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**Alta Alpina
Cycling Club**

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AACC Weekend Ride Schedule—August

Garth Jackson, Weekend Ride Coordinator

There will be both faster and social pace versions of our weekend rides—just show up and join the group of your choice. Beginners are invited to ride a shorter version of the ride and meet everyone back at the start for snacks.

Saturday, August 8, 2015 — Meyers MTB Festival: Demo Day

Join TAMBA for the third annual Meyers Mountain Bike Festival. Enjoy a full day out on Oneidas Rd. where TAMBA will be offering shuttles up to Corral Trailhead and offering demo bikes from Knolly, Ibis, and Specialized. There will be a party in the evening. Register at: www.meyersmtb.com

Sunday, August 9, 2015 — Meyers MTB Festival: Triple Crown Ride

Starts from The Divided Sky, in Meyers, CA, and links 3 of the area's best trails. Christmas Valley, Mr. Toads Wild Ride, and Armstrong Pass. Check-in and roll between 7am and 8am. There will be rest stops at key locations on the route. Register at: www.meyersmtb.com

Sunday, August 9, 2015 — Ride 2 Recovery - Volunteer Riders Needed

Project HERO is holding an event that start and end at the Mormon Station State Historic Park in Genoa, involving a variety of distances. If you are able to volunteer as lead and sweep riders please email or call April Wolfe to RSVP at 775-223-8736 or wolfea@reno.gov

Saturday August 15, 2015 — WEEKEND RIDE: Sonora Pass

Ride starts at the Caltrans station at the intersection of CA108 (Sonora Pass) and US395 at about 9:00am. We'll go out and back to cover both sides of Sonora Pass turning around at the store in Dardanelle for about 50 miles total. This is a very steep out and back. Bring plenty of food and water as there is none until the store. See the club website under "Road Bike Routes" and "395 South" for more route details. We'll meet at Lampe Park in Gardnerville to Carpool, departing at 8:00am.

Saturday August 22, 2015 — Bodie Bowl MTB Ride

Mountain bike rides and races through Bodie and surrounding areas. See www.bodiebowl.com for details.

Saturday August 29, 2015 — WEEKEND RIDE: Leviathan Mine Loop

Meet at Lampe Park in Gardnerville ready to roll at 8:00am. This is a fun loop that includes a gravel road, a mountain pass, and more gravel roads. We'll start out on 395 south, turn right onto Leviathan Mine road, follow it all the way to Monitor Pass/CA 89, and descend the pavement of Monitor Pass to Markleeville. After Markleeville, the route will turn back to gravel and dirt past Indian Creek Reservoir and Mud Lake. The final bit of dirt outlets in the Gardnerville Ranchos, and we will proceed from there back to Lampe Park. This route is enjoyable on a cyclocross bike or a light mountain bike.

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Blue Lakes Road Weekend Ride

Dave Scarborough lead a fun ride to the end of Blue Lakes Road and hosted a post-ride BBQ.





Peace, Love & the President's Perspective

Chris Rhiner, President

Our club (AACC) was established some 30 years ago. Some of our founding members are still active in the club. AACC has been a high energy bike club since its inception. I am relatively new, having been a member for just 8 years and I have witnessed its latest change. I am sure it's not the first but I can tell you it was the biggest. Changes are never fun or easy but they occur and many times eventually work out in the best interest for all.

So what is this change, you may be asking if you are new? As a bike club we were founded, in part, to produce the annual 5 pass ride in July that now is now a very popular event with a trademarked name that we don't have permission to use. That ride is now produced exclusively by the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce and when our contract with them was not renewed several years ago it had a huge impact on the club. We had to eliminate our popular race/ride reimbursement programs. We had to scale back our annual events. We had to scale back our donations. We lost a lot of members who just couldn't imagine a club without that big ride. We had to start all over again.

When the dust settled we took a close look at our mission and goals as a club and we created the Alta Alpina Challenge. An event that perfectly compliments Alpine County's other big ride. An event that appeals to both more elite riders and families. An event that is much smaller and more personalized, but covers more of the roads that our club loves to ride. An event that goes back to our roots but builds on everything we learned over the years of building a world-class event. An event that every club member can take great pride in. An event this squarely focused on our mission to promote cycling in this region.

Our new ride requires a substantial amount of volunteering from our membership and gives members opportunities to ride it or do the staff ride. However, our goals as a club go beyond just hosting a single big ride. We provide other events and weekend rides for cyclists to connect for the purpose of riding and discovering great new cycling opportunities. We also host weekly road bike races that are open to all. But I digress...

The reason I bring up this sensitive topic now is that despite the number of years that have gone by, I still hear grumbings about the past. We have many new members who wear our club jerseys and someone will invariably bring up the subject of with them or they'll bring it up with me. Long time club members will make comments that allude to our relationship with the other ride. Regardless of the fact that we no longer have a connection with the ride, it doesn't appear on our jerseys, and it isn't referenced on our website, the topic will still be brought up. It was a sad occurrence when it became no longer "our" ride. But, the upside to that is we now have a vast community that is in support of cyclists using the roads of Alpine County. As a cycling club what better support can we get? (I know money is nice but I'd rather be welcome to ride on excellent roads and greeted by bike friendly people than belong to a club with a "boat load" of money and unfriendly communities to ride in.) Thank you Alpine County for welcoming cyclists and hosting both these world-class events.

So... we have reinvented and restructured ourselves over the last 8+ years. Thanks to Michael Bayer's enormous dedication as well as many other club members we have a ride that is redefining us as the club. "The Alta Alpina Challenge" is our baby now and is still in it's youth. This signature ride is one of the toughest double centuries, yet has countless options to customize the ride to meet many levels. Even the 60 mile is still tough for a flat lander and I have done the 100 mile option which is the toughest century ride I have ever done.

I just want to express my opinion that as a club we must move forward, i.e., support the Alta Alpina Challenge—our baby, give our "love" to the Death Ride™, and live in the present. It is my hope that we continue to work with our communities in a friendly "share the road" style. Our past has given us a name and reputation that we can be proud of, so proud that even non-members continue to proudly wear our jerseys. So... Wear your AACC jerseys with pride—it has a huge cycling legacy behind it that can't be taken from us and will always be a guarantee to bring up interesting conversation and stories during any century ride.

Speaking of Jerseys...

Don't forget, if you have a friend new to cycling we will continue our beginner clinic rides of both mountain and road riding a monthly basis. If you don't have an AACC jersey ALL sizes are available online now. Check out the AACC website to order.

Blue Lakes Time Trial

Di Bolton, Road Race Director

There was a great turnout for last weeks Blue Lakes Time Trial. A huge thanks to Corey for running the race while I was out of town and thanks to all who helped him. The results are below.

There are just two more races left in the 2015 season:

8/13 Fredericksburg Time Trial

8/20 Diamond Valley Road Race
(short course, season finale)

See our website at www.AltaAlpina.org for directions to race venues. Due to the crazy weather, the race schedule is subject to change up until 3:00pm on the day of the race so please check your email, facebook, the website, and rideboard before each race for any last-minute changes. Be sure to register for each race by 6:00pm.

A's	Time	Place	Points
Garth Jackson	59:59:00	1	20
Pike Reardon	1:02:20	2	17
Robert Braun	1:03:02	3	14
Mel Maalouf	1:04:10	4	12
Mihai Fillmon	1:05:20	5	10
Randy Volkmar	1:06:35	6	9
Dave Bryant	1:06:41	7	8
Jim Wire	1:07:23	8	7
B's	Time	Place	Points
Michael Bayer	1:06:21	1	20
Andrew Huntington	1:08:06	2	17
Eric Jacobs	1:08:07	3	14
Rick Miyashiro	1:12:30	4	12
Peter Niday	1:13:18	5	10
Randy Jacobs	1:16:15	6	9
Frank Dixon	1:26:32	7	8
C's	Time	Place	Points
Jennie Hamiter	1:14:25	1	20
Rik Ekert	1:14:36	2	17
Allen Huntington	1:15:35	3	14
Joseph Whiteley	1:16:50	4	12
Erick Studenka	1:19:35	5	10
D's	Time	Place	Points
Leon Malmel	1:27:39	1	20
Chris Rhiner	1:28:40	2	17
Jim Sadilek	1:36:23	3	14





Packsaddle Pass Weekend Ride

Garth's Packsaddle Pass ride on July 11 was well attended.



Challenge Staff Ride

This year's Staff Ride for the Alta Alpina Challenge was opened to 5 Pass and 8 Pass riders who were unable to ride on June 27 because of the Washington Fire. Thanks to everyone who helped make this ride a success!





Board Meeting Minutes—August 3, 2015

Secretary: Jim Sadilek; Other Board Members: Tammy Lundquist (presiding) , Vice President; Frank Dixon, Treasurer; Michael Bayer, Alta Alpina Challenge Ride Director/Newsletter Publisher/Membership Coordinator; Robert Braun, Pinenut Cracker Mountain Bike; Tammy DeGiovanni, Road Cleanup Coordinator; Garth Jackson, Weekend Ride Coordinator; Lori Piccini, Clothing Coordinator; Tim Rowe, Bicycle Advocacy Coordinator. Other Attendees: Todd DeGiovanni, AACC member and Allan King, AACC member.

Meeting called to order at 6:10 pm by Vice President Tammy Lundquist in the absence of President Chris Rhiner

Minutes of the July meeting approved as circulated.

1. Monthly Status Reports:

- **Treasurer:** A CD will be purchased in the approximate amount of \$23,000 (exact amount to be determined) from the current checking account bank balance, which represents a set aside of valid entry fees transferred from this year's cancelled Challenge ride to next year's Challenge ride. The current checking account balance is: \$50,559.11. The PayPal account balance is \$2047.01. Frank Dixon is investigating possible changes to the club's this year's tax liability in response to the recent Nevada State Legislative session's changes in the Nevada tax laws.
- **Membership:** Six new regular members have been enrolled since the last board meeting, as well as the 297 honorary memberships granted to the entrants from this year's fire cancelled Alta Alpina Challenge ride. Four of the six new regular memberships were from this year's Challenge staff ride.
- **Weekend Rides:** There were seven participants for the recent Pack Saddle Pass ride. Garth is planning two "Gravel Rides"; one ride from the Ranchos to Monitor and return, part dirt and part pavement, and another ride starting from Lampe Park, to the Pinenuts and then to Mound House on dirt and return on pavement. Garth reported the possibility of a cross promotion between Almaden Cycling Club and AACC with the Almaden Terra Bella ride and the AACC Challenge.
- **Newsletter:** Will have pictures from weekend rides—Pack Saddle Pass and Thursday night Blue Lakes time trial. There was a discussion regarding a classified sales section in the newsletter.
- **Website:** It is acknowledged that the website needs to be redone. However, considering other more pressing tasks, Michael reports no web site progress is likely until at least October. An accounting problem exists with the current web hosting firm, PHPwebhosting.com. As best as can be determined, they were paid well ahead for hosting, but for unknown reasons PHP Web Hosting shut down the AACC web site for a short time, apparently without notice. Frank was able to give them the AACC credit card number and the site is back up. A refund will be pursued, since now it appears we have paid twice
- **Weekly Road Races:** The Thursday night races have been well attended, weather permitting, with 20 to 40 riders at each event. A suggestion was made to have AACC belt buckles in place of the Koko Pele season trophies..
- **Mountain Bike Races:** The position of Mountain Bike Coordinator is open. The Board of Directors would be most grateful for a volunteer to step forward and fill the position. Contact President Chris Rhiner.
- **Junior Team:** No report.
- **Spring Century:** No report.
- **Pinenut Cracker:** Robert Braun reports that this year's Pinenut Cracker, "barely broke even".
- **King of Kingsbury Time Trial:** No report.
- **Cyclocross Race:** According to Robert, a cyclocross race at Davis Creek Park is scheduled tentatively for November 14, 2015. Volunteers are needed for the day before and the day of. Mark your calendars—contact Robert robertingville@yahoo.com.
- **Bike Advocacy:** Tim Rowe reported that a transportation bill is needed out of Congress in order for there to be any bicycle money. A short term (three months) bill was recently passed, which according to Tim is the 35th such extension. Tim urges writing to your federal legislators, either Senators, Representatives or both.



NDOT is partnering with DPS-NHP on bicycle safety statewide. NDOT has purchased six bicycles for NHP. A current focus is Highway 50 at the Lake in the Stateline-Cave Rock area. NHP troopers on bicycles will be patrolling between Cave Rock and Stateline enforcing the three foot passing clearance law. Other areas have included Pleasant Valley, Fallon and Fernley. No tickets are yet being issued, this is currently an educational effort.

NDOT is working with Nevada Tourism to promote gravel rides; three main routes have been identified.

See: <http://pathlesspedaled.com/2015/05/bicycle-tourism-gravel-the-next-big-thing-in-nevada/>.

- **Adopt A Highway:** The recent clean up, July 19, was sparsely attended, possibly because the Challenge staff ride was held the previous day. Tammy DeGiovanni reports that the roadsides were cleaned despite the low turnout, and that there was not a large amount of trash as might have been expected. Tammy has not yet scheduled the next clean up day—September was mentioned tentatively.
- **Clothing:** Lori Piccini, the club's newly appointed Clothing Coordinator has the remaining older design club clothing inventory as well as the newer Challenge jerseys.
- **Public Relations:** It was suggested that we

consider creating a Social Media Coordinator position. This will be considered in greater detail at the next board meeting. Input/volunteers are solicited.

- **Challenge:** Michael Bayer spoke of “building the brand” for the Challenge by our efforts to provide satisfactory alternatives to this year's Challenge entrants despite the fact that the ride was cancelled. The club has gained 279 honorary members, at least for the remaining portion of this year. These 279 riders are now registered for next year's Challenge with registrations transferred from this year's cancelled event. The registered riders were invited to a club ride that took place on June 27, the Challenge week end. The registered Challenge eight-pass riders were invited to the Challenge staff ride on July 18. An invitation that was accepted by more than twenty riders who also plan to be back for next year's ride.
 - Michael reports that final Challenge accounting will be completed soon, but with the exception of the money expended on advertising, we are close to breaking even.
 - There were donations to this year's Challenge of \$200 cash, three coolers, a tent and a table.
2. **Next Meeting:** Monday September 14, 2015 6 pm at Lakeside Casino, Stateline.
Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

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.AltaAlpina.org.

Show your AACC Membership Card at time of purchase. [If you are an active AACC member, the mailing label on the first Paceline you received in the spring has the club logo and note indicating that it is your membership card.]





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 Bodie Bowl MTB RideSat, Aug 22
 Leviathan Mine LoopSat, Aug 29
 Thursday Night Races .Thursdays @6:15

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 Don't miss out on the latest AACC happenings!
 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 Monday of each month at 6:00 pm.** The location alternates between the Carson Valley and South Lake Tahoe.. Join us on **September 14** at the **Lakeside Casino** in **Stateline NV.**

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