-January, it should be noticeably brighter when you get off work in the afternoon. In other words, cycling season 2007 will be here before you know it.

Genoa Cyclocross

Thanks to Mel Maalouf for directing the Genoa Cyclocross Race, and to Jeff Ham and John Seher for helping Mel out when he got called out of the country unexpectedly for the two weeks before the race. Thanks, too, to Di Bolton for running registration, and to Jim Crompton for officiating. I can say from first-hand experience that the course was fun and challenging, with some creative changes from last

year's course. Thanks, too, to the residents that graciously let us run the race across their property, and even helped out our volunteers in some cases.

Gratitude for a Great 2006

Thanks to Darla Mazzoni for making arrangements with the Ridge for the End of Season Dinner, and to Tammy Lundquist for bringing dessert. Our appreciation also goes out to the following businesses for donating raffle prizes:

- Spooner Lake Cross Country
- Big Daddy's Bikes
- B'sghetti's Restaurant
- Carson Valley Inn
- Bella Vita
- Wasabi's Sushi
- Villa San Marcel
- the Death Ride

Finally, thanks to *everyone* who volunteered at the club events this year - you helped make 2006 a fun, eventful year. Thanks especially to a terrific group of board members, who worked hard all year long to keep the club on track. In particular I want to thank our outgoing officers:

Kris Brown, secretary, who wrote up the meeting minutes quick enough each month to allow us to publish the newsletter with *current* meeting minutes

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Christine Anderson, Wednesday Night Race Director, who organized a great season of club races and got each week's results out to the club often on the same night as the race

Dennis DeLange for keeping our adopted two miles of highway 89 litter-free

Jim Rhiner for being a very well-organized Carson Valley Classic Race Director

Jeff Ham, who held the treasurer's position and also organized the Pinenut Cracker Mountain Bike Race and the club's BMX night

I appreciate everyone's efforts, and I look forward to riding and working with both the new and the continuing board members again in 2007!



2006 Genoa Cyclocross

Mel Maalouf, Genoa Cyclocross Organizer, Juniors Coach

The 2006 Genoa Cyclocross went as smoothly as the 2005 version. Again, the club turned out in force and made putting the course together, registering, and course marshalling a breeze. It is such a pleasure to have enthusiastic and passionate people help to put on a successful event. The DeScocio family offered up their one acre lot to add some varied terrain and some enthusiasts took the initiative with a garden hose to make a mud pit.

The course had rave reviews from the racers with a lot of new faces on the circuit. We deviated from the UCI

riding standard courses with lots of riding and six dismounts to keep the riders on their toes. We had about the same attendance as last year, so we need figure out how to make it grow a little. Hopefully, every year we grow a bit and the organization of it gets smoother. The comments from the town were positive.

A special thanks goes to the Orchard House, the Lukemberry family, DeScocio family, Mr Yochum, and the local store that makes great sandwiches. So, next year, when the leaves begin to fall, we will see you out there with your rakes, knobblies, and shoe spikes.



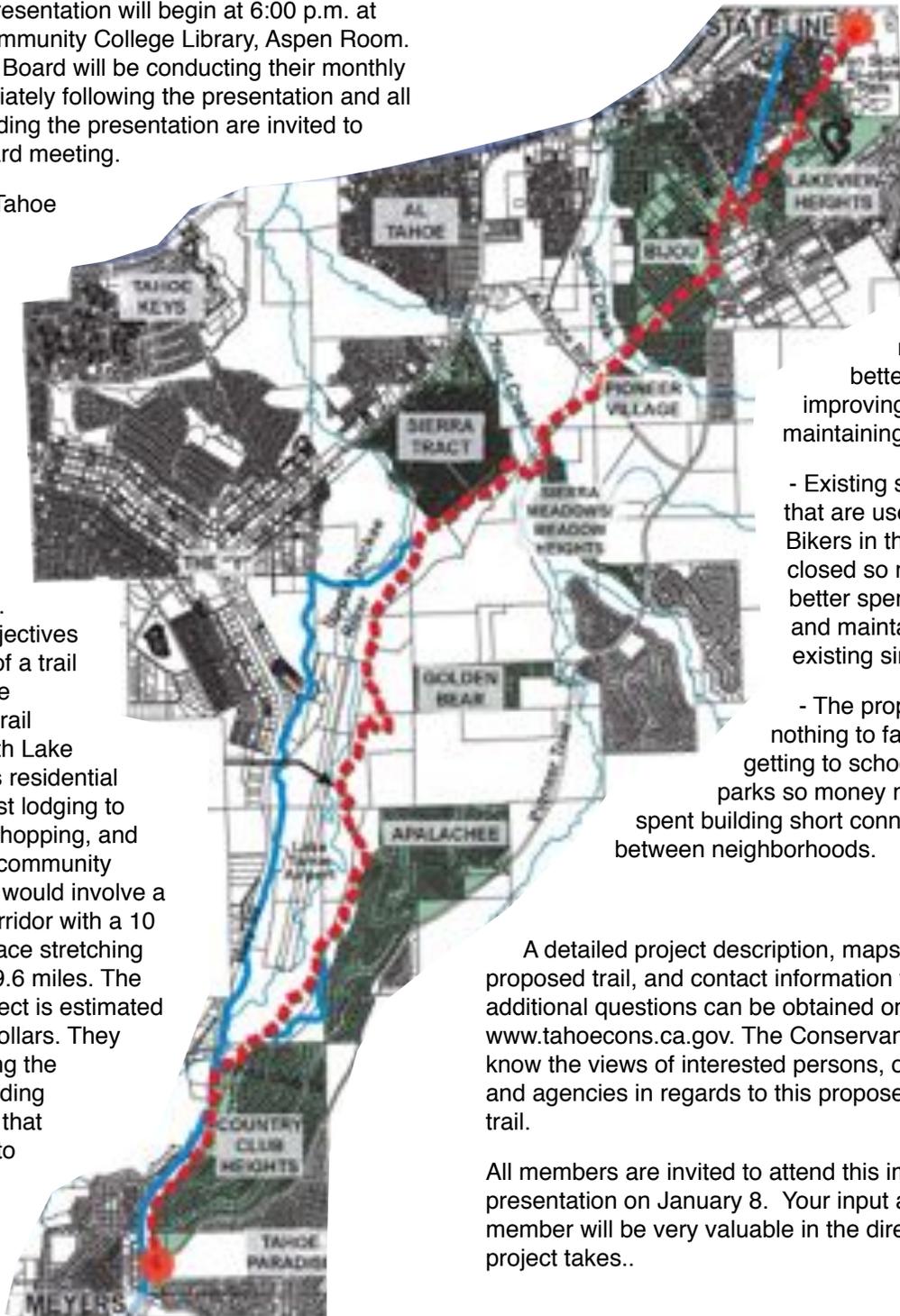


Special AACC Meeting: South Lake Tahoe Multi-Use Trail

Mark Your Calendars: January 8, 2007

On January 8, 2007, Ray Lacey from the California Tahoe Conservancy, will be giving a presentation on the proposed "South Tahoe Greenway Multi-use Trail Project". The presentation will begin at 6:00 p.m. at Lake Tahoe Community College Library, Aspen Room. The Alta Alpina Board will be conducting their monthly meeting immediately following the presentation and all members attending the presentation are invited to stay for the board meeting.

The California Tahoe Conservancy is working on a project to link Meyers, California to Stateline, Nevada with a paved multi-use trail for cyclists, joggers, roller bladers, and other non-motorized uses. Among their objectives is the creation of a trail that will form the backbone of a trail network in South Lake Tahoe that links residential areas and tourist lodging to jobs, schools, shopping, and recreation and community areas. The trail would involve a 14 foot wide corridor with a 10 foot paved surface stretching approximately 9.6 miles. The cost of this project is estimated at \$14 million dollars. They are also studying the possibility of adding additional trails that would connect to certain neighborhoods.



However, club members have raised a number of concerns about the proposal:

- Pioneer Trail allows for a more desirable pace for road cyclists than would be permitted on the proposed multi-use trail so money might be better spent improving and maintaining bike lanes
- Existing single track trails that are used by Mountain Bikers in this area will be closed so money might be better spent improving and maintaining the existing single track.
- The proposed trail does nothing to facilitate kids getting to school or to local parks so money might be better spent building short connecting trails between neighborhoods.

A detailed project description, maps of the proposed trail, and contact information for submitting additional questions can be obtained online at www.tahoicons.ca.gov. The Conservancy would like to know the views of interested persons, organizations and agencies in regards to this proposed multi-use trail.

All members are invited to attend this important presentation on January 8. Your input as a club member will be very valuable in the direction this project takes..



UNR Cycling Team

Cody Deane, Nevada Cycling President

Nevada Cycling is the cycling team of UNR. It is student run and competes in the WCCC (West Coast Collegiate Cycling Conference). The club is open to all students of the University and we encourage all levels of riders for both mountain and road. We design our own kit, maintain a website, raise funds for racing, and promote at least one collegiate mountain bike race in the fall and one road race in the spring. In addition, we try to help the local bicycle community by sending volunteers to the Death Ride and District TT. In August, we host Sky Tavern, the last race in the Nevada Cup mountain bike series.

For the 2006/2007 season, the club is enjoying new membership, especially among the officers with the addition of Jake Mestre as Vice-President, and Eddie McDonald as Sponsorship Coordinator. Due to the high turn-over of officers in collegiate cycling, these new members are especially important. Our other officers include Cody Deane (President, majoring in economics), Max Miller (Treasurer, biology), Scott Leland (Race Coordinator, nursing), and Jeremy Warren (Secretary/Webmaster, communications).

This mountain bike season, the team placed 3rd in the conference behind UC Berkeley and CP San Luis Obispo. At the Collegiate National Championships in Angel Fire, NM, Scot Ferguson placed 10th in the Div. 1 short-track, a 60+ rider field. Cody Deane finished 15th in the XC and Jed Colvin broke into the top 20 in

the downhill with a 19th. Cody was also the Men's A WCCC Omnium (overall) winner and Jeremy was 2nd overall in Men's C Omnium. New member Maggie Mroczkowski placed 3rd overall in Women's B.

Collegiate cycling is a tremendous amount of fun and work. We rely on sponsors such as the Alta Alpina Cycling Club to provide funds for traveling and racing. Our members enjoy relatively cost-free racing, as we provide the transportation to most races as well as entry fees. We greatly appreciate the help of our sponsors. Over the next year, we will keep AACCC up-to-date with our activities with some more articles about the team. If you want to learn more, visit www.nevadacycling.com and/or search "Nevada Cycling" on YahooGroups where one can sign-up for our list-serve emails. Any further inquiries can be sent to Cody at deanec13@yahoo.com.



With Winter Upon Us, the Perfect Opportunity Is at Hand to Plan for Summer!

Joe Marzocco, Death Ride Coordinator

The now hibernating 800 pound bear, called the Death Ride, will be in full swing and as always, volunteers are needed to provide the much appreciated support that makes the Death Ride successful year after year. This year's event will take place on Saturday July 14, 2007. As we are currently in the planning stages, any feedback and suggestions help smooth the process as the event nears. Please send messages to drvolunteers@deathride.com.

There are a few early season jobs available as soon as the weather warms:

- Bike rack maintenance
- Traffic sign maintenance

- Storage container inventory
- Water pump sanitation

Please let me know if you are interested in any of these jobs. Also, if you would like to commit to a position or have any questions about positions, please contact me at the above email address. For those volunteers wishing to ride the 2007 Death Ride, please contact me at the above email address. We will need all volunteer applications by the end of March.

For updates on the 2007 Death Ride, please visit www.deathride.com.

Have a safe and festive holiday season.



AACC Member Profile:

Cody Deane

AACC Member since: 2005 (kinda) Have done the Kingsbury hillclimb the last two years.

Current Residence:

Reno/UNR. I spend a lot of time at school.

Immigrant from: Sandpoint, ID. Look north, far north.

Résumé:
2006 Men A Omnium champion in West Coast Collegiate Cycling Conference

2006 WCCC XC Champion, 13th overall 2006 Collegiate Mountain Bike Nationals

2nd overall 2005 Men A WCCC Omnium
5th overall at 2005 Collegiate Mountain Bike Nationals
2nd overall 2006 Kingsbury Hillclimb



Race Category: Collegiate Men's A

Bikes I ride: 2006 Orbea Scape
2004 Intense M1
~1997 no model Specialized

How I support my Bike Habit:
Scholarship and saved money

In one word, my cycling style is...: all-around

Favorite Rides/Races:
Road: Reno to Incline Village and back.
Mountain: Soquel Demo Forest.

Ambitions/Aspirations:
To go to grad school and develop the tools to make the world a better place.

My Motto or Inspired Quote:
Dopers Suck. Thieves Suck. Developers Suck. And none of them are good for cycling.

Grab Bag:
Been commuting to school by bike for 3 semesters now and haven't missed a day yet.

AACC Skate Ski and Cross Country Ski Clinic

Jennie Hamiter, AACC President

Winter: a time to give your body a break from cycling, but you still need to stay active - especially with all that holiday food! A great aerobic activity that works different muscles but still compliments your cycling fitness is cross country skiing. Join us at the AACC Skate/Cross Country Ski Clinic at Kirkwood, January 13th. All levels welcome. Skate skiers may break into two groups if necessary; beginners skiers will receive classic cross country instruction.

- Date: Saturday, January 13th
- Time: 10:30 (but show up before 10:00 to sign up and gear up)
- Location: Kirkwood Cross Country
- Cost: \$30 includes clinic and full day trail pass (ski rental \$10)

Pre-registration required: call 209-258-7248 or crosscountry@kirkwood.com.
Questions? Feel free to contact me at president@AltaAlpina.org

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Board Meeting Minutes—November 6, 2006

Acting Secretary: Michael Bayer, Other Board Members Present: Di Bolton, Dave Gaskin, Jennie Hamiter, Jeff Ham, Libby Oakden, Dennis Pederson, John Seher, Steve Thomsen, Tim Rowe, Others: Corey Bolton, Cody Deane, Max Miller, Christopher Rowe

1. Monthly Status Reports:

- **Treasurer's Report:** Bank balance is now \$68203.56. We paid the Ridge \$3700 for the annual meeting and dinner. Dessert was \$180. Jeff suggested we send out a reminder about reimbursements.
- **Death Ride:** Joe not present. No report.
- **Newsletter:** Libby is looking for articles. Next newsletter to go out shortly after Dec. board meeting.
- **Website:** Dennis is working on a mechanism to allow members to post photos. He will post instructions on the website and we'll place a corresponding article in the newsletter.
- **Junior Team:** Mel not present. No report.

2. **GCX on Nov 12:** Di volunteered to manage registration. She'll need some volunteers to help. We also need a number of course marshals and

volunteers to help set up the course at 9:00am. Jeff and Jennie to send out a reminder email to requesting help.

3. **UNR Donation:** The board voted to donate \$3000 to the UNR Cycling Team to defray their travel expenses.
4. **Feedback on End of Season Party/Dinner Agenda:** There was a consensus that The Ridge is a great setting and that the food was very good. The biggest problem was the shortage of dessert. Other issues were the sound system and the bar services where some people were not served and the selection of wine and beer was disappointing..
5. **Policies:** The board voted to adopt an updated membership policy on Death Ride participation and a mileage reimbursement policy. These will be posted to the website in the Membership area.
6. **Other Business:** Tim has been reappointed to the Nevada Bicycle Board by the Governor of Nevada. Tim requested funding to attend the Be-Pro conference in San Jose in January. The board approved covering Tim's conference fee, hotel, and mileage.
7. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held at New York Pizza on Al Tahoe in South Lake Tahoe on December 4.



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Board Meeting Minutes—December 4, 2006

Secretary: Kris Brown; Other Board Members: Michael Bayer, Di Bolton, Jennie Hamiter, Jeff Ham, Darla Mazzoni, Dennis Pederson, Tim Rowe, John Seher; Other Attendees: Cory Bolton, Tammy Linquist, Christopher Rowe, Will Temple

1. Monthly Status Reports:

- **Treasurer's Report:** The club account has a balance of \$58,900. There is sufficient money to pay ride and race reimbursements in full.
 - **Death Ride:** Jennie received an email from Joe saying the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce had requested he no longer attend club board meetings. The consensus was that since Joe is a board member and is paid by Alta Alpina, he should be at AACC board meetings and keep the board informed about the Death Ride. Jennie will contact Joe and get more details. John will make sure there is a Death Ride Committee meeting scheduled before the next board meeting. Tim will follow up with the chamber.
 - **Newsletter:** The newsletter will be out in about a week. They are still short of articles.
 - **Website:** Dennis is looking at alternatives such as Smug Mug to store and display club photos but will continue to store photos on our site for the time being. This is the site used by the Almaden Cycle Touring Club (www.actc.org) There will be more discussion of this at the next meeting. Dennis is also working on classified ads and the possibility of using elevation charts for club rides.
 - **Bike Advocacy:** No report.
 - **Junior Team:** The juniors have started on winter weight training.
2. **Tahoe Greenway Trail:** The California Tahoe Conservancy is proposing a 9.6 mile paved multi-purpose trail running from Meyers to Stateline. It would cost about \$14,000,000. Darla attended the last meeting and pointed out that the way it is currently planned, it would be difficult to access. For more information, go to www.tahoicons.ca.gov. The next meeting is December 14, 2006 at the TRPA building. Ray Lacey may be invited to the next board meeting to do a presentation on the project. It is doubtful it would be used by most cyclists..
 3. **Membership Renewals for 2007:** Renewal forms will be sent out to present and former members with information concerning the club. If there are changes that need to be made, the member can go to the website and get an updated form.
 4. **Human Powered Vehicle Challenge:** Will Temple was present soliciting a contribution for the UNR Human Powered Vehicle Challenge. The board voted to contribute \$300.
 5. **Next Meeting:** Monday, January 8, 2007, 6 pm, Lake Tahoe Community College Library, Aspen Room.

Local Merchant Discount Program

We're excited to announce that local merchants who support AACC will be offering discounts to club members.

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.AtaAlpina.org.

Show your AACC Membership Card at time of purchase. [If 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.AtaAlpina.org



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 Tahoe Greenway
 Multi-Use Trail

Kirkwood Ski Day ...Saturday Jan. 13

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 Have you moved? Has your e-mail address changed?
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 Update your info at www.AltaAlpina.org; click on "Membership"

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The club is about and for you! All AACC members are welcomed to participate in our **Board Meetings** held the **first or second Monday of each month at 6:00 pm.** The location alternates between the Gardnerville Ranchos and South Lake Tahoe.. Join us on **Jan 8** at the **Lake Tahoe Community College Library, Aspen Room.**