

Chainwheel Chatter

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

Next Club Meeting February 8, 2007

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From the President

By Bill Weber

I have had a lot of questions lately about our club ride miles and how they are tracked. What are club miles? What are personal miles? How long does a ride have to be posted on the web before we count the miles as club miles? Should web-posted rides be counted as rides for the ride leader breakfast? Since club rides are free rides (no registration fees) should pay-to-ride events be counted? What about RAPSody, McClinchy, or the other "RAPSody training rides"? Does the person reporting the miles get credit for "leading" a pay-to-ride? Should we have somebody control what ride miles get counted? The list of questions goes on and on.

Tracking ride miles was started as a way to encourage members to ride. Currently the club has no written rules to define "club miles." When tracking began, the ride changes page on the website did not exist. We self-reported McClinchy and the ride leaders (newsletter only) reported the rest.

We have had a lot of fun with the numbers. It appears to be working as last year we logged 34,807 club miles (that's more than a trip around world at the equator).

As President I do not wish to create rules that would create ill feelings among the members, or reduce our desire to ride together. I would prefer to create "Guidelines" for tracking club miles.

Please don't read anything extra into the following paragraph as it is only my thoughts, no rules or guidelines will be created until they are discussed at an upcoming meeting.

Rides listed in the newsletter count miles and leader—this should encourage leaders to list in the newsletter a create an easy way to track the leaders. Rides listed on the website over 24 hours count miles. Pay-to-ride events not sponsored by B.I.K.E.S. should be considered personal miles.

I would love to hear your thoughts. Please send them to me at president@bikesclub.org

Club News

Make a Commitment to Your Club

Come learn how to get involved

At Feb. 8 club meeting in Everett

BIKES Club of Snohomish County is an all-volunteer effort, and we get a LOT accomplished. First there's the miles we ride – led by volunteer ride leaders. Then there's the annual McClinchy Mile Bike Ride, which takes the work of 25-30 club volunteers doing all sorts of things before, during and after the event.

Some of us help with the Ride Around Puget Sound (RAPSody). Others host a monthly newsletter stuffing. One person each month wrangles all the rest of us into posting a ride in our ride calendar.

At the Feb. 8 club meeting, we'll talk about these and other volunteer opportunities, and our open Vice President position.

BIKES Club meetings are at 7 p.m. the second Thursday at the PUD in Everett, 2320 California.

Meeting Before the Meeting (Dinner)

See you at Papi's Pizza on Hewitt Ave around 5:45 p.m for dinner with your club friends. We'll talk about ... biking, OK?

Scotts Injured by Inattentive SUV

Dan and Elaine Scott were leading Warren Bare and Pier Fiorentini on their tandem Jan. 24, in bright biker gear. The bikes had the right of way on 35th Ave SE when a car pulled in front of them—despite Dan's yelling to get the driver's attention.

Dan was unable to stop the bike in time. He got much road rash, and Elaine went to the doctor for injuries to her hip. They have had to cancel a vacation to California. Best wishes on recovery to Dan & Elaine.

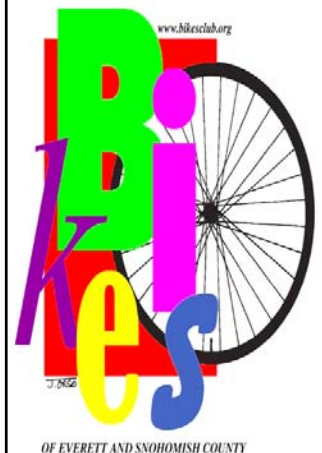
The tandem could not be ridden, and needs a new fork. A sheriff's deputy was at the scene and we await news of a citation.

Mike Dahlstrom assisted at the scene as well.

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OF EVERETT AND SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Welcome!

Renewing Members

Peter Pisani
James Weaver
Doug & Sharon
Andrews family

New Members

Laurence Julie Harris
Walter & Ardis Hammen

NEWSLETTER STUFFING:

Next month's newsletter stuffing will be held at
7pm Monday Feb. 26 at

Bill Weber's house in Everett.

Call 425-252-9587

or email president@bikesclub.org for directions

See you there.

NEWSLETTER SUBMITTAL:

E-mail editor at editor@bikesclub.org.

**Please submit all material for next
month's newsletter by**

The 18th of the month. Thanks!

RIDE COORDINATOR:

Next month's Ride Coordinator is
Debby Grant

Please call 425-778-5530 or
email debby@jaygrant.com
before Feb. 18th to schedule a ride for
March or to learn about becoming a

NEW ride leader.

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Fred or Kala at (425) 487-3221 or 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

Miles ridden by members on BIKES Club Rides

<u>2007 Ride Season</u>		
<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Miles</u>
Steven	Hudspeth	283
Doug	Andrews	269
Warren	Bare	256
Bill	Lutterloh	156
Mark	Andrews	150
Annie	Peterson	137
Wendell	Hultman	133
Pier	Fiorentini	110
John	Marshall	90
Tim	Wise	79
Bill	Weber	66
Peter	Pisani	37
Mason	Rutledge	36
Elaine	Scott	23
Dan	Scott	23
Pat	Sickler	22
John	Carlin	20
Sharon	Andrews	17
Perry	Walker	15
Bill	Lutterloh	2475
Warren	Bare	2184
Dan	Scott	2100
Tim	Wise	1483
Elaine	Scott	1442
Steve	Hudspeth	1439
Doug	Anderws	1258

These folks are well on their way to earning a club water bottle in our Frequent Rider Club.

2006 Ride Season
 These are final totals for members who rode between Nov. 19 and Dec. 2. All other totals were listed in the last newsletter. Something to shoot for!

Bike Advocacy News

Transportation Lobby Day Feb. 6

By Kristin Kinnamon

Would you like to remind state legislators that bicycles deserve room on the road? The Bicycle Alliance of Washington is partnering with other environmental and transportation choices-related organizations to host "Transportation Lobby Day" in Olympia on Feb. 6.

There are a variety of carpool/shared ride options (including BIKING to Olympia), as well as possible overnight homestays. Visit www.bicyclealliance.org to learn more about Transportation Lobby Day, or give me a call at 360-658-2462.

Keeping an eye on Hwy. 2 Trestle

A story in the Everett Herald Jan. 23 reported that Snohomish County is considering converting portions of roadway along the current bike route between Everett and Lake Stevens into extra space for cars and carpools. I immediately called county Public Works Director Steve Thomsen to confirm that at no time will we lose the level of bike facility we now have. Meanwhile, other BIKES members were writing and calling county officials as well.

Dan Scott wrote county councilman Kirke Sievers, "Access by non-motorized means to the county is sparse, and taking out the bike lane alongside the Highway 2 bridge over the Snohomish River and in the vicinity of Home Acres Road would be shortsighted."

John Marshall, a bike commuter, also wrote Sievers, "I'm not a radical Critical Mass type at all, but I do feel that, as a cyclist *and* motorist (and voter), we have made our own problems with regard to motor traffic. Unprecedented suburban sprawl is clearly out of touch with transportation realities. I realize that voters-in-cars outnumber voters-on-bikes, but why engage in a transportation plan that, in effect, punishes some of the very people who are actively trying to help out."

Mike Dahlstrom contacted his county councilman Dave Somers. Thanks to others who took action as well.

Bottom line, the county does *not* plan to eliminate bike access across Highway 2 at any time, though they don't know just how they will accomplish that. And they know we're watching and riding.

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Membership \$15 Annual (INDIVIDUAL)

DUES \$20 Annually (FAMILY)



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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

Bicycle helmets are required on all BIKES Club rides.

Why?

Because we like you.

February Ride Calendar

Weekday Rides

Monday Afternoons, February 5, 12, 19 & 26: Centennial Trail rides. Start at the south (Snohomish) end of trail at the northeast corner of Maple and Pine. Start time 2:45 PM, Social pace, mostly A terrain, approximately 22 miles. (Can also meet us at Machias Station about 3:15 PM for a shorter ride of about 13 miles.) Precipitation and / or extreme cold cancels. Cell phone afternoon of ride is 425-870-6418. Bring head and tail lights. It's a good idea to bring a drink, snack, long gloves, rain resistant top, and extra inner tube. Ride Leader Bill Lutterloh 360-668-9554.

Tuesday Training Ride (Feb 6 and 20) -- We'll do a 20-mile moderate paced ride on a modified Bergeron loop. The start will be Under the Red Umbrella Café at 15th and Rucker in North Everett. We'll head north along the Interurban, east to Snohomish via River Road and then west via Ebby Island and the trestle. Rain or snow will cancel. For more information, rutledge3m@earthlink.net.

Monday and Thursday -February 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26 Mukilteo to North Everett. 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). Route: Harbour Pointe Boulevard, Mukilteo Speedway, Mukilteo Boulevard to Forest Park, 41st, Smith, Pacific, Maple, Marine View Dr, Colby then back on the trail at 44th to E/W Casino Way. 30 easy miles. Pace: social, terrain:B. Heavy rain cancels. Call Pier (425)349-5065

Weekend Rides

Saturday, February 3: Centennial trail. Start time 10:00 AM. Social pace, A terrain, Some B, 35 - 40 miles. Bad rain / ice / snow cancels. Start at North end just north of 152nd on 67th. It's a good idea to bring a drink, snack, extra inner tube, and at least a rain resistant top. Lunch in Snohomish (Bring \$\$ for lunch). Ride Leader: Doug Andrews. cell phone day of ride 425-344-1718, email: dougg-27@comcast.net

Saturday February 3: Monroe Snohomish - Meet Pier at 10:30 at the Snohomish Centennial trail head for a ride to Monroe, We will return via High Bidge Rd. Connelly, Springetti rd. - 26 easy miles even in the rain. For Info contact Pier Fiorentini (425) 349-5065 fiorepg@gte.net

Sunday February 4 South Everett /Snohomish A 10:00 AM start at McCollum Park on this social paced ride led by Wendell Hultman heads out to Snohomish and will be from 35 to 45 miles dependent on the weather and group choice. There are some hills and there will be a food stop along the way. One half mile east of I-5 exit 186 is the start location. Heavy rain cancels and contact Wendell at 425-353-2972 or 425-745-5859 for Info.

Saturday February 10 - Soup Ride - start at 9:00 from Allen Creek Elementary (corner of 64th St NE and 60th Dr NE) for a 30-40 mile ride over A terrain, a little B and have soup/lunch afterwards. Social-Moderate pace, we'll adjust to suit riders. After ride soup/lunch will be at my place, just 4 blocks from Allen Creek. Contact Mike Snodgrass at (360) 653-2384 with any questions. Rain/snow/ice cancels.

Sunday February 11: Snohomish to Sultan. Start time 10:00 AM. Social pace A terrain with a few hills. Bad rain / ice / snow cancels. Start at south end of Centennial Trail corner of Maple and Pine. It's a good idea to bring a drink, snack, extra inner tube, and at least a rain resistant top. Lunch in Sultan (Bring \$\$ for lunch). Bikely map <http://www.bikely.com/maps/bike-path/Snohomish-Sultan> Ride Leader: Doug Andrews. cell phone day of ride 425-344-1718, email: dougg-27@comcast.net

Saturday February 17 Twin Lakes – Stanwood :Start this 38 mile ride at Twin Lakes near Smoky Point at 10:00 AM. This is a fun ride that that will include Happy Valley –Happy Hollow and a stop at the Cookie Mill in Stanwood. A/B terrain and Social pace with regroup. Warren Bare (425)743-7593 warrenbare@verizon.net Bikely Map <http://www.bikely.com/maps/bike-path/Twin-Lakes-McCray-Stanwood>

Saturday, February 18 : Burke-Gilman Trail –Bike Swap and on to Ivar's. Start time 10:00 AM. Social pace, A terrain, about 30 miles. Bad rain / ice / snow cancels. Start in Bothell at Sammamish River Park on the southwest corner of 102nd Avenue NE (overpass) & Sammamish River. It's a good idea to bring a drink, snack, extra inner tube, and at least a rain resistant top. Lunch at Ivar's (Bring \$\$ for lunch). Ride Leader: Doug Andrews. cell phone day of ride 425-344-1718, email: dougg-27@comcast.net.

Sunday February 18: Everett to Arlington Approximately 60 miles moderate pace rain shortens Ice/snow cancels, mostly A terrain Start 9:30 at Garfield park 2 blocks east of Walnut on 23rd Street ride leader Bill Weber More info call 425 327-3516

Saturday February 24: Monroe Snohomish - Meet Pier at 10:30 at the Snohomish Centennial trail head for a ride to Monroe, We will return via High Bridge Rd. Connelly, Springetti rd. - 26 easy miles even in the rain. For Info contact Pier Fiorentini (425) 349-5065 fiorepg@gte.net

Sunday February 25 Centennial Trail: Patty Garrett leads this 35 mile ride from the Snohomish Start at the Pine and Maple trailhead to Arlington parking lot trailhead on 67 Ave NE. Start time is 10:00 and Strong winds, rain ,snow or ice cancels. Contact Patty for information at 360-435-0146 (prior to 8:00 pm during the week)

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Don't Miss Bike Swap Feb. 18

The Seattle Bike Swap is one giant garage sale for used bikes, new and used gear, clothing, outdoor stuff and more for one day only. Visit www.pazzovelo.com/events

BIKES Supports KSER

Last fall among the many community contributions made by BIKES Club of Snohomish County, we became a "business believer" in KSER, our local community radio station.

Listen to 90.7 FM at 12:30 weekdays to hear our announcement on a rotating basis (first Mondays, third Tuesdays, second Thursdays, fourth Fridays).

'Nightriding' in Herald

A Jan. 20 story in the Everett Herald profiled a year-round bike commuter, quoted club member Kristin Kinnamon and gave great tips on riding in the rain and dark. Go to our website for a link.

Sharing Wheels Drop-Off Feb. 11

Used bikes accepted 10 a.m.—2 p.m. at 2321 Broadway, Everett.



We're on the web at;
www.bikesclub.org

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Is it time to renew? →

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**25th Anniversary
McClinchy Mile Ride
March 17, 2007, Arlington**
Flyer enclosed