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**Alta Alpina
Cycling Club**

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

November 23, 2009, 6:00pm

2044 Lake Tahoe Blvd., South Lake Tahoe

Factory Stores at the Y

Mark your calendars and RSVP today! The Alta Alpina Cycling Club annual meeting and dinner for 2009 will be held on Monday November 23 in the old Geoffrey Beene factory store in the "Factory Stores at the Y" between the Sunglass Hat and Great Outdoor Clothing Company.

Agenda

6:00 Reception

**6:30 Annual Meeting with
Election of Officers for
2010**

7:00 Buffet Dinner

8:00 Awards

Raffle Prizes

Please RSVP as soon as possible.

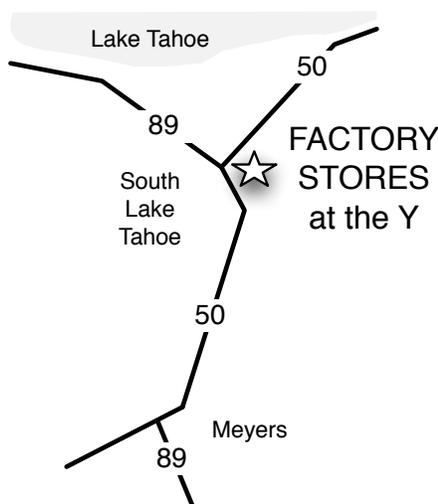
To confirm your attendance:

send email to LLindley@PearlIzumi.com

or call **530-541-9044**

If you have a family membership please list the names of those attending and the ages of all children in your RSVP. The event is free to all 2009 members in good standing. Non-members will be charged \$25 at the door. Raffle prizes include free 2010 races and membership.

This is a club meeting and officers for 2010 will be elected (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Weekend Ride Coordinator, Membership Coordinator). Any club member can run for any office. If you are interested, contact Peter Costa at president@altaalpina.org.



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Lake Tahoe Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

Based on input received over the past three years, the TMPO and the TRPA are updating the Lake Tahoe Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

See draft sections of the new plan online. Topics include Bike to Work, School, Play Week, Bike trail surveys, Place-Based Planning, Pathways, City of South Lake Tahoe General Plan Update, and more. Visit their website at:

www.tahoempo.org

Please provide comments by November 16th, 2009

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The Alta Alpina Challenge: Riding the Wild Sierra, 2010

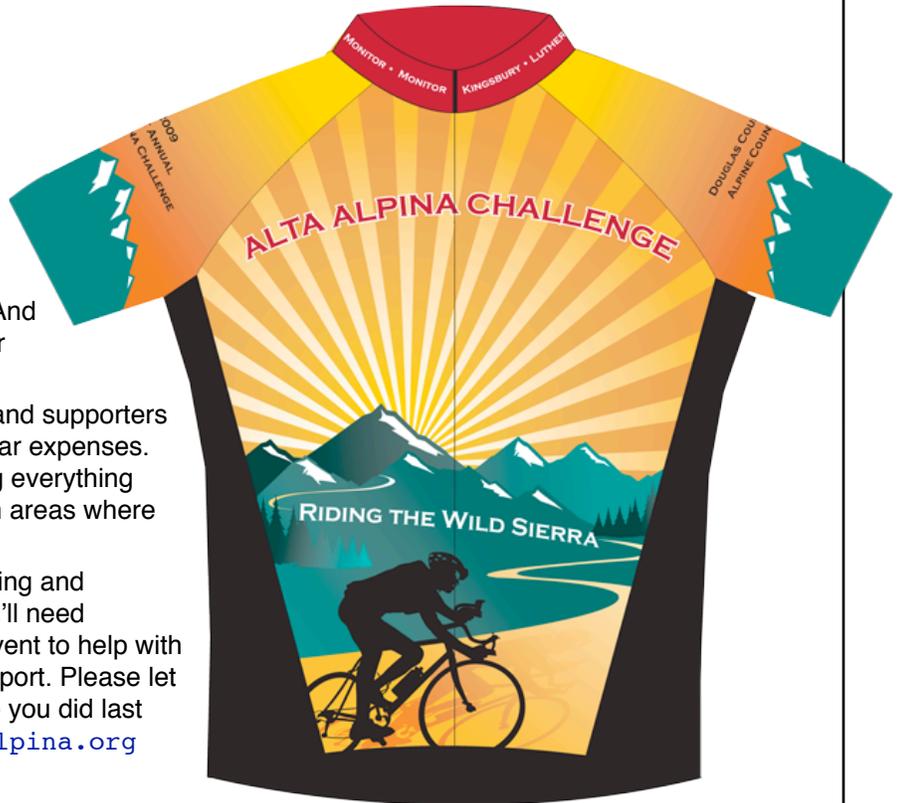
Michael Bayer, Ride Director

June 12, 2010—Mark your calendars! That's the date for next year's Wild Sierra.

We surveyed riders and club members and were overwhelmed by the positive response. And we've been besieged by riders asking us to for information about our plans for 2010.

Thanks to the hard work of all our volunteers and supporters **we broke even in 2009** despite all our first year expenses. For 2010 we'll build on our success by reusing everything that worked well and making some changes in areas where there was room for improvement.

We'll need a few volunteers to help with planning and coordination over the next few months and we'll need everyone to help out on the weekend of the event to help with logistics, registration, rest stops, and rider support. Please let me know if you can or cannot do the same job you did last time by contacting me at challenge@altaalpina.org



Carson Valley Classic, 2010

Garth Jackson, CVC Director

Next year, we're splitting the job of CVC Race Director up into four jobs, so no one person is overwhelmed with it. You'll have time to do one fourth of a job, right? Here's what we need:

-Promotions: Lines up the flyers, T-shirts, race prizes and primes. Gets the word out about the race and lines up sponsors for anything we can think of.

-Registration: This person is listed as race director on flyers, permit apps, and the registration page. Coordinates getting the registration open, answers everyone's registration related questions, and gets race numbers all set up come race day.

-Volunteer Coordinator: Drums up volunteers for day-of tasks, and decides what local groups can give us a hand in exchange for donations (ROP, Search & Rescue, etc).

-Permits: The permit person has to see that all of the local government permits are submitted, as well as the applications to USA Cycling. This person would arrange to fulfill the stipulations of permits such as signage, course marshals have

vests and flags, etc. Also handles post-event tasks like sending in results to USAC, and paying for the Minden Park rental.

I have volunteered to be the overall coordinator of the four. If you can help, please contact me at gjacksonbsee@gmail.com. The earlier these jobs are filled, the easier it will be on all four





Presidential Posting

Peter Costa, President

With weather this nice it's hard to announce our "End of Year" dinner. But, here it is...Our End of Year Dinner and General Club Meeting is Monday, November 23rd at 6 PM. Lauren Lindley, our club secretary and manager at Pearl Izumi has put together a catered dinner by Fasta Pasta, local brews on tap, and her own cake in the now vacant Geoffrey Beene store at the "Y" (the same center as Pearl Izumi) in beautiful South Lake Tahoe. Lauren is offering all club members a SPECIAL 20% discount on all previously marked-down merchandise at Pearl Izumi prior to the dinner (they close at 6pm). So, come early and take advantage of this special offer to club members. RSVP with Lauren Lindley at llindley@pearlizumi.com. If you can and want to help Lauren set up, email her.

The EOYD & GCM is a great night to see everyone, tell some stories about the season, review the highlights and kick back for a while. We'll have it all: awards, prizes, freebies, club clothing and gear, and the election of next year's club officers. Each officer is elected each year. This year there will be many open officer positions, including President, Vice President, Treasurer and Ride Coordinator. If you've been thinking about stepping up your involvement and participation in the club, this is a great opportunity. If you have questions regarding any of the offices, give me a call.

The first year of the Alta Alpina Challenge (AAC) was

an overwhelming success according to the participants, the volunteers, Alpine County, Hung-a-lel-Ti Community and our club members. Alta Alpina club members voted to continue the AAC for at least one more year at the August General Club Meeting and by our Survey Monkey Poll. The Board voted in September to produce the Alta Alpina Challenge v.2 in 2010. We looked at other weekends for 2010 besides the second Saturday in June but because of conflicts with other California Triple Crown Double Centuries (can't have 2 doubles on the same weekend), America's Most Beautiful Bike Ride at Lake Tahoe (June 6th), the Death Ride, other major centuries in Nor Cal, the Carson Valley Classic (which we put on in late July), the weather (it's pretty dang hot in August), hours of daylight (more daylight in June than late August or Sept), and we came back to the second Saturday in June...June 12...only 7 months away. Please mark it on your calendar. I can't tell you enough what a positive response we had this year. People have been calling and emailing us already wanting to register for next years event. AAC v.2 2010 can be better. We will have a short presentation on this year's Alta Alpina Challenge at the EOYD & GCM.

It's been a great year of cycling for AACC members. Why not share it with us on November 23rd, 6 PM at the vacant Geoffrey Beene store at the "Y". RSVP with Lauren Lindley at llindley@pearlizumi.com. I will see you there.

Letter to the Editor

May I recount a recent experience I had at Bike Habitat in Carson City. I bought a new Giant carbon bike from Denis Coyne, the owner. After a few rides, I took the bike in for a tune-up (which Denis had recommended). He found a small (almost invisible - I had not seen it) crack in the carbon frame top-tube (near the seat-post) and on his own initiative, he ordered a brand-new frame (which I expect Giant covered under warranty). He then built me a new bike, though his time was not covered under Giant's warranty. There was no charge for any of this to me.

Denis showed a high degree of professionalism and I commend him for that. I recommend Bike Habitat (and Denis offers Alta Alpina members a discount).

It is nice to be able to write a note of compliment instead of complaint. You may include my remarks about Denis in your newsletter if you wish. He treated me very well.

Thanks, Brent Silver

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



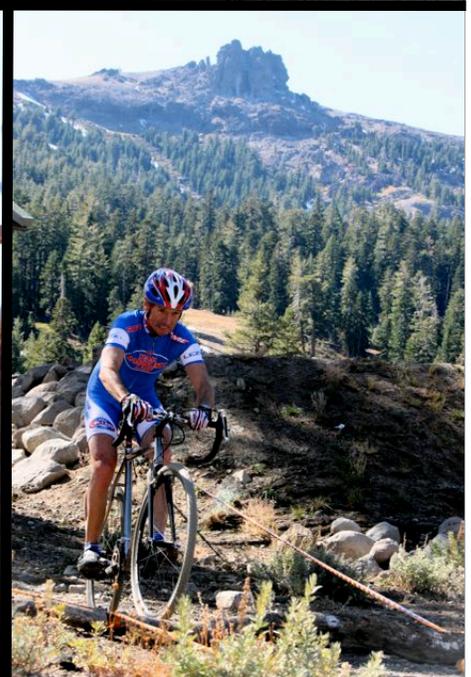


Kirkwood Cyclocross

Mel Maalouf

The first ever Kirkwood Cyclocross, held October 10, was a great success. The staff and the venue up there was splendid. The course was challenging and the elevation made us high altitude folks give up our advantage of living at 4700 ft since most the course was above 7800 feet. Corey, Robert and Todd did a great job of selecting the course layout. There were some great features which included some climbs up on the ski hill. The course took us for a spin around the outside of the ice rink and through the pavilion. Tricky corners, hairpin turns and some stair runups rounded out the course to make it a super classic challenge.

The organization did a super job of putting out snacks, drinks and rounding up some prizes. All top three in each category were awarded with Buckbean beer (except the juniors). There was even a raffle that included a custom ordered Kona CX frame! Kirkwood was glad to have us there and we were glad to be there. We all look forward next year for another challenging course and enthusiastic team.





Member Profile: Lauren Lindley

AACC Member since: 2007

Current Residence: South Lake Tahoe, CA

Immigrant from: Austin , TX

Résumé: Manager for Pearl Izumi.

Bikes I ride: Giant OCR A1, Surly Single speed 1x1, Electra Townie 7s

My cycling style is...: Sporadic and Seasonal

Favorite Rides/Races:

Around the lake, any ride that Twain leads, and anything that involves good company and beer afterwards.

Favorite Post-Ride Food:

Blue Angel Café Burger - everything is better with bacon.

Other Sports & Pastimes:

Running, Swimming and Climbing

Ambitions/Aspirations:

To run a half marathon in every state; to spread the Pearl Izumi obsession



My Motto or Inspired Quote:

"The only people for me are the mad ones, the ones who are mad to live, mad to talk, mad to be saved, desirous of everything at the same time, the ones who never yawn or say a

commonplace things, but burn like fabulous roman candles exploding like spiders across the stars and in the middle you see the blue center light pop and everybody goes 'AWWWW!'"

Grab Bag:

Unorganized Tupperware drawers cause panic attacks

Member Profile: Scott Herman

AACC Member since: 2000

Current Residence: Carson City, NV

Immigrant from: Lake Tahoe

Bikes I ride: Race Bike: Colnago Active. Time Trial Bike: Giant Team Once, built up to a dedicated TT bike. Cyclocross Bike: Entry level Redline but still equals FUN! Touring Bike: A steel frame, down-tube friction shift with a 6 speed FREEWHEEL, baby! About 25 years old. About 25 pounds, too. There's a couple of others as well including a nice Trek (for sale), Diamondback mountain bike, and even a unicycle, which I've never been able to master.



My cycling style is...: Hopefully improving and faster than last year. If uphill, "chasing".

Favorite Rides/Races:

Probably Indian Valley, 'cause the whole family does that one, or the Wine Country Century 'cause that's about the only other one Chell (my wife) will do with me.

Crit: ANY crit where I don't get dropped, especially the flat ones. Road Race: San Ardo (at 6.5 hours away, and flat, how dumb is that?) and Wente Vinyards Road Race. Time Trial: I guess AACC's East Valley, as I've never lost that one. Esparto has been good to me. Sattley? Forget it!

Favorite Post-Ride Food:

Pizza, pasta, Spaghetti Factory anyone? Or Del Taco Tuesday night special: something like 37 tacos for a buck, and always a great crowd!

Other Sports & Pastimes:

Some cross country skiing. I keep threatening to run in the off-season, but so far I keep coming to my senses. I'm also a licensed ham radio operator, and a 5th generation professional musician. I play der drums, unt der percussion

Ambitions/Aspirations:

To be on a team that actually employs tactics...I WILL ride myself into the ground for you! And to just improve my skills all around.

My Motto or Inspired Quote:

"If, when you get to it, you find you can't do it, well by jove, there you jolly well are!"

Grab Bag:

My stand up act is much funnier than people think.



Board Meeting Minutes— October 5, 2009

Acting Secretary: Peter Costa; Other Board Members: Michael Bayer, Corey Bolton, Di Bolton, Peter Costa, Dave Gaskin, Jennie Hamiter, Garth Jackson, Lauren Lindley (by phone), Mel Maalouf, Joe Marzocco, Tim Rowe. Other Attendees: Christopher Rowe

1. **Alta Alpina-Kirkwood Cyclocross:** Corey Bolton, Todd DeGiovanni and Robert Braun have been working with Rick Newberry of Kirkwood. The event is on Saturday, October 10th. Setup is Friday afternoon. Course set up and equipment needs were discussed. Kirkwood has all the equipment needed to set up the course. All the necessary permits and insurance has been obtained. Jim Crompton has committed to being the USCF official. Tim will ask Jim to bring one-day licenses. Will need 8 to 10 volunteers on the day of the race.
 2. **End of year Dinner/ Annual Meeting:** Board approved 11/2/09* date for the meeting/dinner at Kahle Community Center* because of its central location. Rental is \$280 without alcohol, \$500 with alcohol. Lauren plans to have it catered. Alcohol for sale at the dinner was discussed. We would need to purchase and sell ourselves. We want to keep expense near last years meeting/dinner of \$1700. Mel will work with Lauren to "Make it happen."
 3. **Monthly Status Reports:**
 - **Treasurer's Report:** Dave reports the 9/17/09 bank balance was \$56,951.59. We have approximately \$3000 in our PayPal account that is requiring many phone calls by Dave and Michael Bayer to get it out. Outstanding large expenses include \$8,000+ submitted by Garth for the CVC that need to be totaled and confirmed.
 - **Memberships:** Michael Bayer is updating the membership system to allow PayPal payments and paperless renewals.
 - **Newsletter:** Jennie is looking for articles.
 - **Website:** Mel asked Joe to see if the "NEWS" headline on the webpage can be changed to show the last headline posted. Peter recommended that a page be set up for Michael and Garth to post volunteer needs for the Challenge and CVC.
 - **Junior Team:** Mel is applying to become a SRAM Grassroots Team. He also bought a lightly used 58cm road bike for the junior team for \$500.
 - **Alta Alpina Challenge:** 2010 dates were discussed again (see last months minutes). The two "best" dates are June 12th, but this conflicts with Carson Valley Days (a major issue with getting local volunteers, local participants and EMS services) or June 26th, but this conflicts with another big double century in Southern California and is the same week as the Bicycle Tour of Colorado (a popular ride with several club members). Michael will be contacting the double century folks re: conflicts and polling other key club member volunteers about their availability on the 26th. Date TBD soon, as we are already getting inquiries from riders.
 - **Carson Valley Classic:** Garth will be looking for 3 – 4 volunteers to fill key organizing positions for next year. He also wants to find more and larger (bicycle related) corporate sponsors.
 - **Bike Advocacy:** Tim has been pressing Carson City planner, Pat Pettinger, to be more consistent with implementing planned bike lanes and paths that are on the city transportation plan when upgrading roads. Regarding Clear Creek Road access, Tim says several groups are looking at land owners deeds and Right of Way issues. Tim has also applied for an At Large position on the League of American Bicyclists Board of Directors.
 - **Adopt a Highway:** Date and time changed to 10/11/09 @ 11 am.
 - **Clothing:** Garth to do an inventory.
4. **Next Meeting:** Annual General Membership Meeting and Dinner, November 2nd, Kahle Community Center, 6 pm*.
 - * Updated since these minutes were taken.



Board Meeting Minutes – November 2, 2009

Secretary: Lauren Lindley; Other Board Members: Other Board Members: Michael Bayer, Twain Berg, Robert Braun, Pete Costa, Dave Gaskin, Jennie Hamiter, Garth Jackson, Mel Maalouf, Tim Rowe. Other Attendees: Christopher Rowe

1. **Fall End of Year Dinner:** Fasta Pasta is catering. Pony kegs from Mt. Tallac Brewery. Table and chair rentals to be delivered 4:00-4:30. Garth contacted Dennis at Bike Habitiat to set up a table. 20% OFF all previously marked down merchandise from 4:00-6:00 at Pearl Izumi right before the event. Lauren will bake cakes. Need an audio visual system.
 2. **Kirkwood Cyclocross Wrap Up:** 35 Riders. Gross profit still unknown.
 3. **Website Virus Issues:** Efforts to make the blog feature user friendly opened up the site to virus attacks. The site was blacklisted on google. Malicious code has been removed as has the code for the blog. Kudos to Joe for solving the problem.
 4. **Monthly Status Reports:**
 - **Treasurer's Report:** As of 10/17/2009 balance was \$54,880.02 but that does not include \$8,500 outstanding check for CVC. Dave will investigate CD options for the winter months. Pete Costa will run for Treasurer next year.
 - **Memberships:** Membership is down from other years - 196 including children and family members. Usually around 220 at this time of year. A few members have reported that they think they are members but appear to not be - needs to be looked into. Michael is still working on a membership program update.
 - **Weekend Rides:** Ellen Sherrill has expressed interest in the position for next year. Twain's ideas: Ride leader shouldn't fill spots for rides for April and October. These months provide extreme difficulty to fill in ride leaders due to weather and distance out from sign up dates. Most signups occur in April at the meeting. Ride leader needs to discuss incentives to sign up for leading rides as the meeting starts, not at the end. Also no hard copy of rides in newsletter.
 - **Newsletter:** Needs a presidential posting.
 - **Website:** Dennis/Joe not in attendance. More discussion regarding message board possibilities.
 - **Alta Alpina Challenge:** June 12, 2009 - we are placing a deposit down for Turtle Rock Park. Rates should be the same as last year. Registration is going to open as soon as we have the deposit down on TRP. Key volunteer discussion to be brought up at end of year party. Mel motions that we open the ride for registration and proceed with the plan. Motion passes. BE-Pro conference (for directors of bike events) will be in January. We need to register this month, however. Pete motions that we pay for two club members to attend the BE-Pro conference on January 9 and 10th, 2010. Motion passes.
 - **Weekly Road Races:** Di not in attendance.
 - **Junior Team:** SRAM grassroots certified which means the junior team gets 10% below wholesale.
 - **Pinenut Cracker:** Robert will still be the race director next year. Dates should be narrowed down by the December board meeting.
 - **Carson Valley Classic:** Garth will still be the race director next year. Minden Park has been reserved for July 24 and 25th for 2010. Crit may not be part of the Master's District Championship next year. Discussed whether event should be turned into a stage race.
 - **Bike Advocacy:** Meeting on Wednesday night, 6:00 PM, at Turtle Rock Park for the Alpine County Bicycle Plan. John Cotter will be in attendance.
 - **Adopt-A-Highway:** Ten people showed up to help with highway cleanup and ride.
 - **Clothing:** Garth looking into other clothing vendors to scope out the options. New order needs to happen around February.
5. **Next Meeting:** Monday, December 7, 2009, 6pm, TRPA Offices in Stateline.



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Annual Meeting & Fall Dinner November 23
 Earliest Sunset of 2009 December 9
 Days Start Getting Longer December 22
 2010 Wild Sierra Century June 12
 2010 Carson Valley Classic July 24, 25

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** held the **first Monday of each month at 6:00 pm.** The location alternates between the Carson Valley and South Lake Tahoe.. Join us on **December 7** at the **TRPA Offices in Stateline.**