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**Alta Alpina
Cycling Club**

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Presidential Posting

Jim LaHue, President

Summer is here and I hope everyone is getting time in on their bikes. Every time I look out my window at work, I see someone cruising on Buckeye. I'm jealous!

We still have lots of activities coming up, so keep checking the Rideboard and get out and ride with a group and make some new friends. We also have another 6 or 7 races left in our season so there is still time to come out and see what the fun is all about. You could even race up Kingsbury!!

Our signature event, The Alta Alpina Challenge has blown by already (pun intended)! Thanks again Michael for the countless hours you put in to make this run smoothly and thank you also to all the volunteers that gave up their time to help make this event successful. To those who weren't there in person, this year's ride was exceptionally difficult due to wind all day. A big shout to all the riders that stuck it out and managed to ride 7 or 8 passes. I am inspired by your tenacity!

Stay safe and see you on the road....or dirt..



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Alta Alpina 8 Pass Challenge: Riding the Wild Sierra - June 27, 2026

Michael Bayer, Challenge Director

On Saturday June 27 we successfully staged the club's showcase event, the Alta Alpina 8 Pass Challenge: Riding the Wild Sierra. We had a record number of participants registered to ride the full 8 pass route and we were anticipating fifty to sixty riders completing the full 8 pass route.

Unfortunately we were hit by an unprecedented ferocious wind storm on the day of the event. The wind blew down signs and banners, prevented us from setting up awnings, and even stopped us from setting out rest stop supplies in certain locations. Worst of all, the wind significantly increased the challenge for riders. There was only one same-day registration, most riders weren't even able to complete half of the ride, and those that did were at least 90 minutes behind after the first half. Only 16 riders made it to Monitor Pass and only 6 riders qualified as 8 Pass Finishers.

Thanks to the incredible talent and dedication of all our awesome volunteers we kept all riders safe and well supported. Participants finished very tired but despite the weather there were no serious injuries, we received many compliments. The Alta Alpina Cycling Club once again delivered a world-class experience for our registered participants while we creatively kept our costs and fees down in the face of significant inflationary pressures. and the club earned a good profit for our efforts.

I want to thank all the participants, sponsors, agencies, and most significantly the small team of volunteers (both club members and non-club members), who came together to make the event possible! The SIERRA Amateur Radio Club, StorAll, Smiths, Alpen Sierra, Bike Habitat, Blue Zone, Shoreline of Tahoe, and Bike The West all made significant contributions to the event this year. Most of all, I want to express my great appreciation for all the wonderful volunteers who contributed their time to making the Alta Alpina Challenge possible.





Alta Alpina Challenge Supporters



Nominate a Long Distance Bicycle Trail

The Department of the Interior is seeking nominations for long distance cycling routes which are primarily on dirt roads / trails over federal land (they can include connections on pavement but cannot pass through wilderness). For more information and to make your nomination, visit:

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/78dc4e636e7d400487f09da2b901777f>

Local Merchant Program

These local merchants support the Alta Alpina Cycling Club.





AACC Weekend Ride Schedule—August

Jennifer Hamiter, Weekend Ride Coordinator

Ride Options For Everyone

Please join us for these weekend rides. Non-members are welcome too, but our insurance requires that they join the club after their first AACC ride. Unless otherwise stated, all rides are “No Drop”; i.e., we’ll regroup often enough so no one gets left behind or lost.

If our ride schedule or ride types don’t suit you, remember that all club members are welcome to post rides to the Ride Board, <https://www.altaalpina.org/rideboard/>. You choose the day, time, route, and ride pace.

Please check the rideboard on the club website for details and updates. Riders should carry water, food, and be prepared for flat tires. E-road bikes are welcome. Feel free to contact me regarding club rides, at ridecoordinator@AltaAlpina.org

Sunday, August 2, 2026 — Boca Reservoir to Cisco Grove, Out and Back

The meeting place for this ride is the Historic Boca Townsite, which is a googleable dirt parking lot complete with an outhouse: take Hirschdale road exit off of I-80, head about 1/3 of a mile north, right turn right after the railroad tracks off of Stampede Meadows Rd and look for Townsite sign. Be ready to ride at 9:30am. This ride offers a nice scenic route from Boca Reservoir to Cisco Grove via: Glenshire Dr., Donner Pass Rd. to Donner Lake State Park, South Shore Dr., up the Donner Pass, then left at Soda Springs for a loop of Serene Lakes, then down old 40 to Cisco Grove, and return for a 68 miles round trip. If you’re looking for a shorter ride, you can turn around at Donner Pass (41 mile round trip), or at Serene Lakes (52 mile round trip). There are water & restrooms stops at Donner State Park, and a convenience store in Soda Springs at I-80. We’ll be regrouping at the top of climbs.

Saturday, August 8, 2026 — Blue Lakes

Meet in the first parking area on left at Blue Lakes Road and Hwy 88, ready to ride at 9:00am. We’ll ride to the campground at the end of Blue Lakes road and back (about 25 miles).

Saturday, August 15, 2026 — Ward Creek and Barker Pass Roads

We’ll start in the Palisades Ski Resort parking lot at 9:00am. Meet at the east end of the parking lot by the A-frame building (it’s actually a funky tri-A frame) which has a restroom facility that is typically open. We’ll ride on the bike path to highway 89 cross at the light and ride the bike path along the river to Tahoe City. We head south on the bike path to Barker Pass Road. Then ascend to the end of the pavement to the top of Barker Pass. Approximately 1500 ft climb to Barker Pass. Return to the lake and use the bike trail to Ward Creek Boulevard. Ward Creek is an easy climb through the neighborhood to the Sherwood Express chair lift on the backside of Alpine Meadows and loop around back to 89. Both roads offer a respite from busy Tahoe shore roads. Heading back north we’ll go past Tahoe City back to the very easy and scenic miles along the Truckee River Bike Path returning to the start for a total of about 45 miles.

Sunday, August 23, 2026 — Gold Lakes Loop

The meeting place for this ride is the pond behind the general store in Graeagle, CA. Check the rideboard on the club website for the meeting time. This is a great loop outside of our usual riding area. We will head SE on 89 out of town, the first 2 miles are heavily trafficked and on a rougher road. With that stretch out of the way, the remainder of this ride enjoys lighter traffic, beautiful scenery and reasonable climbs. The route takes us to Calpine, Sattley and the a right turn onto CA 49 and up Yuba Pass. From the summit there is a lovely, long downhill to Bassett’s. We make a right here onto Gold Lake Rd for the last climb of the day highlighted with great views of the Buttes and past the series of lakes that pepper the area. A final slightly rougher pavement downhill and a left onto the busy 89 will take us back to the start. There will be opportunity for water/restroom at Calpine, restroom at Yuba Pass summit, and food/ice cream/drinks at Bassett’s Station. The pond is a refreshing cool off spot at the end of the ride, if desired.





AACC Thursday Night Race Series

Joseph Whiteley, Thursday Night Race Director

Come out on Thursday evenings to join in the fun—racing or spectating or helping out. Whether you're a veteran or you're gearing up for your first race, please check the racing page on the club website so you're up to speed!

www.altaalpina.org/clubracesroad/

Just 5 Races Left

We only have 5 races left in the season. At any point now if you know a race will be your last one of the season please return your RFID tag to get your deposit back.

7/30	Diamond Valley Road Race	8/13	Grandview Criterium	8/27	Diamond Valley Road Race
8/6	Blue Lakes Time Trial	8/20	Fredericksburg Time Trial		Short Course

Never raced before? Not sure if you're ready for a road race or criterium? Just join us for the Time Trials! Check the club website at www.altaalpina.org/clubracesroad/ for details of all race venues, formats, other rules, and updates.

Point Standings

Here are the current point standings for the twilight race series. Please review the points in the tables here and let me know if you see any errors.

Emergency Information

We recommend that everyone racing carry emergency medical information. The easiest thing to do is complete the emergency medical information on your cell phone and configure it for access by first responders. Another approach is getting a RoadID. We've negotiated a 20% discount which you can access by entering your name and email on this form:

www.roadid.com/pages/groupdiscount. Note that RoadID will send a lot of emails afterward so you may want to use a secondary email address to get the discount or just unsubscribe later.





2026
AACC Thursday
Evening Twilight
Race Series

	Fredricksburg Prologue - (16 Apr)	DV Road Race (Short Course) - (23 Apr)	Grandview Criterium - (30 Apr)	Foothill Time Trial - (7 May)	Pinet Road Race - (14 May)	Grandview Criterium - (21 May)	Kingsbury Time Trial - (Canceled)	Diamond Valley Road Race - (4 Jun)	Jacks Valley Time Trial - (11 Jun)	DV Double Back - (18 Jun)	Fredricksburg 2 UP TT - (25 Jun)	Eagle Ridge Circuit Race - (2 Jul)	Blue Lakes Time Trial - (9 Jul)	Pinet Road Race - (16 Jul)	Kingsbury Time Trial - (23 Jul)	Diamond Valley Road Race - (30 Jul)	Blue Lakes Time Trial - (6 Aug)	Grandview Criterium - (13 Aug)	Fredricksburg Time Trial - (20 Aug)	DV Road Race (Short Course) - (27 Aug)	Season Total Points
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1	Greg Kogut	M	-	-	13	10	10	-	-	10	12	10	10	10	-	-	-						85
2	Brandon Ford	M	-	-	-	12	15	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	10						47
2	Anton Granata	M	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	10	13	-	-	12						47
4	Dustin Hess	M	-	-	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	15						43
5	Robert Carr	M	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	-	-	-	10	-	-						35
6	Blake Hermann	M	10	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						20
6	Bryce Card	M	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						20
8	Matthew Hayto	M	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						10

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1	Jim Wire	M	10	14	14	8	12	10	-	12	17	10	10		14	14	10					155
2	Owen Basham-Clair	M	10	17	6	7	14	14	-	17	20	-	10	15	-	-	20					150
3	Michael Bayer	M	10	7	12	10	-	12	-	14	10	14	10	10	12	12	12					145
4	Ben Fox	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	12	17		12	17	-	14					92
5	Ron Shaw	M	10	20	17	17	-	-	-	DNF	-	-	10	-	-	-	-					74
6	Kevin Willits	M	-	12	20	-	17	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	DNF	-					69
7	Johnny Estrada	M	10	8	-	-	DNF	-	-	DNF	14	12	10	-	-	-	-					54
8	Daniela Borgia	F	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	20	-	-	-					42
8	Travis Jones	M	-	10	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	8					42
10	Robert Gagen	M	-	DNF	10	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					24
11	Brandon Ford B	M	-	-	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					20
12	Mel Maalouf	M	-	-	-	-	-	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					17
13	Michael Edmonson	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	-					17
14	Jay Brown	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-					10
15	Eric Lehman	M	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					8

C

1	Jeremy Fox	M	-	-	-	-	17	12	-	20	20	17		20	17	-	17					140
2	Chris Chemix	M	10	-	-	7	-	-	-	14	17	20	10	17	20	-	20					135
2	Jesse Lopez	M	10	6	8	6	20	10	-	7	-	6	10	12	8	12	8					123
4	Mel Maalouf C	M	10	20	20	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	14	6					99
5	Nigel Leigh	M	10	10	17	-	12	-	-	12	-	-	10	-	-	-	7					78
6	Bob Bogan	M	-	17	-	12	-	-	-	17	-	-	-	-	-	17	14					77
7	Andrew Huntington	M	10	14	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	14	-	-	12					76
8	Jennie Hamiter	F	-	5	-	3	-	-	-	10	7	5	10	8	7	10	5					70
8	Bill Maglady	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	7	10	-	14	20	4					67
10	Ryan Collins	M	10	-	14	20	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10					62
11	Kim Lenzner	F	10	-	-	10	14	-	-	-	14	10	-	-	-	-	-					58
12	Kirt Willard	M	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	8	10	4	10	-	10	-	-					54
12	Lani Raspen	F	10	8	-	8	-	-	-	-	8	-	10	10	-	-	-					54
14	Brian Blair	M	-	-	10	-	-	14	-	-	-	14	-	-	-	-	-					38
15	Jim Lahue C	M	10	4	7	4	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					32
16	Amy Hannink	F	10	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-					28
17	Cole Peck	M	-	-	-	-	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					20
18	Nathaniel Blair	M	-	-	-	-	-	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					17
19	Nick Polidori	M	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					12
19	Tod Conover	M	-	7	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					12
21	Jeffery Milligan	M	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					10
22	Eric Wamback	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-					6

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1	Pam Della-Giltner	F	10	8	10	-	12	10	-	-	10	12	10	17	14	17	-					130
2	Jim LaHue	M	-	-	-	-	-	20	-	-	14	17	10	14	17	12	10					114
3	Meghan Dorris	F	-	20	14	17	15	-	-	17	20	-	-	-	-	10	-					113
4	Henri Evard	M	10	7	7	-	10	-	-	14	8	10	10	10	10	14	-					110
5	Ewa Czamecka	F	-	17	-	12	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	20	20	20	-					103
6	Jordan Brooks	M	10	14	17	14	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					67
7	Leon Mamed	M	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	12	-	14	-	12	12	-	-					62
8	Michael Shipman	M	-	12	20	-	-	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					49
9	Michelle Brooks	F	10	6	8	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	DNF	-	-					34
10	Brian Dempsey	M	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					20
11	Grahm Steckline	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	-	-	-	-	-	-					17
12	Cole Diaz	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-					12
13	Frank Dixon	M	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					10
14	Erick Studenicka	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	DNF	-	-	-	-	DNF	-	-					0



Board Meeting Minutes—July 6, 2026

Secretary: Michael Bayer; Other Board Members: Curtis Fong (Bicycle Advocacy); Allen Forbes (Membership); Pam Giltner (Vice President); Jennie Hamiter (Weekend Rides & Assistant Treasurer); Greg Kogut (Website Coordinator); Jim LaHue (President); Joseph Whiteley (Race Director)

Meeting held at Maxton Manufacturing and by Zoom

Meeting called to order at 6:09pm

Minutes of the June meeting approved as presented.
[JennielJosephUnanimous]

1. Monthly Status Reports:

- **Treasurer:** The current checking account balance is \$10,700.43. The Paypal balance is \$7,865.64. CDs are currently at \$12,528.76, \$12,395.56 and \$14,468.56. Bill has reconciled all but about \$100 of Paypal transactions.
 - **Membership:** There are 116 fully paid memberships with 129 members. With 5 new members joining in June. We now have 4 student memberships.
 - **Weekend Rides:** Rides for the next few weeks are all posted except for first week of August and labor day weekend. We're seeing a diversity of participants so we are increasingly likely to break into a fast group and a slow group for each ride.
 - **Weekly MTB Rides:** Attendance is slightly down from the highs of the spring as the rides are getting a little more technical and many people have family trips when school is out.
 - **Social Media:** No report.
 - **Newsletter:** Michael is busy wrapping up the from the Challenge and planning the staff ride. The newsletter is planned for the week after the staff ride.
 - **Website:** Greg will post the Marin century on the website. We're still having issues with Blue Host by migrating isn't a practical option.
 - **Insurance:** Michael paid the last installment on the event insurance for the Challenge.
 - **Clothing:** No report.
 - **Weekly Road Races:** We're seeing good attendance. There was a reasonable turn out for Eagle Ridge. Jospheh still hasn't received an invoice from the porta potty vendor.
 - **NICA Team:** The NICA season has started and the team is having their first practice meeting of the season.
 - **Cyclorama:** No report.
 - **Fall Century:** No report, still planned for October 3rd or 4th. Curtis volunteered to help with the rest stop.
 - **Adopt A Highway:** Next cleanup will be Scheduled for July 19.
 - **Challenge:** Michael reported that the 8 Pass Challenge was successful and thanked all the volunteers who made it possible. For the first time a bad weather forecast impacted registration and dramatically impacted the number of finishers but the event was still profitable. Michael is still processing invoices and expenses, managing the clean-up process, and planning for the staff ride.
 - **Bike Advocacy:** Curtis reported on the results of Tahoe Bike Month. A total of 540 riders participated with 12390 rides covering 92527 miles. He also reported on the ongoing issues around e-bike regulation where efforts are underway to differentiate e-bikes from e-motorbikes and forcing these vehicle and their drivers to be licensed and excluded from bike lanes.
2. **Staff Ride:** There has been a request to allow riders who were unable to finish on June 27 to try again on the staff ride. The board decided that the staff ride should be limited to volunteers.
 3. **8 Pass Finisher Jerseys:** With a record number of people registering for the 8 Pass Challenge we had expected 50-60 finishers but the wind storm resulted in only 6 people finishing. Michael has a supplier that will do a small run of jerseys but cannot drop-ship. The board approved a price of \$99 which should cover tariffs up to 10% plus our shipping costs. Jim volunteered to handle the shipping.
 4. **V&T Trail:** The V&T Trail organization expressed an interest in working together to organize a ride featuring their planned trail. Michael will ask them for a date so we can determine if we have a ride leader or coordinator who can work on this.
 5. **Hiring Graphic Designer:** Michael was asked to get a second proposal before finalizing our choice of graphic designer for the new club branding.
 6. **Race the Rails:** Curtis reported that several club members have enjoyed the Race the Rails event in Ely, NV which is scheduled for Sept 12 this year. Curtis has arranged a special rate of \$160 for 2 nights (contact Curtis for details) at the Jail House Motel & Casino. Curtis will post the event to the rideboard.
 7. **Next Meeting:** Monday, August 3, 2026, 6 pm, Maxton in Minden and by Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46pm



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Last Race & Pizza Party	Thu, Aug 27
Carson City Everest Challenge	Sat, Sep 26
Tim Rowe Memorial Century	Sat, Oct 3
End of Daylight Savings	Sun, Nov 1
Thursday Night Races	every Thu @6:00

MOVED? GOT NEW CONTACT INFO?

Have you moved? Has your e-mail address changed?
Don't miss out on the latest AACC happenings!
Send your new contact information to :
membership@altaalpina.org

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The club is about and for you! All AACC members are welcomed to participate in our **Board Meetings** typically held the **first Monday of each month at 6:00 pm**. In-person meetings alternate between the Carson Valley and South Lake Tahoe.. Join us on **August 3** at the **Maxton** in **Minden** and by **Zoom**.

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