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**Alta Alpina
Cycling Club**

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Presidential Posting

Nigel Leigh, President

It's been good to see a lot of you keeping active over these winter months. Either out doing some sort of skiing, or inside posting wind trainer rides, and just occasionally actually outside on a sunny day riding your bike.

Your board members have been keeping active too. Preparing a calendar of events to push up your cadence as the snow melts. With the flexibility to start COVID-safe, then to transition to normal group riding and racing, if and when lives gets back to normal.

Now, this is of course membership renewal season. The process is slightly different this year, forced on us by COVID-19 (so, no normal spring membership party) and by our insurers (requiring a new waiver to be signed by all). Our team of Michael, membership coordinator Allen and website programmer Dennis have been working hard to make this as streamlined as possible for you. With customized renewal forms and support for electronic payments & documents, in preference to the old checks & snail-mail. Please look for a recent email from membership@altaalpina.org and get onto it. Thanks!



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**We're Looking for Photos
from Club and Other
Local rides!**

Please send your photos to:
photos@altaalpina.org

Time to Renew Your Membership

If you haven't already done so, please renew your membership today!

Our insurance company insists that every member sign a new waiver this year. You should have received your personalized waiver by email. If you haven't, please double check your junk mail folder or any filtered email. If you need us to send another copy of your waiver, please contact Allen Forbes at: membership@altaalpina.org

Sign your personal waiver and mail it back to us (to PO Box 2032, Minden NV 89423) or just email a max resolution image of the signed waiver to: membership@altaalpina.org Members under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian sign their waiver.

Membership fees are unchanged this year: \$30 for Individuals, \$50 for Families, and \$15 for Students.

You can pay your 2021 membership fees by mailing us a check (write your email address on the check and send it with or without your waiver to PO Box 2032, Minden NV 89423) or online with a credit card using our website at: http://altaalpina.org/membership/join_renew.php

Have you moved, changed your phone number, or switched email addresses recently? Would you like to upgrade to a family membership? Or do you have any other questions or membership issues? Contact membership coordinator Allen Forbes at: membership@altaalpina.org



Early Season AACC Weekend Rides

Leon Malmed, Weekend Ride Coordinator

Visit the [club website](#) for more information about COVID-safe weekend rides and to download a waiver (for rides through the end of April and for guests). In May and beyond, members will not need to sign additional waivers.

Post your own rides to the rideboard and watch for new weekend club rides.

Critical Vacancies:

- Volunteer Coordinator**
- Marketing Coordinator**
- Clothing Coordinator**

We organize many events and activities throughout the year—all made possible by our amazing club volunteers but we desperately need a few more people to fill some vacant roles.

We're looking for a volunteer coordinator to help recruit and schedule volunteers for our 2021 events. We need a marketing coordinator to help promote the club and it's events. And we need a clothing coordinator to manage our small clothing inventory and sales.

Please contact Nigel Leigh at president@altaalpina.org if you have any questions or would like to volunteer

Nevada Outdoor Recreation Survey

The Nevada Division of Outdoor Recreation (NDOR) and the Nevada Division of State Parks (NDSP) are asking our members to participate in a brief survey to gauge the public's usage, demand and preferences for various types of outdoor recreation activities. The survey is available online until March 31, 2021 at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2021NVOutdoorRecreationSurveyEnglish>

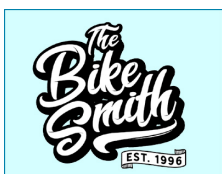
The survey is part of the federally required Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan which establishes criteria for funding outdoor recreation projects in Nevada including the acquisition and development of outdoor recreation areas and facilities in Nevada.

For questions or comments regarding the SCORP or the survey, please email scorp@dcnr.nv.gov

Local Merchant Discount Program

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.

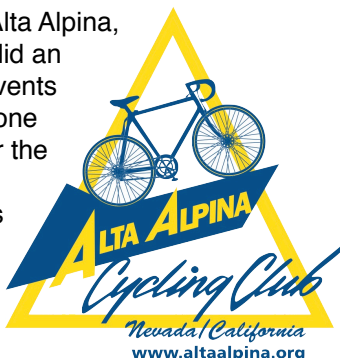
Show your AACC Membership Card at time of purchase. (You'll receive your 2021 membership card by email after renewing your membership.)





2021 Alta Alpina Events and Activities

2020 was a tough year for Alta Alpina, but our team of volunteers did an amazing job adapting our events and activities to keep everyone virus-safe. While we wait for the full rollout of vaccines and hope that new virus variants don't derail the recovery, we're planning a 2021 season that's a lot like the 2020 riding season.



Weekend Club Rides Every Weekend Starting in April

There's a club ride or activity virtually every weekend from April to October. Club rides vary in format, distance, and terrain so there's something for everyone. These rides introduce new routes and offer shared experiences.



Alta Alpina Challenge— Covid Edition Saturday June 26

The Alta Alpina Challenge—Riding the Wild Sierra is the club's annual fund raising event. This year's event will implement the virus-safety protocols that we spent last year perfecting.



Tim Rowe Memorial Fall Century October

Another free event for members, the Alta Alpina Fall Century is the last big ride of the year. The out-and-back ride from Wellington to Bridgeport features a virus-safe rest stop coming and going and a Pizza Dinner at the finish.



Weekly Races

The 2021 race season will once again be based on Strava-based virtual races. All members are welcome and encouraged to enter these races - you don't have to consider yourself a racer or have any racing experience to participate.

The races have four categories, A through D, where A's are the fastest.



Ray Rickard Memorial Spring Century Saturday May 22

Note the new date—this event will be on Saturday this year. This event is free to club members and will follow the same virus-safe format as last year.



Carson Valley Adventure Rides

Our mixed terrain program for 2021 is focussed on the new mixed terrain website which maps out 16 diverse year-round mixed terrain routes that can be enjoyed in a self-supported format.



Annual End of Season Party November

We hold our annual general membership meeting in November. We hope that by that time we can return to our tradition of holding an awards dinner and end of the year party.





AACC Member Profile:

Leon Malmed

AACC Member since: 2015

Current Residence: South Lake Tahoe, CA

Moved from: Pleasanton CA.
Originally: France

When did you start riding?: 2001.

Proudest Moments:
Winning all the Senior Games races I have entered.

Race Category: D

Bikes I ride: Trek Emonda SLR 9

In one word, my cycling style is...: Competitive

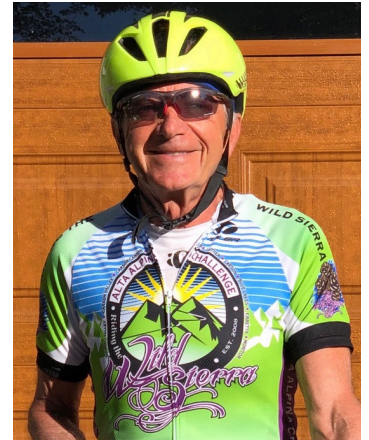
Favorite Rides/Races:
Any ride and race is a real pleasure.

Favorite Post-Ride Food:
Almond chocolate milk

Other Sports & Pastimes:
Sailing, Golfing

Ambitions/Aspirations:
Would love to participate in the Nationals

My Motto or Inspired Quote:
"Very few activities compare to the pleasure of riding a bike."



Grab Bag:
I wish I could have had time earlier in life to ride.

AACC Member Profile:

Chris Cherrix

AACC Member since: 2012

Current Residence: South Lake Tahoe, CA

Moved from: Flagstaff, AZ

When did you start riding?:
As a wee lad!

Proudest Moments:
Completing the Death Ride in 2012

Bikes I ride: Fuji Road Bike /
Santa Cruz
Bronson Mountain Bike

How I support my Bike Habit:
Flying folks around the country

My cycling style is...: Slightly Off-Kilter!

Favorite Rides/Races:
Ebbetts Pass on my road bike & Christmas Valley Trail on my Mtn bike.

Favorite Post-Ride Food:
Oreos!

Other Sports & Pastimes:
Skiing, Snowboarding, and Hiking

My Motto or Inspired Quote:
"When in Doubt, Go Higher!"

Grab Bag:
Looking forward to helping the Club get off to a great start with the Spring Century this year!





AACC Member Profile:

Allen Forbes

AACC Member since: 2020

Current Residence: Washoe Valley, NV

Immigrant from: Tonopah, NV

When did you start riding?: 1987

Proudest Moments:

Death ride

Self-supported ride from Reno to Goat Rock State Beach on Pacific Ocean

Bicycle Tour of Colorado (actually road with AACC members several days).

Bikes I ride: Pinarello Dogma

Della Santa

Yeti SB5.5 Turq

How I support my Bike Habit:

Structural Engineer



In one word, my cycling style is...:
Climbing

Favorite Rides/Races:
Ebbetts Pass, Gold Lake Loop

Favorite Post-Ride Food:
Burrito and Margarita

Other Sports & Pastimes:
Kayaking, Skiing, Hiking

Ambitions/Aspirations:
Cycle the best ride in every US state

My Motto or Inspired Quote:
"Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish and he will eat for a lifetime."

Grab Bag:
Looking forward to having a fun cycling season and riding to a personal best mileage year

Board Meeting Minutes—January 4, 2021

Secretary: Michael Bayer; Other Board Members: Chris Cherrix (Spring Century); Brian Dempsey (Pinenut Cracker); Frank Dixon (Deputy Treasurer); Bruce Eisner (Vice-president); Allen Forbes (Membership); Lori Kroboth (Treasurer); Nigel Leigh (President); Carlo Luri (Advocacy); Leon Malmed (Weekend Rides); Dennis Pederson (Web Programmer); Jim Sadilek (Website); Gregg Westerbeck (Membership Growth and Social Media); Joseph Whitely (Race Director)

Meeting held by Zoom Call

Called to order at 6:01 pm

1. **Monthly Status Reports:**

- **Treasurer:** The current checking account balance is: \$12,502.72. The PayPal account balance is \$16,454.90. Frank reported that he is still working on the CA state filings and tax filings. Frank will meet with Lori before the next meeting to work on this. Alpine County Chamber of Commerce has sent us an invoice for 2021 and it was agreed that we should maintain our membership.

- **Membership:** Current membership is all in Grace Period. Allen will work with Tod on the new

Membership Waiver form which is needed so we can open renewals for 2021.

- **Weekend Rides:** No recent ride activity. Leon will connect with all the gang of ride leaders and will post rides in the meantime.
- **Social Media:** Gregg is monitoring social media accounts but there is little activity right now.
- **Newsletter:** The next newsletter will be after the February board meeting. Michael will circulate January meeting minutes before the next meeting
- **Website:** Jim updated the home page and asks board members to let him know if any other pages need updating.



- **Insurance:** Michael will be contacting the LAB regarding the onerous waiver requirements to request simplification. Insurance rates and details will be released by the LAB in a few weeks and renewal is due before the next board meeting so Michael will be contacting club officers for approval of the insurance premium when the 2021 quotes are available .
- **Clothing:** Bruce is taking over from Lori. He will work with Lori to transfer the inventory.
- **Weekly Road Races:** Joseph received a box of prizes donated by Strava. There isn't enough to cover last year's winners so he is working on plans for using these prizes. Joseph will continue to organize off-season time trial challenges.
- **Junior Team:** Carlo reported that the team received a donation from Athletes United.
- **Spring Century:** Chris will work with Dave Scarborough and Michael Bayer to get going.
- **Adopt A Highway:** No Report.
- **Pinenut Cracker:** Brian hasn't heard from the BLM. While a May 2021 event won't happen, we need to know where we stand with the BLM for permitting the PNC course.
- **Challenge:** Michael is working on budgeting for the 2021 Challenge. It is now clear that the 2021 event will have to be another "Covid Edition". As

we already have a significant number of registered participants, he is working on determining what limits we will need to place on registration for a Covid-19 Edition before we open registration to more people and develop an appropriate marketing strategy.

- **Mixed Terrain:** Given forecasts for vaccination holding scheduled events in the fall is not a practical goal. Instead Michael is working on a virtual event approach as discussed at the last board meeting. Insurance and Jerseys are the critical items.
 - **Bike Advocacy:** Carlo reported that Centerville Road is under construction. Culverts have been widened which will allow for future addition of bike lanes. Carlo also suggested that we check out the Pinenut Peddler Project which maps additional mixed terrain routes through the Pinenuts.
2. **Budget 2021:** 2020 wasn't a normal year for expenses so this year's budgeting exercise will need to draw from both 2019 and 2020. Frank will get numbers to Lori who will get numbers out to coordinators to draft the first pass at the budget.
 3. **Next Meeting:** Monday, February 1, 2021, 6 pm, by Zoom Call. Nigel will circulate the details.
Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm

Board Meeting Minutes—February 1, 2021

Secretary: Michael Bayer; Other Board Members: Chris Cherrix (Spring Century); Brian Dempsey (Pinenut Cracker); Frank Dixon (Deputy Treasurer); Bruce Eisner (Vice-president); Allen Forbes (Membership); Nigel Leigh (President); Carlo Luri (Advocacy); Leon Malmel (Weekend Rides); Jim Sadilek (Website); Gregg Westerbeck (Social Media); Joseph Whitely (Race Director)

Meeting held by Zoom Call

Called to order at 6:03 pm

Minutes of the January meeting approved as presented [Nigel/Bruce/Unanimous]

1. Monthly Status Reports:

- **Treasurer:** The current checking account balance is: \$10,481.50. The PayPal account balance is \$16,663.14. Lori is unable to continue as Treasurer at the moment so Michael will ask Jennie to step in as Acting Treasurer until Lori can resume. Frank remains deputy treasurer and is still working on getting caught up with past

records and filings. He will work with Jennie and Bruce to get this wrapped up as soon as possible.

- **Membership:** Current membership is still in Grace Period. Allen is working with Dennis and Michael on the new membership renewal process. Michael's top priority is getting the renewal notices with the new waivers emailed to everyone. These will go out in batches.
- **Weekend Rides:** Leon has been contacting ride leaders to set a ride calendar for the year. Waivers will be required from every unrenewed member however as there aren't too many rides



in the spring, it was agreed that the grace period will remain through the end of April.

- **MTB Weekly Rides:** No report.
- **Social Media:** Gregg is gearing up for promoting the challenge through our social media accounts.
- **Newsletter:** The February newsletter will go out after renewal notices. The first newsletter of the year will feature member profiles for the new board members. Michael will need a presidential posting and other submissions.
- **Website:** Jim will remove the old membership agreement PDF from the website.
- **Insurance:** Michael reported that after email approval from the board, the LAB insurance policies for General Liability and Directors/Officers was renewed for 2021. Cost of the policies has increased over 2020 but many of our larger concerns have been addressed.
- **Clothing:** Michael is helping to get Lori and Bruce connected so Bruce can get the existing clothing inventory. Drew is still reviewing options for 2021 clothing vendor for the NICA team uniforms.
- **Weekly Road Races:** Joseph is working to archive the 2020 results and updated the webpage for the 2021 race season. He is also wrapping up the January Challenge and getting ready to kick off the February off-season challenge. The 2021 race calendar is expected to be the same as it was in 2020. Leon asked about getting help from Strava and Joseph confirmed that there doesn't seem to be any type of telephone support..
- **Junior Team:** Drew reported that the local NICA leagues are starting to gear up and team coaches are getting re-engaged for the 2021 training season. One new challenge is that buying bikes has become difficult. He reported that mountain bike dealers are seeing 8-12 month lead times for new bikes. Specialized is taking orders for delivery beyond 12 months and Trek is reporting 84-100 day lead times. Apparently the production of bikes is being constrained by the availability of components.
- **Spring Century:** Chris proposed moving the event to May 22.
- **Adopt A Highway:** No Report.
- **Pinenut Cracker:** Brian reported that he was able to make contact with the BLM and the permit

process for a 2022 event looks good.

- **Challenge:** Michael is still working on budgeting for the range of possible 2021 Challenge scenarios. The board decided that we should open a waiting list for Challenge registration. Michael will contact Dennis to get this implemented.
 - **Mixed Terrain:** The jersey design has been finalized but Voler will not add it to the collection of jerseys they currently produce for our event participants. Voler was the only company that was willing to work with us on an inventory-free approach and they have backed away from this program. Michael is still negotiating with them on an arrangement that can work.
 - **Bike Advocacy:** Carlo reported that the Carson Valley Trails Association's next big trail project is connecting the Clear Creek Trail from at Jacks Valley elementary school to James Lee Park—approximately 10 miles of new trail. The trail layout is complete and awaiting a USFS environmental impact assessment. Trail work could begin in a year or so. He also reported that work is underway to identify opportunities for "Bike specific trails" which are open to all users but designed to attract cyclists but be unattractive to others. CVTA is looking at partnering with TAMBA for a trail like this. Another approach is having directional trails paired to existing trails where there is a suggested direction to create uphill/downhill loops for cyclists. Carlo is also pushing for an updated Douglas County trails plan which hasn't been updated since 2003). Construction on a two mile trail connecting the ponds in Minden and Gardnerville ponds should start in the summer. The Nevada Legislative session has started and there is an initiative that relates to e-bike regulation on state lands.
2. **Budget 2021:** Frank will complete tallying numbers from 2020 and generate a report that aligns with the budgeting template. The goal is for all board members to bring their budgeting numbers for 2021 to the next meeting.
 3. **2021 Calendar:** Nigel asked Michael to update last year's annual calendar of events for 2021.
 4. **Next Meeting:** Monday, March 1, 2021, 6 pm, by Zoom Call. Nigel will circulate the details.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Daylight Savings TimeSun, March 14
 Starts

Spring CenturySat, May 22

Alta Alpina ChallengeSat, June 26

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.AлтаAlpina.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..**
 Join us on **March 1 by Zoom Call.**