



PACELINE

**Alta Alpina
Cycling Club**

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Presidential Polling

Jennie Hamiter, President

A lot of effort and club funds go into everything AACC does. That's why enclosed in this month's newsletter is a member survey; you should have also received a link via email to the same survey online. Either way, we want to get your view of the club and your opinions about everything we do, even if you're relatively new to the club. To all the nice people out there, we're looking for real answers, so don't sugarcoat anything - we want to know if the effort and funds are well spent. Note that all responses are anonymous - and if you mail it in, we promise not to look at the return address.

But why now? Our contract with the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce for co-production of the Death Ride expired at the end of September. As the Death Ride has been our main fund raiser in the past and we don't yet know what our role will be in 2008, we may not have the funds to do as much as we have in the past. Every January the AACC board prepares the club's budget and plans for the upcoming year, so we need to know soon what club events and activities you value.

We'd like you to complete the entire survey, but we'll take any answers you give us. The "essay" questions take longer, so only answer those that you really care about. If you take the online survey and you run out of time, just note how far you got, exit, and come back later. I know that some club functions tend to come and go over the years, so if you've been in the club several years or more, answer from the perspective of past years, if necessary.

So please, either mail the survey in, or take it online (the link is too long for you to type it in, so either access the link from my email about it, or go to www.AltaAlpina.org and "AACC News" for the link). By doing so you'll help us out tremendously, and hopefully you'll help improve this bike club.

Presidential 'Preciation

Thanks to Mel and all the volunteers who helped out with the Genoa Cyclocross. I did not get to attend this year, but I heard from a few of the racers that the storm forecast for that day held off, and a good time was had by all. The course is getting a reputation for being creative and difficult. Good job, Mel.

Thanks to Darla for making all the arrangements for the Annual Meeting and Dinner, held in October at the Lake Tahoe Golf Course. If you didn't attend, you missed a beautiful view, good food, and your last chance to socialize with all your AACC biking buddies for the season.

Now, I look forward to seeing everyone out on the snow!

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Winter Rideboard

The rideboard doesn't hibernate when the snow flies!

Members are encouraged to post rides for further-afield, warm locations and to post cross-training winter activities.

Club Clothing has Moved!

Interested in picking up a new club jacket, set of arm warmers, or sweat shirt? All the club clothing is now for sale at **Bike Habitat** in South Carson (next to Best Buy).

Club Email

Are you getting all your club email? Email subscriptions are a big member benefit.

You control which emails you receive by setting your preferences in your member profile on the website.

Make sure that you've received at least one email from Jennie in the last month. If you haven't, you need to fix your junk mail settings. Contact your ISP for help.



Genoa Cyclecross

Mel Maalouf, Genoa Cyclecross Director

The Third year for the Genoa Cyclocross has seen consistent growth in numbers and course evolution. We had a good turnout for all categories except the beginners. I would like to have seen more people try out CX, and those who did try the beginner class did a great job of breaking in the course for the rest of the racers.

This year, we had great support from the Town of Genoa, the land owners: The DeSocio's, Betsy and Randy at The Orchard House (great for weddings, receptions and parties), Mr Steve Yochum and The Ranch #1 (folks who help run the JT Basque Bar and Restaurant). We even had the Sugarplum Bakery donate a pie for the winner of the Men's A race. The Genoa Country Store let us register in their place to make for a calm and sheltered area for registration. The Store also was the spot for the volunteer lunches and coffee.



It sounds repetitive that I keep saying it, but the help from the club members was super duper again. We turned out the week before for some raking and general course layout on a great fall day and guess what, the next Saturday there was another great session of fall weather.

Volunteers that turned out and were key to success were the Bolton's (Corey was there too despite being sick as was Rufus to keep him company), the DeGiovanni's (all of them), Peter Costa (I wasn't able to reciprocate on the Highway Cleanup), Kevin Willits (and also raced his first Cross), Mark Pupich, Jennie Hamiter, John Seher, Suzy Stockdale (fresh as ever), The Herman's (all of them too!), Heath Medeiros, Garth Jackson, Robert Braun, Josiah Simpson. If I have forgotten your name, I appreciate your help (sorry, I don't have a good memory).

I let some of the teams set up their own ideas on what they wanted for an exact course layout... We got some good course design with one of the highlights being a couple of tree stumps... Very cool. Again the return of the man made mud pit made it! There were less flats this year and many liked the urbano-town CX feel. The course is really challenging and is a good mix of technical and constant accelerations. I had the chance to ride the course again (for quality control purposes) and it was hard, fun, fast and a beautiful setting (ok I am a cyclo-tourist at heart).



Kevin Willits wins first place in the A's for the 2007 series



Alta Alpina Member Survey, Dec 2007

Please fill out this survey and return it by mail if you haven't completed it online.

Send it to: AACC, P.O. Box 2032 Minden NV 89423. Thanks for helping make AACC a better bike club!

1. **Your age:** < 18 18-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60-69 >= 70

2. **Riding:** On average, how many hours do you ride each week?

March - Oct < 5 5-10 10-15 15-20 > 20

November - February < 5 5-10 10-15 15-20 > 20

3. **Rides:** What types of rides do you do?

Commuting and other transportation Yes No

Family Rides: Yes No

Centuries or other non-competitive events: Yes No

Road, cyclocross, or mountain bike racing: Yes No

Other (please specify):

4. **Club Benefits:** How important are each of the following to you?

	Very Important	Important	Not Important	Get Rid of It	Huh?
Weekend Road Rides:	<input type="radio"/>				
Weekend Mtn Bike Rides:	<input type="radio"/>				
Weekly Road Races:	<input type="radio"/>				
Weekly Mtn Bike Races:	<input type="radio"/>				
Newsletter:	<input type="radio"/>				
Club Email Notices:	<input type="radio"/>				
Club Website:	<input type="radio"/>				
Online Membership:	<input type="radio"/>				
Ride Board (Joining a Ride):	<input type="radio"/>				
Ride Board (Posting a Ride):	<input type="radio"/>				
Ride/Race Reimbursement:	<input type="radio"/>				
Race Team:	<input type="radio"/>				
Junior Team:	<input type="radio"/>				
Death Ride (Club Participation):	<input type="radio"/>				
Pinenut Cracker:	<input type="radio"/>				
Carson Valley Classic:	<input type="radio"/>				
Kingsbury Time Trial:	<input type="radio"/>				
Genoa Cyclocross:	<input type="radio"/>				
Bike Advocacy:	<input type="radio"/>				
Adopt-a-Highway:	<input type="radio"/>				
Community Involvement:	<input type="radio"/>				
Local Merchant Discount Program:	<input type="radio"/>				
Spring Mileage Contest:	<input type="radio"/>				
Other (please specify):					



5. **Paceline:** Which sections of the AACC Newsletter do you value?

	Very Important	Important	Not Important	Get Rid of It	Huh?
Weekend Ride Schedule:	<input type="radio"/>				
Weekly Road Race Schedule:	<input type="radio"/>				
Weekly Mtn Bike Race Schedule:	<input type="radio"/>				
Road Race Results:	<input type="radio"/>				
Mtn Bike Race Results:	<input type="radio"/>				
Presidential Posting:	<input type="radio"/>				
Member Profiles:	<input type="radio"/>				
Race Stories and Reviews:	<input type="radio"/>				
Ride Reviews and Previews:	<input type="radio"/>				
AACC Event Write-Ups:	<input type="radio"/>				
Pictorials and Photo Essays:	<input type="radio"/>				
Bicycle Advocacy Articles:	<input type="radio"/>				
Board Meeting Minutes:	<input type="radio"/>				
“Mark Your Calendars”:	<input type="radio"/>				

Other (please specify), or let us know how to improve the newsletter.

6. **Website:** How important are each of these website features?

Home Page:	<input type="radio"/>				
“AACC News” Blog:	<input type="radio"/>				
Race Information:	<input type="radio"/>				
Local Merchants:	<input type="radio"/>				
Community:	<input type="radio"/>				
Classified Ads:	<input type="radio"/>				
Newsletter:	<input type="radio"/>				
Photo Gallery:	<input type="radio"/>				
Membership:	<input type="radio"/>				
Links:	<input type="radio"/>				

What additions or improvements would you like to see for the website?

7. **Club Rides:** How important are each of the following to you?

Scheduled Weekend Rides:	<input type="radio"/>				
Rideboard Rides:	<input type="radio"/>				
Social Rides:	<input type="radio"/>				
Family Rides:	<input type="radio"/>				
Fast Paced Rides:	<input type="radio"/>				

Are more club rides needed for different levels of riders? How can we improve club rides?

8. **Weekly Races:** How could the road or mountain bike race series could be improved?



9. **Calendar:** When should the following events be held?

- Spring Party: Week Night Weekend Afternoon Weekend Night
 Fall Dinner: Week Night Weekend Afternoon Weekend Night

10. **Cost:** Would you attend the Fall Dinner if it was not free? Yes No

11. **Spring Party/Fall Dinner Feedback:** Please comment on past Spring Parties or Fall Dinners. Any feedback or suggestions on the venues, food, etc? If you didn't attend one or the other this year, why not?

12. **Club Clothing:** Do you want to see a new clothing design every few years? Yes No Don't Care
 What's important to you in club clothing?

13. **Other Events:** Does AACC need to...

- ...be more involved with the community? Yes No
 ...put on more organized events? Yes No

If yes to either, please list your ideas.

14. **Fund Raising:** Do you think the club should do fund raising activities or sustain itself on dues and charging more for events/activities? Fund Raising Dues and Charges
 Do you have any suggestions for fund raising events?

15. **Club Finances:** Does the club manage its money appropriately, e.g. donations, purchases, gifts, etc?
 Yes No Haven't Noticed
 Are there expenditures the club should make?

16. **Reputation:** How do think the club is perceived?

17. **Anything else:** What can the club do to serve its members better?

Annual Meeting, October 22, 2007

XXX Members Present

1. **Call To Order:** Jennie Hamiter called the meeting to order and Michael Bayer confirmed that a sufficient number of voting members were present to conduct club business.
2. **Recognizing Contributions of 2007:** Jennie thanked the club officers and officials of 2007 and presented them with Polo shirts in recognition of their contributions.
3. **Election of Club Officers for 2008** John Seher distributed ballots and counted the results. The

following officers were elected by overwhelming majorities:

- President: Jennie Hamiter
- Vice-President: Darla Mazzoni
- Secretary: Darlene Wisma
- Treasurer: David Gaskin
- Membership Coordinator: Michael Bayer
- Weekend Ride Coordinator: Sherri Lehman

4. **Club Officials for 2008 Term:** Jennie reviewed the list of the nominated officials for 2008.



Board Meeting Minutes— October 22, 2007

Secretary: John Seher; Other Board Members, Jennie Hamiter, Michael Bayer, Darla Mazzoni

1. **Appointment of Officials for 2008:** The board voted to appoint Mike Beam, Di Bolton, Robert Braun, Steve Thomsen, Pete Costa, Dennis Pederson, Chris Zombro, Michael Bayer, Mel Maalouf, Mel Maalouf, and Tim Rowe to their posts as club officials for 2008.

Board Meeting Minutes— November 5, 2007

Secretary: John Seher; Other Board Members, Jennie Hamiter, Michael Bayer, Di Bolton, Cory Bolton, Peter Costa, Darla Mazzoni, and Dennis Pederson. Board Members elect: Chris Zombro-Rhiner and Darlene Wisma. Other AACC members: Garth Jackson, Russ Petrosky

1. Monthly Status Reports:

- **Treasurer's Report:** Darla Mazzoni reports a bank balance of \$80,602.53, the increase over last month reflecting deposit of the AACC share from the Death Ride. At the suggestion of Peter Costa, the Board authorized Treasurer Dave Gaskin to investigate placing a portion of the Club funds in an interest bearing certificate of deposit with El Dorado Savings, leaving sufficient funds available to cover upcoming expenses.
 - **Membership:** Michael reports membership has increased slightly over 2006. The Paceline circulation list shows 213 members. There was a sufficient number of club members in attendance at the fall membership meeting to constitute a quorum, thus our charter requirement was met.
 - **Weekend Rides:** Newly elected weekend ride director Sherri Lehman is preparing a killer weekend ride schedule for '08. Be ready.
 - **Newsletter:** Chris Zombro-Rhiner is the new news letter editor, and she has been conversing with Lobby and getting up to speed on club events.
 - **Bike Advocacy:** The board voiced unanimous support for the Tahoe Bike Coalition in their effort to lobby for a bike lane to be constructed along highway 50 in South Lake Tahoe concomitant with construction of erosion control improvements.
 - **Junior Team and Race Team:** As the road season has drawn to a close, Mel has the Junior Team beginning their winter weight training program. Mel reports that there is interest in a junior mountain bike team for the '08 season.
 - **Adopt-A-Highway:** The next cleanup is set for Sunday, November 11 at Turtle Rock Park.
 - **Genoa CX:** The event is set for November 10. Mel reports that the Genoa Town Board was receptive to and cooperative with our holding the event.
 - **Death Ride:** Cory reports that he learned in an informal meeting with ACCC staff that DR registration will open on December 12 and will be concluded by February 25, '08. Active.com will handle the DR registration.
2. **New Jersey Design:** Mel and Garth have been working on a new club jersey design which will retain the color scheme and principal design elements of the current design, but provide a refreshed appearance. A production slot with Voler has been reserved to insure we will have new jerseys available at the Spring membership meeting. The board members expressed a desire to obtain a new supply of rider kit accessories, including wind breakers, wind vests, and arm warmers. Design and quantities will be finalized by the January BOD meeting.
 3. **EOY Dinner Feedback:** The board members universally expressed satisfaction with the food and facilities at the Tahoe Paradise Golf Course. Darla reported to the board that the pricing and business arrangements were favorable.
 4. **New Business:** Russ Petrosky requested the BOD consider allowing several racers with outside sponsorship compete in USCF events as AACC members. The board was generally agreeable, however no formal arrangement was concluded. This item will be discussed in depth at the December BOD meeting.
 5. **New Business:** Jennie expressed a desire to conduct a survey to determine what programs and policies the membership would like the club to pursue. She asked the board to submit topics and questions to include in the survey.
 6. **Next Meeting:** Monday, December 3, 2008, 6 pm at Grand Central Pizza in South Lake Tahoe.



Board Meeting Minutes— December 3, 2007

Secretary: John Seher; Other Board Members, Jennie Hamiter, Michael Bayer, Dave Gaskin, Tim Rowe, Di Bolton, Peter Costa, Tammy Lundqist and Darla Mazzoni. Members elect: Chris Zombro-Rhiner and Darlene Wisma. Other AACC members: Garth Jackson, Christopher Rowe

1. Monthly Status Reports:

- **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Dave Gaskin reports a bank balance of \$72,630.28. Dave has prepared a budget analysis comparing the 2007 budget to the actual expenditures. Overall the club expenditure was less than the budgeted amount.
- **Weekend Rides:** No rides are scheduled for December due to inclement weather. Ride director elect Sherri Lehman is preparing a schedule for '08.
- **Newsletter:** Last issue of the Paceline for the year will be the December number. Chris Zombro-Rhiner, the new news letter editor called for cycling related articles from the membership.
- **Website:** Dennis Pederson was not in attendance, however Jennie reported that Dennis would continue to maintain the club website.
- **Junior Team:** Coach Mel was not in attendance, however Garth and Jennie reported that the off season training program is underway.
- **Adopt-A-Highway:** Pete "Trashman" Costa reports that the final road cleanup of the year took place in November, and our section of highway 89 north of Turtle Rock Park is squeaky clean.
- **Genoa CX:** Everyone who worked on the event offered positive reports. Final numbers are not in, however it looks like attendance was comparable to last year's event.
- **Death Ride:** No particular news to report other than the Club's role in the '08 event will not be determined until January '08.

2. **New Jersey Design:** Garth presented some further refinements of the new club jersey design that included a profile of Mt. Tallac with the club name and climbing bicycle logo. The board members were pleased with the mountain design, and this element

will be incorporated into the final product. Garth will work with staff at Voler to solidify the final design.

3. **Survey Feedback:** There was a brief discussion of several of the items on the upcoming membership survey, and several board members requested the inclusion of a paragraph to explain the evolution of the Club's role in the Death Ride. The board approved an appropriation to have Surveymonkey.com compile the membership survey results..
4. **Bike Advocacy:** Tim reminded the board members that the annual Nevada Bicycle awards are coming up soon, and that nominations are still open for an outstanding cyclist worthy of recognition. Also, Tim reminded us that cash grants are available from the Nevada Bicycle Board for cycling advocacy projects in Nevada. Also, there are three positions open on the Nevada Bicycle Board, one each to represent bike safety and education, bicycle business concerns, and junior cyclists. If anyone is interested or knows of someone who might be, they should contact the Nevada Bike Board or Tim Rowe for the particulars.
5. **Race Team and Sponsorship:** The board approved the proposal brought to the November BOD meeting by Russ Petrosky to allow five riders with outside sponsorship to compete in USCF/ NCNCA events under the AACC banner. The board requested that these riders be AACC members in good standing and actively participate in AACC events.
6. **Other Business:** The board voted an appropriation of \$100 for a donation to a memorial fund for the late daughter of club member and mountain bike race series director Mike Beam.
7. **Next Meeting:** Monday, January 7, 2008, 6 pm, Pizza Factory in Gardnerville.





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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

January Board Meeting January 7, 2008
at 6:00pm

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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 Monday of each month at 6:00 pm.** The location alternates between the Gardnerville Ranchos and Stateline.. Join us on **January 7** at the **Pizza Factory** in the **Gardnerville Ranchos.**