

MOUNTAIN CYCLIST



LEADING THE PARTICIPATION OF MOUNTAIN CYCLISTS IN THE TRAIL COMMUNITY

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By Paul Nam

Before you go into the woods, think again, and think about how to get out of them.

Will a cyclist in distress be rescued? Rescue can depend upon companions, distance, equipment, weather, and regula-

Undoing the damage done is painful and expensive. In the face of decreasing tax revenues, the expense of search and rescue is a fiscal challenge for municipalities and agencies around the world. Increasingly, those rescued face

tional public land access. In the 60's and 70's, rock climbing went through a progression towards regulation that would be echoed a couple of decades later by mountain biking. Regulations change. Since mountain bikers face similar hazards with mountaineers, these policies inevitably converge.

A recent example of changing regulation in mountaineering comes from the "Live Free or Die" state of New Hampshire.

In response to the multitude of hikers, cross-country skiers and others who venture unprepared into the wilderness, become lost and have to call for help, the State of New Hampshire is billing people for rescues stemming from their own negli-

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tions, policy, law, insurance and ethics. Like they do with flat tires, cyclists cope better with emergencies when they are prepared for them.

Self rescue is the usual expedient and it works. Consider instead the unlucky and the unhappy circumstance, known as a serious accident.

steeper bills to pay along the trail to recovery.

The mountaineering community has long agonized over the many dilemmas of a rescue. Mountain climbing is the genesis of many regulations which govern recrea-

SAVE THE DATE!!! Swap meet at Cupertino Bike Shop

April 26, 2009

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2008 TOUR OF THE 20'S

By Henry Pastorelli

The 2008 Tour of the 20's ride took place on Sunday, November 2nd and we were lucky to sneak it in between two storm systems. The temperatures were pleasant; we saw no rain and a strong group of 30 riders turned out.

Gary Gellin is the recognized authority on finding the steepest grades in San Francisco (20%+) while managing to tie together a route that takes riders through some of the City's best sights. The ride is a circuitous 30 miles of urban street riding, some single track and 4500 ft of climbing. After 16 years of Gary's ride leadership, and sweep support from his wife Holly, this ride is deemed a classic.

Often I have trouble explaining the Tour of the 20's to non-riders. I typically get "What, you ride all the 20% or steeper hills in SF? Is that all it's about?" When I go on to describe the other aspects, I get blank stares. So here's a few observations from this year's ride: a guy riding a nose wheelie down Lombard; a roadie riding the muddy single-track on Mt. Davidson and then descending the newly built



wooden stairs; neighbors who recognize the ride from previous years and cheer us on; tourists taking your picture as you hike-a-bike up the stairs to Coit tower and, most importantly, seeing neighborhoods and views of the City most folks never see. It's a great ride and I'm already looking forward to next



TRAIL HEAD CYCLERY'S NEW DIGS!

By Lars Thomsen
As any of you well know, who have been in my shop, we are a little bit cramped. Twelve years of growing our shop into what it is today has lead to my latest adventure... Moving. I hate

moving. I suck at it actually, not organized at all and wait until the last minute to pack. Drives Karen crazy.

This is a bit different though, as I'm finding it very exciting to design a new shop just down the way, the building right next to the Espresso cafe! On the first day of 2009, I got keys to 4200 square feet of retail love. Damn, it looks so big right now all empty! Ripping down more trailer trash wood siding than I've ever seen has been a blast! Oh, and scraping GOLF off the top windows and putting up BIKE was RAD!!!

So, I have big plans for the new digs. We're going to have an impressive service bay where I plan to be so efficient that waiting for service will depend only on the availability of parts. And you know how I love to stock parts, right? Now picture having that kind of availability for all 700c bikes! That's right, we're drink'n the juice and will have on display speedsters from Ibis, Moots, Specialized, Intense, Surly and even Santa Cruz. Feel free to test the new Hakkalugi

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BLACK FRIDAY

By Ted Stroll

Two experiences on the morning of Black Friday confirmed for me the conclusion of a psychological study, done at the University of Colorado at Boulder, that “the ‘good life’ may be better lived by doing things rather than by having things.”

more than 3500 people inside.

Queuing for the television was the worst part of an ordeal that lasted more than three hours overall. As we waited we heard regular announcements about models that had sold out.

I reached the first station, at which one orders the television and is handed a

desired model had just sold out. I made my way toward the exit, figuring that I had gotten the experience if not the television. On my way out I passed the second station, at which one collects the item, and mentioned my defeat to a manager standing nearby. He said that the item was not sold out and directed a clerk: “Give him a television.” And one was handed to me.

As I marveled at this fluke and dragged away the television, I saw that the pickup line was long and barely moving, and I had inadvertently bypassed it. I will never forget the experience, and although I have promised myself to avoid Black Friday henceforth, I’m glad I did it once just to see how bizarre it was.

I had to mountain bike to get the toxicity of the experience out of my system. By 9:00 a.m. I was on my way to the top levels of Mission Peak Regional Preserve in nearby Fremont. I climbed up through cold fog and gloom and emerged into sunlight in the last 200 feet. It was spectacular because the whole Bay Area and beyond was blan-

keted in fog—all except Mts. Diablo, Hamilton, Umunhum, and Loma Prieta, and a few less well-known peaks. Most amazing was the thick tongue of fog that was pouring through the narrow gap between Mt. Diablo and North Peak.. It looked like the Mendenhall Glacier outside Juneau—amazing.

As the study implied, better to do things than shop for things.



Photo courtesy of Gogogordo

I decided I was curious about the sociological phenomenon of Black Friday, and also it was time to replace my antiquated 13-inch television set. So I awoke at 3:30 a.m. on that infamous day after Thanksgiving and was at an electronics store by 4:15 a.m. to try to snag a high-definition television. At the back of a quarter-mile line, I sat on the asphalt and read a magazine by flashlight.

When I passed through the doors about 5:20 a.m., there were already

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receipt to pick it up. As the clerk was struggling with the balky computer system to type in my name, two salespeople ran up, announcing that my

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gence, like not taking a map on a hike, wandering away from a group or going out in dangerous conditions.

In 2008, the original 1999 New Hampshire law changed the grounds for charging rescue costs from reckless behavior to negligent behavior. Moreover the law has the power to revoke the drivers licenses of those who do not (or cannot) pay.

This precedent invites us to speculate upon what the difference is between negligence and recklessness. It is a slippery slope. Who knows? Should New Hampshire change its motto to "Live free *and* die?" Will the state or the Feds try to make us carry RFID devices on the grounds that it is for our own good? Oregon may take a measure in that direction:

...state lawmakers in Oregon are considering whether to require climbers to carry locator devices. While many who would be affected by the bill say it is an ill-informed overreaction, some lawmakers say they have had enough of ethereal arguments centered on summits and the soul. They say they are looking out for the rescuers as well as the lost and their loved ones.

An example of a personal locating beacon (PLB), is marketed by a company in Milpitas CA called SPOT inc. They sell an 8 oz compact GPS tracking device.

How It Works:

Once activated, SPOT will acquire its exact coordinates from the GPS network, and send that location along with a distress message to a GEOS International Emergency Response Center every five minutes until cancelled. The Emergency Response Center notifies the appropriate emergency responders based on your location and personal information – which may include local police, highway patrol, the Coast Guard, our country's embassy or consu-

late, or other emergency response or search and rescue teams – as well as notifying your emergency contact person(s) about the receipt of a distress signal.

According to the SPOT website this device currently costs about \$160 per year in subscription service fees. Based on the price of similar competing products the device should cost in excess of \$500

Devices like SPOT are not the same thing as RFID, but there are similarities. The convergence of mobile communication, cellular phones, networking, and GPS may soon make personal tracking and location an ordinary thing. Detractors argue that PLBs encourage irresponsible behavior, reduce liberty and independence, and increase the likelihood of false alarms. The benefit of possible rescue speaks for itself.

There is an ironic story about the first person to ever be rescued with a PLB in 2003. That rescue was instantly celebrated. However, subsequent to using the PLB a second time, just 14 days later, the victim was "charged with two counts of third-degree falsely reporting an incident", misdemeanors, and thrown in jail in lieu of \$10,000 bail.

Of course there are many more details to this story from upstate New York, but the main point this evidence presents for this essay is the precedent that a person has been fined and imprisoned for issuing an SOS.

The chances of being rescued and getting medical attention in California are now compromised by the findings of the California Supreme Court on December 18, 2008.

Being a good Samaritan in California just got a little riskier. The California Supreme Court ruled Thursday that a young

woman who pulled a co-worker from a crashed vehicle isn't immune from civil liability because the care she rendered wasn't medical. The divided high court appeared to signal that rescue efforts are the responsibility of trained professionals. It was also thought to be the first ruling by the court that someone who intervened in an accident in good faith could be sued.

Until this case the original 1980 California "Good Samaritan Law" protected people assisting victims in accidents, disasters, and rescues. In the USA there is no common law which dictates a "duty to rescue". Because there is no legal requirement or duty to rescue, and because it is now possible for victims to sue rescuers, more Californians will be reluctant to render aid in the event of an emergency.

These recent developments, in law and technology, concerning emergency medical aid and PLBs, emphasize the inescapable conclusion that one is truly on their own in the woods. You can't rely on getting help from your companions, let alone passers by. And you can't rely on not being sued, fined, revoked, or imprisoned by the government.

Should Oregon change its motto from "She flies with her own wings." to "She climbs with her own Personal Locator Beacon."? Should New York change its motto "Ever upward." to "Never cry wolf."

Will Californian's change their attitude from "I have found it!" to "Sorry, I can't help you!".

For good or bad, the best ride may be the last one you had. More than ever, mountain bikers need to be prepared. Keep the rubber side down.



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NATIONAL BIKE SUMMIT RECAP

By Patty Ciesla

Patty has returned from Washington, DC where she joined 580 other cyclists in paying visits to members of our nation's Congress and Senate. Over 60 cyclists made the trip from California. Patty worked with other advocates to team up and present our perspective on how our government should make and modify laws and provide funding to make our nation stronger through supporting cycling-friendly programs and projects. Bike Portland has a great set of reports on the Summit up on their blog.

Tuesday evening the keynote speaker was Congressman Earl Blumenauer, our champion for cycling in Congress. He is very proud of his work for cyclists; an avid cyclist himself, he arrives at meetings on Capitol Hill with his helmet and leg strap on his cuff. He has assembled a large group of other representatives into the Bicycle Caucus, which works to support cycling friendly legislation. One of our tasks was to recruit more members so that the caucus had enough numbers to amount to a majority in the House. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood addressed the opening plenary, noting that the DOT will be "a full partner in working toward livable communities". The Secretary was followed by Representatives Blumenauer (D-OR), Lipinski (D-IL) and Matsui (D-CA). Congressman Oberstar (D-MN) spoke at the Summit dinner, and Representatives Petri (R-WI), Coble (R-NC), McCaul (R-TX) and Kissell (D-NC) made remarks at the Congressional Breakfast and/or Reception.

Wednesday was spent in small workshops with presenters from the League of American Bicyclists, the International Mountain Bicycling Association, Safe Routes to Schools, and Administration officials in the National Park Service,

Transportation, and other departments. We learned about how various programs and projects were funded, the status of those programs in the new budget, and how cycling could benefit by projects funded through the stimulus bill.

Wednesday night we were delighted with a wonderful presentation by the director of bicycling programs in Copenhagen, Denmark. Wonderful photos, videos, and statistics helped us understand how residents of Copenhagen make bicycling a normal part of everyday life.

On Thursday, we literally walked back and forth through the halls of congressional office buildings on Capitol Hill. IMBA-California volunteers and staff had helped schedule meetings with staffers, and when we were lucky, our representatives themselves. We met with Anna Eshoo from Palo Alto, and staffers for representatives Jackie Speier from San Mateo, Sam Farr from Santa Cruz and Monterey County (we spent almost an hour in his office, which was wonderful!), and Tom McClintock from District 3 (Nevada City, Downieville, Plumas County, Truckee). We also met

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Go for Green:

Building Bicycling Into the Transportation Bill

National Bike Summit 2009
March 10-12, 2009



MEETINGS

ROMP Monthly Business Meetings

Fourth Monday: February 23, March 23, April 27, May 25, June 22

07:00 PM (2:00) Fourth Monday of every month meeting. We will be meeting at Kapp's Pizza Bar & Grill. This is where we talk about what ROMP is planning to do.

Also, if you would like to speak to the leadership of ROMP, please contact the president and we will put you on the agenda. We also welcome talks and presentations from outside organizations

Location: Kapp's Pizza Bar & Grill
191 Castro St Mountain View CA 94041

Contact Information: Josh Moore
408 420 7342 president@romp.org
<http://www.kappspizza.com>

SPECIAL EVENTS

Bike Skills 102 - Mountain Bike Skills

March 21st, May 9th

It's time for a little dirty fun! We'll teach you the basics (and not-so-basics) of balance, weight distribution, and how to use the terrain to your advantage. Learn to rock, roll, hop, and jump. Master the art of steep climbs. Learn to descend with confidence and skill. After just four hours, we guarantee you'll be a better bike handler and have much more fun on the bike. <http://coaching.velogirls.com>

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You can have your own swap meet table

by contacting Cupertino Bikes 408 255-2217 or www.cupertinobike.com ROMP makes their money on the # of swap meet selling tables there are. So the more we can list that Cupertino Bikes is open to more business tables the better for us.

RIDES

Fremont Older after work

Every Thursday, April - September
06:00 PM (2:00) C/INT/10mi/2000'

Our weekly after work rides are back! Meet at the main Stevens Creek Co Park parking lot off Stevens Canyon Road about 1 mile south of Stevens Creek Bl or 2 miles south of I280 in Cupertino. Take the Foothill exit off I280 and head south. Be ready to ride by 6PM! Ride length will depend on available daylight. We usually go someplace afterwards for food, so if

CALENDAR

you're interested in that, bring \$\$.

The pkg lot charges for parking, but you can also find street parking in the nearby neighborhood and ride to the start. For more info, Glenn or Linda at 408-257-8284.

Night Ride at Rancho Cañada Del Oro

1st and 3rd Fridays, Beginning April 07:00 PM (3:00) – Intermediate-

This is a Special Access Activity. The preserve will be closed to all other users after sunset. Participants will be required to register on-site and attend a short briefing before their ride. Registration will be held only the day of the event from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Casa Loma Road parking lot. Parking is limited to the first 50 vehicles that arrive at the staging area. This special activity is restricted to adults. No minors will be allowed, even if accompanied by an adult. Safety equipment is required (helmet, and bike lights); a rear light is recommended.

www.openspaceauthority.org

ROMP MBOSC at Soquel Demo Forest

2nd Sunday: April 12, May 10, June 14

09:30 AM (4:00) C/INT/12-18/2500-3000 This is the ever popular joint MBOSC ROMP Second Sunday Demonstration Forest Ride. Both clubs will meet at the green bridge at 9:30 AM. Wheels rolling by 10:00 AM, up Buzzard's Lagoon to Santa Rosalia Ridge. Consensus will determine the route down the mountain. From hwy 17, take the Summit Rd exit and head SE. Go 5 1/2 miles to the first stop sign, turn right and then bear left onto Highland Way. Go another few miles to the road

block. Park there and ride the last mile downhill to the green bridge on the right. Contact Information: Josh Moore 408-420-7342 mtbikes@gmail.com

3rd Sunday Ride at ECdM

Sunday: April 19, May 17, June 21
10:00 AM (3:00) B-C/INT/10-15/2000-3000
Meet at Skeggs point at 9:30 for a 10:00 AM start. Routes will vary depending on trail conditions, closures and the whim of the group. This is a no drop ride that starts at the top of the hill and goes down, so you do most of the climbing at the end. Bring your helmet, water and a snack. Lunch after at Alice's restaurant. Location: El Cortede madera OSP Skeggs point, Skyline Blvd Woodside CA
Contact Information: Josh Moore 408 420 7342 mtbikes@gmail.com http://www.openspace.org/preserves/pr_madera.asp

Third Saturday Social and Scenery Ride

Saturday: April 18, May 16, June 20
10:30 AM (2:00) B/EASY/10/800-1000
Enjoy a ride for experienced beginners and intermediates who want to go slower. Meet at 10:30am to ride, socialize, enjoy the scenery, and work on your biking skills at a slow to moderate pace with frequent breaks for 2.0 hours or more depending on group wishes. Rides will choose from the Russian Ridge, Coal Creek, Monte Bello, and Skyline preserves, including moderate steep, single tracks, and fire roads. Explore and learn new trails in a supportive group or share your favorites in these preserves. Bring your helmet, water, sunscreen and possibly a snack. Rain cancels. Location(**new parking/ start location**): Meet in the vista point parking area on Skyline Blvd/ Highway 35 located 1.1 miles north of its intersection with Page Mill Road (i.e., right turn from Page Mill

onto Skyline for 1.1 miles) and directly across from the Mid-Peninsula Open Space Russian Ridge Preserve.

Directions: Take I 280 to Page Mill Rd south (in Palo Alto) going up into the hills, continue on Page Mill Rd 25+ minutes (watching out for road bicyclists on twisty road) until stop sign at intersection with Skyline Blvd/ Highway 35 (near the Mid-Peninsula Open Space Russian Ridge Preserve), turn right, continue 1.1 miles and park on the right in the vista point parking. (Do NOT park in the parking lot for the Russian Ridge Preserve off of Alpine Rd near the intersection of Page Mill Rd/ Skyline Blvd).
Contact Information: Phil Solk, psolk@pacbell.net

MTB-101

Sunday, April 26, May 24, June 28
10:00 AM (4:00) B/Beg-INT/10/1500
Meet at 10:00 AM, Fremont Older / Prospect Rd. parking lot. Bring your MTB in good mechanical condition, helmet, water and fuel.

Be prepared for a 400' climb on fire roads during the first mile. No time limit, no one left behind. Descent will be on a sweeping Single Track loop to the first bail-out point. Those willing can continue riding. There are several bail-out points along the way. We will practice basic MTB skills and trail etiquette. Beginners welcome.
Location: Fremont Older OSP Prospect Rd. parking lot Saratoga CA
Contact Information: Rich Andrews 408.393.1959 richard.a.andrews@nasa.gov

4th Saturday Beginner's Clinic

Saturday: April 25, May 23, June 27
01:00 PM (3:00) On the 4th Saturday of each month, meet at 1pm at the
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Arastradero Preserve, at the main parking area on Arastradero Road. We'll cover the basics of mountain biking while riding a combination of fireroads and singletrack. Be sure to bring a helmet, water, and something to eat. Please RSVP to Jim at 650-493-8774 or ssulljm@juno.com. RSVP is a must, as the meeting spot at the Preserve can vary with class focus. Location: Arastradero Preserve Arastradero Road Palo Alto CA
 Contact Information: Jim Sullivan 650-493-8774 ssulljm@juno.com

Location: Behind BTN Automotive 2566 Leghorn Ave, between Rengstorff and San Antonio Mountain View CA
 Contact Information: Dave Fork fork@park.com

Bay Area Ridge Trail: 20th Anniversary Event

Saturday, May 2, 2009
 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Please join us for a very special evening to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of our first trail dedication. Enjoy outdoor themed auction offerings and feast on a

Come on out and help repair, restore, or rebuild our County Park Trails. These Trail Days will take place at a different County Park each month. No experience needed. Tools, gloves, & refreshments provided. Please wear long pants, long sleeves, and closed toed shoes. Contact with poison oak is always a concern, please take appropriate precautions, bring a change of clothes if necessary. Contact Information: Santa Clara County Parks (408) 355-2254

Bay Area Ridge Trail Event: Ridge to Bridge

Saturday, April 25
 9:00 AM INT
 BARTC hosts its annual Ridge to Bridge in Marin featuring spectacular views of the Pacific coastline, Marin Headlands, Sausalito, SF bridges. Bicyclists will meet in Tennessee Valley with 2 distances to choose from .
 Volunteer or register at ridgetrail.org



sumptuous dinner at One Fort Mason's historic Officers Club.
 For more info: ridgetrail.org

Santa Clara County Parks Volunteer Projects

Saturday: April 18, May 16, June 20
 09:00 AM (3:00)
 Monthly Volunteer Projects - 3rd Saturday of each month, 9am-noon
 Help us tackle all types of projects ranging from painting and invasive plant removal to litter pickups at locations that desperately need it! These projects will take place at a different County Park each month. Tools, supplies, and refreshments will be

provided. Contact Information: Santa Clara County Parks (408) 355-2254

SOCIAL EVENTS

Bike Repair for the Community

Saturday: April 11, May 9, June 13
 10:00 AM (4:00) **Learn to repair bikes and contribute to the community.**
 Volunteers work on donated bikes, with the help and guidance of skilled mechanics. Tools and stands are available, but bring your own if possible. The bikes are then given away to needy children and adults regularly through various help organizations. No Event in December. Event starts at 9:00 during daylight savings time.

TRAIL WORK

Wilder Ranch Trailwork

Sunday: April 5, May 3, June 7
 09:00 AM (4:00) First Sunday Every Month. See trailworkers.com for more information.

Santa Clara County Parks Monthly Trail Days

Saturday: April 4, May 2, June 6
 09:00 AM (4:00) Monthly Trail Days - 1st Saturday of each month, 9am-1pm

Land Meetings

Santa Clara County Parks Commission Meeting

Wednesday: April 1, May 6, June 3
 06:30 PM (2:00) Santa Clara County Parks Commission Monthly Meeting - to view the agenda, actual start time (can vary), & meeting location, check www.parkhere.org. Follow the Quick Clicks down to select General Agency Information, then select Parks and Recreation Commission . Look for the corre-

sponding link for Parks & Recreation Commission Agendas, Minutes, ...

San Mateo County Parks and Rec Commission

Thursday: April 2, May 7, June 4

02:30 PM (2:00)

The San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Commission is responsible for establishing policies to guide the work of the San Mateo Parks and Recreation Division. This includes issues of parkland use management such as master plans, acquisitions, and development.

Additional meetings may be set by the Commission as needs arise. Meetings are held publicly and are conducted by a quorum of at least three of the Commissioners.

Location: Board of Supervisors Cham-

bers, Hall of Justice 400 County Center Redwood City CA 94063

MROSD Meeting

Second and Fourth Wednesdays: April 8th and 22nd, May 13 and 27, June 10 and 24

07:30 PM (0:00) MROSD Board of director's meetings are open to the public on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 PM in the district offices at 330 Distel Circle (off El Camino Real north of Rengstorff), Los Altos.

Check with MROSD for any last minute changes. Location: MROSD District Offices 330 Distel Circle (off El Camino Real north of Rengstorff) Los Altos

Open Space Authority BOD meeting

Thursdays: April 9 and 23, May 14 and 28, June 11 and 25

06:30 PM (2:00) Santa Clara County Open Space Authority Board of Directors meeting. Location: Board Room Suite 200 6830 Via del Oro San Jose 95119

Bay Area Ridge Trail County Committee

Tuesday, April 28

07:00 PM Bay Area Ridge Trail County Committee Meeting (0:00) Quarterly Meeting of the Bay Area Ridge Trail County Committee. Usually pretty informal. Contact Josh if you would like to help the Ridge Trail!

Location: United Way Building 1922 The Alameda San Jose Contact Information: Josh Moore president@romp.org ridgetrail.org/about/committees.cfm



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with staffers for Senators Diane Feinstein and Barbara Boxer.

Our goal was to encourage support of programs such as Safe Routes to School, passage of the Complete Streets Act of 2009, incorporating cycling-supportive infrastructure improvements into the Transportation Bill (CLEAN-TEA), and better funding for the Recreational Trails Program which is administered as part of the Federal Highway Trust Fund and includes revenue provided by the gas tax paid by off-highway vehicle users.

For more information on the National Bike Summit, visit the League of American Bicyclists website for details. If you have interest in getting more involved as a citizen in helping shape your government, consider becoming an IMBA member and possibly taking your turn next year as a bicycle advocate in the halls of Congress. Interested ROMP members wishing to attend may petition the board for financial assistance.



Saturday, May 2, 2009
www.alesandtrails.net

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on our off road test track! Yea, make 'em look bad by riding the log on a cross bike... Oh, and I've had a few special requests to stock small track parts. Rest your gear, they will be here.

We are well on our way with the build out and should be open by late February! Meanwhile, the classic shop is open 7 days as usual. Expect a Grand Re-Opening party and Swap Meet on April Fools weekend, just like the last time back in 1997... Wow, hard to believe. Back then it was just my Dad and I on the bike adventure of a lifetime. Today that adventure continues, thanks to all of you who have supported us in so many ways. From the bottom of my soul, thank you. Now I mean it when I say it, and if I've said it a thousand times I'll say it a thousand more,,,

Ride hard, take chances...

Upcoming Trail Head Events:
April 4-5: Grand Re-Opening of Trail Head Cyclery
April 5: Trail Head Spring Swap Meet
May 9-10: Trail Head Demo, Santa Teresa
May 16: Trail Head Women's Demo, Santa Teresa

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Mountain Cyclist

The Mountain Cyclist is the monthly newsletter of the Responsible Organized Mountain Pedalers

Send general newsletter material directly to the editor (not to the club PO box):

◇ newsletter@romp.org

Send ride listings to the club web master

◇ Josh Moore (408) 420 7342
webmaster@romp.org

Newsletter Mailing Party

This fun is repeated bi-monthly. If you would like to help next time (and eat some pizza and talk bikes at the same time), contact Glenn Wegner 408-257-8284 newsmailing@romp.org

ROMP Membership Application, Renewal, Change of Address, and Donation Form

ROMP is a group of local, energetic mountain bikers who have discovered the need for an active representation for the mountain biking public, and for an organized, responsible attitude in the practices of off-road bicyclists. ROMP needs YOUR support.

Name		
Family Members		
Address		
		Phone
City		email
State	Zip	Membership Type :
Order ROMP Jerseys on reverse side ___		<input type="checkbox"/> Individual (\$20.00) <input type="checkbox"/> Single Speed (\$50.00) <input type="checkbox"/> Family (\$25.00) <input type="checkbox"/> Hardtail (\$100.00)
Send Newsletter:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Via US postal service		<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Address
<input type="checkbox"/> Just send me an email		<input type="checkbox"/> Donation \$ <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Membership (\$1,000.00)

READ AND SIGN WAIVER BELOW (Required each year to process membership)

RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZED MOUNTAIN PEDALERS ("ROMP") RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AND PARENTAL CONSENT AGREEMENT ("AGREEMENT") IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to participate in any way in Responsible Organized Mountain Pedalers ("Club") sponsored Bicycling Activities ("Activity"), I, for myself, my personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin:

1. ACKNOWLEDGE, agree, and represent that I understand the nature of Bicycling Activities and that I am qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such Activity. I further acknowledge that the Activity will be conducted over public roads and facilities open to the public during the Activity and upon which the hazards of traveling are to be expected. I further agree and warrant that if at any time I believe conditions to be unsafe, I will immediately discontinue further participation in the Activity.
 2. FULLY UNDERSTAND that:(a)BICYCLING ACTIVITIES INVOLVE RISKS AND DANGERS OF SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, INCLUDING PERMANENT DISABILITY, PARALYSIS, AND DEATH ("RISKS"); (b) these Risks and dangers may be caused by my own actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the Activity, the condition in which the Activity takes place, or THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" NAMED BELOW; (c)there may be OTHER RISKS AND SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC LOSSES either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and I FULLY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES, COSTS, AND DAMAGES I incur as a result of my participation or that of the minor in the Activity.
 3. HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE the Club, the LAB, their respective administrators, directors, agents, officers, members, volunteers, and employees, other participants, any sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises on which the Activity takes place, (each considered one of the "RELEASEES" herein) FROM ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, OR DAMAGES ON MY ACCOUNT CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS; AND I FURTHER AGREE that if, despite this RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim against any of the RELEASEES, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE, AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE Releasees from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage, or cost which any may incur as the result of such claim.
- I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT OR ASSURANCE OF ANY NATURE AND INTEND IT TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW AND AGREE THAT IF ANY PORTION OF THIS AGREEMENT IS HELD TO BE INVALID THE BALANCE, NOTWITHSTANDING, SHALL CONTINUE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

X_____X_____ Date:_____

(Release Signature of Applicant) (Release Signature(s) Of Additional Family Members 18 and Over)

FOR MINORS ONLY COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

AND I, THE MINOR'S PARENT AND/OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF BICYCLING ACTIVITIES AND THE MINOR'S EXPERIENCE AND CAPABILITIES AND BELIEVE THE MINOR TO BE QUALIFIED, IN GOOD HEALTH, AND IN PROPER PHYSICAL CONDITION TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH ACTIVITY. I HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, COVENANT NOT TO SUE, AND AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASEES FROM ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, OR DAMAGES ON THE MINOR'S ACCOUNT CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS AND FURTHER AGREE THAT IF, DESPITE THIS RELEASE, I, THE MINOR, OR ANYONE ON THE MINOR'S BEHALF MAKES A CLAIM AGAINST ANY OF THE RELEASEES NAMED ABOVE, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE, AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASEES FROM ANY LITIGATION EXPENSES, ATTORNEY FEES, LOSS LIABILITY, DAMAGE, OR COST ANY MAY INCUR AS THE RESULT OF ANY SUCH CLAIM.

(Print Name Of Parent/Guardian) (Print Address and Phone Number If Different from Above)

X_____ Date:_____

(Release Signature of Parent/Guardian) (Please print names and ages of minors)

Questions? For new member information, call Linda Wegner (408) 257-8284

Send this form with check payable to:

ROMP – Attention: Membership, PO Box 1723, Campbell CA 95009-1723



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