

The Breeze



The Newsletter of the Goleta Valley Cycling Club

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Come out and ride with us!

*We are a non-profit recreational association committed to promoting health, fitness, and safety through bicycling.
For all levels!*

AS THE WHEELS TURN...

We have a full calendar for March capped off by the Choo-Choo, the first century of the year for many of us. The Choo-Choo will be a poignant farewell to club stalwarts Frank and Lynn Breckenridge whose passion for the outdoor life takes them to live in Colorado. We will miss their enthusiasm for all things related to bicycling.

As you will see from the enclosed minutes of our 2/14 meeting, the plans for a successful 25th anniversary 10-10-04 People Powered Ride are progressing. GVCC members have asked Santa Barbara Bicycle Coalition to co-sponsor the 2004 PPR. It would be a natural partnership in that the GVCC relies on SBBC to lobby and shape bicycling causes and SBBC receives donations from GVCC each year to do so. SBBC pays for the Firestone Wine Tasting prize the GVCC has won at Bicycle to Work Week the past few years. A number of GVCC members are also SBBC members. We hope GVCC will be able to use the SBBC expertise in putting on bicycling events to plug the volunteer gaps the lack of a PPR coordinator presents. This is often the last century of the season for many of the local riders and we want them to remember it fondly over the winter months.

Your help is needed for coordinating the printing of hats or t-shirts, sending News Releases, making or picking up coffee for registration and the morning food stops, arranging for entertainment at the B-B-Q, and getting volunteer massage providers. If one of these tasks is doable for you, please let me know.

There will be the usual opportunities to volunteer before and on the day of the PPR. The outlined division of duties proposed is:

GVCC

Print brochures
Print maps
Do Pre-reg
Mark routes
Run Raffle
BBQ
Purchase and Sort Food

SBBC

Graphic Design
Get Permits
Port-a-johns
Garbage
Patches

BOTH

Flier Distribution; Contacting other clubs; Getting Sponsors; Stops, Set-up, Clean-up; Volunteers: Baking/Salads, Sags, Food; Publicity

Between the Choo-Choo and the PPR there will be many bicycling events put on by other clubs for us to enjoy. We have listed some of these events in this newsletter. It would be great if we could share our People Powered Ride with those we ride with elsewhere.

I hope many of you will be able to attend GVCC's next meeting, 6 PM on Wednesday, March 17 at the Good Earth restaurant, 5955 Calle Real in Goleta.

~ Kathleen Boehm, 687-6218,
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from the League of American Bicyclists...

BIKEFEST

It's never too early to start thinking about Bikefest 2004. This year the League will partner with the Indiana Bicycle Coalition to host the League's National Rally at the Indiana Bike Fest in Jasper, Indiana on September 3-6, 2004. This four-day event covering Labor Day weekend will bring riders from all across the US to enjoy scenic rides both on and off-road. Make sure to save the days and we hope to see you there!

Contact Christina Herold at (202) 822-1333 or christina@bikeleague.org.

CALLING ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS

We're seeking middle school teachers to volunteer to review the League's new Teacher's Guide for Safe Routes to School Bicycle and Pedestrian Curriculum. If there is a teacher among you please ask them to help us review this (age 11-14) curriculum. Contact Sami Fournier, the Director of Education for the League at (202) 822-1333, or sami@bikeleague.org.

GVCC members are sad to hear of Sandra Wintermose's 2/21/04 death. Sandra was active in the Santa Barbara Bicycle Coalition and produced bicycle events. She will be missed by the bicycling community. Our sympathies go to her family and friends.

Happy March birthday to...

Dan Henry
Hildy Hoffmann
Doris Phinney
Frank Schipper
Phil Bunn
Don Truex
Rich Monthei
Arnie Schildhaus
Stu Haney
Florence Hu

And a hearty welcome to new members...

Keith Moak
Warren Warner
David Farber

February 14, 2004 Meeting Minutes

Guest **Brooks Firestone**: Bicycling concerns were discussed. Mr. Firestone emphasized the need to voice developmental ideas for using the State funding for bicycle/pedestrian facilities.

March Calendar is available. Better describing starting points by address and other needed directions can be printed in the ride calendar. If using the web version, one clicks on the day square and the description comes up. These descriptions will be printed in the *Breeze*. April 10 will be a Food Ride that will finish at 945 N. Hope and will include the monthly meeting and a slide show.

Financial Report: the 12/31/03 balance was \$12,874.58. Continuing with our current insurance association with the League of American Bicyclist was approved as a comparative quote was not less expensive. The cost will be \$1.57 per member for the club and \$1.57 per rider for the People Powered Ride.

Mail: Other club letters and magazines, as well as ride/tour announcement, were available.

Proposal for Santa Barbara Bicycle Coalition to co-sponsor People Powered Ride:

Ralph Fertig, GVCC member and SBBC president was asked if SBBC would co-sponsor PPR. If SBBC accepts it would received 40% of PPR earnings. **Drew Hunter**, who has had experience with putting on other bicycling events, would lead the SBBC volunteer effort for SBBC.

The proposed split of work and those areas which remain to be assigned will be presented to SBBC at their March meeting.

The members present, save one, affirmed the plan to have SBBC as a co-sponsor. This co-sponsorship would be for 10-10-04 only. The members did not believe a vote of the total membership would be required to accept a co-sponsor for the PPR as GVCC by-laws do not indicate any restrictions on putting on events with other clubs. It was recognized that a share of the PPR profit has been granted to SBBC for the past several years and that SBBC is able to perform much of the lobbying and activism that benefits all bicyclists.

New Business:

The March meeting date was set as March 17, 6PM at the Good Earth Restaurant.

---**Kathleen Boehm**

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GVCC Jerseys for Sale

A very limited number of the 'new' club jerseys - 3 dolphins on blue, yellow & green background - are available (no L, XL or XXL). They can be obtained from Nancy Hull; please call ahead to arrange a time (965-5392). The cost is \$55. If you choose to have a jersey mailed, mail a \$60 check, payable to GVCC, to Nancy Hull at 963 Fellowship Ln, Santa Barbara, CA 93109; make sure you specify the size.

Bike Hazards

Call these folks to report the broken glass, potholes, downed tree limbs, discarded mattresses, illegally parked cars & other obstacles to safe cycling.

City of Buellton.		688-5177
City of Carpinteria	684-5405 x411 or 405	
City of Lompoc	736-1261 x524 or 526	
City of Sta. Barbara, Streets		564-5413
City of Sta. Barbara, Potholes		897-2513
City of Santa Maria	925-0951 x221	
City of Solvang		688-7529
Un-incorporated SB County		
debris and foliage		681-5696
general road/bikeway suggestions		568-3046
State Hwy System, Caltrans		
(eg Hwy 246, 1, 154, etc)		568-1261

**Thank You to Our GVCC Sponsors!
Please support these Jersey & Member
Sponsors; they help support our club!**

ARGUELLES, JOHN C - DDS	681-4848
38 S. LaCumbre Rd. Santa Barbara	
BICYCLE BOB'S	682-4699
15 Hitchcock Way, Santa Barbara 93101	
BIG GEAR BIKE GEAR	962-5962
324 State St., Santa Barbara 93101	
BIKESMITHS	684-3150
5441B Carpinteria Ave, Carpinteria 93013	
FERREL'S CHIROPRACTIC	963-3232
533 E. Micheltorena, Ste. 200, Santa Barbara 93103	
FRANK SCHIPPER CONSTRUCTION	963-4359
610 E Cota, Santa Barbara	
KEMP CHIROPRACTIC CLINIC.	966-3344
809 Chapala, Santa Barbara 93101	
MC FARLAND, BOB - ATTORNEY	687-6198
2600 De La Vina #F, Santa Barbara 93101	
STATE & A BAR & GRILL	966-1010
1201 State St, Santa Barbara 93101	
TRUEX, DON - DDS, MAGD	967-8300
6134 Calte Real Ste A, Goleta 93117	

Member Sponsorships, which are \$50 biannually, guarantee your listing every month in The Breeze, as well as regular membership in GVCC. The price of biannual Jersey Sponsorships, which provide you with Member Sponsor benefits as well as a place on our jersey, varies according to placement of your logo on the GVCC jersey; they will be available when the club places its next jersey order. For more information, please contact Nancy Hull at 965-5392 or Hull@sbcc.net.

Your GVCC membership provides you with discounts for non-sale items at the following bike shops:

15% off parts & accessories at:	
Open Air Bicycles, 224 Chapala,	962-7000
10% off parts & accessories at:	
Bicycle Bob's, 15 Hitchcock Way,	682-4699
Bicycle Bob's, 250 Storke Rd,	685-6799
Bicycles LTD, 155 N Fairview,	964-4913
Big Gear Bike Gear, 324 State,	962-5962
Hazards Cycle Sport, 735 Chapala,	966-3787
I.V. Bike Boutique, 880 EmbarcaderoDelMar,	968-3338
Rincon Cycles, 5100 Carpinteria Ave,	684-9466
Velo Pro Cyclery, 633 State St.,	963-7775
Velo Pro Cyclery, 5887 Hollister Ave.,	964-8355
Velo Santa Barbara, next to RoCo on State St,	884-0917

Additions to the GVCC spring/summer riding schedule

LA Marathon Bike Tour Sunday March 7 <http://www.acuralabiketour.com/>

City of Angels Funride/So. CA Bicycle Expo Sunday April 4 <http://www.bkeshow.com/>
(818)377-2006

Sedgwick Ranch Sunday May 16 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Grab your mountain bike and get ready to go on a ride to remember through the historic and picturesque Sedgwick Ranch. **Don and Laura Newman** and Michael Williams, Director of the ranch, will lead a 3-4 hour rather strenuous bike ride through this astoundingly scenic Santa Ynez Valley sanctuary. While we cannot visit all 6,000 acres, we'll ride from the historic Sedgwick Ranch House towards the National Forest surrounded by stunning vistas of distant beckoning hills. After a refreshment break, we'll pedal up to the top of the ridgeline and then traverse it while enjoying the views. This ride is not for the novice cyclist. From the ridgeline, it is a fabulous, long downhill all the way back through the valley and numerous oak-filled meadows.

Once back at the Ranch House, we'll enjoy a fabulous gourmet boxed lunch. As we relax, Michael Williams will share great stories of the ranch's history. This is an extremely rare opportunity to bicycle through landscapes that looks just as it did in the days of the old pioneers. So please join us as we cycle through the sycamores and pedal past the oaks.

Limited to 20 intermediate to advanced off-road riders \$50 per person/\$40 tax deductible. Call Laura at 687-2588 to reserve.

Strawberry Fields Forever Ride Sunday, May 16; Santa Cruz <http://www.strawberryfields.org/>

49th Great Western Bicycle Rally May 28-31 <http://www.gwbr.org/> (310) 838-0843 or (714) 529-5728

Ojai Valley Century June 12 <http://www.ojaivalleycentury.com/>
(805)640-0944

23rd Bike Trek for Life & Breath June 18-20 <http://www.californialung.org/> (805)963-1426

Santa Cruz Mountains Challenge Saturday, August 7 Road Ride <http://www.santacruzcycling.org/>

Want more? View "Bicycling", "Rails to Trails", and "Bicycling Adventures" at the March 17 GVCC monthly meeting.