



The Club's 3rd annual BBQ and Bike Wash is on for May 7th at Tom and Linda Ryan's home. To register, go to the first page of the Siskiyou Velo webpage to the item regarding the BBQ and Bike Wash and hit the "here" button.

Tom and his crew of bike wash mavens have promised to lavish attention on those hard to reach places on your frame, each nipple on every spoke, and every tooth on each cassette and chain ring. The bike wash and socializing starts at 12:00. The menu? It's a BBQ; great food and drinks.

The Club's rides will either start and end at the BBQ or have there mid-way stop located there. That way, we can all experience the fun, joy and good times that the Ryan's get-down BBQ offers.

Register now. That way Tom and Lynda will know how much BBQ sauce will be needed for the Velo's many members who attend.

Judy Kerr's sends along a link to an interesting video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4IKq1fGtXFM&sns=em>

Frank Correia, who comes here all the way from Bookings to ride, sends along this link.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/men/recreational-cycling/20-quotes-that-capture-the-beauty-and-brutality-of-cycling/zapata/>

The weather should be getting better so join a ride or tour, lead a ride or volunteer for the Up & Down Ride or the Eagle Point Cycling Challenge.

April

RIDE LEADERS

Ginny Jensen

Bob MacCracken

Dennis Cramer

John Bullock

Ken Kelley

Phil Gagnon

Judy Kerr

Rick Berlet

Donald Coker

RVTD Transit Levy

When you receive your ballot in the mail for the May 17, 2016 election, you will be asked to vote on a number of issues and elected offices. One local issue of particular interest to Siskiyou Velo is Measure 15-141, the Rogue Valley Transportation District (RVTD) local option tax. At the April Board meeting, the Siskiyou Velo Board voted to endorse the measure and agreed to get information out to our members and to the public. RVTD has made a significant effort to get bike racks on all of its buses to allow people to use both modes of transportation to get to destinations that would be difficult alone. As a cycling organization, we support and encourage the use of public transportation to reduce individual car trips that increase traffic on our shared roads.

If the tax measure fails, getting around the valley could become increasingly difficult for students, seniors, and others without access to an automobile. Due to increasing costs and stagnant public funding, Rogue Valley Transportation District requires additional funding to maintain current service levels. This May, RVTD is attempting to pass a ballot measure; if the measure fails RVTD will begin preparations for cutting service in 2018 because all reserves will be exhausted.

RVTD buses serve seven cities in the Rogue Valley, providing over 1.3 million rides per year. According to a recent survey, 16 percent of RVTD's passengers are students going to college or other schools. The survey also shows that if bus service were eliminated, as many as 38 percent of these riders could become cut off from their destinations.

Though some Rogue Valley residents may feel unaffected by RVTD, often it is the most vulnerable who feel the impacts of transit service cuts. After the previous ballot measure failed in 2014, RVTD was forced to eliminate Saturday and evening services. Young people have lost access to educational and employment opportunities, along with mobility for recreation and errands. For seniors who depend on RVTD's door-to-door service, the elimination of Saturdays was a significant quality-of-life reduction.

If the measure passes, it will maintain current transit service and Route 10 frequency and Saturday and evening services will be restored. The levy will also expand service to southwest Medford, Asante Medical Center, and RCC White City Campus.

Siskiyou Velo appreciates your thoughtful consideration of this information.



Judy Kerr's Tweener Group Relaxing After Some Hard Miles In The Saddle. Smiles Everyone!

Ride of Silence, Wednesday, May 18, 2016 7:00 pm



On May 18, 2016 at 7:00 pm, the Ride of Silence will begin in North America and roll across the globe. Cyclists will take to the roads in a silent procession to honor cyclists who have been killed or injured while cycling on public roadways. Although cyclists have a legal right to share the roads with motorists, the motoring public often isn't aware of these rights and sometimes not aware of the cyclists themselves.

The first Ride of Silence was organized in 2003 by Chris Phelan in Dallas, Texas after endurance cyclist, Larry Schwartz, was hit by the mirror of a passing bus and killed in that city.

The ride of silence is a free ride which asks that cyclists ride no faster than 12 mph, wear helmets, follow the rules of the road and remain silent during the ride. There are no commercial sponsors. The ride, which is held during National Bike Month, is intended to raise awareness of cycling safety with the hope of decreasing injuries to cyclists traveling on public roads.



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6th Annual Eagle Point Cycling Challenge

11 June, 2016

Come join the Eagle Point Cycling Challenge with 4 distances ranging from 10 to 100k. All routes include quiet country roads with the 100 K queen stage climbing 3,700 feet to the base of Mt. McLoughlin before winding back down to Eagle Point .

The start and finish of the ride is at Harnish Wayside Park located at the junction of Highway 62 and South Royal Avenue in Eagle Point, Oregon.

Rider support is provided with Aid Stations on the 30,50, and 100k routes and SAG vehicles on all 4 routes.

Lunch catered by Jeffro's Grill will include pulled pork or tri-tip sandwich, baked beans, chips, soda and a cookie. Book sale by Eagle Point Friends of Library and other fun activities will be available in the park.

For further information/route maps/registration go to

<http://www.siskiyouvelo.org/eagle-point-cycling-challenge-2016/>

