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**Alta Alpina
Cycling Club**

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Presidential Posting

Bruce Eisner, President

Summer is almost here and Club's activities are in full swing. Our Thursday evening racing is going strong, and as detailed elsewhere in this month's newsletter, more members/friends are needed to stage our upcoming Alta Alpina Challenge- so I hope to see many of you there in the days before and during the event.



Death Ride Update: The Alpine County Chamber of Commerce is working hard to restore the Death Ride to its preeminent spot on the cycling event calendar. They seek the expertise and people power of our Club to jointly produce the 2024 Death Ride. Consequently, the Alta Alpina Board is evaluating this opportunity in the next several months. In a return to the partnership we've had in the past, the Club would be responsible for providing 4 paid coordinators:

- Permits & Agency Liaison Coordinator
- Logistics Coordinator
- Safety & Tactics Coordinator
- Volunteer Coordinator

Want to help the cycling community stage an awesome event? Want to earn a bit of spending money at the same time? Write me at, president@altaalpina.org, if you have an interest and we'll get you more details about each position.

Complementary 2023 Death Ride entries: The Chamber donated "Platinum Sponsorship" to the Club for 2023; so we have 10 free entries this year for qualified club members. How do you qualify? Option 1: Guarantee a free entry if you express an interest in one of the paid coordinator positions for 2024. Ride some or all of the course, talk with the many community group volunteer captains, and learn more about the logistics necessary to stage this event. Option 2: Commit to 10 or more hours of volunteer work for the upcoming June 24th Alta Alpina Challenge event. If more club members qualify under this option than available entries, we'll hold a lottery to determine the lucky persons.

See you at the final Death Ride Training Series Ride (Markleeville to Lake Alpine & return) on June 17th, volunteering for the Alta Alpina Challenge, or perhaps at the Death Ride.

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Renew Your Membership

If you haven't yet renewed your membership please do so today as this will be your last newsletter until you do.

If you need us to send another copy of your waiver or if you've had any issues renewing your membership, please contact Allen Forbes at:

membership@altaalpina.org

Don't Ride Around the Gates

As Caltrans and County Public Works crews continue to clear the passes of snow and debris in order to get the passes open again for us to ride, please stay out of their way and don't ride around the gates.

Club Kit Still Available

Our online store for club clothing is still open:

<http://teamstore.ascendsportswear.com/store/alta-alpina-cycling-club/>





AACC Weekend Ride Schedule—June

Lyn Willoughby, Weekend Ride Coordinator

Saturday, June 10, 2023 — First Highway Cleanup 2023

This is our first of three highway cleanups. It's an easy way to help the club, the environment, and your community! We'll meet at Turtle Rock Park community building at 0800 and spend an hour cleaning the highway roadside of litter. At the building department there are picnic tables and a restroom, to relax a little and socialize after the ride. Please wear long pants and long sleeves for this. At roughly 0900 we'll regroup and set off to ride either Monitor or Ebbetts, whichever the group prefers. The more folks who show up, the easier, faster and more fun this goes, so if you're on the fence, c'mon out! .

Sunday, June 11, 2023 — Boca to Cisco Grove

Meet at the Historic Boca Townsite (dirt parking lot right after the railroad tracks off of Stampede Meadows Rd, about 1/3 of a mile north of I80 at the Hirschdale Rd. exit). We'll start at 9:30am. This ride is an out and back over Donner Summit to Cisco Grove for about 70 miles with 5000 feet of climbing. There will be stops at Donner Lake park and Serene Lakes for Water.

Wednesday, June 14, 2023 — Diamond Valley School Bike-A-Thon

See next page.

Saturday, June 17, 2023 — Training Series: Markleeville to Lake Alpine

All club members are welcome as Alta Alpina hosts a training series for non-club members for both our Alta Alpina Challenge and the Death Ride. This ride is a club favorite and features a whole lotta climbing: Ebbetts Pass and Pacific Grade outbound, and Ebbetts West on the way back. Since it's out and back you can join us for just part of the ride if you'd like. There will be snacks and drinks mid-ride at a rest stops as well as at the end. Club members will serve as ambassadors: this just means that we're hosting the training series participants. You're not expected to be an expert coach, just be friendly and helpful, ride with or wait for the participants that are best matched to your speed, and preferably you've ridden all parts of the route before. We need club members of ALL speeds on these No-Drop rides (fast riders to stay with or ahead of the fastest riders and slower riders for sweep), so please join us!

Saturday, June 17, 2023 — Carlo Luri Memorial Rides (Road and Mountain)

Meet at 8am at Jacks Valley Elementary School. Choose between a 12 mile ,mountain bike ride or a 30 mile road ride. (See below)

Carlo Luri Memorial Rides

Nigel Leigh, Vicepresident

Let's celebrate Carlo's love for biking and hiking, and his involvement in community groups.

We would love for you to join in on a bike / hike on the Clear Creek trails on Saturday June 17. Please gather around 8am at the Jacks Valley Elementary School trailhead. We'll have informal groups heading in all directions/speeds/distances from there.

Our intention is to have pictures of Carlo for everyone to pin to their shirt or backpack, so we'll all feel like we have him along, and know who else is there for him. If possible, bring some baking to share after the biking. Please come and enjoy, and celebrate the life of this wonderful man who was stolen from us so suddenly late last year.





Diamond Valley School Bike-A-Thon

Michael Bayer, Challenge Ride Director

Volunteer to Help Promote Cycling in Alpine County - June 9-14

On June 14 the Diamond Valley Elementary School (on Diamond Valley Road) will be kicking off the summer break (and celebrating the end of another school year) with a big cycling event. The goal is to get the students (from grade 2 to grade 6) to embrace riding their bikes over the summer and the club has been asked to help out.

Starting on June 9 parents will be bringing their children's bikes to the school. Over the course of three evenings (June 9, 12, and 13) club members are asked to join other community volunteers checking the bikes so that they are ready to ride on the 14th and for a summer of riding fun. Volunteers will meet at **5:00pm** at the Diamond Valley School Annex (the small building just left of the school).

Please bring a work stand if you have one and tools for working on kids bikes. If you have a kids bike you'd like to donate (or parts for kids bikes) please bring that too. (Thursday's race will be at Diamond Valley so perhaps we can get a whole group of racers to help out before the race starts.)

On Wednesday June 14 we need volunteers to help with a final check of bikes at 7:30am. At 9:00am Diamond Valley Road will be closed between the school and Hung A Le! Ti. At 9:30am there will be a mass start of kids riding their bikes out and back. Club members are asked to volunteer on the road as course marshals and as role models. Most importantly, we can ride along and help any kids who need encouragement or assistance with a mechanical problem.

Club members have been helping out with these bike events for years. Let's get a great turnout of members in our club jerseys this year to help get these kids out on their bikes!



Before the start of the ride, a safety check is performed on each bike.



It was a mass start, as kids and their adult escorts started the descent from Diamond Valley School.



Elation at the turn-around point



Now the tough part - riding UP the hill back to the school. At least there was a BBQ lunch awaiting the riders.



Ray Rickard Memorial Spring Century Saturday, May 20th

Chris Cherrix, Coordinator





Alta Alpina Challenge: Riding the Wild Sierra June 24, 2023

Michael Bayer, Challenge Director

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Alta Alpina’s reputation for producing world-class cycling events has spread far and wide. With Alpine County still recovering from record setting snow, flooding, wildfires, Covid, and crazy inflation, this year’s Alta Alpina Challenge, now just days away, will be another “Special Edition” as we continue to build back.

Endurance cyclists from far and wide are traveling here to pit themselves against the 8 Pass Challenge—the Toughest Double Century in the World. However the “Brush with Death” option (a training option for the Death Ride) is very popular this year along with all the other ride options where people elect to ride combinations of their favorite passes.

Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered to help. We still need volunteers at all hours of the day on June 24, particularly in the wee morning hours. We also need help on Thursday June 22, Friday June 23, and Sunday June 25. We need people with trucks and trailers to move gear and supplies. We need people with medical backgrounds, HAM radio license, and motorcycles. We even need people who can volunteer time working from home. Please contact me at challenge@altaalpina.org and let me know when you’re available to help out with this annual fund raiser for the club.

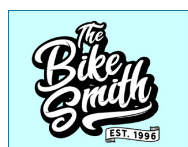
Equipment Needed

We’re looking to borrow some extra gear for the weekend of the event including: ice chests, 10x10 shade tents, extension cords, camera tripods, stainless steel canning funnels. If you can loan us equipment, contact me at challenge@altaalpina.org.

Encourage Your Friends to Register and/or Volunteer!

Another way you can help to make the Alta Alpina Challenge a success is to encourage your friends to register to ride with us. We keep the ride small but we’re not sold out yet. With so many new cyclists in our area and a \$5 discount for locals, we really want to get a good community turnout. The range of ride options we have available makes the Alta Alpine Challenge quite unique. Registration closes when we sell out of spaces. Please do what you can to recruit some new participants!

Local Merchant Discount Program





Board Meeting Minutes—June 5, 2023

Secretary: Michael Bayer; Other Board Members: Paul Amato (NICA Team Coach); Frank Dixon (Deputy Treasurer); Bruce Eisner (President); Jennie Hamiter (Assistant Treasurer); Nigel Leigh (Vice-President); Bill Magladry (Treasurer); Jim Sadilek (Website); Dave Scarborough (Fall Century); Joseph Whitely (Race Director); Other Attendees: Mark Schwartz, Meghan Wolff, Di Bolton, Corey Bolton

Meeting held at Jethros

Meeting called to order at 6:04 pm

Minutes of the May meeting approved as presented. [First|Second|Unanimous]

1. **Alpine County Chamber of Commerce:** Mark Schwartz, President of the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce and the Ride Director for the Death Ride along with other members of the Death Ride team joined the meeting in connection with discussions around the club's involvement in the 2023 Death Ride and restoring our former partnership.
2. **Monthly Status Reports:**
 - **Treasurer:** The current checking account balance is \$40,943.01. The Paypal balance is \$3,955.77. Bill is working to open CD accounts so that some of this money can earn more interest.
 - **Membership:** Board members called members to facilitate renewals and Michael, Allen, and Jennie have been working to process memberships and update membership records.
 - **Weekend Rides:** No report.
 - **Weekly MTB Rides:** Weather and conditions have been a challenge but there's still a good turnout.
 - **Weekly Road Races:** The Kingsbury Time Trial brought out a number of new racers and Joseph reports that each week a few more people join. 44 people are now registered for the series. Joseph was commended for doing a great job running the races and getting the results out quickly.
 - **Clothing:** One more jersey was sold from inventory and delivered to a brand new member.
 - **Spring Century:** Chris reported that the event went really well and suggested some changes for next year.
 - **Fall Century:** Dave reports that he is working to confirm that CG Bar will still be our start/
3. **Challenge:** The Challenge is less than three weeks away. The start/finish has been moved to Diamond Valley School. Registered riders have been informed of the change of venues. We need teams of volunteers who are "night owls" and "morning people" in the wee hours of Saturday morning to help with setup at the school as we won't be able to do setup there on Friday. We're also looking for some specialized equipment like a generator, batteries, a small refrigerator, and an enclosed trailer to make this work. Ebbetts pass isn't open yet but Caltrans is making good progress and Michael is confident that they will get it open but he has contacted Caltrans to find out if they will open to another gate if the whole distance can't be opened. If Ebbetts doesn't open in time our emergency fallback will be riding to the gate and then riding an extra out-and-back on Monitor West. Unfortunately Blue Lakes Rd. is unlikely to open so the substitution will be the backside of Luther plus Carson River Rd. and Diamond Valley Rd. We test rode this alternate route for the Death Ride Training Series. The board voted to establish a no-refunds policy for anyone objecting to these substitutions as the road closures are out of our control. Michael is working schedule volunteers for before, during, and after the event.
4. **DVS Bike-A-Thon:** Diamond Valley School celebrates the end of the school year with a bike ride. The club needs volunteers to help with bike check/fix and course marshaling.
5. **Next Meeting:** Monday, July 10, 2023, 6 pm, Jethros in Gardnerville.
Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm

finish location. The date will be the first Saturday or Sunday of October. Dave will post it to the rideboard shortly.

- **Social Media:** No report.

- **Newsletter:** Michael will be getting the next newsletter out by Wednesday.



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

DVS Bike-a-thon Fri-Wed, June 9-14
Training Series Lake Sat, June 17
Alpine Ride
Alta Alpina Challenge Thu-Sun, June 22-25
Thursday Night Races every Thu @6:00

MOVED? GOT NEW CONTACT INFO?
Have you moved? Has your e-mail address changed?
Don't miss out on the latest AACC happenings!
Send your new contact information to :
membership@altaalpina.org

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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.** In-person meetings alternate between the Carson Valley and South Lake Tahoe.. Join us on **July 10** at **Jethros** in the **Gardnerville Ranchos.**

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