

Chainwheel Chatter

The Monthly newsletter of **B.I.K.E.S.** of Everett and Snohomish County

B.I.K.E.S Next Club Meeting Thursday, January 11th, 2007

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From the President

Next Club Meeting 7 p.m. January 11th
At Alfy's Pizza, 2317 Broadway, Everett.
See below for more information

Happy Holidays,

Well, It is that time of year again. My bicycle is hanging on the hooks, fully decorated and waiting for the Christmas party. The box of white elephants are waiting to get wrapped. This year I even get to lead the pre party light ride. It has some short hills but not to worry we will be going slow and will probably laughing to hard to notice them.

We will return from the ride to find our party where friends have gathered, set the tables, chilled or heated the beverages and are waiting to welcome us to the party.

Then there is the ride miles awards congratulations to all who have earned them. And thank you to our former president for rounding them up. This year (unlike the patch kits) I am sure you will look forward to using them.

White elephant gift opening and trading will keep us all laughing as we try to not take home the biggest box, while negotiating for that one thing that nobody believes is a white elephant.

All evening long we will be talking, eating great food and enjoying some holiday time with friends.

I'll See you at the party

Bill Weber

Club News

Holiday Party Dec. 2

There's never a stranger at the BIKES Club Holiday Party, where we share good food and great fun with our annual potluck and white elephant gift exchange. The club will provide baked ham, hot cider and non-alcoholic beverages. You bring salad, dessert, appetizer or side dish – as well as non-biking family members.

The annual lighted bike ride leaves at 5 p.m. for a few easy miles (less than 10) of showing off our Santas and such (just throw on a headlight and blinker if you're not feeling creative).

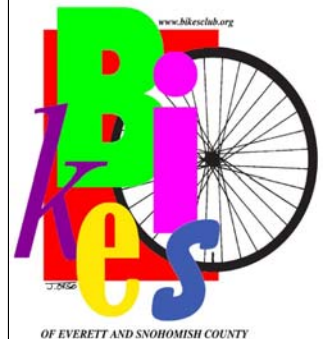
Gather at 6 p.m. for dinner. Later we'll exchange gifts – something old, something new, something crazy or something too good to be true. In case you haven't been to the party before, our gifts run the gamut from "must-haves" and nice re-gifts to "must-avoid" classics. Whatever you bring, bring your sense of humor and don't spend more than \$10.

We ask that you RSVP to Warren (425-743-7593) warrenbare@verizon.net, this week, but if you haven't done that yet, we're always happy to see you anyway! Visit page 5 for directions.

Club Constitution Vote Dec. 2

We hope to get a quorum for a final vote on a club name change during the holiday party. The choices are: Snohomish County Bikes Club or B.I.K.E.S. Club of Snohomish County.

Polls open at 6 p.m., and the "primary" will end an hour later, at 7 p.m., in case we need time for a second round of votes to get to the required supermajority approval of a new name. Sorry, our club constitution does not allow proxy voting.



Attend the next BIKES Club meeting at Alfy's Pizza in Everett for free pizza and a show; AK2FL!

The pizza and soft drinks will be hosted by the club and served promptly at 7:00pm. The show will start at 7:20pm and will feature a presentation by Randall and Barb Angell. In 2004 they completed an adventure that most of us dream of; riding from the Arctic Circle in Alaska to Key West in Florida.

They will show us an excellent photo presentation and commentary and will answer questions after the show

Visit their website for more information about their ride. www.teamangell.com

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your address, phone number or
email in the club records.If you are a member and are not
receiving your newsletter in the
mail, let Fred or Kala know.**RIDE GUIDE****PACE****Leisurely** / Under 10 MPH**Social** / 10-13 MPH**Moderate** / 13-16 MPH**Brisk** / 16-18 MPH**Strenuous** / Over 18 MPH**TERRAIN**

A Mostly flat / Norman Road

B Rolling Terrain / McClinchy Mile

C Rolling steeper hills / Kitsap Peninsula

D Difficult Terrain / Whidbey Island

E Very Difficult / RAMROD

New Club Email Addresses

Look to the left for New email addresses for Club Officers and Support members.

Frequent Rider Miles

Each year, we track all the miles club members ride on club-organized rides (ie, your personal miles to work or Portland don't count, but we're impressed anyway). We award prizes at 100, 500, 1,000 and most club miles. To get in those last few miles before the cut-off, Kristin is leading a ride on Dec. 2, prior to the awards at the Holiday Party. Miles on the lighted bike ride that night count, too.

If you can't attend the Holiday Party to collect your prize, Bill Weber will be handing them out at club meetings and rides in early 2007. Ride leaders take note: Pier Fiorentini will be tracking miles in 2007. Watch for contact info in the January newsletter.

Club Member Emails

Last month we sent out the club roster by email. Didn't get it? That means we don't have your current email address, and we might not have your phone right, either. Please contact Fred Koch with updates at roster@bikesclub.org

Starting this month, Fred will be sending our newsletter out electronically to all members whose emails we have. You'll still get a paper version, too, unless you notify Fred that you don't need it. By the way, if you have a spam blocker, make sure to unblock Fred's hotmail address. We promise to contact members no more than once or twice a month by email.

McClinchy Mile Meeting Dec. 13

We have started planning for our March 17 McClinchy Mile Ride in Arlington. Several folks have already stepped up to get permits or write letters. We also need help with food purchasing, flyer distribution, map making, t-shirts, volunteer coordination and more. If you'd like to put your 2 cents in on the club's biggest fundraiser, come to our planning meeting on Dec. 13. We'll meet first at Romio's Pizza and Pasta in Silver Lake about 5:30 p.m., then possibly move on to Mike Dahlstrom's house nearby for the meeting. Please call Mike for directions or watch the website for more information at 425-337-0887.

More Club Volunteers

Last month we neglected to mention some stalwart volunteers who help keep BIKES going, and looking good. Janet Orso designed our logo a few years ago and helped with the McClinchy t-shirt and other logo items this year. Wendell Hultman is a regular ride leader. Terry Snodgrass doesn't ride with us, but she does know how to ride herd over a ride registration or food table.

Fall from Hell's Gate

After 175 miles and 9,000 feet of climbing in Death Valley, I'm feeling pretty good while rounding the corner at Hell's Gate. A momentary stop for turn-point verification appears to be a small personal victory as I pass a number of riders who are refueling in preparation for the final push into Furnace Creek. A little more than 20 miles ahead is the culmination of a season's long training effort that has been a journey of priceless experience.

[Visit the BIKES Club website to read the entire story from fellow member, Eric Troili](#)

B.I.K.E.S. Ride & Event Schedule

BICYCLE HELMETS ARE REQUIRED ON ALL BIKE RIDES

December Rides**WEEKDAY**

Tuesday—Thursday, December/ 4, 7, 11, 14, 21, 28 — Ride to Everett and back meet at 10:00 AM at the Harbour Pointe Evangelical Lutheran Church on the NW corner of Harbour Pointe Boulevard and Harbour Hights Pkway (address is 5425 Harbour Pointe Boulevard, Mukilteo, WA - Web mappers point to wrong location). Route: Harbour Pointe Boulevard, Mukilteo Speedway, Mukilteo Boulevard to Forest Park and Everett, then at 44th we take the trail back to E/W Casino Way. 20 easy miles. Pace:social, terrain:B. We cancel only for strong winds or snow. Call Pier (425)349-5065

Thursdays, December 14th and 28th — leaving at 9am on the Centennial Trail in Snohomish on Maple and Pine. 15 miles social plus pace heavy rains cancel. For questions contact Perry Walker at 425-268-3409 or perrywalker@hotmail.com.

WEEKEND

Saturday, December 2 — Last Chance Miles. Meet at Cedarcrest Middle School on 88th Street in Marysville at 9:30 a.m. for a ride up the hill and a tour of the possible new McClinchy loop through Cisco Heights. Ride length about 26 miles, but we can add a few if you need them. Bring snacks as we're saving our big meal for the club party later. Map provided, and we'll regroup at key turns and hilltops as well, so all paces welcome (leader will be going moderate). Rain should not deter us, but call Ride Leader Kristin if you're wondering, 360-658-2462.

Saturday, Evening December 2 — Christmas party light ride 5:00 Join me for a leisurely ride from the community room (see party address) This will be a short (about 5 miles) returning along Lake Serene. This is a night ride to view (and show off) holiday lights. A headlights and taillights are required, lights, garland and other bicycle decorations are encouraged.
Bill Weber 425 327-3516

Dec 3 OPEN

Saturday, December 9th McCollum Park – Snohomish – Everett: Standard east to Cathcart then Snohomish, Everett on the trestle bike lane and return via the Wendell Wiggle with a food stop wherever, social pace ,some hills. Rain, Ice or Snow may cancel. Information contact Warren Bare (425)743-7593 – Bikely Map below <http://www.bikely.com/maps/bike-path/McCollum-Park-Snohomish-Everett>

Dec 10 OPEN

Dec 16 OPEN

Sunday Dec. 17th — Mill Creek ramble; 25ish miles, social+ pace, heavy weather cancels. Start at our house 9:30 (or TOP Foods if you prefer), use trail and roads south around Mill Creek and return; A terrain. Several choices of eateries afterwards.
Dan & Elaine 425-355-4510

Saturday December 23rd — Everett Snohomish Lake Stevens. The mall parking lots are full, let's go for a ride. around 25 miles leave from the north east corner of Garfield Park (2 blocks East of 23rd and Walnut) Social pace, some hills rain shortens, snow and ice cancel. Ride leader Bill Weber 425-327-3516.

Dec 24 OPEN

Dec 30 OPEN

Dec 31 OPEN

Do you have a favorite ride you would like to lead? Post it on the website. It's easy. Email me if you have any questions.
editor@bikesclub.org

There are usually several ad hoc rides listed on the website under Ride Changes. Be sure to look there for any last minute changes or additions. http://www.bikesclub.org/html/ride_changes.htm



Frequent Rider Club for all Club Riders

First Name	Last Name	Miles
Bill	Lutterloh	2375
Warren	Bare	2148
Dan	Scott	2032
Annie	Peterson	1683
Bill	Nugent	1527
Tim	Wise	1451
Elaine	Scott	1410
Bob	Nyberg	1359
Steve	Hudspeth	1339
Pam	Hallanger	1186
Wendell	Hultman	1170
Debby	Grant	1165
William	Weber	1154
Doug	Andrews	1122
Eric	Troili	1105
John	Carlin	957
Mason	Rutledge	678
John	Marshall	674
Terri	Spencer	644
Desiree	Troili	640
Pier	Fiorentini	624
Ben	Box	592
Michael	Snodgrass	482
Kristin	Kinnamon	473
Perry	Walker	467
Michael	Dahlstrom	436
Jack	McClincy	360
Julie	Denmark	334
Debbie	Kawamoto	280
Art	Arneson	260
Kristii	Knodell	229
Fred	Koch	226
Kala	Koch	226
Albert	Penta	226
Jim	Grippin	217
Jeannie	Sheldon	217
Mary	Andrews	216
Tom	O'Hara	188
Tommy	Weber	171
John	Spencer	168
Pam	Deitz	158
Patty	Garrett	148
Mike	Cundiff	124
Robert	Smith	124
Bruce	Deitz	120
Barry	Reiss	116
Peter	Pisani	113
Janell	Reich	110
Judy	Corcoran	107
Brent	Hunter	87

Club Miles as of 11-19-2006

Ride Report

November 18; whodda thunk it? A beautiful day, and 12 riders. We pedaled away from Haggen's in Arlington, following the flat Arlington - Stanwood McClinchy route, adding on Mike Snodgrass' Logen Street extension. The pace did pick up a bit beyond the advertised, but everyone had a good time. The receded waters allowed us to return via Norman Road, with swans in evidence in the fields, and views of both the Olympics and Cascades. Riders included Bill Lutterloh, Steven Hudspeth, Bruce & Pam Deitz, Perry Walker, Pam Hallanger, Bob Nyberg, Roger Frost, Don Sherrid, Dick Nicholson, and Dan & Elaine Scott. Keep your bike handy because you never know; a late fall ride can at times sneak between the rain-drops to find sunshine.

Dan & Elaine Scott

Mike's Letter gets more action

Subject: RE: Bicycling 35 Ave. and 132nd St.

Mr. Dahlstrom,

I met with Snohomish County yesterday at the subject intersection regarding the configuration of the bike lane...they agreed that it is not in the correct location, particularly on the Mill Creek side of the intersection. The bad news is the work will not be done until the Spring due to temperatures...we need warmer weather to properly apply the "thermoplastic" striping and raised pavement markers. The County will perform the work with their road maintenance crews. I'll keep it on my "tickler" to ensure it gets done next Spring. Again, thanks for bringing this to our attention.

v/r,

Tim

Timothy W. Burns, P.E.
Public Works Director
City of Mill Creek, WA

First Name	Last Name	Miles
Bob	Palm	81
Keith	Ost	75
Burrows	Rick	72
Rod	McDonald	72
Cecili	Tillinghast	70
Linda	Hunter	67
Dave	Johnson	47
Victoria	Brill	42
Daniel	Cornelissen	42
Barb	Trenchi	37
Roger	Frost	36
Bob	Gardner	36
Bill	vanHorn	34
Ulla	Johnson	32
Jessica	Bates	28
Gary	Hauff	24
Jeanette	Hauff	24
Stephen	Benson	18
Thomas	van Lelya	13
Patty	Sickler	10

Let John know if these numbers are inaccurate.

More Club News

View the Sharing Wheels Thank You Letter for \$1000 Contribution on the website.

[http://www.bikesclub.org/html/SharingWheels\\$1000ThankYou11-2006.pdf](http://www.bikesclub.org/html/SharingWheels$1000ThankYou11-2006.pdf)

Warren's Wednesday Ride made it into Bicycling's Jan/Feb 2007 edition on page 34!

<http://www.bikesclub.org/index.htm#warren>

Submit a McClinchy Mile Ride shirt design or vote.

<http://www.bikesclub.org/html/mcclinchy/mcclinchy2007shirtdesign.htm>

Read the latest on the Burke-Gilman Trail in Lake Forest Park. Find a link on our homepage.

<http://www.bikesclub.org/index.htm>

Bicycle Safety Quiz. <http://www.bicyclinglife.com/SafetySkills/SafetyQuiz.htm>

New Members:

BIKES would like to Welcome the following
New members:

Danna White

(Danna, please send an email to treasurer@bikesclub.org and supply your address and phone number. Thanks.)

We hope to see you on a ride soon!

BIKES would like to Welcome the following Renewing members:

Clark & Marlee Huber

Will McMahan

Bob Nyberg

Gary & Joanne Sauter

We hope to see you on a ride soon!

F.Y.I.

NEWSLETTER STUFFING:
Next month's newsletter stuffing will be held on Monday Dec 18 at Michael Dahlstrom's house. Call 425-337-0887 or email mike.dahlstrom@verizon.net for directions

See you there.

RIDE COORDINATOR:
January's Ride Coordinator is Pier Fiorentini. Please call (425)349-5065 or email fiorepg@gte.net before Dec 13th to schedule a ride for next month.

December 2, Holiday Party Directions

Here is the directions and maps of the Holiday Party location.

The December 2 Holiday party location is at Carriage Club Estates mobile home park. 13320 Highway 99 at the Clubhouse.

If approaching from the south on Highway 525 (Mukilteo Speedway) the entry to the park is 600 yards north of Lincoln Way, the first stop light on the Speedway. Turn right in the center entry of the concrete sound wall. If the entry is missed turn right at Russell Way and proceed to Highway 99 and enter as stated below. (there is no entry from the north off of the Speedway)

The entrance to the park is on the west side of Highway 99 immediately south of Del Sol Auto used car sales lot and north of the business sign containing Soft Dental Care/Prestige Escrow / Statewide Mobile Homes inc.

Once in the park look for the signs on the corners pointing to the Office/Clubhouse. If directions are needed outside or in the park call Warren at (425)743-7593

Here is a G-MAP for the interior of the park <http://www.gmap-pedometer.com/?r=538602>
And the area that can be panned back to see the general area. <http://www.gmap-pedometer.com/?r=538615>

Advertise in the Newsletter!

Here is a new section of the newsletter to advertise something to sell or buy. Based on monthly available space, the listing priority will be as follows;

Priority 1; Club member selling or buying a bicycle related item.

Priority 2; An associate of a club member selling or buying a bicycle related item.

Send an email to the newsletter editor at editor@bikesclub.org

NEWSLETTER SUBMITTAL:

E-mail the editor at editor@bikesclub.org

Please submit all material for the newsletter by the 18th of the month. Thanks!

Discounts for B.I.K.E.S. Members

As a member of BIKES, you are entitled to 10% discounts off accessories at the following bike shops when you present your current membership card:
Bicycle Centers, Bicycle West, Spokemotion (formerly Monroe Cyclery), Tim's Bike Shop, Harvy's Bike Shop in Lynnwood and Stanwood Velo Sports have joined our list of supportive bicycle shops.

B.I.K.E.S.-Membership P.O. Box 5242, Everett WA 98206

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (____) _____ - _____ Email _____

Membership \$15 Annual (INDIVIDUAL)

DUES \$20 Annually (FAMILY)



www.bikesclub.org

B.I.K.E.S.
P.O. BOX 5242
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Club Bike Box and Trailer

Ready to travel with your bicycle? BIKES Club members can rent our sturdy bike box for airline travel or our BOB trailer to tow gear behind your bicycle. Cost is \$5 for a weekend or \$10 a week – basically, these are club benefits we want people to use. To arrange for rental, contact Kristin at (360) 658-2462 or another club officer.

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Happy Holidays



Happy New Year