



BRING YOUR DANCING SHOES !

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for December 2nd at Howie's on Front (16 N. Front St., Medford). A no-host bar will be available starting at 6:00 pm. and a delicious buffet dinner will be served at 6:30. Music by the renowned Midnight Party Band will begin at 7:15 pm, so there will be some quiet time to socialize, hydrate (w/ your beverage of choice), and have dinner. Join us for a fun evening with fellow Club members, elect Club leaders for 2016, and receive a quick status report on Club business. Register [here](#). Members: \$15 / Non-members \$18.

If you are interested only in the election of the Board of Directors, you can attend that portion of the meeting (6:55 to 7:15) at no charge and without registering (as above).

BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED FOR 2016

As the end of the year approaches, we see as usual that the Velo Club Board of Directors could use new blood. If you have a little spare time and a willingness to help steer our Club policies, please submit your name for nomination to the Board at president@siskiyouvelo.org. Elections are held at the Annual Party/ Meeting in December, and the term starts in 2016. Board meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November

4 **Velo Club Board Meeting**

Schoolhaus Brewhaus, Jacksonville

president@siskiyouvelo.org

December

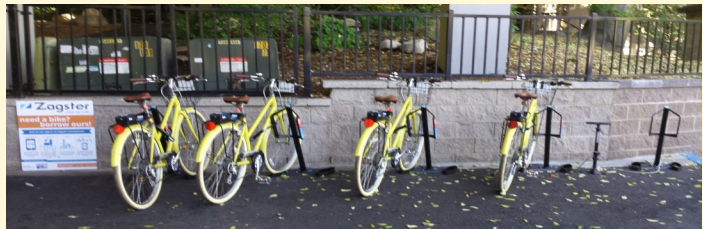
2 **Annual Party**

Howiee's, Medford

<http://www.planetreg.com/E101145754153793>

ZAGSTER COMES TO TOWN

The United Way of Jackson County partnered with Care Connect this past summer to fill the gaps in transportation for low-income people by bringing Zagster's bike share program to numerous depots in the County. In July, twenty-eight brand spanking new yellow bikes were stationed



at parking places in White City, Ashland, the RCC Table Rock campus and two stations in Medford. Plans are for Providence Medical Center to add a dock and bikes this Fall. Docking stations have pumps and bike tools for quick and easy adjustments. The 7-gear "Breezer" cruisers come with a basket, lock, lights and a rear rack.

The goal of the program is to enable people to access social services, employment centers and bus routes. Here's how it works. A user must register on the Zagster site. Once in the system, a user may elect an annual membership for \$20 with no use fees or he may pay per use. Rides under 2 hours are free; after that it's \$1 per hour, up to \$6 per ride. Zagster has a human equalizer who maintains the bikes and moves them around to different sites if needed.

Connie Wilkerson of the Jackson County United Way says they're pleased with the usage so far. The initial grant from Care Connect covers all costs for two years, after which they're hoping to expand the program. They continuously evaluate the usage and locations of the bikes to optimize ridership. To date, Medford bikes are the most heavily used and indicate a need for more stations in town. Ashland bikes, docked under the overpass on Water Street, are used mostly on weekends, indicating a recreational element. SOU has its own bike share program for students, faculty and staff. While the White City bikes were not well used in the summer, the hopes are that students will find them convenient now that classes have started.

Zagster replaces the fleet every two years. The Jackson County program is Zagster's first community partnership, their common alliances are universities and hotels. For more information or to join, see zagster.com/jacksoncounty.

TIME CHANGE

Club Monday rides start time is now 10:30. Club Wednesday rides start time is now 11:00.

BICYCLING DOWN THE VALLEY: The 1890's Bicycling Scene in Jackson County

"Bicycling is the nearest thing to flying that human ingenuity has yet approached."

— Mail Tribune 1893

Amy Drake, Exhibition Curator of the Southern Oregon Historical Society, presented a fascinating peek into the history of bikes in Southern Oregon at the Velo Club's October 15 meeting. The 1890's were the heyday of bicycling in the U.S., with the design of the new "safety bicycle" which sported same-sized wheels and pneumatic tires. Before cars, bicycles provided the opportunity for going farther and faster than ever before, without the bother of a horse. Women could ride bikes in regular day-time attire, and enjoyed their new-found freedom.

In 1893 the Mail Tribune wrote "The bicycling craze is becoming epidemic in Medford." The 1990's saw 300 bike manufacturers in the U.S., but the advent of cars in the early 1900's and secondary markets for bikes spelled the rapid decline of bike riding.



DOG !!!

Have you been chased by a dog while riding? Scary! Jackson County Animal Control defines an **Aggressive Dog** as "... a dog which has an avenue of escape yet crosses neutral territory to chase, attack, or bite. " A **Dangerous Dog** is defined as "... any dog or animal that has been found to have engaged in any of the following behaviors: A. Menacing, chasing, displaying threatening or aggressive behavior or otherwise threatening or endangering the safety of any person...."

I would encourage Club members to make a report any time they have an adverse encounter with a dog while riding and the circumstances of the encounter meet the Animal Control definitions above. Once a report is made, members can expect that an enforcement officer will make contact with the owner, usually within one to two days. The officer will require that the dog has a current license. Depending on circumstances, the officer will require the owner to confine the dog(s) to the owner's property and/or may give the owner a citation which usually warrants a fine. Failure to comply can result in a subsequent hearing.

Animal Control will need the person making the referral to provide a street address if possible or at least an accurate location and description of the house/property where the incident occurred as well as a description of the dog and the nature and circumstances of the attack. You can request that the officer get back to you about the outcome of his/her contact with the dog's owner.

Failure to report means that the owner is not given the encouragement to correct dangerous, inappropriate behavior of the pet. It also means that you subject yourself to repeated encounters with an aggressive dog or dogs that may result in serious injury to yourself or other riders who, at other times, travel that same course. At the very least, such encounters can turn a pleasant ride into a decidedly unpleasant experience. This kind of unsafe situation for cyclists should not have to be simply endured or tolerated. We have a right to be protected from unwarranted attacks from unrestrained dogs while riding. Take action!

THE BEST OF OREGON RIDING

Bill Heimann

The second weekend in October I attended the annual state wide Scenic Bikeways Proponent Conference in La Grande, OR. This difficult titled conference provides the opportunity for the community of Scenic Bikeways supporters to come together to discuss their successes and challenges in maintaining a bikeway in their area.

Did you know Oregon has the only Scenic Bikeways program in the nation? Our unique program features routes suggested by locals so you know you're getting the best of the best when you ride an Oregon Scenic Bikeway. These routes have been officially reviewed, ridden and adopted by the state Parks Commission and each one provides great inspiration for planning a two-wheeled vacation in Oregon for visitors and residents.

What is a Scenic Bikeway? It is a route that is determined to be of scenic value with comfortably rideable surfaces and low traffic volumes. Scenic Bikeway routes include roads with car and truck users and are designed for cyclists that are comfortable riding in mixed traffic.

The routes are diverse, with opportunities for everyone from beginning to advanced riders, for day trips or extended multi-day adventures. Some Bikeways are linear, some are loops, and some are short while others are long. Explore the descriptions, downloadable detailed maps and cue sheets for each



of the Scenic Bikeways at <http://rideoregonride.com/rides/scenic-bikeways/> and start planning your own scenic cycling adventure today.

Our local Scenic Bikeway is the Cascade Siskiyou Scenic Bikeway, locally known as the Lakes Loop. <http://rideoregonride.com/road-routes/cascade-siskiyou-scenic-bikeway/>. It begins at Garfield Park in Ashland goes up Green Springs Road, out to Tub Springs and back to turn at Green

Springs Inn toward Hyatt Lake. Then the route continues past Hyatt and Howard Prairie Lakes, where soon there will be Hiker/Biker camp sites. You then take a left on to Dead Indian Memorial Highway down the fun drop and return to Garfield Park to complete the 54.8 mile ride. It is the most challenging of all the Scenic Bikeways and we think the best one.

Ashland Parks and Recreation is in the process of erecting a pavilion at Garfield Park with maps and a water station. There is parking at the park and at The Grove parking lot across the street.

Jenna Stanke of Jackson County Parks, Katharine Flanagan of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce and your own newsletter editor, ML Moore, are just a few of the dedicated people we have to thank for our wonderful Scenic Bikeway.

All of the Scenic Bikeways are on RidewithGPS (<http://ridewithgps.com>) and are downloadable to your GPS device. Go have a look at the Ride Oregon Ride web site: <http://rideoregonride.com/>

I am currently putting together a ride that connects all of the Scenic Bikeways for about 3 weeks of great touring.

VELO CLUB ANNUAL MEETING

6:00 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 2

Howie's On Front
16 N. Front St., Medford

No Host Bar, Dinner, Dancing, Board Elections

Members \$15 Guests \$18 Register [here](#)

OCTOBER RIDE LEADERS



Ray Forsyth
Bob MacCracken
Donald Coker
Dennis Cramer
Chris Daniels
Mo Rousso
Ken Kelley
Ginny Jensen
David Chapman
John Bullock
Judy Kerr



Velo Melos and Crankies at Rainey's Store on Oct 25

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: Sun Super Cruiser Tadpole Trike EZ-3 recumbent for sale. \$275. In excellent condition. Trike is in Ashland. Contact Phil: star@mind.net.

HELP WANTED: Editor for the Velo Cub Newsletter beginning January, 2016. Fun, interesting, creative work, about 6 - 10 hrs. per month. Big reward but no pay. Inquiries: mlmoore97520@gmail.com

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of crash-free days

NEXT VELO CLUB BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, Nov. 4, 6:30 pm

\$SCHOOLHAUS\$ BREWHAUS\$

525 Bigham Knoll Campus, Jacksonville

All members are welcome

For minutes of previous meetings, contact the Secretary at coyotexing@gmail.com

FAMILY FUN RIDE RETROSPECTIVE

Gary Shaff, President

The Family Fun Ride five-ride series in Central Point, Ashland, Medford, Grants Pass and Talent this past summer was not a stellar success measured on the basis of how many families (especially those with young children) participated. No one showed in Central Point, and only one family attended the Grants Pass ride. Yes, I was disappointed.

However, it was a stellar success if measured on the basis of the Club's 1) ability to collaborate with other organizations (notably Rogue Valley Transportation District, RVTd), 2) ability to organize and staff the events, 3) portrayal of the Club to the general public as having a "big" tent open to young and old, and families and singles throughout the Rogue Valley, 4) support of Club members as measured in the value of their donations to the Family Fun Rides, and 5) generosity of the many Business Members each of whom donated a bevy of prizes to be given away at each ride. The take away: we were successful in delivering community rides focused on young families. We've never done that before!!

Special praise should be given to Edem Gomez of RVTd for doing the heavy lifting. He secured local governments' permission, arranged for the event sites, secured publicity in the Medford Mail Tribune for each ride, arranged to have posters printed, coordinated distribution to community meeting places throughout each city, invited, secured the involvement of others, and was upbeat about the events through it all. Thank you, Edem.

It bears noting that the members, in a March 2015 membership survey, identified the Club's biggest challenge as..."to gain and maintain membership within the Club, with particular focus on attracting younger members." The survey can be referenced at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8SeM1z13XA-dTU4YVhVMWxVUmM/view>. The Board is aware of the challenge and, if the Family Fun Rides are a measure of the Board's commitment to meeting these challenges, we are well on our way. Note that the Club's membership stands at 260, up by about 10 percent from December of last year. I'm proud to be a member of the Club's Board of Directors.



Brisk riders at the Golden Church on Oct. 24



QUESTIONS FOR BILL

Bill Heimann's recent series on touring was a huge hit and generated a large response, including some requests for clarification. Below is an answer to one question. If you'd like Bill to respond to your question, send it to the editor at mlmoore97520@gmail.com.

Q: "How do you figure your budget? Does it make a difference what services are available country to country? How do you handle your money? Cash, debit or credit cards?"

A: The most often asked question after "Aren't you afraid" is how do you afford to travel for such long periods? Although this question is not directly referenced, it does talk about budgets. The answer to the question of how much money is simple. Develop a budget. There are basically 2 ways to travel. Spend lots of money over a short period of time or invest that same amount over a long period of time. A typical week staying in nice hotels, eating in restaurants, flying there and back could easily cost \$500.00 a day and likely much more.

I just came back from a 3 week trip that ran about \$800.00 a day, and that was with extended negotiations. On the other hand I have lived on less than \$30.00 a day for 2 people for over a year. For some \$30 a day is a lot. We had 2 German men stay with us for a couple of weeks. They had traveled for 4 years on \$5.00 a day for both of them! The amount you spend does not necessarily define the enjoyment, but it can if you let it.

To develop a budget, first define the journey. How many days? What type of accommodations? What is the source of your food, your modes of travel? Where are you going? Notice I did not ask how much money you have to invest. That is the answer to the other questions. Yes, your definition of the journey defines how much you must pull out of the mattress. If you are free camping, the cost is low; add an organized campground and it goes up a little; a Hyatt will add a few bucks more. Cooking all you own meals, less, restaurants more. A round trip by bike is very cheap even when buying a new bike. Fly to Thailand and back, and that new Soma Saga trip across the US is a great deal!

Think of a typical day of eating. How much will that cost in your home town? Now how about that beer at the end of the day, everything adds up. Take that same approach to each and every expense. Remember gifts, souvenirs and a few luxuries. If you are going for 30 days, how much will it take to bring pleasure from that

time? By adding up your projected expenses you will have a good idea of what you will need.

On the Round the World trip we kept a log of every single penny. If we spent it, it went down in the little book. At the end of each week, we would add everything up to see where we stood in relation to our budget. Each country has its own challenges for your budget. Argentina hotels, meals and transportation are about 20% less than here, but you have to pay a high entry fee for your visa, and getting there can be expensive. So stay longer to reduce the daily costs. Look at each country for the cost of meals, accommodations and travel. Work your budget for that country.

Debit, Credit or cash for the trip.....yes. I can remember spending a whole day walking through the exchange market in Johar Bahru, Malaysia looking for the best deal on changing US dollars for Ringits. Now you can get the best *safe* rate for that day just by walking up to an ATM. In some countries including the US, you can get an even better rate by going into the bank and asking for a cash withdrawal. It is treated as a purchase and no atm charges are generally applied. Check your credit unions or bank for the cost of foreign exchanges. Also know that the bank in the other country is most likely to add a charge.

Then there is the grey market. When I was last in Argentina I used newspaper stands. I was able to get about 40% better rates. It is all in cash and not really legal, but that is a big bonus. There are new companies through which you can find good rates and then deposit money with them to use as you need it. Look on the internet. TRAVELEX is one.

I carry 2 of each card (debit & credit) from different accounts, one card on my person and another in a hidden place away from my other travel papers. I also email myself photo copies of all the important documents and credit cards, front and back. At least I will have a resource if I lose everything. I normally carry about 1 week's cash at a time. That of course depends on how remote my planned week or weeks are going to be.

REGISTER YOUR BIKES

at

<http://www.ashland.or.us/FormPage.asp?FormID=145>

or

<http://www.ci.medford.or.us/FormPage.asp?FormID=58>

or

<http://www.pxpd.org/bicycle-registration.html> (Phoenix)

or

Talent Police Department

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Newsletter contributions are accepted until the 20th of the month.

Contact the editor at mlmoore97520@gmail.com for more information. Members are welcome to submit letters, photos, stories, classifieds or other notices of interest to the Club.

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