

# Chainwheel Chatter

The Monthly newsletter of B.I.K.E.S. Club of Snohomish County

## Special Meeting June 13

### Club Happenings

By Tim Wise  
BIKES Club Secretary

The last item on last month's agenda mentioned how to go about installing a bike rack in front of a downtown business. Everyone at this meeting also liked the idea and would like the club to pursue it. Bill Higley will talk to the City of Everett about the rules and procedures that must be followed before a bike rack can be installed on the sidewalk.

Members that volunteered on the McClinchy Mile Bike Ride can pick up their cycling cap at the next meeting or the summer picnic on June 23.

Warren Bare coordinated the Ride of Silence on May 16 from the County Courthouse Plaza. More than 30 people rode, and we made a big impression riding silently south on Evergreen Way, then north on Broadway.

We talked about the grants and decided to donate up to \$2500 this year. A call for grants will be sent out by Debby and Kristin with applications postmarked by June 8. A special meeting will be held on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm to review and approve the grant awards. Details on the website updates page.

Warren Bare mentioned how the City of Bellevue paints a large white cross on the road above the in-ground light sensors so bicyclists know where to place their bikes so the signal light will change.

Bill Higley and Tim Wise will talk to the county traffic engineers to see if they can paint a marker on the road to help bicyclists at traffic lights.

#### NEXT NEWSLETTER

Got something to share with club members?

Email editor@bikesclub.org by June 18.

Next month's newsletter stuffing will be on Monday, June 25 at 7 p.m. at Mary Andrews' house in Everett.

Call 425-337-6009 for directions.

### Club Picnic June 23

Enjoy time along the Stillaguamish River with club friends old and new at Jack & Janell's near Arlington. Kids and family members welcome.

BIKES buys the burgers, sausage and fixin's, you bring salads, side dishes, desserts and beverages. You can come early to float down the river, and stay late, with camping available in the back pasture.

RSVP by June 16 to Janell at 360-435-5978.

Directions to the picnic: Take I-5 to exit 208/Arlington. Go east to Hwy. 9, then south on Hwy 9 to 204th Street (Safeway). Go left/east on 204th to stop sign. Turn right/south on Burn Road. Go up hill about 1.5 miles. Left on 95th. Stay on road as it takes a sharp right and drops down the hill. At about 2 miles after a caution sign showing the road going left, go right onto a short paved section and then gravel road. Follow this road 1 mile and go left on Nellie Lane to the second house.

Phone number above if you get lost—but you may lose cell service on 95th.

### Kids Bike Swap June 3

The fifth annual Sharing Wheels Kids Bike Swap is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, June 3 at Sharing Wheels, 2531 Broadway Ave., Everett, in the parking lot behind the Broadway Mall

The swap is a chance for kids to trade in a bike they've outgrown for a bike refurbished by Sharing Wheels volunteers. Kids get a credit based on the value of the bike they bring in.

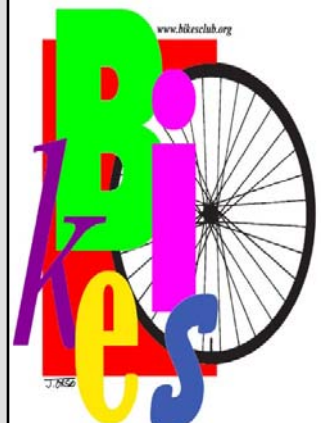
All children must be accompanied by an adult. Free helmets are available with every bike thanks to B.I.K.E.S. Club of Snohomish County. For more information, call 425-252-6952.

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### Address, Name, Phone and Email Changes

Remember to contact

Fred or Kala at (425) 487-3221 or [roster@bikesclub.org](mailto:roster@bikesclub.org) for any changes or corrections to 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.

# Frequent Rider Miles

| first   | last       | miles |          |             |    |
|---------|------------|-------|----------|-------------|----|
| Warren  | Bare       | 1713  | Art      | Arneson     | 60 |
| Pier    | Florentini | 1531  | Patty    | Garrett     | 60 |
| Wendell | Hultman    | 994   | Brent    | Hunter      | 60 |
| Doug    | Andrews    | 984   | Linda    | Hunter      | 60 |
| Steven  | Hudspeth   | 743   | Peter    | Pisani      | 59 |
| Dan     | Scott      | 695   | Elaine   | Newton      | 58 |
| John    | Marshall   | 685   | Terri    | Spencer     | 47 |
| Tim     | Wise       | 648   | Russell  | Goldberg    | 45 |
| Steve   | Linari     | 584   | Steve    | Green       | 45 |
| Bill    | Lutterloh  | 578   | Karen    | Smith       | 45 |
| Bob     | Nyberg     | 462   | Mark     | Olson *     | 42 |
| Mason   | Rutledge   | 399   | Rick     | Schrank *   | 42 |
| Kristie | Marlett    | 390   | Brian    | Elmore      | 38 |
| Annie   | Peterson   | 384   | Albert   | Penta       | 37 |
| Mark    | Andrews    | 325   | Debbie   | Kawamoto    | 36 |
| Laura   | Elmore     | 273   | Kevin    | Schroeter * | 35 |
| Bill    | Weber      | 266   | John     | Carlin      | 33 |
| Matt    | Trafford * | 254   | Kristin  | Kinnamon    | 31 |
| Pam     | Hallanger  | 142   | Debbie   | Grant       | 30 |
| Perry   | Walker     | 92    | Ginger   | Decker      | 27 |
| Fred    | Koch       | 89    | Shirley  | Slade       | 27 |
| Kala    | Koch       | 89    | Calvin   | Atkin *     | 22 |
| Kristi  | Knodell    | 84    | Sue      | Tritz       | 18 |
| Dick    | Nickelson  | 77    | Tom      | Van Wyck    | 18 |
| Pat     | Sickler    | 71    | Sharon   | Andrews     | 17 |
| Bruce   | Bullock *  | 69    | Mike     | Dahlstrom   | 16 |
| Melanie | Green *    | 67    | Rosemary | Randall *   | 13 |
| Elaine  | Scott      | 66    |          |             |    |
| Dan     | Cornelison | 65    |          |             |    |
| Rod     | McDonald   | 62    |          |             |    |

*Miles as of May 15.*

*Ride Leaders: Don't forget to send in the participant names and miles for club rides to Pier Fiorentini at [ridermiles@bikesclub.org](mailto:ridermiles@bikesclub.org).*

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**Membership \$15 Annual (INDIVIDUAL)**

**DUES \$20 Annually (FAMILY)**

# June Ride Calendar

## Weekday Rides

**Mondays: 92nd Street Park - Snohomish to Everett.** This 38-40 mile ride will be the Bergeron loop and will start at the Park at 92nd St and Mukilteo Speedway at 9:30 AM. It will follow the route Pier is doing 1/2 hour later, but at a social pace with a food stop. Horrible ugly disgusting weather cancels. For info call Warren at (425) 743-7593 <http://www.bikely.com/maps/bike-path/Al-s-Mokilteo-Snohomish-Everett-Loop>

**Freewheeling Wednesdays:** These relaxed social paced 25/40+ mile rides with varied terrain happen every Wednesday, weather permitting. Next week's route is chosen by the group at the lunch /food stop this week. For info call Warren Bare at (425) 743-7593 or email [warrenbare@verizon.net](mailto:warrenbare@verizon.net) . Will try to have particulars on the Ride Changes page of the web site by Tuesday AM.

**June 6th, 11th, 21th. The Alan Bergeron Loop variation.** Meet at 10:00 AM at the Harbour Pointe Evangelical Lutheran Church at 5425 Harbour Pointe Boulevard, Mukilteo, WA - (Web mappers point to wrong location across the street). Route: Mukilteo-Lowell-Snohomish-Lake Stevens-Everett-Mukilteo. 48 easy miles. Pace:social/moderate, terrain:A/B. Call Pier (425)349-5065 or email: [fiorepg@gte.net](mailto:fiorepg@gte.net)

**June 4th, 13th, 25<sup>th</sup> Whidbey Island in any weather.** Meet at 9:00 AM at the Harbour Pointe Evangelical Lutheran Church at 5425 Harbour Pointe Boulevard, Mukilteo. We will catch the 9:30 ferry. Ride the south part of the island. 42 to 47 miles from the meeting point. You can wait at the ferry but you have to let me know that you are coming. Bring snacks. Pace: moderate/brisk, terrain: B/C Call Pier (425)349-5065 or email: [fiorepg@gte.net](mailto:fiorepg@gte.net)

**June 18th, 28th. Mukilteo - Golden Gardens (Seattle) - Mukilteo** Meet at 10:00 AM at the Harbour Pointe Evangelical Lutheran Church at 5425 Harbour Pointe Boulevard, Mukilteo. Estimated miles 55. Pace: moderate/brisk, terrain:A/B. Call Pier (425)349-5065 or email: [fiorepg@gte.net](mailto:fiorepg@gte.net)

**June 8th, Perry's Birthday Ride.** Join Perry on Friday morning for his birthday ride. We will do 46 Kilometers (28.5 miles) one for each year. Start at 7am at the centennial trailhead in snohomish, moderate pace, heavy rain cancels ride but not birthday. For info call Perry @ 425-268-3409.

## Ride Leaders!

When you send in a ride to the monthly Ride Coordinator, please follow the format you see in the newsletter, and make sure to include the ride distance, pace and terrain rating (see chart). You need to stick to pace you advertise so people know what to expect from your ride—or make sure everyone agrees on a new pace.

Please let the Ride Coordinator early what date you want to lead a ride. The Coordinator has the job of trying to fill our weekend, and weekday, rides without too much overlap. All ride descriptions must be submitted before the 18th of the month.

Ride leaders are encouraged to support each other's rides by checking in with the Coordinator on dates to avoid double listings, especially rides at similar paces and distances.

## 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

D Difficult Terrain / Whidbey Island

E Very Difficult / RAMROD

### RIDE COORDINATOR

The Coordinator for July rides is **Warren Bare**, (425) 743-7593 or email [warrenbare@verizon.net](mailto:warrenbare@verizon.net).

**Contact him before June 18.**

People interested in leading a ride for the first time are encouraged to call for advice!

# June Ride Calendar

## Weekend Rides

**Saturday June 2, Everett to Lake Stevens:** Start at Lowell Riverfront Park (The one at the bottom of the hill with the gravel lot) 10:00 Ride to Snohomish, then up the trail to lunch in Lake Stevens: 28 – 30 miles, Social pace, Beginners or recovering riders welcome. Ride leader Doug Andrews. Cell phone day of ride (425) 344-1718 or email [dougg27@hotmail.com](mailto:dougg27@hotmail.com).

**Saturday June 2, Snohomish, Monroe, Carnation, Redmond, Maltby, Snohomish:** Starts at 10:00 in Snohomish at the Centennial trail. (On Maple before Pine). Bring snack. About 70 miles. Pace: moderate/brisk, terrain:B/C. Call Pier (425)349-5065 or email: [fiorepg@gte.net](mailto:fiorepg@gte.net)

**Saturday June 9th. Ride the Wenatchee Century.** To join the group call Pier (425)349-5065 or email: [fiorepg@gte.net](mailto:fiorepg@gte.net).

**Saturday June 16th. Ride the Flying Wheels.** To join the group call Pier (425)349-5065 or email: [fiorepg@gte.net](mailto:fiorepg@gte.net).

**Saturday 23rd, 30th. Snohomish - Sultan - Snohomish.** via: Monroe - Rainer Rd - Ben Howard - High Bridge Rd - Welch Rd. - Fales - Connelly - Springhetti - Snohomish. Bring snack. Starts at 10 a.m. in Snohomish at the Centennial Trail. (On Maple before Pine). 50 miles. Pace: moderate/brisk, terrain:B/C. Call Pier (425)349-5065 or email: [fiorepg@gte.net](mailto:fiorepg@gte.net)

**Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>: Mill Creek Ramble.** Start on trail (West Mall Dr.) near TOP Foods in Everett, 10:00. 25 miles, social+ pace, eat after, wet rain cancels. Dan & Elaine Scott 425-355 -4510. <http://www.bikely.com/maps/bike-path/Everett-Mall-Mill-Creek-Ramble>

**Saturday, June 9th: Conway School to LaConner.** Meet Patty at Conway School at 9:00 a.m. for a 22 mile ride. We will ride at a Social Pace to LaConner. Rain Cancels. Terrain: A. If you need to call for directions, please call before 8:00 p.m. weekdays, 360-435-0146 or e-mail: [pagarrett76@earthlink.net](mailto:pagarrett76@earthlink.net)

**Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup> Gasworks – I-90 Tunnel – West Seattle Loop and More.** This 40 social pace mile ride starts at Gas Works Park at 9:30 AM with a food /Snack stop at the Alki Bakery. No large hills until a series of them in West Seattle. Steady rain cancels Contact Warren Bare at (425)743-7593 ,[warrenbare@verizon.net](mailto:warrenbare@verizon.net).

**Saturday, June 16th: Snohomish to Arlington.** Meet Patty at Maple & Pine Streets in Snohomish at 9:00 a.m. for a 35 mile ride. We will ride at a Social/Moderate Pace to the Arlington Trailhead. Bring snacks. Rain Cancels. Terrain: A. If you need to call for directions, please call before 8:00 p.m. weekdays, 360-435-0146 or e-mail: [pagarrett76@earthlink.net](mailto:pagarrett76@earthlink.net)

**Sunday June 17: Lake Forest Park.** 9:30 AM at 13619 Mukilteo Speedway, Food Emporium. We will go to Lake Forest Park and south making a loop for this social / moderate with regroup ride that returns by the Shoreline Inter-urban Trail improvements. Some hills and serious rain cancels. Information contact Warren Bare at (425) 743-7593 or [warrenbare@verizon.net](mailto:warrenbare@verizon.net).

**June 23rd, Oldies/Classics/BIKES picnic ride;** 15 miles starting at the Haggens on Hwy 9 in Arlington (near to the picnic, naturally). Ride whatever you want, but this would be a great time to ride an "oldie" and bring it to the picnic to show it off. Check the ride updates for the start time. Check the route: <http://www.bikely.com/maps/bike-path/Arlington-to-Silvana>

Dan & Elaine Scott 425-355-4510

**Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup>: Kitsap Peninsula breakfast ride.** This route will start in Kingston and loop through Indianola, stop at the Farm Kitchen for breakfast (about mile 10), travel Big Valley Rd to Port Gamble and then head back to Kingston via Gamble Bay. Approx. 33 miles, A/B/C terrain, social/moderate pace. Meet at the Edmonds Ferry Terminal to take the 8:40am ferry to Kingston. Bring money for breakfast and ferry. Ride leader Debby Grant (425) 778-5530, [debby@jaygrant.com](mailto:debby@jaygrant.com). Rain cancels.

# Advocacy News

## National Bike Summit

By Dave Janis

*Bicycle Alliance of Washington*

The 2007 National Bike Summit was held March 13-16 in Washington DC and brought together a record 430 stakeholders. It is organized by the League of American Bicyclists. While there were a variety of workshops and presentations, the primary focus was on lobbying congress on several issues. I made appointments and coordinated visits with all nine Washington congressional officials. Seven people from Washington attended.

The focus of the lobbying was on several issues, one which needs public support at this time. The Bicycle Commuter Act would extend the transportation fringe benefit, currently available to transit users and car drivers, to bicycle commuters. The legislation would provide a tax benefit to employers who offer cash reimbursements to an employee who commutes by bicycle, while helping defray the costs of commuting for the bicyclist.

Legislation in the House and Senate is still in the respective committees (Ways and Means in the House and Finance in the Senate). It is hoped that this legislation will be added as an amendment to a larger tax package which is expected to be voted on during a Finance Committee hearing on June 20. Contact your Senator and Congressman in support of this bill.

## Bicycle Rider Found at Fault

By Gary J. Strauss, Attorney

*Bicycle Alliance of Washington Board Member*

In an April decision on *Borromeo v. Shea*, No. 58221-6 (April 30, 2007) the state Court of Appeals found a cyclist at fault for an accident in which the bicyclist was riding in a bike lane but in the direction opposed to the flow of traffic. He was injured when he was hit by a car turning onto the roadway from a parking lot. The jury found the driver not negligent.

The Court of Appeals holds that, although the statutes pertaining to the duties of bicyclists are not a model of clarity, the trial court properly instructed the jury as to the duties of both driver and cyclist under the statutes and the evidence supports the verdict.

Under state law, a bicycle is a vehicle. A roadway is "that portion of a highway improved, designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular travel, exclusive of the sidewalk or shoulder even though such sidewalk or shoulder is used by persons riding bicycles."

Thus, unlike a multiuse trail or a crosswalk, a bicycle lane adjacent to regular traffic lanes is both designed and ordinarily used for vehicular travel, and is thus part of the roadway.

## Mercer Island Police Patrols

By Mercer Island Police Department

Better weather brings out more bicyclists and Mercer Island police officers are seeing an increase in dangerous car/bicycle interactions. Two of the more common violations observed are bicycles not stopping for stop signs or lights and cars passing bicyclists in unsafe areas. The Mercer Island Police Department will be stepping up education and enforcement efforts throughout the summer.

Bicyclists and motorists are reminded that when a bicycle is riding on the roadway, the cyclist has all of the rights and responsibilities of a vehicle driver (RCW 46.61.755). Additional information regarding applicable laws can be found at <http://www.bicyclealliance.org/safety/rcw.html>.

# Trail News

## Construction Near Interurban Trail

The County's portion of the Interurban Trail corridor along I-5 in south Snohomish County is located on easements through, or across, private properties not owned by Snohomish County Parks or Public Works. At 160<sup>th</sup> St. SW & Meadow Road (just north of 164<sup>th</sup> St. in South County) the Interurban Trail crosses one of these private ownerships which is scheduled for development into condominiums this summer.

County Parks is currently working with the property owner & developer, Sundquist Homes, in exploring alternative routes of travel to keep the trail connection open for the public. The designated routes of travel will be signed with directional and instructional messages for the trail users. For information, contact Patrick Kenyon, Senior Park Planner, [pkenyon@co.snohomish.wa.us](mailto:pkenyon@co.snohomish.wa.us), (425) 388-6620.

## Trestle Trail Part of Detour Route

The State Department of Transportation closed the bike path under the trestle for two days in May to "keep bicyclists safe while we pave east-bound 20th Street SE." The road under the trestle will be used as a detour route during construction this summer and it was paved to hold up under the extra traffic.

During the majority of Hwy. 2 trestle work this summer, the bike path will be open in both directions. You can find more information at: [www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/US2/EbeyIslandBridgeRepair](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/US2/EbeyIslandBridgeRepair). You can also sign up for updates on WSDOT projects in Snohomish County: [www.wsdot.wa.gov/Northwest/Snohomish/Emailupdate](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Northwest/Snohomish/Emailupdate).

[www.bikesclub.org](http://www.bikesclub.org)

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## Save the Date

### Bike Alliance Auction Oct. 27

This year's Auction, "Fuel Your Passion", is Oct. 27. To make it as successful as last year we need your help and participation.

Donations of quality items, activities and more are needed. Potential donors may visit the BAW website to fill out the form so their item may be included in the auction catalogue, as follows:

[www.bicyclealliance.org/auction/procureform.php](http://www.bicyclealliance.org/auction/procureform.php)

## BIKES Club Members

### Renewals:

Norman Pasche, Spokane,  
Dan & Elaine Scott, Everett  
Drew Ellison & Family, Everett

## 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 Bill at (425) 252-9587 or another club officer.



We're on the web at  
[www.bikesclub.org](http://www.bikesclub.org)

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Is it time to renew? →

# Chainwheel Chatter June 2007

## Money Available to Support Cycling

B.I.K.E.S. Club of Snohomish County, a non-profit recreational bicycle club, is accepting grant requests. Snohomish County organizations that support bicycling and bike safety for children or adults will be considered. Previous grants have ranged from \$100 - \$1000. Grants totaling up to \$2,500 will be awarded by the end of June.

Previous grants have ranged from \$100 to \$1,000 and have supported kids bike helmets, bike racks, bike rodeos and bicycles for low income youth.

Requests should include a description of the project, the number of people expected to be impacted and the organization requesting the grant.

Grant requests should be postmarked by June 8 via mail or received by Monday, June 11 via email. Submit requests to [president@bikesclub.org](mailto:president@bikesclub.org) or B.I.K.E.S., PO Box 5242, Everett, WA, 98206.

Contact President Bill Weber if you need more information by calling 425-252-9587.

## Grant Meeting June 13

A special club meeting to review grant applications will be held on Wednesday, June 13 at 6 p.m. at Alfy's Pizza on north Broadway in Everett. All members are welcome to assist with this process.