



# PACELINE

**Alta Alpina  
Cycling Club**

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## **New Weekend Ride Plan**

**Tammy Lundquist, Weekend Ride Coordinator**

Greetings and welcome to the 2007 cycling season. My name is Tammy Lundquist and I am this year's weekend ride coordinator. This year we wanted to try something a bit different. Instead of having just one person being responsible for leading rides throughout the season, we would like to have a **group** of ride leaders. This way no one gets burnt out leading rides, and everyone gets a chance to lead their favorite rides.

So I would like to invite you to be a ride leader this season. All you need to do is lead just one ride! How easy is that? Just email me and we can put it in the newsletter and post it on the web site:

[ridedirector@AltaAlpina.org](mailto:ridedirector@AltaAlpina.org)

This is your club so make the most of it. Weekend rides, weather permitting, will begin in April.

## **Keep Bike Safe!**

**Tim Rowe, AACC Bicycle Advocacy**

### **Keep to your senses**

**—don't lose one of your best senses when bicycle riding!**

There has been a noticeably bad trend in bicycling lately and a very unsafe trend. That is using small headphones attached to a variety of small MP3 players while riding.

This is just NOT a good idea. You may want the nice music as you are riding, but you are losing one of your best senses—your hearing! You are cutting out a large chunk of the safety tools you have. Use your hearing when coming up to an intersection, especially a blind one. You can hear something coming.

Always listen to what is coming from behind you; don't be surprised by a truck suddenly on

you. Be able to hear conversations with other riders coming behind/ around you, and road marshals/ CHP on century rides.

With headphones on you are riding with your head in a box, which may help you end up in a box, a coffin.

You make think headphones/music will help you keep from being bored on a ride—but they may cause you in being attached to a board, in an ambulance.

Riding a bicycle can be treacherous at times and you need all your senses! Keep the headphones at home! The goal is for you to have a safe bicycle ride all in all.

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### **Spring Membership Party 2007**

**CVIC Hall, Downtown Minden  
Tuesday April 17th, 6-9pm**

Please renew your membership online before the party to avoid the registration line:

[www.AлтаAlpina.org/membership](http://www.AлтаAlpina.org/membership)

### **Ides of March Mileage Contest**

**March 15- April 15**

Record your road and trail mileage for a month.

Prizes awarded at the party.



## South Tahoe Multi-Use Trail Project

Darla Mazzoni, AACC Vice President

Ray Lacey (California Tahoe Conservancy) and Sue Rae Irelan (Project Manager) presented the Conservancy's proposal for the South Tahoe Greenway multi-use trail to the AACC board and members on January 8, 2007. The Greenway Multi-Use Trail project is a proposed Class 1 or better trail that will link Meyers to Stateline, generally following the former Caltrans U.S. Highway 50 Bypass Corridor. This paved trail will establish a non-auto transportation alternative and recreational experience for residents and visitors. The Greenway trail will connect residential neighborhoods, lodging areas, and community and recreational destinations by way of a 9.6-mile, 10-foot wide paved path, with 2-foot wide clear shoulders, on either side. The trail will be designed to accommodate the disabled.



The AACC board addressed their environmental concerns to Irelan. One of these concerns is that the Greenway multi-use trail will cross the 100-year floodplain. It will add coverage in the most sensitive areas of the Upper Truckee meadow and numerous stream environment zones (SEZ's) and

meadows. Questions were raised regarding the impact to the watershed and wildlife. The Conservancy plans on using best management practices and mitigation measures to offset the short and long-term environmental impacts this trail will create.

The AACC board presented Ray Lacey with our prepared comments on the Greenway multi-use trail.

The AACC letter states that aspects of the trail, as proposed, are not aligned with the actual needs of the cycling communities that we represent. The AACC letter presented recommendations on how the project could better meet those needs, while protecting the fragile Tahoe environment. The AACC letter is available by contacting our president, Jennie Hamiter.

For detailed information on the South Tahoe Greenway Multi-use trail project, go to the California Tahoe Conservancy's website at

[www.tahoicons.ca.gov](http://www.tahoicons.ca.gov). Ray Lacey, of the Conservancy, can be reached at [rlacey@tahoicons.ca.gov](mailto:rlacey@tahoicons.ca.gov) or 530-543-6038. Sue Rae Irelan, Project Manager, can be reached at [sirelan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sirelan@sbcglobal.net) or 530-525-1505.

## Hwy 395-Douglas County Community Meetings

Tim Rowe, AACC Bicycle Advocacy

NDOT, through a consultant, conducted two meetings in January on future US 395 traffic scenarios through the year 2030. One meeting covered the north, from Clearview Lane in Carson City to SR88 in Minden. This included a 6-lane freeway from Carson to Mueller Lane, possible extensions off Heyborne or Vickie Lane across the Carson River connecting to the new freeway, and maybe a 2-lane round-about at Hwy 88.

The second meeting covered SR 88 in Minden to the California Stateline in Topaz. Various AACC members

attended and offered their opinions, mainly to consider bicycles within the scenarios. These are important routes for bicycles, so get involved, get educated, and speak up! For more information check the website [www.douglascounty395.com/](http://www.douglascounty395.com/) and leave your opinion on the project blog. Also contact the Project Manager at NDOT, Coy Peacock at

[cpeacock@dot.state.nv.us](mailto:cpeacock@dot.state.nv.us),

or

775-888-7124

for more information or with any questions.



## Presidential Prognostication

Jennie Hamiter, AACC President

2007 is gearing up to be a great year for Alta Alpina club members. Here is a sample of our events and a few of the benefits of renewing your club membership:

### Spring Membership Party

Our season kickoff party will be held Tuesday, April 17, at CVIC Hall in Minden. Come find a room full of people who want to talk about riding bikes. Catch up with old friends, make new ones and find out what the club is up to this year.

### Ides of March Mileage Contest

Ride early, ride often! This mileage competition has become great incentive to get back on that bike in March. Prizes will be awarded at the Spring Membership Party.

### Weekend Rides

Tammy Lundquist is our new Weekend Ride Director. In the interest of creating a diverse ride schedule this year, she's looking for a lot of people to volunteer to lead rides. Please contact Tammy to get your rides on the schedule.

### The 4th Annual Gardnerville 100

Held in May each year, this is actually a ride with a 70 or 107 mile option. Every year this is one of the most popular club events. Stay tuned to emails and this newsletter for details.

### Evening Road Races

After helping Christine with the races the last couple of years, Di Bolton has volunteered to be this year's race director, and she's already working with a committee on some improvements for our 2007 evening road race series. The first race will be the last week in April; the series runs through the whole summer.

### The Pinenut Cracker Mountain Bike Race

Our local mountain bike race that's been held nearly every year since 1994, will be held again in May this year. This is a fun course and home turf for a lot of us. See Jeff Ham for details and to find out how you can help him out.

### AACC Mountain Bike Race Series

After a very successful inaugural run last year, Mike Beam has volunteered to be mountain bike race director again for this dirt version of our evening road races. In May and June, bring your fat tires out to the Pinenuts, and get ready to hammer.

### The 26th Annual Death Ride

Death Ride 2007 will be Saturday, July 14th. It is the Alta Alpina volunteers that make this the most popular organized ride in the west. If you're looking to ride the Death Ride, you can guarantee yourself a spot by being a "Skeleton Squad" volunteer for two consecutive years. Office help is needed in the months leading up to the ride, and lots of volunteers are needed the whole week prior to the ride. Contact Joe Marzocco to volunteer for the event that funds everything this club does!

### The Carson Valley Classic Criterium and Road Race

Again this year we'll be hosting the masters' district championships at our two great race venues: the crit in downtown Minden, and the road race at Diamond Valley. It's tentatively scheduled for the last weekend in July. Steve Thomsen has stepped up to be the race director this year; please contact him to volunteer for either or both days.

### Local Merchant Discounts

Several bike shops, outdoor gear shops, and restaurants in the area give discounts to AACC members. Your membership card is the mailing label of your first newsletter after renewing for 2007—cut it out and keep it handy to take advantage of these offers.

### Ride Board

It is easy to get the club to do your kind of rides, your pace, your distance, and on your schedule. Just go to [AltaAlpina.org](http://AltaAlpina.org), click on the Ride Board page. Fill in the form, and your posting will get emailed out to the club, as well as posted on the ride schedule.

### ...and More

All this is in addition to the ride/race reimbursement program, Adopt-a-Highway, the Paceline newsletter, a club Race Team, a Junior Race Team, Bike Advocacy initiatives, and a whole lot more. Please renew soon so you can take part in all the club has to offer this year!

For more info on all of the above, read your club emails, visit [AltaAlpina.org](http://AltaAlpina.org), read the Paceline, and come to the Spring Membership Party. See the last page of the Paceline for contact info.



## UNR Nevada Cycling Update

Cody Deane, Nevada Cycling President

Despite the five-week break from school, Nevada Cycling (the UNR team) has been actively preparing for the upcoming WCCC road season. The season begins on what will be a sparsely attended race for the team, the UC San Diego race weekend on Feb. 3-4. The first NorCal race will be hosted by UC Santa Cruz on the weekend of Mar. 10-11.

With another month or so before the UCSC race, team members have been training throughout the break, including the team group ride that occurs on non-race Sundays at 10:00am in front of Morrill Hall on the UNR Campus. Any AACC member is welcome to join though it would be advisable to contact us ahead of time to learn any changes in plans. The group ride of January 21 proved to be a bit intense as Bobby Julich showed and took the team out Red Rock Rd, a week before leaving for the Tour of California. Multiple team members are also planning on attending the Paskenta Century in Chico on Super Bowl Weekend.

***Bobby Julich showed and took the team out Red Rock Rd, a week before leaving for the Tour of California***

The WCCC race season will include Nevada Cycling's race weekend on Mar. 31 and Apr. 1. We will be hosting a campus crit for USCF racers on Sat. morning, while the collegiate riders do a TTT in Cold Springs. We will be running a collegiate crit in the afternoon. On Sunday, the collegiate racers will race on Red Rock Rd. out in the North Valleys. Any AACC member who is interested in racing, volunteering, or being a spectator should contact the team at [deanec13@yahoo.com](mailto:deanec13@yahoo.com).

The Nevada Cycling would like to again thank AACC for their continued support as we prepare for the 2007 season. With the help of great sponsors like AACC, we are given the opportunity to further our education, while enjoying the great racing atmosphere found in the WCCC conference.

## BE-Pro Bicycle Event Conference

Tim Rowe, AACC Bicycle Advocacy

2007 BE-Pro Bicycle Event Conference was held January 12-13 in San Jose, California. This important bicycle event conference is put on by Bob Mack and Tracy Corral at Cycle California and presented by Voler Team Apparel, Rainbow Racing System, Cool Cat by Leslie Jordan, Rabbit Trax, Handstand, and BRDAA (Bicycle Ride Directors Association of America).

I attended for AACC and Death Ride Committee, and Joe Marzocco attended for the Death Ride. About 50 people attended, mostly bicycle event organizers, coordinators, and promoters from all over California and Oregon.

The keynote address was given by K.C Butler, a long time promoter and Executive Director of California Bicycle Coalition. The sessions included Risk Management-Insurance and Liability, on-line registration, ride nutrition, graphic design, and bicycle advocacy. I always enjoy the contacts made here, meeting up with others ride organizers (new and old), and sharing stories/experiences. The Death Ride and AACC are also well thought of in this circle, which is nice!





### I Love You Alta Alpina!

Hi my name is Nick Ruana and I have been a member of Alta Alpina, as a junior racer, for the past two and a half years. The places I've gone, people I've met, and experiences I've had due to my involvement in Alta Alpina have all been amazing. I have recently moved up to Reno and have been attending UNR for the last semester. I haven't been riding up here at all due to some injuries that have kept me off the bike. To be perfectly honest, I've really been enjoying my time off the bike and I have been experiencing the college life to the fullest. I still love the sport of cycling and I know I always will. Just being around the sport gets me excited and always puts me in a good mood. Yes, I plan on getting back on the bike soon, but the time off has been well needed. In this short little letter I would just like to extend my gratitude to everyone who is part of this wonderful organization we call Alta Alpina.

First of all, I can't thank the people who keep Alta Alpina running enough. AACC has been nothing but a positive factor in my life. Everyone I've ever met who has been associated with the club has been positive and helpful.

Secondly, I would like to tell everyone that for me, the rides and races were always a blast. I appreciate every one's hard work organizing and running all the races and rides. The rides were always fun and enjoyable, but what I really looked forward to was the Wednesday night races. Every week during the season, I counted down the days until Wednesday was finally upon me. And on race day, I would often develop a nasty twitch in my left eye and my legs would shake nonstop during the last few hours of school. To say the least, I enjoyed racing with the club a lot. I greatly appreciated the fact that AACC and the RWCC let the entire junior team race for free; I know that helped my tiny budget immensely.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who has helped the junior team in any way. On behalf of all the juniors I would like to thank all those who gave us non-drivers licensed racers a ride to a race, ride, meeting, or anywhere else. Also, the club itself has been amazing; they have given us a plethora of equipment, enough food to keep us on our bikes for days, and all the support we could ask for. I also want to thank Sierra Nevada Physical Therapy for letting us little ones lift weights in their gym during the cold months of winter. A special thanks goes out to the coaches Jeff, Dana, Mark, and especially Mel. Sometimes I absolutely despised them for pushing me to my limit, but when it was all said and done I loved them for doing so. I also want to thank all of the junior riders for entertaining me both on and off the bike. Without you guys (and girls) everything would have been a couple notches lower on the "fun scale." And yes, I do have one.

Well, as of January 1, I am no longer a junior cyclist. The past few years of cycling have been wonderful and after two and half years of junior cycling, I can now look forward to 60 more years of just good, clean cycling fun. The most important thank you of all goes out to my fully supportive parents. They have always been behind me and without their love and care I would not be the person that I am today. And for all those I forgot, I want to thank you for your help either with the club, the junior team, or just the sport of cycling.

Nick Ruana

"Keep your elbows bent," Mel Maalouf's most famous quote for the juniors.



## Year-Rounder Challenge for 2006

Tim Rowe, AACC Bicycle Advocacy

### Eleven more centuries to go...

This past year I needed another challenge and I saw a small article about the Ultra Marathon Cycling Association (UMCA)'s Year-Rounder Challenge. One has to complete a century every month for a whole year, January to December. First you have to join the UMCA, and pay a small fee. So, I did.

For the most part, I easily found century rides to sign up for every month, except for December. I just did my own personal century on a cold December day (this is allowed as long as you can document it).

As for the rest of the year, I rode Paskenta Century (early February but also counted as January), then Palm Springs, Death Valley, Chico Wildflower, Wine Country, Delta, Mile High, AACC Sweetwater (which I added miles to make 100), Fall River Mills, Crater Lake, Tahoe Sierra, No-Hill Hundred, Foxy Fall, and El Tour de Tucson. You just have to get a form signed by a ride official, note your mileage for each ride, and send it in. I ended up with 15 centuries, 1,542 miles, good weather, and a lot of fun. The best century was Crater Lake as it was the most spectacular in scenery, and new to me. These 15 century rides ended up being about 41% of my 3,800 mile total for the year.

UMCA started this challenge in 1997 with 24 riders and this year they had 256! The top rider ended up with 31,137 miles in 239 century and long (200 miles) rides! And I thought I was crazy! 20 people had from 6,000 to over 10,000 century/long ride miles! At least I did it! Please check out UMCA at

<http://www.ultracycling.com>.

My challenge this year, in my 20th straight year of riding, is to get to 200 centuries, and I only have 11 more to do!

### AACC Member Profile: Tammy Lundquist

**AACC Member since:** Not really sure, mid 90's

**Current Residence:** South Lake Tahoe, CA

**Immigrant from:** San Diego, CA

**Résumé:** Geologist

**Race Category:** Retired

**Bikes I ride:** Turner 5-spot mtn bike  
Trek road bike

**How I support my Bike Habit:** Work

**In one word, my cycling style is...:** gettherdone

**Favorite Rides/Races:**  
Chico Wildflower and the High Sierra Fall Century road rides, TRT for mtn.



**Favorite Post-Ride Food:**  
Pizza and beer

**Other Sports & Pastimes:**  
Skiing, kayaking, backpacking, hiking, camping.

**Ambitions/Aspirations:**  
Keep doing what I am doing.

**My Motto or Inspired Quote:**  
"Are you riding or hiding?"

**Grab Bag:**  
Any day riding is better than a day at work.



## AACC Member Profile:

### Dave Gaskin

**AACC Member since:** Just last year. Our only son started college, so now I have more free time to ride.

**Current Residence:** South Lake Tahoe, by the High Meadow/Powerline trailhead

**Immigrant from:** Came up from the Mojave Desert in 1992. We love the lake, mountains and snow

#### Résumé:

Started racing in Marin in 1972. Won some Wednesday races in the Bs last year, and King of the King (40+).

**Race Category:** Moving to the A's this year

**Bikes I ride:** Colnago CT2  
1974 Eisentraut

**How I support my Bike Habit:**  
My wife buys me stuff. She's great!



**In one word, my cycling style is...:** Predatory

#### Favorite Rides/Races:

Each spring, Allen Biaggi and I ride from Lone Pine to Death Valley, a great ride through Panamint Valley. I like most of the local races except Diamond Valley – I dread struggling up those two hills over and over.

#### Favorite Post-Ride Food:

Pizza, cheeseburgers, anything healthy like that.

#### Other Sports & Pastimes:

Skiing, mountain climbing, traveling.

#### Ambitions/Aspirations:

To race well even though I turn 50 this year.

#### My Motto or Inspired Quote:

"Your head will give out before your legs."

#### Grab Bag:

Eddy Merckx is still the best of all time.

SAVE the DATE:

**Saturday June 16, 2007**

A NEW CENTURY RIDE

in the Local Northern Nevada Area

It will be called Tour de Coyote, and will start in Smith Valley/Wellington and go over Sweetwater Summit to Bridgeport and back—like the AACC Sweetwater Ride!

This is a great course and the event will benefit local charities in the valley. More information will be forthcoming! The Nevada Bicycle Advisory Board, the Alta Alpina Cycling Club, and the Bicycle Nevada program at NDOT have been assisting the locals in getting this ride started. So please support the folks and the ride!!



## Nevada Bicycle Advisory Board

Tim Rowe, Lake Tahoe Bicycle Coalition and Nevada Bicycle Advisory Board

The last Nevada Bicycle Advisory Board (NBAB) meeting was Friday January 19, 2007 at NDOW offices in Las Vegas.

At the last meeting, Tim Rowe was re-appointed by Nevada Governor Kenny Guinn for his second term 'Representing an Organization Promoting Bicycling'. The second term goes from October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2008.

Main business included the

introduction of three new members (Jerry Duke, Southern Nevada RTC-General Public, Robin Munier-State PTA-General Public, and Hector Garcia, Clark County School District Law Enforcement/Look Out-Kids About Safety Coalition).

A report was given by NDOT on status of improvements (widening of shoulder, etc) being made on Hwy 159 (Las Vegas-Red Rocks),

which was very unsafe for bicyclists.

An update was given on the Bill Draft Request for 2007 Nevada Legislature on proposed bicycle helmet law for under 18 year olds.

Elections were conducted and Tim Rowe was elected Chairman, Jerry Duke Vice-Chair and Kelly Langdon Treasurer.

The next NBAB meeting is Thursday, March 15, 2007 in Las Vegas.

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## Explore Mountain Bike Trails in the Pacific Northwest!

Recently, a member of the Portland Mountain Biking Club, PUMP, wrote asking to learn more about a multi-day mountain bike tour in the Tahoe area. In exchange for information, she would be more than happy to arrange a similar ride in the Portland area. Her email is below:

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I'm an avid mountain biker living in Portland. I'll be visiting Lake Tahoe in mid-September (2007) and would like to do some mountain biking there. It's always better when you can find experience riders to show you the good trails.

I'm looking for someone or a few people from your club who would consider leading some informal mt bike tours in the Lake Tahoe area in September, in exchange for me and my club leading some informal mt bike tours in the Portland area, perhaps in June or July.

I'd be most interested in single-track, intermediate to advanced level.

We have an amazing selection of such trails to chose from within 1.5 hrs of Portland, including Surveyor's Ridge (Mt. Hood National Forest), Lewis River (Gifford-Pinchot National Forest, and Gales Creek (Tillamook State Forest).

If interested in helping me organize this, please contact Mindy at:

[mindymmt@yahoo.com](mailto:mindymmt@yahoo.com).

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## Board Meeting Minutes—January, 2007

Secretary: John Seher

Other Board Members: Dianne Bolton, David Gaskin, Jennie Hamiter, Tammy Lundquist, Mel Maaloof, Joe Marzocco, Darla Mazzoni, John Seher, Steve Thomsen

Other Members: Cory Bolton, Jamie Greenough, Jeff Ham, Kevin Willitts

Guests: Ray Lacey and Sue Ray Irelan, California Tahoe Conservancy; Karen Fink, TRPA; SLT High School students; and a representative of the SLT Chamber of Commerce

Jennie Hamiter called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

1. **Greenway Discussion:** Mr. Lacey and Ms. Irelan explained the planning process and funding mechanism for the proposed South Tahoe Greenway multi-use trail. The trail will extend from Meyers to Stateline and will utilize right of way acquired for the abandoned SLT freeway bypass project. AACC BOD members and others in attendance asked questions about the project, particularly concerning the environmental impacts of trail construction through forest and wetlands. Information about the Greenway project may be obtained from the Conservancy office in SLT or at their web site [www.tahoicons.ca.gov](http://www.tahoicons.ca.gov).

### 2. Monthly Status Reports:

- **Treasurer's Report:** Outgoing treasurer Jeff Ham distributed an income/expense report. All expenditures for 2006 have been completed, and expenditures almost exactly matched income. Jeff turned over the records to new treasurer Dave Gaskin. Jennie requested all those responsible for club projects for 2007 get their funding requests to Dave as soon as possible for inclusion in the 2007 budget.
- **Death Ride:** Death Ride Manager Joe Marzocco reported that Death Ride registration is in full swing with a new Internet registration service. Active.com was replaced with sportsbaseonline.com due to problems experienced with Active.com last year. The design for the '07 DR jersey has been finalized, and there will again be a special jersey for five

pass finishers. Joe has been busy recruiting new DR sponsors, and is optimistic about responses he has received.

- **Newsletter:** No report.
  - **Website:** No report.
  - **Weekend Rides:** There was no discussion on this item, however Weekend Ride Director Tammy Lundquist is preparing a ride schedule and recruiting ride leaders for coming season. Anyone with ideas for rides, or who would like to lead a ride, should contact Tammy.
  - **Bike Advocacy:** Tim Rowe, Bike Advocacy Coordinator, described the Nevada DOT plans for US 395 improvements extending from Carson City to Topaz Lake. Tim reported the NDOT plans pose numerous problems for cyclists. There will be a public hearing on the plan at Carson City on January 23.
3. **2007 Spring Kickoff Party, Date, Location:** The AACC Spring Membership Meeting and season kickoff party was discussed and the date was set for week of April 16. Various locations for the event were discussed. Steve Thompson will investigate availability of the Carson Valley Improvement Club (CVIC) Hall in Minden.
  4. **Club Clothing:** Junior Race Team Coach Mel Maalouf volunteered to assess the current inventory of AACC clothing and prepare an order with Voler. The jersey design will remain the same for '07.
  5. **Next Meeting:** Monday, February 6, 6PM at the Pizza Factory in the Gardnerville Ranchos.

Congratulations to Jeff and Arlene Ham on their baby boy, Riley Logan Ham! Born 28 Jan, 2007



## Board Meeting Minutes—February, 2007

Secretary: John Seher; Other Board Members: Michael Bayer, Micheal Beam, Peter Costa, Dave Gaskin, Jeff Ham, Jennie Hamiter, Joe Marzocco, Dennis Pederson, Tim Rowe, Steve Thomsen; Other Attendees: Nate Littrell, Christopher Rowe

Jennie Hamiter called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

### 1. Monthly Status Reports:

- **Treasurer's Report:** Dave Gaskin reported that checks for new memberships have been received and deposited, and the check to Voler for the clothing order has been written and sent. The current bank balance is \$37,635.72.
- **Death Ride:** Joe Marzocco reported that as of February 5, 2007 there were 1,900 riders registered for the '07 Death Ride (DR). Joe requested that AACC members who worked the DR last year to qualify for a guaranteed entry this year get their entries in ASAP. Joe continues to pursue more sponsors for the '07 DR, and hopes to get TV coverage for the event on the Resort Sports Network.
- **Spring Membership Party:** Steve Thomsen reports that he has secured the CVIC hall in Minden for Tuesday, April 16 for the AACC Spring Membership Party.
- **Newsletter:** Michael Bayer is working on the Jan/Feb issue and requested that anyone having cycling related information or ride reviews should submit them to share with the membership.
- **Website:** Dennis Pederson has updated the AACC website to show the new officers for '07. Dennis is working on an augmentation to the website to allow club officers to post important information more easily.
- **Bike Advocacy:** Tim Rowe, along with DR Manager Joe Marzocco, attended the B-Pro conference in California. Tim also reports that there is a movement in Nevada to form an alliance of cycling clubs in order to have a unified voice in bike advocacy matters. Tim reports that the Nevada Bicycle Board will be lobbying the Nevada Legislature for a mandatory child bike helmet law. Support for this has been mixed, as there would be problems with enforceability.
- **Junior Team:** Mel Maalouf was away on a work assignment, however he has been sending a workout schedule to the team via e-mail.
- **Carson Valley Classic:** Steve Thomsen has secured the necessary permits from

governmental agencies for the '07 event. Steve is investigating the feasibility of using sportsbaseonline.com to handle the event registration.

- **Weekend Rides:** Tammy Lundquist was not in attendance.
  - **Pine Nut Cracker:** Jeff Ham has set May 6 as the race date.
  - **Adopt-A-Highway:** Peter Costa has volunteered to organize the AACC cleanup of our Adopt-A-Highway segment on highway 89. Peter set the spring cleanup day for Saturday, April 21. Meet at Turtle Rock Park at 09:00 AM. Bring a bike for a post-cleanup ride.
2. **Membership:** The club membership policies were discussed, and the board decided no changes were necessary. Policies will remain the same as last year. Membership Coordinator Michael Bayer is working on improvements to the on-line membership registration system. A budget for membership promotion will be on the agenda for the March BOD meeting.
  3. **Club Clothing:** Mel Maalouf has placed an order with Voler for 25 jerseys and 25 pair of shorts to fill out the inventory of club clothing. Several BOD members voiced a desire for some new casual club clothing. Tammy Lundquist was nominated in absentia to formulate a design for a club sweatshirt.
  4. **Wednesday Night Road Racing:** Wednesday Night race director Di Bolton was not able to attend. The question of reciprocal pricing with the Reno Wheelmen was discussed. Message will be relayed to Di to work out a policy with the Reno club. Also discussed was the possibility of moving the weekly road race series to Thursday night in order to have the mountain bike races on Wednesday evenings to accommodate mountain bike race series coordinator Mike Beam's work schedule.
  5. **Gardnerville 100:** Keith Hart has volunteered to host the start/finish of the event at his shop in Gardnerville. The event date was set for Sunday, May 20.



- 6. **Mountain Bike Race Series:** Last year this series was offered with no entry fees in order to attract new club members. The BOD decided that the entry fee for the '07 series will be the same as the evening road races. See item 4 above concerning race schedule. Series coordinator Mike Beam is not available to volunteer on Thursdays.
- 7. **Budget:** Treasurer Dave Gaskin presented a refined accounting of expenditures from '06 to aid in formulation of the '07 budget, which will be finalized at the March BOD meeting.
- 8. **Pine Nut Trails Association:** Nate Littrell, PNTA activist and AACC member explained that due to

increasing use of "The Tree" trailhead, people are driving their vehicles over the native vegetation and steadily expanding the bare ground parking area. The PNTA requested that AACC make a donation to help pay for installation of parking bumpers at the trailhead. The BOD approved a donation of \$600 toward materials for the project. More information can be obtained at [www.PNTA.org](http://www.PNTA.org).

- 9. **Next Meeting:** Monday, March 5 at the New York Pizza on Al Tahoe Blvd. in South Lake Tahoe.

## 2007 Nevada Bicycle Pedestrian Conference and Awards

Tim Rowe, AACC Bicycle Advocacy and Nevada Bicycle Advisory Board

### Nevada Bicycle Awards Nominations due March 1st

On April 12th and 13th, the 2007 Nevada Bicycle Pedestrian Conference will take place at Mont Bleu in Stateline.

It's a great local conference on bicycling! Joe Marzocco, Michael Bayer, and Tim Rowe have given talks on Events in the past!

Check out details: [www.bicyclenevada.com](http://www.bicyclenevada.com)

Can you think of anyone who has made major contributions or been a huge supporter of bicycling in Nevada in 2006? If so, please nominate them for the 2007 Nevada Bicycle awards. It is easy

to do. Just check out the details on [www.bicyclenevada.com](http://www.bicyclenevada.com) and click on Nevada Bicycle Award Program. Nominations are due March 1st, and awards will be announced at the Nevada Bicycle Conference April 12-13, 2007 in Stateline.

## Local Merchant Discount Program

We're excited to announce that local merchants who support AACC will be offering discounts to club members.

Visit the merchant, peruse their shops and find out what you can buy as a benefit of being an AACC member. Details about local merchant offers is listed under "Merchant Discounts" on our website at [www.AtaAlpina.org](http://www.AtaAlpina.org).

**Show your AACC Membership Card at time of purchase.** [If are an active AACC member, the mailing label on the first Paceline you received upon renewal has the club logo and note indicating that it is your membership card.]



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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Ides of March Contest    March 15 - April 15  
 Spring Membership Party .. Tuesday, April 17  
 Highway Cleanup & Ride . Saturday, April 21  
    Gardnerville 100 .... Sunday, May 20

**MOVED? GOT NEW CONTACT INFO?**  
 Have you moved? Has your e-mail address changed?  
 Don't miss out on the latest AACC happenings!  
 Update your info at [www.AltaAlpina.org](http://www.AltaAlpina.org); click on "Membership"

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The club is about and for you! All AACC members are welcomed to participate in our **Board Meetings** held the **first Monday of each month at 6:00 pm.** The location alternates between the Gardnerville Ranchos and South Lake Tahoe.. Join us on **March 5** at **New York Pizza on AI Tahoe Blvd.** in **South Lake Tahoe.**