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

Michael Bayer, Challenge Director

Alta Alpina's reputation for producing world-class cycling events has spread far and wide. Endurance cyclists are traveling here to pit themselves against the 8 Pass Challenge—the Toughest Double Century in the World.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered to help.

We still need HAM radio operators and people with medical backgrounds (paramedics, nurses, NPs, PAs, physicians, etc.). We also need people with motorcycles as well as trucks and cars with trailer hitches to move gear and supplies before, during, and after June 27.

We need volunteers at all hours of the day on June 27 from the wee hours of the morning to late in the evening. We're also looking for volunteers to help with setup on June 25 and 26 as well as other days leading up to the ride and we'd really appreciate all the help we can get on the morning of Sunday June 28.

Please contact me at challenge@altalpina.org and let me know when you're available to help out with this annual club fund raiser.

Encourage Your Friends to Register and/or Volunteer!

Another way you can help to make the Alta Alpina 8 Pass Challenge a success is to encourage your friends to register to ride with us or to volunteer.

Do you know someone who is a nurse or paramedic? Someone who enjoys riding their motorcycle over the passes on weekends?

We keep the ride small but we're not sold out yet. Invite your friends to ride our favorite passes. With so many new cyclists in our area we have a \$5 discount for locals, so let's recruit some of our new neighbors!

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Membership Renewal!!

If you haven't yet submitted your 2026 renewal, please do so right away! If you have any questions, please contact Allen at membership@altalpina.org

June is Tahoe Bike Month

June is Bike Month at Lake Tahoe, so there's no better time to get riding. Join the friendly competition to earn points and win prizes. Sign up for the "Alta Alpina Cycling Club" team or for Bruce Eisner's "Wiking Bitches" team. All you need is a Strava account. Sign up on the Tahoe Bike Month website at: www.tahoebikemonth.org/register

Tahoe Bike Month is full of events all around the lake. For the complete calendar visit: www.tahoebikemonth.org





Presidential Posting

Jim LaHue, President



Summer is close at hand which means there is plenty of daylight to get out and ride and enjoy the spectacular ride opportunities that our area offers. Check the Rideboard often to see if there is a ride that interests you. If there isn't, post a ride yourself and hopefully others will join you. Speaking of rides, I want to give a big shout out to Chris for heading up our Spring Cyclorama. The weather was great and it seemed like everyone had a great time.

The Alta Alpina Challenge is right around the corner and I am sure that we could still use some help. Even if you can't help the day of the ride, there are volunteer needs pre and post ride. You can reach out to Michael Bayer at Challenge@AltaAlpina.org.

We also have our first Highway Cleanup coming on Saturday June 13th. This is a great way to give back to the community and keep our area beautiful. Plus, there will be a ride after.

We now have an email link on the website that will go to all of our board members at once. We welcome any questions or feedback that you may have, both positive and negative. This is your club and we want to make it a place for everyone.

AACC Weekend Ride Schedule—June/July

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](#) 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

Saturday, June 13, 2026 — First Highway Clean-up

This is the first highway cleanup for the season. It's an easy way to help the club, the environment, and your community! We'll meet at Turtle Rock Park community building at 8:00am and spend about an hour cleaning the highway roadside of litter. Please wear long pants, long sleeves, and closed toe shoes for safety!. At roughly 9:00am we'll regroup and set off to ride either Monitor or Ebbetts—whichever the group prefers. The more folks who show up, the easier, faster and more fun this goes, so if you're on the fence, c'mon out!

Sunday, June 14, 2026 — Tahoe Pyramid Bikeway, Verdi to Hirschdale Mixed Terrain

This is a scenic, mixed terrain, out-n-back ride along and up the Truckee River. It's got dirt roads, good singletrack, wooden bridges, a long wooden staircase with a bike ramp, a smidge of pavement, and a few historical interpretive signs. Full disclosure, there's also a really crappy steep sandy hill, but that's not what you'll remember from this ride. I'll be on my mountain bike, but if you really like your gravel bike or it has particularly wide tires, a gravel bike will work. Meet at Crystal Peak Park in Verdi ready to ride at 9:30am.

Saturday, June 20, 2026 — Markleeville to Lake Alpine

Meet at the Markleeville Sheriff's Office parking lot ready to ride at 9:00am. We'll ride from Markleeville to Lake Alpine and back. This is a ride with about 7500ft of climbing over about 65 miles.

Sunday, June 21, 2026 — TAMBA's Tahoe Mountain Bike Festival Tahoe Triple Crown and Paradise Loop

The Tahoe Mountain Bike Festival's signature ride covers 30+ miles with a 5,200 elevation gain encompassing Christmas Valley Trail, Mr Toad's Wild Ride, Fountain Place Rd. up to Armstrong Pass, and Armstrong Connector to Corral Trail. For more information see: <https://tamba.org/tahoe-mountain-bike-festival/>



Cyclorama May 30, 2026

Chris Cherrix, Cyclorama Coordinator

Thanks to Nigel and Desiree for making their garden available for the post-ride BBQ. Thanks to Allen, Cheri, Jim, Bill, Bruce, and Sandy for all their help with the Cyclorama rest stops.





Tuesday Night Mountain Bike Rides





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/

Full Race Schedule

The race schedule for 2026 once again features a full set of twenty races with something for everyone.

6/11	Jack’s Valley Time Trial	7/2	Eagle Ridge Circuit Race	8/6	Blue Lakes Time Trial
6/18	Diamond Valley Double Back Road Race	7/9	Blue Lakes Time Trial	8/13	Grandview Criterium
6/25	Fredericksburg Two Up Time Trial	7/16	Pinenut Road Race	8/20	Fredericksburg Time Trial
		7/23	Kingsbury Time Trial	8/27	Diamond Valley Road Race Short Course
		7/30	Diamond Valley Road Race		

Never raced before? Not sure if you’re ready for a road race or criterium? Just join us for the Time Trials!

Point Standings

Here are the current point standings for the twilight race series. For those that have moved categories I am currently showing points in both categories, one of which has a category letter behind your name. As the season progresses I will eventually merge your legacy results into your current category with some kind of prorated points. Please let me know if you see any errors in the results.

Emergency Information

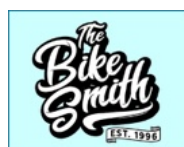
We recommend that everyone racing carry emergency medical information. The easiest thing to do is complete the emergency medical information on your cell phone and configure it for access by first responders. Another approach is getting a RoadID. We’ve negotiated a 20% discount which you can access by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

www.roadid.com/pages/groupdiscount. Note that RaodID 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.

Check the club website at www.altaalpina.org/clubracesroad/ for details of all race venues, formats, other rules, and updates.



Local Merchant Program





Board Meeting Minutes—June 1, 2026

Secretary: Michael Bayer; Other Board Members: Jordan Brooks (Highway Cleanup); Michelle Brooks (Social Media); Chris Cherrix (Spring Cyclorama); Frank Dixon (Deputy Treasurer); Bruce Eisner (Clothing Coordinator); Curtis Fong (Bicycle Advocacy); Allen Forbes (Membership); Pam Giltner (Vice President); Jennie Hamiter (Weekend Rides & Assistant Treasurer); Greg Kogut (Website Coordinator); Jim LaHue (President); Bill Magladry (Treasurer); Timari Pruis (NICA Team Director); Joseph Whiteley (Race Director)

Meeting held at Maxton and by Zoom

Meeting called to order at 6:03pm

Minutes of the May meeting approved as presented. [Jennie | Pam | Unanimous]

1. Monthly Status Reports:

- **Treasurer:** The current checking account balance is \$1,981.87. The Paypal balance is \$14,837.12. CDs are currently at \$12,495.86, \$12,364.49 and \$14,435.93. The signature cards have been updated now so Jim, Pam, Bill, Jennie are now signers. We will move \$10,000 from Paypal to checking.
- **Membership:** There are 123 fully paid memberships but there are still 52 members who haven't yet renewed. However there is still a steady flow of new members and renewals. Jennie and Bill attended the CVTA meeting to promote the club and several CVTA members said they would be joining.
- **Weekly MTB Rides:** Nigel has been leading rides with phenomenal turnout with 15-19 riders each week but last week's was cancelled due to rain.
- **Weekend Rides:** The Weekend ride program is rolling along according to schedule. Rides for weekends in June are posted and Jennie will follow-up with ride leaders to get all the July rides posted.
- **Newsletter:** Michael reported that the newsletter is scheduled for June 8.
- **Social Media:** Michelle is getting lots of different content out to promote the Challenge and club activities. She's planning about 3 postings per week per channel.
- **Website:** Greg reported that he has added tab icons and created a mechanism for board member emails. The Board approved a 1 year extension of our BlueHost contract for \$203.88 [Michael | Jennie | Unanimous].
- **Insurance:** Bike Monkey insisted that we produce an insurance certificate in order to volunteer for the Stetina Paydirt.
- **Clothing:** Bruce reported no sales in May.
- **Weekly Road Races:** Joseph needs to renew our WebScorer subscription which is covered in his budget. Tony will run the upcoming Diamond Valley Double Back race. Racers are still signing up for season passes. Joseph is working with the porta potty company to.
- **NICA Team:** Michelle and Timari just hosted an assembly with 100 students at an elementary school.

They were inundated with great questions and 30 kids expressed interest. This was the third stop at schools in the region. So far there are 8 kids on the roster for this year but with this level of interest that could grow to 30 or more.

- **Cyclorama:** We had a great turnout. Thanks to all the volunteers for helping out at all the locations and to Nigel and Desiree. The only big challenge was that we have only a single porta potty.
 - **Fall Century:** No update.
 - **Adopt A Highway:** The first cleanup is coming up on June 13. Jordan has checked all the gear and has it ready to go.
 - **Challenge:** Michael reported that he still needs medical and HAM radio volunteers as well as volunteers for June 25, 26, and 28 in particular.
 - **Bike Advocacy:** Curtis reports that today kicks off Tahoe Bike month. Members can register as individual or as part of one of our teams to log their mileage. There are prizes! Racing miles count. On June 3 there will be a bike path cleanup day. Michael will work with Curtis to generate an email.
2. **Branding and Club Kit:** It was agreed that we will recruit a graphic designer to develop a complete update of the club's branding element including the logo, fonts, banners, labels, etc. Once the branding is done we'll hire a jersey designer to design a new club kit based on the new branding. Michael will get quotes and samples of work from candidates. The budget is \$2000 [Michael | Jennie | Unanimous]
 3. **Storage Cleanup:** Jennie, Chris, and Michael joined by Bruce, Jim, and Bill cleaned up the unit. Expenses of \$341.52 approved [Michael | Jim | Unanimous]
 4. **Stetina Paydirt:** Pam reported that we had a good team of volunteers but we weren't provided enough food for the rest stop and the event was disorganized.
 5. **Spoker Ride:** Bruce and Pam will work at the card stop. Michael will setup the tent at the registration.
 6. **Diamond Valley School Bike-A-Thon:** We will be supporting the last day of school.
 7. **Tent Repair:** Jennie obtained new pins for the tent and Chris repaired the tear and purchased extra patches. Chris will be reimbursed \$9.34 [Michael | Allen | Unanimous].
 8. **Next Meeting:** Monday, July 6, 2026, 6 pm, Maxton in Minden and by Zoom.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Alta Alpina 8 Pass Sat, June 27
 Challenge
Challenge Staff Ride Sat, July 18
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 **July 6** at **Maxton** in **Minden** or by **Zoom.**

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