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Cycling Club**

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Presidential Posting

Chris Rhiner, President

Well this wraps up 2016. Happy Holidays and may the New Year 2017 bring good times on the bike and to all your outdoor adventures.

I hope you enjoyed the Fall Party and I am glad so many could attend. It never works out to have time to talk to everyone and if I didn't say Hi, don't take it personally. The problem with being the president is that there is so much business to take care of that I don't get to socialize the way I would prefer.

I am excited to see us (our club) staying involved with our local youth cycling and creating the platform for cycling to be part of activities for Douglas High. Thank you to the crew that is putting this together, Mel, Randy, Kate etc, etc... Awesome!

Our guest speaker/ presenter, Jamie Bianchini was enjoyed by all and I am just about through with his book. Great winter reading if you didn't pick up a copy, "A Bicycle Built for Two Billion."

If you missed the gist of our presentation about the racing chips, I just want to remind you that we are still in need of a Race Coordinator (a paid position). This person will do the set up at the race and bring the porta potty, Michael will take care of all the technology and administrative aspects, except for a fairly simple set up at the start of the race.

Our Race Coordinator position should be someone who doesn't want to race but enjoys being outdoors on Thursday evenings, maybe a spouse of a racer. We run the races from mid April-August with a week off here and there. Please call/text me if your are interested. 775-790-6373! The races should be pretty fun this year with the automated timing chip feature. You all will be faster with less to worry about at the finish! We will miss Di and Corey Bolton but Di is definitely available for a little crash course in race directing, (pardon the pun).

Stay safe and well and I will see you next year.

PS. Prayers and healing to Tod Conover who had a bike spill including some hospital time. Get well soon!



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Mark this date on
your calendars now:

**Wild
Sierra
JUNE 24 2017**

The Alta Alpina Challenge is the club's primary fund raiser. It pays for the Spring Century, the Fall Century, the Weekend Rides, and underwrites the Road Race Series and other club events. It generates the funds that we donate for bicycle advocacy projects around our region.

If you value these club activities we're counting on you to volunteer a little time to help with the event.

Please take the time now to reserve June 23 to June 25 on your calendar so you can help. Send an email to volunteers@altaalpina.org and let us know which part of the event you'd like to help with.



Presentations at the Spring Party

Jim Sadilek, Secretary

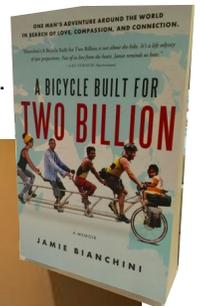
Michael Bayer, in his role as Alta Alpina Challenge ride director gave a presentation, accompanied by slides of the finances of the 2016 Challenge. He also presented information about the AACC Multi-terrain ride for 2017 and the RFID (Radio Frequency IDentification) race timing system that will be in place for next year's Alta Alpina events.



Di Bolton's contribution to the club as Thursday Night Road Race Director was recognized. Her decision to retire from the position was announced as well as an appeal to the assembled members for a new person to step in to the Thursday Night Road Race Director position. The point was made that this is a paid position and that the new Race Director will have the honor of inaugurating the new RFID timing system, which will simplify and substantially increase the efficiency and accuracy of recording race results.

Mel Maalouf, Junior Team Coach, gave a report, accompanied by slides, of the NICA (National Interscholastic Cycling Association) junior mountain bike racing team, which is being supported by AACC.

The highlight of the evening was a talk, with photographic slides, by Jamie Bianchini, author of *A Bicycle Built for Two Billion*, and his wife Cristina, about his multi-year, around the world, bicycle ride. The talk was capped with a five minute video. More at: abicyclebuiltfortwobillion.com





Your Club Needs You

Michael Bayer, Membership Coordinator

As we turn the page on 2016, the club is looking at some very exciting upgrades and new initiatives for 2017. However, everything that the club accomplishes depends on club members coming forward to contribute a little bit of their time.

The club's weekly Thursday night races are among the most popular programs that we organize. After many years, Di Bolton has retired from the position of race director and the club now needs to fill this vacancy before next year's race season.

The club's board has decided to make the job much easier for 2017. First, the club is acquiring an RFID chip timing system so that accurately measuring

and recording finish times will be easier. Second, the Race Director job will be split into two jobs for 2017: Race Manager and Race Coordinator. This means that we're only looking for someone to commit to doing half the work that Di has been doing all these years.

The "Race Manager" will schedule the whole race series, set the venues and dates, manage the new website for race information and results, send email updates to participating racers, attend board meetings, manage the race budget, purchase race insurance, configure and support the new race timing system, training volunteers in the use of the system, and acquiring supplies. I have agreed to take on the job of Race Manager for 2017.

The "Race Coordinator" is a paid position and will:

- store the portable toilet, race equipment, and race supplies
- transport these items to and from the race venue each week
- setup signs and cones at the race venue
- sweep turns if required
- setup and operate the race timing system
- register racers
- manage post-race snacks
- officiate races

Please
take a few minutes
to think about if you or
someone you know
can spare a few hours
every Thursday.

Please take a few minutes to think about whether you or someone you know can spare a few hours every Thursday evening during racing season. We're down to the wire on this one and we really need someone to step forward.

If you can't take this on yourself, please try to recruit a friend, co-worker, or family member and consider one of the other open jobs we have including the Pinenut Cracker, Mtn Bike Racing, or Social Media coordinator positions.





Davis Creek Cyclocross 2016

Nov 5, 2016





BikeSPOKEsman

Tim Rowe, AACC Bicycle Advocacy

Pedestrian and bicycle transportation and safety were among the topics at the 14th annual Nevada Bicycle and Pedestrian Summit held on Nov. 9 and 10 at the MontBleu Resort Casino in Stateline/Lake Tahoe. 135 engineers, planners, event organizers, advocates and others attended the event with around 30 speakers at 14 breakout sessions and a Complete Streets training. Keynote address was on Vision Zero by Leah Shahum and lunch talk by Soulcyclor Rick Gunn. The 2016 Nevada Bicycle and Pedestrian Awards, sponsored by the Nevada Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board, were also presented. A riding tour of bicycle facilities at Stateline wrapped it all up. Reviews of the summit, put on by NDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Program in partnership with Lake Tahoe Bicycle Coalition, were very good.



Conference Participants take a guided tour by bicycle

Nevada Bicycle and Pedestrian Leaders Awarded

Nevada bicycling and pedestrian supporters were recently recognized by the Nevada Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board's annual awards program. The awards, presented at the 14th annual Nevada Bicycle and Pedestrian Summit in Lake Tahoe, singled out individuals, agencies and groups for improving bicycle and pedestrian facilities, safety and advocacy. "Bicycling and walking offer many benefits," board treasurer Denis Coyne said. "It can make us healthier. Biking and walking also helps connect our communities and reduce congestion and vehicle emissions. Whether government agencies or individuals, these award recipients have helped give our state more means of transportation by promoting and integrating safe walking and bicycling into our communities."



With proven environmental, economic and health benefits, the public demand for bicycling and walking opportunities is growing. Bicycling and pedestrian planning across the state have shown a surge in public interest in bicycling and walking, with more than half of vehicle users surveyed saying they would drive less if other forms of commuting were available.

The Nevada Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board was created by the Nevada Legislature to advise state agencies on policies, programs and facilities, as well as promote programs and facilities for the safe use of bicycles and pedestrians in the state. The board consists of 14 members appointed by the Governor. More information is available at (775) 888-7433 (RIDE) or by clicking on the Nevada Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board link at www.bicyclenevada.com.

Award Winners

Advocacy/Activist:

Donna Inversin- Muscle Powered
Jeremy Vican- Carson Valley Trails Association

Event Planning/Promotion:

Joel Dunn- Carson City Visitors Bureau
Doug Bedient- Nevada Interscholastic Cycling

Individual Employee-Agency:

Rebecca Kapuler- Washoe RTC

Agency:

Carson City

Bicycle/Pedestrian Organization:

Muscle Powered

Special Achievement:

Cortney Bloomer- Western Nevada Safe Routes to School

Advisory Board Member of the Year:

Jeff White, recent chairman



Annual Meeting Minutes—November 1, 2016

Secretary: Jim Sadilek; Other Board Members in attendance: Chris Rhiner, President; Tammy Lundquist , Vice President; Frank Dixon, Treasurer; Michael Bayer, Alta Alpina Challenge Ride Director/Newsletter Publisher/Membership Coordinator; Di Bolton, Thursday Road Race Director; Tammy DeGiovanni, Road Cleanup Coordinator; Mel Maalouf, Junior Team Coach / Race Team Director; Lori Piccini, Clothing Coordinator; Eric Reuter, Mountain Bike Ride Coordinator; Tim Rowe, Bicycle Advocacy Coordinator; Dave Scarborough, Spring Century Coordinator; Other Attendees: This being the Annual General Meeting, there were over 75 AACC members and guests in attendance

Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm
Venue: The Ridge, Stateline, NV

1. **Welcome:** Chris Rhiner welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all the 2016 board members for their service to the club this year.
2. **Quorum:** It was determined that the number of members required to form a quorum for the Annual General Meeting, forty-four, and that more than this number were present.
3. **Election of Officers for 2017:** All incumbent

officers and directors were re-elected with substantial majorities. President: Christine Rhiner, Vice President: Tammy Lundquist, Treasurer: Frank Dixon, Secretary: Jim Sadilek, Membership Director: Michael Bayer, Ride Director: Garth Jackson.

4. **Adjournment:** Tammy Lunquist moved for Adjournment, seconded by Tammy deGiovanni, motioned carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm

Board Meeting Minutes—November 1, 2016

Secretary: Jim Sadilek; Other Board Members: Chris Rhiner, President; Tammy Lundquist , Vice President; Frank Dixon, Treasurer; Michael Bayer, Alta Alpina Challenge Ride Director/ Newsletter Publisher/Membership Coordinator

Meeting called to order at 8:45 pm
Venue: The Ridge, Stateline, NV

1. **Monthly Status Reports:**
 - **Treasurer:** The PayPal account balance is \$3,074.11.
 - **Membership:** Current membership is 229.

• **Newsletter:** No newsletter published for the month of November.

2. **Next Meeting:** Monday, December 5, 2016, 6 pm at Jethro's Oven & Grill, 1281 Kimmerling Rd, Gardnerville, NV.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm

Local Merchant Discount Program

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





Board Meeting Minutes—December 5, 2016

Secretary: Jim Sadilek; Other Board Members: Chris Rhiner, President; Frank Dixon, Treasurer; Michael Bayer, Alta Alpina Challenge Ride Director/Newsletter Publisher/Membership Coordinator; Garth Jackson, Weekend Ride Coordinator; Mel Maalouf, Junior Team Coach / Race Team Director; Tim Rowe, Bicycle Advocacy Coordinator; Other Attendees: Jude and Simon Maalouf

Meeting called to order at 6:17 pm
Venue: Jethro's Oven & Grill, 1281 Kimmerling Rd, Gardnerville, NV

1. Monthly Status Reports:

- **Treasurer:** The current checking account balance is: \$32,416.50. The PayPal account balance is \$3,074.11. Regarding annual monetary contributions for local organizations to which we traditionally contribute, Frank will send out an email list of the organizations along with last year's contribution amounts. The board will consider contribution amounts for 2017. Frank advises that we continue to contributing as in the past, while perhaps adjusting contribution amounts based upon anticipated revenue for the coming year.
 - **Membership:** 229, no change from November.
 - **Weekend Rides:** To the subject line of the automated emails for weekend rides, the name of the ride was added. Garth recommends for the coming year, continuing with a group of four or five members working collaboratively on the weekend rides agenda. Mel brought to the board the possibility of have coached rides starting in March for beginning riders. The board offered encouragement and tentative approval.
 - **Newsletter:** Michael suggests featuring 2017 coming events so that members can mark their calendars early. The "Ides of March" mileage contest will run from 15 March to 11 April. The tentative date for the Spring Party is 11 April.
 - **Website:** Dates are being changed on the web site for various 2017 events. Challenge form and registration is being updated. New online membership form is being created. The new Square Space web site is anticipated to be up in January. Once the basic site is completed, then the Challenge registration material will need to be incorporated into the new site, along with maps for the challenge.
 - **Weekly Road Races:** No report.
 - **Junior Team:** Mel anticipates starting rollers training soon.
 - **Spring/Fall Century:** No report.
 - **Insurance:** Still seeking a quote for insurance on the club equipment.
 - **Pinenut Cracker:** Permit renewal request to the BLM for Pinenut Cracker has been submitted.
 - **King of Kingsbury Time Trial:** No report.
 - **Cyclocross Race:** No report.
 - **Bike Advocacy:** Bike Summit Meeting at Lake Tahoe had 135 attendees. Lake Tahoe Bicycle Coalition's paper bicycling map is now online in an interactive form: <http://map.tahoebike.org/> as well as .pdf versions.
 - **Adopt A Highway:** No report.
 - **Clothing:** Investigation into new clothing suppliers and design continues.
 - **Challenge:** It is proposed to increase the registration fees for the 2017. Registrations received before January will be accepted at the current (2016) price. Registration fees will increase 1 January and again 1 May
Motion 12/01: Registration fee for the 2017 Challenge will be as follows: Eight Pass Riders, until 1 January 2017, \$110, 1 January 2017, \$120, 1 May 2017, \$145; Five Pass Riders, until 1 January 2017, \$100, 1 January 2017, \$110, 1 May 2017, \$130; Century Riders, until 1 January 2017, \$65, 1 January 2017, \$70, 1 May 2017, \$85; Foothill Fun Riders, \$40. Michael Bayer/ Frank Dixon - Carried unanimously.
2. **RFID Race Timing:** Michael presented and demonstrated progress on the RFID racing timing. Most of the equipment has been purchased or donated. Yet to be determined is the design/type of bicycle mounted RFID tags, also a suitable and easily portable stand for supporting the RFID reader antenna.
3. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday January 11, (tentative) 2016, 6 pm at Jethro's Oven & Grill.
Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

