

# Chainwheel Chatter

B.I.K.E.S.

Your Snohomish County Cycling Club

## From the President

The new club website, hosted by Wild Apricot, is close to going live. When it does, it will revert to the club URL, bikesclub.org. Until then, the URL is a long one, bikesclubofsnohomishcounty.onefireplace.org. Tim Wise and I have been chipping away at loading information and formatting web pages. The membership database is working and members may view a roster on-line. Members may also update personal profile information such as email and home addresses and telephone numbers. A few club members have done trial-runs to help test and learn.

A feature of this membership system is the capability to store names of all individuals who are part of a family membership. A couple months ago when we began using Wild Apricot each individual member required a distinct email address but that is no longer the case. The primary member of a Family membership is referred to as the "Bundle" administrator and can log on and add the names of his or her family members.

Like the current website, the new one has pages for Rides and ad-hoc Ride Changes. Rides uses the Events feature of the new site and can be viewed in a calendar or list format. As they do now, club members will act as ride coordinators and compile monthly ride listings for the newsletter and website. Check out the new Ride Changes page and you'll find that it uses a forum-style set-up. Ride Leaders can create a topic and enter new ride details or changes to a posted ride. Members may subscribe to the Ride Changes forum and receive email copies of postings. Titles of the first few Rides and Ride Changes also show in small windows on the website main page.

And while all this has been going on some members continue to ride their bikes.

Pedals Up,

Debby Grant

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**Next meeting  
February 10 - 7pm**

Snohomish County PUD Bldg  
2320 California Ave, Everett

John Carlin presents his 2010  
Tour BC.

Social hour & no-host dinner  
before the meeting at 5:30pm:

The Depot Café, 3201  
McDougall Avenue, Everett

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## Volunteer Corner

Bike Expo and McClinchy Mile are just around the corner. See page five for detailed descriptions of both events and how you can volunteer. Now that you've read the President's message and are excited about the new website you probably want to volunteer to help manage the membership database! The membership management system will allow us to share tasks and this is a job that doesn't require meeting attendance. If you're just a little computer savvy and can spare about an hour a month, think about stepping up for this job.

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**Ride Coordinators**

Ride leaders - send your ride listings to the "leadaride" address. The email automatically forwards to the current month's coordinator.

March: Warren Bare

April: Tim Wise

May: Doug Andrews

June: Kristi Knodell

July: Dan Scott

Aug: Tim Wise

**Frequent Rider Club - Miles thru mid-January**

The Frequent Rider Miles program is a fun benefit for BIKES Club members. Ride 100 miles or 500 miles or 1000 miles, or more, on club-sponsored rides and earn a reward. Miles are tracked from BIKES Club rides as reported by ride leaders. **Ride Leaders:** When reporting a ride please remember that a ride is eligible for club miles when 1) the ride is listed in the newsletter and on the Rides web page, even if only the ride leader participates or 2) the ride is listed on the Ride Change web page and the ride leader and one other person from a different address participate. When reporting please include your name, name of ride, ride date, number of miles, names of participants, member status. Ride miles must be reported separately by ride date.

Wendell	Hultman	287
Bill	Lutterloh	134
Genadi	Osowiecki	119
Bill	Weber	117
Warren	Bare	114
Dan	Scott	92
Mike	Dahlstrom	47
Evelyn	Rayburn	47
Steve	Linari	24
Tom	Weber	24
Bob	Nyberg	23

**Ride Guide**

Pace		Terrain	
Leisure	Under 10 MPH	A	Mostly flat / Norman Rd
Social	10-14 MPH	B	Rolling Terrain / McClinchy
Moderate	14-16 MPH	C	Rolling steeper hills / Kitsap Peninsula
Brisk	16-18 MPH	D	Difficult Terrain / Whidbey Island
Strenuous	Over 18 MPH	E	Very Difficult / RAMROD

## Monthly Ride Calendar

### Weekday

**Monday, February 14th, 28th. Mukilteo-Lake Stevens:** Meet at 10am in Mukilteo same parking lot now of Point of Grace church. Route: Mukilteo-Lowell-Snohomish-Machias-Lake Stevens-Everett-Mukilteo. 52 miles. Pace: depends on riders. Terrain:B/C. Snow cancel. Leave a message (425)349-5065 or email: [fiorepg@frontier.com](mailto:fiorepg@frontier.com)

**Wednesday, February 2nd, 23<sup>rd</sup>, Mukilteo-Snohomish-Everett:** Meet at 10am in Mukilteo same parking lot now of Point of Grace church. Route: Mukilteo-Lowell-Snohomish-Everett-Mukilteo. 42 or 47 miles. Pace: depends on riders. Terrain:A/B. Snow cancel. Leave a message (425)349-5065 or email: [fiorepg@frontier.com](mailto:fiorepg@frontier.com)

**Friday, February 18th. Mukilteo-Snohomish-Monroe.** Meet at 10am in Mukilteo same parking lot now of Point of Grace church. Return via High Bridge Rd - Lowell-Larimer Rd. 54 Miles. Pace: depends on riders. Rerrain: B/C. Snow cancel. Leave a message (425)349-5065 or email: [fiorepg@frontier.com](mailto:fiorepg@frontier.com)

### Weekend

**Sunday February 13<sup>th</sup> Bypass and Roundabouts** – We will do a social / moderate 26 mile ride starting at Machias Station at 10am. They finished the Granite Falls bypass late last fall and since that is a section of road few of us have ridden we need to check it out. Some hills and a food stop in Granite Falls and ugly (as in rain, snow etc.) possible threatening weather may cancel. Leader Warren Bare (425) 743-7593 or [bare.warren@gmail.com](mailto:bare.warren@gmail.com)

**Saturday February 19<sup>th</sup> – Echo Lake – Ballard - & return.** Start at 10am for this 25-30 A/B Social / Moderate ride. A food stop along the way and rain, snow etc. will cancel. Leader Warren Bare. (425) 743-7593 or [bare.warren@gmail.com](mailto:bare.warren@gmail.com)

**Sunday February 27<sup>th</sup> — McCollum Park to 3rd Place Books** - Starting at 10am at McCollum Park and Ride parking lot. Social moderate pace with regroup. 30-35 Miles. We will go the extended route by Maltby if the weather is good. Heavy rain and snow cancels. Leader Tim Wise (425) 754-7916 or [tcjkwise@frontier.com](mailto:tcjkwise@frontier.com)

## Advocacy

### Mutual Responsibility Bill Defines What it Means to Share the Road

A new bill proposed by the Bicycle Alliance of Washington better defines how motorists and bicyclists can safely share the road.

HB 1018, the Mutual Responsibility bill, acknowledges that motorists and bicyclists have responsibilities to safely share the road with each other. The bill, sponsored by Representative Jamie Pederson of Seattle and an avid bike commuter, is based on similar legislation passed in Colorado and Vermont.

Among the bill's key points:

- Defines a safe passing distance of bicycles by motorists based on their travel speed.
- Specifies that drivers must exercise due care to avoid colliding with bicyclists
- Clarifies that motorists may cross the center line when overtaking a cyclist or pedestrian
- Specifies that cyclists ride to the right in through lanes, use bike lanes or shoulders unless the bicyclist deems it is unsafe or impractical to do so
- Clarifies unsafe conditions that may require cyclists to ride in other lane positions
- States that bicyclists yield to pedestrians when riding on sidewalks, crosswalks or trails.

This legislation began as a safe passing bill two years ago but did not pass. The Bicycle Alliance and its legislative committee listened to concerns expressed by legislators and law enforcement, then gathered additional input from bike clubs and other stakeholders to make this a more comprehensive bill for sharing the road safely.

“The law enforcement community recommended that safe passing distance vary depending upon the speed of the motorist and cyclists wanted us to point out unsafe conditions that force them to take the center of a travel lane, and move out of bike lanes and shoulders,” explained BAW Policy Director Dave Janis. “By clarifying existing laws and adding a few new sections, we believe that our roads will be safer for all,” Janis added.

The Mutual Responsibility bill, with info boxes explaining proposed changes, can be found on the Bicycle Alliance website: [bicyclealliance.org/programs/legislation.html](http://bicyclealliance.org/programs/legislation.html)

**Mountlake Terrace:** The City of MLT has been approved by the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) for \$300,000 to complete design and right of way acquisition for its Lakeview Trail Project. This is a Congestion Mitigation/ Air Quality grant from the Federal Highway Administration. The funds are in addition to \$200,000 received by the city as part of Congress's Consolidate Appropriations Bill signed into law in December, 2009. Design will begin later this year with construction in 2012.

## Future Events and Volunteer Opportunities

### February 10: Transportation Advocacy Day

Join fellow bike advocates in Olympia to learn about legislation and lobby your elected representatives. The event is co-sponsored by a number of organizations including the Bicycle Alliance of Washington, Cascade Bicycle Club and Transportation Choices Coalition. Go to "[www.bicyclealliance.org](http://www.bicyclealliance.org)" to learn more about this year's bike-related bills and for a link to sign up. We usually organize a carpool from Everett. Note carpool wanted when you register or contact Rod McDonald at [rodmc@cedarcomm.com](mailto:rodmc@cedarcomm.com).

### February 13: Seattle Bike Swap, 9 AM to 2 PM at Seattle Center Exhibition Hall

To some club members it's like being a kid in a candy shop. The swap is a great place to get deals on used bikes and gear and to find new clothes and accessories, often at a special price. Come early for the best selection or late for the best deals. Entry is \$5 until 1 PM, then free for the last hour. Bring cash or checks as most vendors don't accept credit cards.

### March 12 and 13: Bike Expo; McClinchy Mile: March 19:

The McClinchy Mile is an introduction for the general public to the great riding of Snohomish County as well as an introduction to the great people of BIKES Club. It is also the club's only fundraiser of the year. It enables us to support local bicycle, helmet and education programs, the Bicycle Alliance of Washington and our own club activities. It takes a few dozen people to host the event, and there's a job for everybody. Volunteers can often schedule their day to both help at and ride some part of the event. You'll also earn the bike bell souvenir and a pizza dinner at the end of the day.

The first volunteer opportunity is the Bike Expo March 12 and 13. We need to fill shifts both days promoting McClinchy and the club. You get free entrance and time to wander. Contact Mike Dahlstrom at "[bikeexpo@bikesclub.org](mailto:bikeexpo@bikesclub.org)"

Around the same week we'll be marking the routes, so watch for rides posted in the newsletter or on line. On March 19 we need volunteers for morning parking, rest stops in Granite Falls, Stanwood, and Machias, SAG support on all three loops (by car and some by bike), Arlington setup and cleanup, and registration (including signups, route help and misc. logistics). To volunteer contact Kristin Kinnamon at "[Kinnamonk@aol.com](mailto:Kinnamonk@aol.com)".



### Members, Renewing

Mike Dahlstom  
Charlotte and Jerry Maris  
Wendell Hultman (3 yrs)  
Will McMahan  
Kathleen Humbert

### Members, New

George Price  
Kate Renken



### Need a new bike map?

Snohomish County bike map is published by Community Transit. It includes detailed Interurban and Centennial Trail maps. You can view them at [www.communitytransit.org/bikes](http://www.communitytransit.org/bikes) or request a hard copy by calling 425-353-7433.

Club members help update the map every few years and the club contributes to printing costs. Members might also find a map at a club meeting.

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#### NEWSLETTER SUBMITTAL

Please submit all material for the March newsletter by Feb 20.  
E-mail John Carlin at [editor@bikesclub.org](mailto:editor@bikesclub.org)

### Club Bike Box and Trailer

Ready to travel with your bicycle? BIKES Club members can use our sturdy bike box for airline travel or our BOB trailer to tow gear behind their bikes. Cost – FREE with a \$25.00 refundable deposit. These are club benefits we want people to use. To arrange for use contact Warren Bare at (425) 743-7593 or a club officer.

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### B.I.K.E.S. Membership PO Box 5242, Everett, WA 98206

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Dues \$15 Annual (individual)**

**\$20 Annual (family)**

**Member Benefits:** Club rides, Frequent Rider Club, monthly newsletter, social and advocacy activities, low-cost bike box and trailer rental, 10% discount at local bike shops with your member card.