



KEEPING YOUR CLUB CONNECTED TO THE BICYCLE TRAVEL SOURCE

Dear BIKES,

The summer season is in full flight. Help prevent your members from burning out in the hot sun with some of these great articles in this month's issue of Bike eNews:

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Ride On!

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THE BIG PICTURE

SCRATCHING THAT ADVENTURE ITCH

You'll find fun and inspiration at the online Ride Registry

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If you're anything like me, you'll agree that the next-best thing to setting out on a journey of your own is learning about someone else's adventure through words and pictures. And if it's travel by bicycle you like reading about, there's no better place to go than the Ride Registry section of Adventure Cycling's website. Name a state, a continent, or a country, and chances are someone who has bicycle toured there has already posted a story about the trip at the Ride Registry. A total of more than 1,500 trip logs have been entered—and in many cases, the basic information provided will include a link leading to a more detailed trip account at the individual's website.

Say you want to take a vicarious bike tour of Ireland. Go to the site, click on the middle box, and you'll get a drop-down menu full of route and destination names. Now select "Europe," where you'll find more than five dozen rides posted. If you go down the list far enough, you will indeed arrive at some write-ups of trips in Ireland—but only after scrolling past logs from dozens of other places, some of which you may have never heard of. Stop by to read some of the other stories on your way to the Emerald Isle, and it may get you thinking about a future trip to an altogether different destination.

You want something a little more exotic than Europe? How about a circumnavigation of Mount Kilimanjaro, a spin through the volcano country of Kamchatka, or riding the "world's most dangerous road" in Bolivia? They're all there. So, too are dozens of journals documenting domestic rides on all of Adventure Cycling's routes (59 on the Great Divide Mountain Bike Route alone, and 291 on the venerable TransAmerica Bicycle Trail), and on other routes of riders own making.

The Ride Registry works both ways, and you're encouraged not only to read about other people's bicycle travels, but to post descriptions of your own past trips, as well. Here's the URL:

www.adventurecycling.org/ride_registry/review_rides.cfm

CLUB TO CLUB

Le Tour!

The Tour de France is something all types of cyclists can enjoy, so why not share this experience with your members. The Cascade Cycling Club has a plethora of events to bring people out and get them excited about cycling. Here are just a few of the activities they have going on during one of the world's greatest cycling events:

1. Bike Polo and Big Wheel Race - Adults and kids alike can enjoy the thrill of competition.
2. Bike Art and Treasure Hunt – Let your kids decorate their bikes and show them off in a bike parade, or be creative with a cycling related treasure hunt.
3. Street Sprints – Let your members get a feel for speed with some street sprint competitions.
4. Raffle drawings
5. Tour de France Live – Set up a big screen or get some TV's out and have viewings of the tour for your members.

ACA UPDATE

Cycling the Sierras and Cascades

Thanks largely in part to a \$20,000 grant from REI, we are moving forward with route research and development for a new Sierra Cascades Bicycle Route. This road-based, extraordinary route will pass through terrain as varied as thick evergreen forests, apple orchards, wide and narrow river canyons, grasslands, glaciated High Sierra canyons, volcanic cones and high desert. Research begins this month. Coupled with the extremely popular [Pacific Coast Route](#), it could make an incredible loop!

Speaking of riding through the Sierras, our supported [Sierra Sampler](#) tour is a great way to get a taste of the mountains without toting your gear — what a luxury. This eight-day trip is a perfect opportunity to explore John Muir's and Ansel Adams' "range of light."

ARTWORK FOR YOU

If your weather has been anything like ours recently, it can be described in one word, WET!! Get clip art for any mood in our Library Archive at <http://www.adventurecycling.org/library/>.

You can search for images and articles to include in your next newsletter or on your website. Stay dry!

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- to provide you with industry information and graphics to share with your members and
- to connect your club with others from around the country for your benefit.

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