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Upcoming Rides and Events

In Part II of our global look at events upcoming this year, we start with July. (Last month's issue featured January through June.)

In the meantime, take a look at the calendar — it begins on page 14 — and start planning your 2017.

July

Because July tends to be on the warm side, there are several events that take place in cooler, rural climes. One of these is the **Tahoe Trail 100** on July 15. The race starts at Northstar California Resort and you can expect seven climbs through Tahoe's forested hills. Compete in a solo 50 or 100 kilometer category or grab your BFF and race in the two-person 100 kilometer relay. This event is a qualifier for the **Leadville Trail 100** that takes place August 12 in Colorado. Go out and take on a good challenge or go out to qualify for one of the spots for Leadville. Either way, North Tahoe isn't a bad place to just go out!

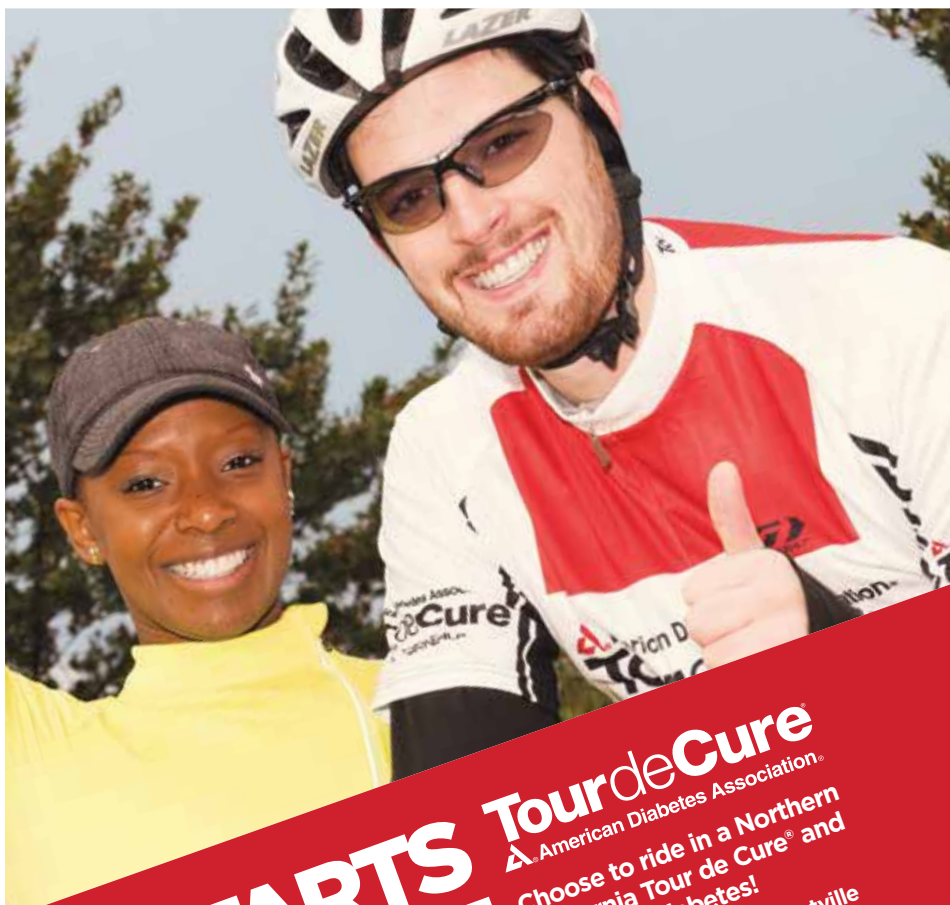
Bike rides are sometimes surprising in their ability to usher people through some of California's most amazing regions at a slower pace. On July 22 the **Historic Hotel Bike Ride** takes cyclists through the area around Fort Bidwell in Modoc County. Located in the far northeast corner of California, Modoc boasts wide open spaces and the slogan, *Where the West Still Lives*. It now hosts a bike ride with distances of 100 and 150 kilometers — and some climbing. The Historic Hotel Bike Ride takes you over 6,300 foot Cedar Pass and climbs the Warner Mountains. There are multiple opportunities to ponder the spectacular mountain views and tranquil valleys below. Both routes roll from Fort Bidwell to Alturas, but the 150 kilometer route takes you on a bit of a detour past the Modoc Wildlife Refuge. Experience

the rugged beauty of rural Modoc to finish at the historic Niles Hotel in Alturas, the county's only incorporated city.

Also on July 22, Ashland, Oregon, hosts the second annual **Up and Down Ride** along the Cascade Siskiyou Bikeway.

The start site is at the ramblingly shady Emigrant Lake park and strong riders can expect climbing, hills, and more climbing as they ride into the Cascades to do the Greensprings climb, an ascent that aver-

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Cover photo: Finishing their ride like victors! After a century's worth of miles, these Solvang Century riders are looking for their post-ride meal and a cool beverage. This year's event is on March 11. Cycle California! staff photo.

¡Viva la bicicleta!

By Bob Marr

People-watching is a very enjoyable pastime, especially when on vacation. In Cuba, bicycle-watching is even better! Sitting at a comfy outdoor paladar (private café) in Viñales in western Cuba, I was treated to the sight of a young man riding an old singlespeed down a slight hill with one hand on the handlebars and the other holding a tray of a few dozen eggs balanced on his other upturned hand. I silently wished him luck.

Bike Culture

Everyone knows about all the 1950s-era American automobiles in Cuba and yes, there are lots of them, along with thousands of Russian Ladas. However, not everyone there has a car available to them and so bicycles, along with horses and oxen, are a major means of transportation.

When support from the Soviet Union collapsed, the Cuban government faced a fuel and hard currency crisis that made internal combustion-based transportation difficult or impossible at times. As a result, they instituted an aggressive bicycle policy in the 1990s, adding 2 million bikes to the



Bicitaxis roll along the narrow streets as pedestrians go about their business in Old Havana. Photo by Bob Marr.

country's total and creating a vibrant bicycle culture.

While I did see several recreational riders in their spiffy logo-emblazoned jerseys, they were far outnumbered by people

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going about their daily affairs. Most of the kids I saw on bikes were not out playing, they were riding to and from school in their immaculate school uniforms, sometimes two to a bike and sometimes sitting on the handlebars with their fathers driving.

When it came time to leave Viñales, our host insisted on accompanying us to the bus stop, my wife's luggage on the back rack of his bike. At the B&B where we stayed in Varadero, the daughter of the house would leave on her bike every evening after dusk and return a half-hour later with one loaf of bread in the basket.

Engines of Commerce

Bicycles also serve as commercial vehicles in Cuba. In Old Havana, with its narrow streets, bicitaxis are everywhere, and not just for tourists. These three-wheeled bike-taxis, with their comfy passenger seats, ferry Cuban shoppers to and from their daily errands quickly and

efficiently. Besides human passengers, I saw all types of cargo being transported by bike, including one bike with several cases of pop or beer strapped to the rear rack. Another man who was delivering bottled water had it a little easier with a trailer on his bike.

At a bus stop I met an entrepreneur who had fashioned a rack on his bike to carry and display the garlic braids he was selling, and in Old Havana there was a guy who had outfitted his bike as a mobile stage for his little costumed dogs, which he would offer as photo props to passing tourists.

With trucks, buses, cars, oxcarts, horses and pedestrians on the streets and roads, one might expect a lot of difficulty and danger for the cyclist; indeed, sources suggest as many as a third of vehicle accidents in Cuba involve bicycles. However, I suspect this has more to do with the number of bicycles and the state

of disrepair of many of them than it does with conflicts with other road users.

Bike parts are hard to find and expensive relative to local wages, so brakes and tires might not always be up to the task of protecting the rider. I saw more bald tires there than anywhere else I've been to.

The roads themselves and the laws governing bicycle travel are actually quite favorable to cyclists, and drivers I saw were exceptionally courteous. Horns are used as a warning rather than an expletive, as can be the case elsewhere.

Interactions

I was sitting towards the front of an intercity bus as it negotiated a highway on-ramp with a group of cyclists in front who had no way to move to the side. Rather than get upset, the bus driver just hung back several meters until he entered

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ages a 7 percent grade with about 2,270 feet of elevation gain. The bicycling outside of Ashland offers outstanding views and relatively quiet roads with polite drivers.

August

On August 21 an oldie but a goodie, the **Tour of Napa Valley**, takes riders on a roll in that iconic grape-growing region beginning from the California Veterans Home in Yountville. Perhaps you have done the ride in the past; it's a good one to experience periodically. The metric and the century routes offer a view of the Napa Wine Country from atop as you ride along rolling roads between well-stocked rest stops. There are also flat 35 mile and hilly 40 mile routes for less experienced riders.

September

Lake Tahoe is a place to visit again and again. Noted for its mountain bike trails, on September 10, the area hosts the **Tour de Tahoe – Bike Big Blue**, a 72-mile road ride around the lake. Experience hard-to-ride areas such as the challenging 700-foot climb to the Emerald Bay overlook and a 1,000 foot climb to Spooner Junction in Nevada. The beauty of Tour de Tahoe is that it's the last chance of the season to ride an organized event around Lake Tahoe. June's America's Most Beautiful Bike Ride -- Lake Tahoe usually sells out.

October

On October 7, Lake County's dun-colored rolling hills beckon for the late season **Konocti Challenge**. Riders take off from the Skylark Shores Resort in

Lakeport for various ride options: 20, 40, 65 or 100 mile romps around Clear Lake and into the hills. As with many areas of California, vineyards now line Lake County's rural roads and march across the hills. The Konocti Challenge also offers participatory rest stops — each one has a different theme and you get to vote for your favorite! Expect good support and a nice end-of-ride barbecue on the lake front.

Also on October 7, Pinetop, Arizona, is the place to be for the state's longest standing mountain bike event — the **Tour of the White Mountains**. A throwback to the grassroots mountain bike events of old, the Tour of the White Mountains is a gathering of the tribe, the knobby-tired tribe, that is. Enjoy the laid-back vibe as you sample the epic rides this event offers.

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the highway and had room to pass. It seemed to me that cyclists were viewed as having an equal right to the use of the road, and I witnessed this apparent attitude many times. My wife noticed the same degree of courtesy extended to two men pushing a heavy cart by hand down the street. No honking, swearing or gestures, just patience and calm on the part of vehicle operators.

Wheeling Cuba

What about bicycle tourism? Well, a quick scan of the internet reveals about a gazillion organized bicycle tours of Cuba. If you want to go this route, find a tour operator with good recommendations and reviews.

Of course, it is possible to just bring a bike and take off on your own.

Be sure to read and learn as much as

you can from others who have traveled in Cuba, as there are quite a few things you definitely need to know:

- Cuban citizens cannot have foreigners staying in their houses or on their property without official permission. *Casas particulares*, (private B&Bs), are licensed and the cost is very reasonable; the ones where we stayed ranged from \$25 to \$40 and a wonderful full breakfast could be purchased at the casa for \$5. *Casas particulares* are identified by a special symbol displayed by their doors; ask around when you enter a town.
- Currently, camping is not a popular activity in Cuba so check out internet sources for info on wild camping. The rare Cuban *campismos* (campgrounds) have huts rather than tent sites.
- We found that most people do not speak much if any English, so fluency

in Spanish is helpful, especially away from tourist areas.

If you want to visit a tropical island filled with friendly people, good food, economical accommodations, and a general lack of the sort of commercialism that plagues so many other tourist destinations and where bicycles and bicyclists are given the respect they deserve, give Cuba a try!

Resources

www.roughguides.com
www.exodustravels.com
www.lonelyplanet.com/thorntree/forums/

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The Handsomest Man in Cuba, Lynette Chiang
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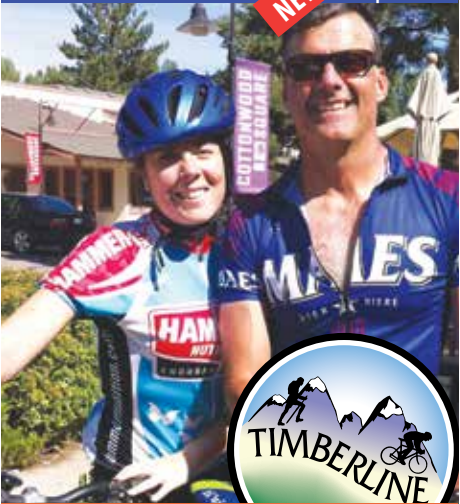
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Upstate New York's Adirondacks

By Grace Voss

The Adirondack Mountains, located in northeastern New York, came as a total surprise. Not tall or imposing (elevation 1,600 feet max), they are a fascinating combination of dense, old growth forest, quiet, swampy bogs with skeletal trees reaching their bony branches to the sky and bucolic farmlands dotted with cornfields and dairy cows.

The Adirondack Mountains cover six million acres, more than all other national parks combined. They boast 10,000 lakes and 30,000 miles of rivers and streams, some draining to Lake Ontario and others to the Hudson River. They are a forest preserve, with 52 percent of the land privately owned but heavily regulated by the Adirondack Park Agency.

In late August, along with two friends, I took part in the first-ever Cycle Adirondacks, a week-long, 400-mile bike tour for 160 riders to benefit the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS). It was, hands down, the best red carpet treatment I have received on a bike tour.

Cycle Adirondacks was the inspiration of event director Jim Moore, a planning veteran of Cycle Oregon and Cycle Greater Yellowstone bike tours, and Zoe Smith, Adirondacks director for WCS, whose dream has always been to expose more people to the beauty and serenity in her neck of the woods. Since 2013, Moore and Smith have worked with local communities as well as conservation experts before recruiting volunteers.

The results were stupendous. The Star Lake community created handmade Hawaiian leis of cloth maple leaves to welcome each bicyclist at the end of Day One's 68 miles from Saranac Lake. The community also created a raft transport to a sandbar "bar" in a nearby lake on a warm afternoon. The town of Camden, located in a narrow glacial valley, revved up its colonial-style Drum & Bugle Corps to march and play for the cyclists after their 78-mile journey that day. Talented vocalists serenaded bicyclists at dinner after a 76-mile ride into Boonville in the Black River Valley. Local bands played each evening, while volunteers staffed booths



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Upstate New York has swampy bogs which form part of its old-growth forests. Photo by Grace Voss.



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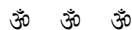
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W.W. Durant built his own road to his family's summer estate, while J.P. Morgan constructed the Raquette Lake Railroad to serve his family's lodge.

The final two days of riding were my favorite, dense forests on both sides of the roadway. I saw spruce, pine and deciduous trees like birch and cedar, interspersed by the glimmer of a lake through the woods. Traffic was scarce, adding to the overall ambience. Lunch on Day 5 came at the end of a long climb up to the Adirondack Museum, a series of buildings highlighting local history — the use of horses for logging, railroads, authentic Adirondack cabins and lean-tos and a demonstration of canoe paddling in the museum's lake. A view from the deck of the cafeteria featured Long Lake in its entirety, as well as its privately owned islands.

Our last night in the town of Long Lake featured ATV transport, as local teens carried us and our luggage to our tents. (Luggage transport was a welcome service, also offered by Cub Scouts and local sports teams throughout the tour.) I chose to rent a Comfy Camper, a tent complete with assembly and disassembly by youthful and helpful staffers, a fully-inflated air mattress, cloth deck chair and fresh towel. (Camping need not be difficult!) A shower truck traveled with us during the week.

This year's tour is August 20–27, and there are three-, four- or seven-day options. Learn more at cycleadironacks.com



This bard owl was a popular attraction of The Wild Center located near Tupper Lake, N.Y. Photo by Grace Voss.



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Outdoor fun: Klamath Falls, Oregon

By Tracy L. Corral

As bike magazine publishers, we do enjoy getting away for our own exploration. Generally, we vacation during the off-season, which gives us the chance to explore without fighting crowds normally found in the summer months. We recently had that opportunity when we took a short trip to the Klamath Falls area of southern Oregon.

Klamath Falls, and really, much of southern Oregon and northern California, has a lot of different ways to play in the outdoors: Road and mountain bike riding, hiking, camping, kayaking and rafting. Here are some of the highlights of what we learned during our time in Klamath Falls.

Falling Rapids

It's fair to say Klamath Falls is a good jumping off location or base camp for people who really like outdoor activities. It has all the advantages of being in a city: Good restaurants, coffee shops and brew pubs, along with good, well-stocked bike shops; anything a traveler might need. Its location has great access to all

kinds of outdoor activities. It is a nice day trip by car to explore Crater Lake, where you can ride, hike or camp in the national forest there.

Klamath is on the sunny side of Oregon characterized by high desert. I have to be honest: I always thought with the word "Falls" in its name, Klamath must be near some really spectacular waterfalls. I was a little deflated to find out that the "Falls" were some small rapids on the narrow Link River that connects Upper Klamath Lake to Lake Ewauna. I also learned that Lake Ewauna is the headwaters of the Klamath River that flows 253 miles west to the Pacific Ocean.

The area has about 300 days of sunshine and being located on the northwest's largest natural lake, Upper Klamath Lake, there are opportunities for canoeing and kayaking, sailing, paddleboarding, rowing and fishing. And, of course, the area is known for bike riding, whether you mountain bike singletrack or take your skinny tires on Oregon's Scenic Bikeways or along a paved trail.

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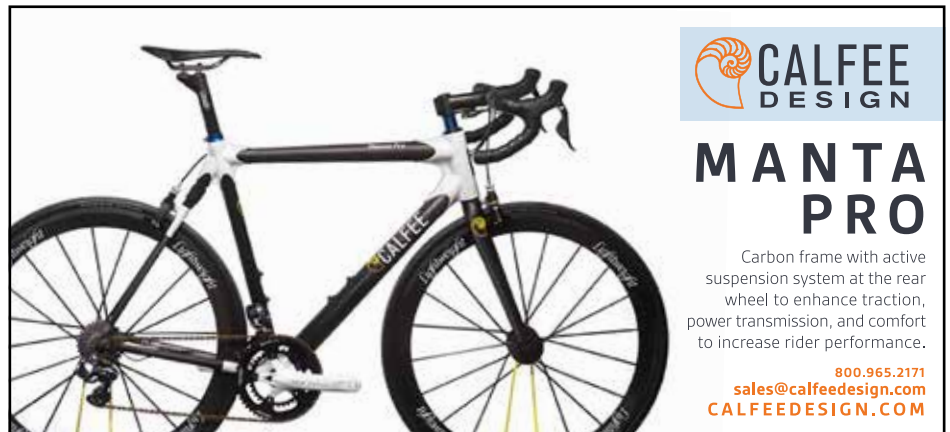
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Ride Klamath Ride has routes, maps and information on road riding, gravel grinding, and mountain biking in the area.

Mountain Biking Klamath

Klamath Falls has several mountain bike trails near the town, including some singletrack right within spitting distance of downtown. (At first glance, it didn't seem to us that there was much in the way of mountain biking there. Silly us!)

Here are a couple of off-road experiences right near Klamath Fall's Main St.

Moore Park, right in town, offers some sweet trails. Some of these are steep, and because the town is situated in high desert at an altitude of 4,500 feet, you will want to pack a lot of water with you, even if you think you can handle a little bitty 4-mile trail. (Remember those 300 days of sunshine.)

Moore Park's Ridgeview Trail ride rewards you with a view of Upper Klamath Lake. The trail is steep single-track, with a total elevation gain of 709 feet in those aforementioned 4 miles.

Right in town is the Link River Trail, a one-and-a-half mile-long unpaved trail. The trail parallels the river in a cut canyon that connects Upper Klamath Lake and the Klamath River.

For mountain bikers who don't see the sense of trail riding in town, a little ways up Oregon Highway 140 outside town, the 10-mile Spence Mountain Trail awaits. Located between the lake and Highway 140 West, the trail has views of Upper Klamath Lake, with Mt. McLoughlin and Mt. Shasta lurking in the background. This trail is the first phase of a planned 50 mile trail system in a privately owned forest.

You can find more information about the Ridgeview and Spence Mountain Trails on the Ride Klamath Ride website: rideklamathride.com/ride/mountain-trails

Roadie Rides from Klamath

As with the mountain bike rides, there are several road rides that begin right in Klamath Falls. The Running Y/Triple Loop is one. From Veterans Park in downtown, this route takes riders out to the Running Y Ranch Resort via roads and a bike path along the south shore of Upper Klamath Lake. The route has some hills (its total elevation gain is almost 1,400 feet) and, because it does include a stretch on the unpaved Link River Trail, isn't suitable for bikes with really skinny tires. Total mileage is 27 miles if you ride all the way back into town.

Another partially paved ride is along the OC&E Woods Line State Trail, a route along a former railbed for the Oregon, California and Eastern Railroad. The trail is Oregon's longest linear park and is open to all nonmotorized recreation.

From Crosby and Avalon streets in Klamath Falls, the first 7 miles or so are paved and mostly flat. This section makes for a nice family ride. After mile 7, the OC&E becomes a gravel trail through the Winema National Forest. The ride starts by heading south, then swings north to Olene and east toward Silver Lake. The terrain of this ride is varied: you roll past farmland, timberlands, and the Lost River. Total mileage, if you do the entire route, is approximately 90 miles. The Ride Klamath Ride website also has these and other road rides at rideklamathride.com/ride/road-routes/

On the water

Located as it is on a large body of water, Klamath offers sports in the form of sailing,

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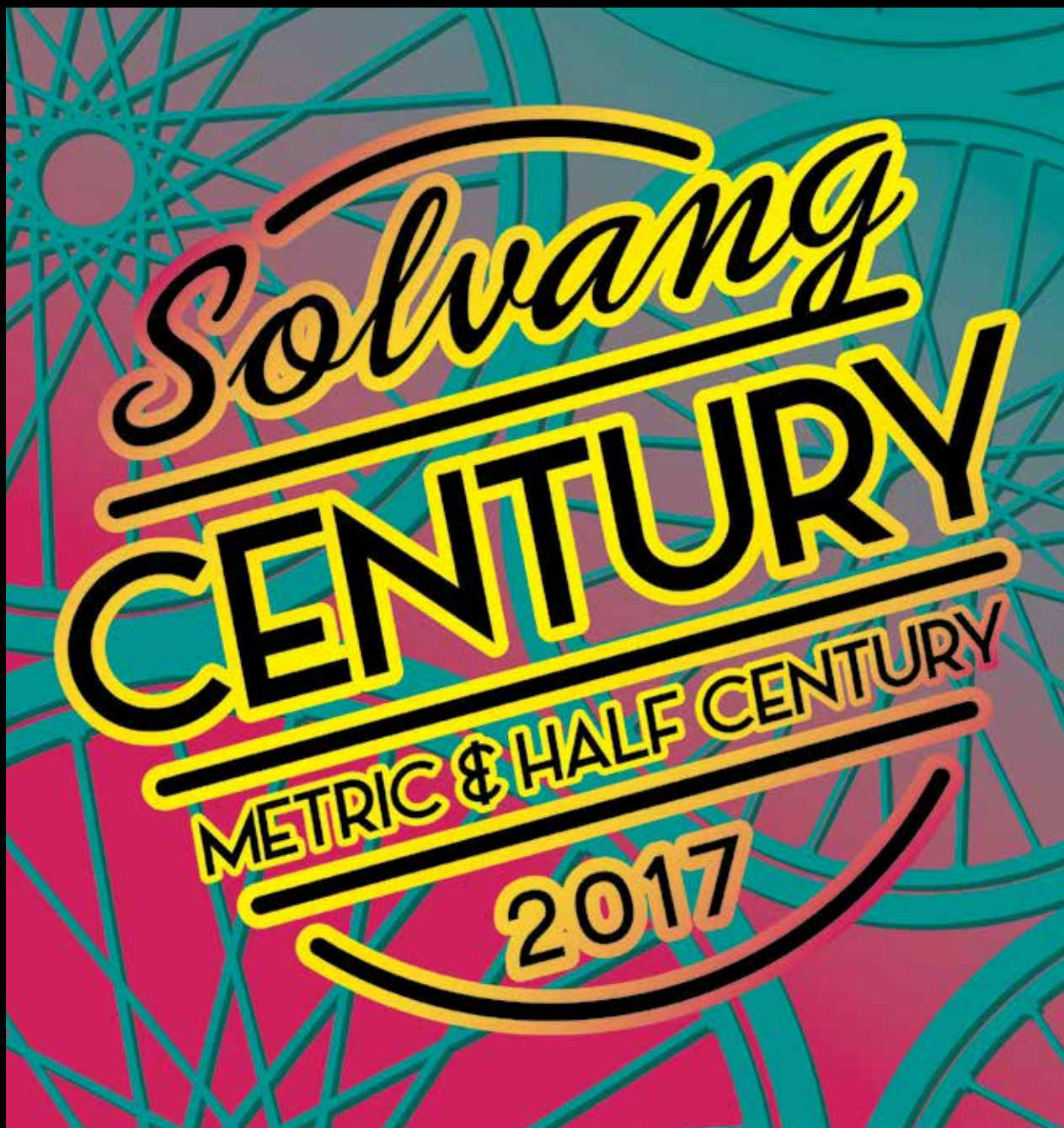
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Fort Bragg CA: 10 a.m., Skunk Depot parking lot, Monday through Friday. 12 mi. Ride north along the Ten Mile Haul Road, an old blacktop road once used for logging trucks, now exclusively used for bicyclists and walkers. Return for snacks and coffee at the Mendo Cookie Company. Jim Bogue, vogueb1@yahoo.com

Livermore, CA: Noontime training ride, with the Valley Spokesmen Racing Team and Lawrence Livermore Cyclotrons. Fast paced 20 to 25 mi. Meet at Lawrence Livermore National Lab Visitors Center, Greenville Rd. (I-580 to Greenville Rd. exit, go north on Greenville for about 3 mi). Parking lot for the Visitor's Center is on the right. Art Wong, (510) 422-9368.

Palo Alto, CA: Page Mill Weekday Noon Ride, starts at 12:06 p.m. rolling past the Page Mill Rd. Park and Ride. 1-hour, 22 mi. loop back to Page Mill and Foothill, with longer options on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Weekly rides

These occur at the same time each week or month

Monday

San Jose, CA: 9 a.m. Beginner level training rides leave from Bel Bacio for a ride along the Guadalupe Trail. Ride lengths between 10-20 mi. at 11-16 m.p.h. Teresa Boune, (530) 320-2378

Menlo Park, CA: Java Jive Double Jump out of the starting blocks at 9:15 with a fast pace-line to Café Borronne in Menlo Park. The ride goes along the foothills after coffee. No sweep; one regroup for coffee. Meet at the Bicycle Outfitter, 963 Fremont Ave (Loyola Corners), Los Altos, Leader: Dave Fitch, davidfitch@prodigy.net.

Los Altos, CA: Java Jive Double Expresso. 9:20 a.m. Jump out of the starting blocks with a fast pace-line to Café Borronne in Menlo Park. The group works its way back along the foothills after coffee. No sweep; one regroup for coffee. Meet in the Lucky's parking lot, Arboretum and Foothill Expwy, about 1/4 mile north of Homestead Rd. Leader: Dave Fitch, davidfitch@prodigy.net.

Mountain View, CA: Meet Tom Stephany (650) 483-4273 or Pat Elson (408) 718-7363 or patelson@mac.com at Rengstorff Community Ctr 201 S. Rengstorff Ave., Mountain

View. Meet 8:45 a.m. for a 9 a.m. departure for Café Borronne in Menlo Park. Very flat; the group travels at a mild, social, and comfortable pace. Nobody left behind. Rain cancels.

San Mateo, CA: Java Jive. Flat route to Café Borronne in Menlo Park for coffee and/or breakfast. Return at a social pace through the quiet, residential streets. The Hill Climbers' Option adds 12 to 16 mi. to the ride. Meet at Los Prados Park at 8:30 a.m. for a departure at 8:45 a.m. Tom Prager trprager1200@gmail.com. Rain/muddy conditions cancel.

Tuesday

Hollister, CA Tuesday evening ride leaving sharp at 6pm from Off the Chain bike shop, 101 Mc Cray St., #101. 22 miles out on Hollister's beautiful back roads. 2 groups, moderate & fast. Re-grouping. Call Brian or Chris at (831) 636-0802 with any questions

Sunnyvale, CA: Tuesday Loop Ride. Meet 10:45 a.m. for a prompt 11:00 a.m. departure. Retired, home executive, between jobs, playing hooky? Join Western Wheelers rain or shine, at Westmoor Shopping Center, corner of Fremont and Mary. The route is a variation of the Portola loop with lunch stops. There are hilly C and D routes. Regroups, lunch and coffee near the end of the ride. Leader: Vern L Tucker, vlbiker@yahoo.com, Bring lunch or buy.

Castro Valley, CA: Show up at 8:20 a.m., ride leaves 8:30 a.m. Meet on the east side of the Rite-Aid Store parking lot, at 3848 Castro Valley Blvd. The ride is 32 to 40 mi., includes around 2,800 ft. of climbing, with coffee stop in Moraga or Montclair. Non-club riders are welcome! Bring \$ for coffee/eats. The group returns to start between 11:30 a.m. and noon. Rain cancels. John Barclay, (john_barclay@sbcglobal.net) or www.TuesdayThursdayBikeGroup.com

Los Altos, CA: Tuesday night Egan Ride. 6 p.m. Ride regroups after every climb. If you can do Old La Honda Rd. in under 25 min. you should be able to keep up. Bring lights. 16 mi. 1,980 ft. elev. Go to www.altovelo.org

Wednesday

Reno, NV: Wednesday 20-60 mi. fun, No Drop social rides out of High Sierra Cycling, 1141 Steamboat Pkwy. Ride starts 5-10 minutes after the scheduled time and only rolls if weather permits so if it's raining or snowing the ride will be cancelled. Check the website for start times. Helmets are mandatory and dress in layers according to weather. www.HighSierraCycling.com. (775) 852-8850 or text (530) 545-1613

Napa, CA: Wednesday Training Ride: 6 p.m. for a 6:15 p.m. rollout. Ride over Veeder (spring/summer/fall) or through the beautiful Carneros district (fall/winter/spring). 16+ mph avg pace, no drop. Starts off from Bicycle Works, (707) 253-7000, www.bicycleworksnapa.com

Los Altos, CA: Wednesday Youthful Seniors Ride with Skyline Cycling Club! 10:30 a.m. October - May; 9:30 a.m. June - September. All levels and ages with all types of bikes welcome. Several route options from fairly flat 15 mi. to major hills 30 mi., class 1-4. Ride starts and ends behind The Bicycle Outfitter, 963 Fremont Avenue, Los Altos. Rain cancels. Helmets req'd. Go to www.pobox.com/~skyline

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Pleasanton, CA: Join Pleasanton Pedalers' weekly social ride, 9 a.m. Start from the

Calendar Users Guide

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east parking lot of the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Ride 25-35 mi. at 12-15 mi. per hour. The route changes from week to week, but always includes a stop along the way for coffee. The ride is free; helmet, a working bike and spare tube is req'd. Riders under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Steven McGinnis (925) 426-1290

Benicia, CA: Thursday 9 a.m. join the Benicia Bicycle Club for a ride. Meet at Starbucks Coffee, 90 Solano Square, Benicia. www.beniciabicycleclub.org

Castro Valley, CA: Show up at 8:20 a.m., ride leaves promptly at 8:30 a.m. Meet on the east side of the Rite-Aid Store parking lot, 3848 Castro Valley Blvd. The ride is 35 to 45 mi. Route varies each Thursday as the group head out to the Pleasanton/Livermore Valley area. Non-club members are welcome! Bring \$ for food/coffee. The group returns between 11:30 a.m. and noon. Rain cancels. John Barclay, john_barclay@sbcglobal.net or www.TuesdayThursdayBikeGroup.com

Brentwood, CA: Pizza & Beer Ride with the Delta Pedalers. Extreme Pizza in the Safeway Shopping Center at Fairview & Balfour. A easy no-drop ride around town with socializing at the end. Lights and helmets required. Call Jan at (925) 437-2045. deltaped.org.

Castro Valley, CA: Weekly Thursday intermediate ride begins at Lake Chabot: 6 p.m. Meet Lake Chabot Rd. near the driveway leading up to the public safety offices and Nike classroom. A fast-paced after-work workout. Ride varies from week to week. 14 to 20 mi. w/1,000 to 2,000 ft. of climbing. RSVP. David Ambrose, david@boarsgut.com, (510) 888-9757.

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Los Altos, CA: The Friday B Ride. Meet Louis Rustenburg (408-420-0443, louisngisele@gmail.com) every 1st and 3rd Friday and Vern Tucker (408-730-2548, vltnvt1@comcast.net) every 2nd and 4th Friday at 10 a.m. at McKenzie Park for a 10:15 a.m. ride start. Rides will be a mix of hills and flatter residential roads, with a lunch stop along the way.

San Jose, CA: 3rd Friday Bike Party 7:30 p.m. Rides are typically 17 mi. w/two 47 minute regroupings that have a mobile dance floor provided by Guerillaz in Da Mixx.

Different live DJs each month, as well as 8-10 food trucks. Each month has a different route and theme. Themes are announced each month, and ride details 48 hours before the ride at www.sjbikeparty.org

Saturday

Hollister, CA 8 a.m., meet at Off the Chain bike shop, 101 Mc Cray St., #101. Slow, Casual ride 22 mile bike ride. Great ride for beginners. Re-grouping. Call Brian or Chris at (831) 636-0802 with any questions.

Fremont, CA: First Saturday of the month, join the Fremont Freewheelers Bicycle Club for the monthly Calaveras Clockwise loop. Starts in the Niles area of Fremont (meet in the parking lot on Niles Blvd. across from H St. at 8:30 a.m.) and ride through Niles Canyon to Sunol before heading out to scenic Calaveras. Rain, or a serious threat of rain cancels.

Los Altos & Cupertino, CA: Sunnyvale Cupertino Cycling Club (SCCC) Saturday Ride 8:30 a.m. Ride start location alternates between the 76 Gas Station at Rancho Shopping Center on Foothill Expwy. near Springer/Magdalena in Los Altos or Cupertino Bike Shop, 10625 S. Foothill Blvd, Cupertino. Friendly, no-drop, men and women's club ride is a moderate to fast paced ride with re-grouping. 40-60 mi. with 4000-6000 feet of climbing. Check www.sccc-cycling.org or www.facebook.com/sunnyvalecupertinocyclingclub for where the start is for the week.

Stockton, CA: 1st Sat LSD (Long, Slow, Distance) ride w/San Joaquin Bicycle Coalition! 8 a.m. 2 options: 10 mi. or 30 mi. Meet at McNabb St., north of Bear Creek High School, 10555 Thornton Rd. For more info go to www.sjbike.org

Los Altos, CA: Alto Velo "B" Intermediate group ride. Ride leaves from Peet's Coffee & Tea, 367 State St., 9:10 a.m. Come early for coffee and conversation. good pack skills are needed. General ride distance from 45-80 miles, with 4500-7500 ft. of climbing. Regroups at tops of major climbs. If rain is in the forecast, rain route will be posted. Ride ends at Peet's where riders can hang out and have a cup of Joe. www.altovelo.org

Benicia, CA: Saturday ride with Benicia Bicycle Club 8 a.m., from Benicia State Recreation Area Park — Meet at the K St. entrance. Usually the ride breaks into a fast-paced and more leisurely group. Call George, Benicia Bicycle Club, (707) 747-9623, www.beniciabicycleclub.org

San Jose, CA: 2nd Saturday Giro d'Bici Bike Ride: 10 a.m. Start from 5715 Cottle Rd. for a 40 mi. spirited fellowship ride. This is a road ride. Helmets req'd. Contact Larry Brandt, (408) 238-1649 or Ahmed Masood (408) 265-2883 or www.actc.org

Los Altos & Palo Alto, CA: Sunnyvale Cupertino Cycling Club (SCCC) Pink Ladies Saturday Ride 9:30 a.m. Rides start at the Rancho Shopping Center Starbucks on Foothill Expressway at Springer/Magdalena then roll onto Gunn High School in Palo Alto to meet additional riders at 9:45 under the school sign at Arastradero Rd. and Foothill Expwy. A friendly social- to moderate-paced weekly club ride with no-drop, typically with 20-40 mi. and 1,000-4,000 feet of climbing. Men and women are all welcome. Contact Peggy Benenato at peggybenenato@gmail.com, www.sccc-cycling.org

Oakland, CA: The Oakland Yellowjackets bicycle club for riders of all levels and ages. New riders invited! Ride every Saturday and holiday year-round. Meet at the Children's Fairyland parking lot at Lake Merritt. For info, go to www.oaklandyellowjackets.org. Helmets req'd.

Los Altos, CA: Sunnyvale Cupertino Cycling Club (SCCC) Saturday Ride: 8:30 a.m. Meets at the Los Altos Rancho Shopping Center (near the 76 gas station) on Foothill Expwy and Springer/Magdalena. Friendly men and women's weekly club ride is a moderate to fast paced ride with re-grouping. Rides are typically 40-60 mi. with 4,000-6,000 ft. climbing. Contact Michel Courtoy at (408) 887-1880 or visit www.sccc-cycling.org or search for SCCC on Facebook.



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Lafayette, CA: 3rd Sunday women-only ride, 15-30 mi., easy-paced (10-12 mph), no-drop. Basic skills and etiquette! Road bikes, hybrids preferred; helmets req'd. Rides led by a USA Cycling Level 2 coach. Meet at the back door of Sharp Bikes, 969 Moraga Rd. Roll at 9:30 a.m. meredithnielsen@wenzelcoaching.com or (415) 516-0409

Los Altos, CA: Alto Velo "A" Ride leaves from Peet's Coffee & Tea, 9:10 a.m. The start site is located at 367 State St. An advanced level ride with plenty of climbing and fast descents. General ride distance from 60-90 mi., with 4,500-9,500 ft. of climbing. If rain is in the forecast, rain route will be posted. Ride ends at Peet's. www.altovelo.org

Brentwood, CA: Sunday Morning Road Rides with The Delta Pedalers. 8 a.m. & 9 a.m. Meet at The Bagel Street Cafe at Balfour & Fairview. Rain cancels. RIDE #1 meets at 9 a.m. and is a slow-paced no drop, 20 mi ride, suitable for beginners. Call John at (925) 439-1190. RIDE #2 meets at 8 a.m. and is a 35 to 40 mi ride at a fast pace. It is for fast riders with some hills. Text Dave P at (925) 980-2076 or www.deltaped.org

Napa, CA: 3rd Sunday of the month Vintage Bike Ride. 9 a.m. Ride to Yountville, 20 mi. Dust off your vintage steed for a relaxing ride to Yountville. Stop for coffee and pastries before returning to Napa. Leaves from Bicycle Works, 3335 Solano Ave.

Tracy, CA: Sunday weekly 20 mi., flat road bike ride for beginners or folks who want to mosey and chat. Meet 10 a.m. at Starbucks, Red Maple Village 2600 S. Tracy Blvd. Cycling safety and shifting basics are covered by the ride leader. Regroup as needed and no rider is ever left behind. www.valleyvelo.org

Sausalito, CA: Paradise Loop Ride: 9 a.m. every Sunday. Meet at Mike's Bikes of Sausalito parking lot, at #1 Gate 6 Rd. Easy to moderate pace so beginners are welcome. go to <http://mikesbicyclecenter.com>

Benicia, CA: Sunday morning ride w/the Benicia Bicycle Club, 8 a.m., from Benicia State Recreation Area Park — Meet at the K St. entrance. Usually the ride develops into two groups: a fast-paced and more leisurely group. Call George, Benicia Bicycle Club, (707) 747-9623 or www.beniciabicycleclub.org

Los Altos, CA: Sunday Casual Road Ride with Skyline Bicycle Club! 10:30 a.m. A ride is for all levels of riders. 20 to 32 mi. loops with some hills to major hills. Meet behind The Bicycle Outfitter, 963 Fremont Ave. Rain cancels. Tandems and recumbents welcome. Helmets req'd. Go to www.pobox.com/~skyline or (650) 948-8092.

Modesto, CA: 1st Sunday ride with the Stanislaus County Bicycle Club. 8 a.m. Meet in the parking lot

at Marie Calendars, corner of Sylvan & Coffee. 62 mi. very fast ride to Knight's Ferry. The terrain is rolling hills with approx. 50-100 ft. of climbing. This ride requires paceline riding; may regroup. Stanislaus County Bicycle Club, (209) 571-7545

Napa, CA: Sunday ride with Eagle Cycling Club 8:30 a.m. Meet at Dwight Plaza between #1120 -1126 on First St. 40-80 mi. The ride is fun and social; starts out slow, regroups, and may break into different groups. www.eaglecyclingclub.org or contact Bicycle Works (707) 253-7000.

Hollister, CA: 1st Sunday of every month. 9 a.m. Meet 190 Maple St., at the World Gym parking lot. Pace dependent on riders who show up, occasional regrouping during the ride. Rides are from 20-30 mi., 1.5 to 2 hours in length. Contact Jeff, (831) 636-0241, or tomerbob@ix.netcom.com

Reno, NV: Sunday Ride w/Procrastinating Pedalers of Reno/Tahoe. Meet at Roy Gomm Elementary School to ride out to Verdi and back, approx 25-30 mi. Ride the Tahoe Pyramid Bikeway, locally known as the Verdi loop, no stop lights, scenic with little traffic. Go to www.pedalers.org and click on the calendar to go to the meetup.com site.

Festival

April

4/20-23 Sea Otter Classic: Laguna Seca, Monterey. A variety of races and recreational rides plus a demo zone to see and try your next bike. Events take place on a combination of rural roads inside the Laguna Seca Recreation Area, the Laguna Seca Raceway, and public roadways of the Monterey Peninsula and Carmel Valley. Festival entry includes race viewing, marketplace with hundreds of vendors, kids zone, and more. www.seaotterclassic.com or call (800) 218-8411.

Swap meet

April

4/30 Cupertino Bike Swap: HUGE bicycle swap meet at Cupertino Bike Shop. 10 a.m. (no early bird buyers) to 4 p.m. Over 60 vendors crammed into the parking lot by the shop sell: parts, clothing, frames, bikes, helmets, tubes, tires and more. \$2 admission. Vendor spaces start at \$60. Call: (408) 255-2217 to PayPal your space in advance. Reserve EARLY...it always sell out. 10625 S. Foothill Blvd., Cupertino, CA 95104

Centuries, fun & charity rides

February

2/25 Pedaling Paths to Independence: Linden. A flat 26 mi. ride or a 65 mi. metric with about 1,300 feet of elevation gain, along quiet backroads among orchards and vineyards. www.pedalingpaths.com

March

3/4 Kings River Blossom Ride: Reedley College, Reedley. 20, 40, 60 mi. & a 10 mi. family route through the flowering trees of the Central Valley! Each ride builds on the last, from the easy family ride to the more challenging 60 miler into the foothills outside the town. Reg includes rest stops, SAG and post-ride meal. Enjoy a day of scenic cycling. Go to www.blossombikeride.com

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April

4/1 California Classic Weekend: Chukchansi Stadium, Fresno. 35, 60, 100. mi. routes that range from flat to a maximum elevation of 2,000 ft. through the beautiful foothills of Fresno County before returning downtown Fresno! All riders can ride the freeway for 10 miles, vehicle-free! Stay the night and run a half marathon on Sunday and earn the ride's interlocking companion finisher's medallion! Reg. includes BBQ, timing, event shirt, beer garden, ice cream, finisher's medallion and SAG! CaliforniaClassicWeekend.com

4/1 40th Annual Tierra Bella Bike Tour: Gavilan College, Gilroy. 4 beautiful routes: ride the easier 35 mi. (56K) reservoir loop; enjoy a hilly & rolling metric century (62 mi.); or ride a challenging 100 mi. (160K) or 124 mi. (200K) route. Includes hot catered meal, rest stops with snacks, baked goods and drinks, SAG support, and a free commemorative patch. Families welcome! Team discounts! Reg. early and save. Limited to 2,000 reg. www.tierrabella.org or call (408) 255-7957.

4/8 Bike around the Buttes: Sutter. Tour the old stage coach route from Sutter to Meridian, then head north thru the majestic Sutter Buttes mountain range on a 17.5, 40 or 100 mi ride. These routes unveil rolling hills, little elevation change and long stretches of beautiful countryside. The 100 mi. route adds a trek by the Sacramento River. Post-ride activities include a finish line meal by Cool Hand Luke's, beer garden, massage therapy, and live music. For more info, www.bikearoundthebuttes.com

4/8 Cinderella Classic & Challenge: Pleasanton. Princesses get your helmets on! For women & girls. Metric distance: 65 mi. along a relatively flat course, thru Amador, Livermore, Diablo & San Ramon Valleys. The Challenge route adds 20 mi. & 2,000 ft. elev. gain as riders climb Patterson Pass, Altamont Pass, South Flynn. www.valleyspokesmen.org

4/15 10th Annual Mr. Frog's Wild Ride: Feeney Park, Murphys. Wild Ride approx. 50 km, Wilder Ride approx. 100 km. A springtime event in the Sierra foothills with views of the wildflowers! Wild Ride: \$50; Wilder Ride: \$60. Fee includes rest stops, SAG, BBQ dinner and first glass of beer or wine, massage, live music, time trial, and free camping. For more info www.mrfrogswildride.org

4/15 42nd Sierra Century: Amador County Fairgrounds, Plymouth. Five routes for the seasoned cyclist. The 41er Tour, 41 mi. w/3,200 ft. of climbing; Metric Century, 65 mi. w/4,500 ft.; 69er Challenge, 69 mi. w/6,000 ft.; Classic Century, 102 mi. w/7,800 ft.; and Double Metric Century, 122 mi. w/9,600 ft. Beautiful, challenging terrain through the Amador and El Dorado wine country and historic Gold Rush towns. Post-ride meal w/vegetarian option and beer. Full support. Early bird reg. 1,500 rider limit. www.sierracentury.org

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4/22 Cycle for Sight/Rotary Ride for Veterans: Justin Siena High School, Napa. 15, 25, 50 mi. rides through the Napa Valley Wine Country. Followed by a wine, food and music festival and wine tasting of 30 Napa wineries. Fee includes event t-shirt and wine glass. Pre-reg.: \$60, adults before 3/16/16: \$70 after. Under age 21, \$25. Adult festival only \$30. www.cycle4sight.com or (707) 257-5611.

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4/29 Healdsburg Harvest Century: 20, 35, 60 mi. routes thru Sonoma's beautiful wine country. Moderately challenging ride through the Alexander, Dry Creek & Russian River Valleys. www.healdsburg.com/biketour

May

5/6 3F Century: Colusa. A Flat, Fast, & Fun bike ride! Century, Metric Century and 38 mi. rides. A GREAT first century. The course is really flat. The routes travel along the Sacramento River, through orchards and rice fields and around the Sutter Buttes. SAG support, rest stops. At ride's end, enjoy a pulled pork dinner meal. Proceeds support Lions programs in the Colusa area. ww.3fcentury.com and like us Facebook at www.facebook.com/3fcentury.

5/6 16th Annual Tour de Lincoln: McBean Park, Lincoln. 10 mi. Pleasure Cruise, 20 mi. Rolling Hills, 40 mi. Country Climb, or 100K. Pre-Register before 4/30: 10 mi. \$20; 20 mi. \$40; 40 mi. & 100K

\$55. After 4/30 and day-of, add \$10. Fee includes Continental breakfast, route maps, well-stocked rest stops w/food and potties, SAG, great postride BBQ, with beer & wine garden. T-shirt available for \$15. Helmets req'd. Friday night pre-reg. packet pick-up pasta dinner \$15 (RSVP required). For early reg. discounts or more info visit tourdinelcoln.org.

5/7 Napa Valley Wine Country Tour de Cure: Veterans Home, Yountville – 10 mi. easy ride along residential and rural backroads, 25 mi. flat ride in the heart of Napa Valley, 50 mi. route on rolling terrain takes you to Calistoga along the Silverado Trail, 80 mi. follows 29/128 past Calistoga over to picturesque Alexander Valley w/ some hill climbing, 100 mi. continues past Healdsburg almost to 101 and Russian River. Take \$5 off your reg. fee when you use coupon code CC5! (510) 654-4499, ext. 7460 or go to diabetes.org/napavalleytourdecure

5/13 26th Annual I CARE Classic Bike Tour: Morgan Hill. Enjoy a beautiful spring ride through South Santa Clara County. Four routes available, 100 mile, 100k, 50k, 20 mile. Reg. includes continental breakfast, SAG support, rest stops, t-shirt, hot BBQ lunch, ice cream sundaes, raffle prizes. All proceeds support Almaden Lions programs to provide glasses for needy children, veterans and families. For more info go to icareclassic.org.

5/13 The Endue Classic: San Mateo Event Center. Enjoy the flat 30 km, EZ ride along the San Francisco Bay or the 30 km with rolling hills. The 70 km has no major mountain climbs. The 100 km has over 3000 ft. of climbing with periodic rolling hills. The 100 mi. has 7,000 ft. elev. gain. Check the website for Early Bird discounts! Fee includes snacks, breakfast, pasta lunch, t-shirt, sag, maps, live music, five rest stops. A benefit for the Endue Foundation. info@enduefoundation.org, (650-349-9879).

5/20 Tour of the Unknown Coast Gran Fondo: Ferndale. New for: chip timing, medals for top three in the 100-mile, prizes for first male & female 100-mile finisher, new Vintage category (1986 spec or earlier) with prizes for most authentic and fastest finisher. 10 mi. farm tour; 20 mi. family fun ride, 50 mi. scenic ride explores the Eel River Valley and Ave. of the Giants; the 100K adds on a longer ride along the Ave. of the Giants; the 100 mi. takes riders along the ocean, up the WALL, down Wildcat back to Ferndale, toughest century in California! For more info, www.tuccycle.org

5/20 Gold Country Challenge: Nevada County Fair Grounds, Grass Valley. Century, Metric (74 or 54 mi.), and half Metric. The course rides through the historic gold country of the Western Sierra Foothills; crossing the Yuba River. The century is as challenging as it is beautiful with over 9,000 ft. of climbing. The metric and half metric are challenging but equally beautiful. Check the website for Early bird discounts! Post ride BBQ, beer and wine booth, entertainment. www.rotarygoldcountrychallenge.com

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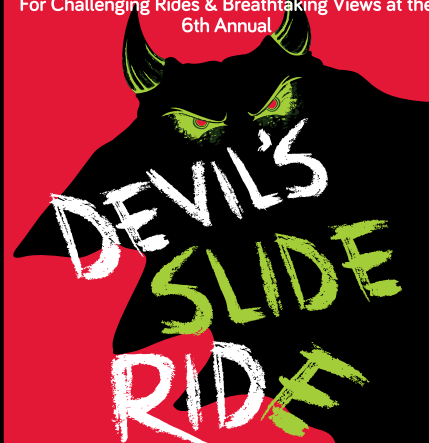




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June

6/4 America's Most Beautiful Bike Ride – Lake Tahoe: Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Resort, Stateline, South Shore Lake Tahoe. Fully supported 72 mi. ride around Lake Tahoe or full 100 mi century; Fee includes goodie bag, event number, event long sleeve t-shirt, waterbottle, food & beverage at rest stops including lunch on course, tech support, first aid, SAG transport support, event photo, after-ride meal & pool party with live music. Traditionally sells out. For more info, call (800) 565-2704 or go to www.bikethewest.com.

6/11 Silicon Valley Tour de Cure: Hewlett-Packard, Palo Alto. 25 km., 50 km., 75 km., 100 km., 120 km., routes that explore the micro-climates of the SF peninsula leading over Skyline Blvd., thru Pescadero to San Gregorio and back to Palo Alto. \$25 reg. fee,

or \$50 reg. fee day of event. \$250 fundraising minimum. Save \$5 with coupon code CC5! Go to diabetes.org/siliconvalleytourdecure, (408) 241-1922 ext. 7470

6/24 Alta Alpina Challenge: Turtle Rock Park, Markleeville. Enjoy smooth, low traffic roads and spectacular scenery in the beautiful mountains and valleys near Lake Tahoe. Ride a Foot-hill Fun Ride or your favorite combination of famous passes. Wild Sierra Metric (Luther-Blue Lakes), Wild Sierra Century (Kingsbury, Ebbetts, Monitor), 5 Pass Challenge (Carson-Ebbetts-Ebbetts-Monitor-Monitor), and 8 Pass Challenge (The World's Toughest Double Century). Friendly support, SAG, rest stops, a post-ride meal. For more info www.altaalpina.org/challenge

July

7/22 Historic Hotel Bike Ride: Fort Bidwell, Modoc County. 100 km. & 150 km. Bike over 6,300 foot Cedar Pass climbing 1,650 feet to cross the Warner Mountains, viewing the Hayes Mountain Range and tranquil valleys. Bike 100 km to the historic Hotel Niles or detour past the scenic Modoc Wildlife Refuge finishing at the Niles Hotel in Alturas. Reg.: 100 km, \$65; for 150 km., \$85. Reg. includes lunch, T-shirt, SAG and Friday night spaghetti dinner. For more info, modocparksandrec.com

7/29 Devil's Slide Ride: Pacifica Community Center. 104-mi.; 61 mi. metric century; 37 mi. metric half century. 2 longest road rides go down SM coast/back through redwoods & watershed; 36-mi road ride is round trip to Half Moon Bay and back. Fee includes lunch, custom water bottle, aid stations, snacks, refreshments, cue sheets/maps, SAG. Check website for early bird discounts! www.devilsslideride.org

7/29 Santa Cruz Mountains Challenge: UCSC. If you like bicycling on mountain roads through redwood forests, this road bike event is right up your alley. 4 routes of 135, 100, 75 and 45 mi., with elevation gains from 3,500 to 13,500 ft. Sponsored by the Santa Cruz County Cycling Club. santacruzcountycycling.org

August

8/21 41th Annual Tour of Napa Valley: California Veterans Home, Yountville. Four course options for riders to choose from – a flat 35 mi., hilly 40 mi., as well as metric (62 mi.) and standard century (100 mi.) rides. The metric is about 3,000 ft. of climbing; full century over 6,500 ft. View the Napa Wine Country from valley to mountain top. Enjoy the rolling roads, taste the home-baked cookies at the well-stocked rest stops and know dedicated SAG volunteers. After your ride, sit down to a delicious BBQ lunch with music by a fabulous band www.eaglecyclingclub.org/tour

September

9/10 Annual Tour de Tahoe – Bike Big Blue: Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Stateline South Shore, Lake

Tahoe. Fully Supported 72 mi. ride around Lake Tahoe. Fee includes goodie bag, event number, event t-shirt, waterbottle, food & beverage at rest stops including lunch on course, tech support, first aid, SAG transport support, event photo, after-ride meal & pool party with live music. (800) 565-2704 or www.bikethewest.com

October

10/7 Konocti Challenge: Skylark Shores Resort, Lakeport. 20, 40, 65, 100 mi. options. The 65 & 100 mi. routes follow the north and east rim of Clear Lake and wind into the foot-hills, offering breathtaking views of the lake and vineyards. The 40 mi. follows Clear Lake into the beautiful vineyard region of Finley. The 20 mi. is an adventure for those looking for a leisurely pace! Rest stop competition, SAG and end-of-ride BBQ on the lake shore. Reg from \$40-\$80. A project of the Rotary club of Lakeport. www.konoctichallenge.com or www.facebook.com/KonoctiChallengeLC

Road races

January

1/8 Early Bird Criterium Training Series: Fremont. The series offers clinics and races at the Ardenwood Technology Park in Fremont. Mentored clinics for those who want to learn to race and get stronger doing so. www.ncnca.org

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February

2/11 Grasshopper Adventure Series #2: Chileno Valley Classic. Stunning loop in Sonoma and Northern Marin Counties. Road bike ride/race. 80 mi. 8,000 ft. elev. Reg.: \$50. Fee includes support and 2 hydration/food stops. www.grasshopperadventureseries.com

April

4/8 Grasshopper Adventure Series #5: Skaggs! and Super Skaggs Gravel. Road bike adventure race w/ dirt option. Gravel/Cross bike recommended for dirt option. 97 mi. 9,500 ft. elev. (All pavement option.) Covers Dry Creek Valley, Sweetwater Springs Rd, King Ridge and Skaggs. Option to finish on dirt with 10 miles of Lake Sonoma singletrack. Reg.: \$65. Fee includes support and 2 hydration/food stops & lunch. www.grasshopperadventureseries.com

4/20-23 Sea Otter Classic: Laguna Seca, Monterey. A variety of races and recreational rides plus a demo zone to see and try your next bike. Entertain the entire

family! Events take place on a combination of rural roads inside the Laguna Seca Recreation Area, the Laguna Seca Raceway, and public roadways of the Monterey Peninsula and Carmel Valley. Festival entry includes race viewing, marketplace with hundreds of vendors, kids zone, and more. www.seaotterclassic.com or call (800) 218-8411.

Southern California & Nevada

Regular events

These occur at the same time each week or month

Tuesday

San Diego, CA: San Diego Bicycle Touring Society, weekly ride. Routes vary from week to week. call (619) 448-2718.

Thursday

Rancho Santa Fe, CA: Thursday After-work Fast Ride, with the San Diego Sierra Club, Bicycle Section. Rides through the Fairbanks Ranch/Rancho Santa Fe area. Meet at 5:45 p.m. in the Warehouse Records parking lot at the corner of Del Mar Heights Rd & El Camino Real, 1/2 mi east of I-5. Be prepared for some hills and a fast pace. Route and leaders vary each week. contact Mark Ginsburg, San Diego Sierra Club, Bicycle Section, ginsburg@san.rr.com

Saturday

Solvang, CA: 9:10 a.m. at Dr. J's Bike Shop. Santa Ynez Valley Cycling Club hosting this weekly arduous fast paced 55 mile ride with regrouping and some climbing for advanced riders and strong intermediates. Dr. J's Bike Shop for info (805) 688-6263

San Diego, CA: San Diego Wheelmen club rides, several routes of different distances for all levels of rider. Training rides, also. call (619) 453-5739

Sunday

Newport Beach, CA: Sunday Moanin Mash Newport Back Bay 2301 University Drive at the corner of University and Irvine Ave. This is a medium-fast paced ride that covers 30-50 miles of some of the best that Newport Beach, Laguna, and Long Beach has to offer. For info, Andre at slowpokedre@gmail.com or (248) 974-4460.

San Diego, CA: San Diego Wheelmen club rides, several routes of different distances for all levels of rider. Training rides, also. call (619) 453-5739

Centuries, fun & charity rides

February

2/18 Stagecoach Century: Ocotillo. 26, 50, 73, 84, 90, 100 mi. Routes travel thru pristine deserts on County Route S2 in San Diego and Imperial Counties. Stunning vistas from 5 desert passes. www.shadowtour.com

March

3/4-5 Malibu Gran Fondo: Westlake Village. 12, 40, 106, 151 km Gran Fondo thru rolling farmland, scenic coastline, w/epic climb to the finish in the Santa Monica Mountains. Also, 20km Time Trial point-to-point course along Pacific Coast Hwy. www.ridemalibugranfondo.com

3/11 Solvang Century: Hotel Corque. Half century, metric, full century rides around Santa Barbara County's wine country. Rolling hills, vineyards, and farms! Reg. includes festival on 3/10. 3,000 rider limit. Pre-reg.: \$115, single riders; \$195, tandem teams, by 2/22/17. Reg. schwag. bikescor.com or (800) 548-4447.

3/25 Bike MS: Coastal Challenge at the Rose Bowl, Pasadena. 30, 60 and 100 mi. Reg.: \$45-75 reg fee and \$350 fundraising minimum. Fee includes Finish Festival, lunch, shirt, SAG, maps, bike tech. Bikemoscal.org or amydittmore@nmss.org

3/25 Saddleback Spring Classic Gran Fondo: Irvine Valley College. 21 mi. metric half century, 50 mi. gran fondo, 100 mi. gran fondo. Also, 1 mi. kids ride and Tiny Tike bike course. The long route goes thru Santiago Canyon, San Juan Capistrano & down the coast to San Clemente. All the routes have some elevation gain. www.renegaderaceseries.com

3/25 The Dirty Devil: Campbell Creek Ranch Estate, Alpine. 84, 127 mi. extreme terrain, mostly road riding w/dirt sections. KOM, QOM awards. www.ccsd.com/dirty-devil

April

4/9 Campagnolo GranFondo San Diego: San Diego. A marriage of the best of San Diego and Italy! Mass start in Little Italy with Ferrari-lead out. Post-ride celebration in Seaport Village. 20,34, 56, 105 mi. Fully Timed Course & KOM/QOM with chip timing. 5 Well-stocked aid stations, Free Post-Ride Massage, 4 Award Winning Campagnolo Mechanical Support,

Finisher's Medal. Benefitting Challenged Athletes Foundation - Operation Rebound, which is the premier sports and fitness program for American military personnel, veterans and first responders with permanent physical disabilities. www.SDGranFondo.com

Oregon

Weekly rides

These occur at the same time each week or month

Monday

Phoenix, OR: 9:30 a.m. Monday Coffee Ride, 25-30 mi., moderate-to-brisk pace, flat, from Colver Park, 4005 Colver Rd. www.siskiyouvelo.org

Wednesday

Ashland, OR: 10 a.m. Coffee Ride, Wednesday. Meet at The Rogue Valley Roasting Company, 917 E. Main St. 32-60 mi. moderate-to-brisk pace, some hills. www.siskiyouvelo.org

Saturday

Bend, OR: 9:30 a.m. Hutch's Hammer Ride, Saturday, 40 mi. tough road ride, out-and-back from Hutch's Bend-Eastside, 820 NE 3rd St. email: eastside@hutchsbicycles.com or (541) 382-6248

Centuries, fun & charity rides

May

5/21 Oregon Gran Fondo: Cottage Grove. 71 mi. Medio, 117 mi. gran fondo. Hills, rivers, more hills, good eats. Team competition. www.oregontriplecrown.com

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canoeing and kayaking on the lake, as well as rafting on the Klamath River.

The Upper Klamath Wildlife Refuge has a nine-and-a-half mile marked canoe trail that takes folks through a large freshwater marsh. This water trail consists of Recreation Creek, Crystal Creek, Wocus Cut and Malone Springs. Each has a different view of the Upper Klamath Marsh. The Rocky Point Resort rents canoes and skiffs and the canoe trail's access is at the Rocky Point boat launch or Malone Springs boat launch. This canoe trail meanders through U.S. Fish & Game Service lands.

Klamath Falls Dining

Waffle Hut & Eatery, (541) 273-1444. We heard about the Waffle Hut before arriving in Klamath Falls. The specialty is Liege Waffles (pronounced Lee-age),

in flavors from sweet to savory. They also serve a wide range of more traditional breakfast items. 2065 Oregon Ave.

A Leap of Taste, (541) 850-9414. If you're looking for coffee, a light breakfast or light lunch, this coffee shop is a great stop. The menu changes seasonally with a focus on local and sustainable ingredients. There is a full schedule of live music. A Leap of Taste also has free WiFi. 907 Main St.

The Chefs' Table, (541) 850-9414 or (541) 887-2633. Looking for an upscale dinner without the gold-plated price? The Chefs' Table offers steaks, pasta, chicken, soups and salads. Enjoy a bottle of local wine and relax. 907 Main St.

Resources

<http://rideklamathride.com/>
<http://www.meetmeinklamath.com/>

Northern California & Nevada

Weekly rides

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Monday

Bakersfield, CA: Monday Night Mountain Bike Ride with Southern Sierra Fat Tire Association! Meet at 6 p.m., Juliet Thorner School parking lot. To get to the start site, take Hwy 178 (past Fairfax Rd.), turn left onto Morning Dr., and turn left onto Panorama. Thorner School is on the right. There are many trails into the foothills extending out to Hart Park and Lake Ming. For more info, contact Eddie Gonzalez, (661) 201-7503

Tuesday

Grass Valley, CA: MTB night ride 5:15 p.m. Meet at Xtreme Outfitters (1200 E. Main St.). Bring lights and dress appropriately for this brisk-paced ride on nearby trails. Very bad weather cancels. Call (530) 477-2377.

Wednesday

Marina, CA: Wednesday nights Monterey Off Road Cycling Association weekly ride on Fort Ord National Monument and BLM land trails at 6 p.m. Starting point either at 8th and Gigling Ave. in Marina or Creekside Trailhead and Followed by potluck BBQ See www.morcamtb.org for details/contacts (MORCA is a chapter of IMBA, Int'l Mtn Biking Assoc.)

Bakersfield, CA: Wednesday Night Mountain Bike Ride with Southern Sierra Fat Tire Association! Meet at 6 p.m., Juliet Thorner School parking lot. Intermediate & advanced riders, 1.5-2 hours. To get to the start site, take Hwy 178 (past Fairfax Rd.), turn left onto Morning Dr., and turn left onto Panorama. Thorner School is on the right. There are many trails into the foothills extending out to Hart Park and Lake Ming. For more info, contact Eddie Gonzalez, (661) 201-7503



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Thursday

Ridgecrest, CA: Thursday afternoon Ridgecrest Mountain bike ride with Southern Sierra Fat Tire Association! Safe for all riders, starts at Gateway School. Ride is approximately 13 miles long. Ride Leader Arty Blanco (760) 608-9878 or gibbysjob@yahoo.com

Friday

Napa CA: Friday Night Lights Napa, join us for a leisurely mountain bike ride. 10 to 15 mi, Angwin, Oat Hill, Moore Creek or possibly elsewhere TBD by group. Meet at Bicycle Works 3335 Solano Ave, Napa 6pm like our page facebook/Friday Night Lights Napa

Marina, CA: Fridays Monterey Off Road Cycling Association weekly ride at 4:30 pm at InterGarrison Road and Jerry Smith Access Corridor. See www.morcamtb.org for details Often gather postride for dinner/rehydration! Led by women. Men welcome (behind the lead) see www.morcamtb.org for details/contacts

Saturday

Marina, CA: Saturday morning Monterey Off Road Cycling Association first Saturday of every month at 9 am Ride tailored for beginners but experienced riders also welcome. Start at 8th and Gigling near CSUMB. See www.morcamtb.org for details/sign-ups/contacts

Bakersfield, CA: Saturday Morning Mountain Bike Ride with Southern Sierra Fat Tire Association! Meet at 8 a.m., Juliet Thorner School parking lot. Challenging social ride, 2-3 hours. To get to the start site, take Hwy 178 (past Fairfax Rd.), turn left onto Morning Dr., and turn left onto Panorama. Thorner School is on the right. There are many trails into the foothills extending out to Hart Park and Lake Ming. For more info, contact Eddie Gonzalez, (661) 201-7503

Sunday

Modesto, CA: 2nd Sunday MTB ride: with the Stanislaus County Bicycle Club. 8 a.m. 6-9 mi. mostly flat. ride. Meet Scout Blvd. next to Scott Park, 800 Morris, Modesto. The ride goes to the end of Dry Creek Park, Claus Rd. Contact Stanislaus County Bicycle Club, (209) 571-7545

Marina, CA: Sunday mornings Monterey Off Road Cycling Assoc. weekly rides at 9 am on trails of Fort Ord Nat'l Monument and BLM lands. Starting point alternates weekly between Creekside Trailhead (near Reservation Road and Portola Rd) in Salinas and intersection of 8th and Gigling, near CSUMB. No drop rides. See www.morcamtb.org for details/contacts

Bakersfield, CA: Sunday 8 a.m. mountain bike ride. Designed for Beginners/Singlespeed riders, includes customized riding instruction. Ride time approximately 1.5-2 hours. Contact Bob Sughrue, (661) 378-7060

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Mountain bike races

March

3/18 Grasshopper Adventure Series #4: Lake Sonoma MTB. Warm Springs Dam. 27 mi. 5,700 ft elev. 90% singletrack. Reg.: \$65. Includes mid-ride hydration/food stop and lunch. www.grasshopperadventureseries.com

April

4/20-23 Sea Otter Classic: Laguna Seca, Monterey. A variety of races and recreational rides plus a demo zone to see and try your next bike. Events take place on a combination of rural roads inside the Laguna Seca Recreation Area, the Laguna Seca Raceway, and public roadways of the Monterey Peninsula and Carmel Valley. Festival entry includes race viewing, marketplace with hundreds of vendors, kids zone, and more. Go to www.seaotterclassic.com or call (800) 218-8411.

June

6/16-18 The Carson City Off-Road: Carson City, NV. At the Carson City Off-Road, riders of all skill levels will enjoy big climbs, long singletrack descents and expansive views of Lake Tahoe, the Eastern Sierra Nevada's, and the historic Washoe Valley while being immersed in 3-days of mountain bike culture accented by free live music. www.epicrides.com

July

7/15 Tahoe Trail 100: Leadville Race Series, Northstar. Solo 50k or 100k. 2-person relay 100k. 2-loop, 50K course filled with beautiful views of Lake Tahoe. Go it alone or compete as a team of two. Leadville Trail 100 qualifier. www.tahoetrailmtb.com

Gravel Grinder/ Adventure races

January

1/28 Grasshopper Adventure Series #1: Old Cazadero. Occidental. Gravel/ mixed terrain adventure ride in west Sonoma County. 57 mi. 5,700 ft. of climbing. Reg.: \$50. Fee includes support and 2 hydration/food stops. www.grasshopperadventureseries.com

March

3/4 Grasshopper Adventure Series #3: Super Sweetwater. Occidental. Road and mixed terrain (All pavement option). 70 miles, 9,000 ft elev. Eclectic mixture of the best roads in west Sonoma County. Includes Old Caz and Meyers Grade descent. Reg.: \$50. Fee includes support and 2 hydration/food stops. www.grasshopperadventureseries.com

Events outside California

Mountain bike races

February

2/17-19 24 Hours in the Old Pueblo: Tucson, AZ. Ride sinuous single track in the Sonoran Desert, the 24 Hours in the Old Pueblo Presented by Tucson Medical Center is one of the largest 24 Hour events in the world. Come join the event the mountain bike community has been raving about for years! www.epicrides.com

Calendar Multi-day Vacations

January

1/28-2/3 Ride the Florida Keys: with Timberline Tours! ride the entire 113 mile length of the famed Overseas Highway from Key Largo to Key West but also cruise to Fort Meyers from Key West! Reg. & info at www.timbertours.com, (800) 417-2453

February

2/18-23 Death Valley Base Camp: with Timberline Tours! Death Valley has an instantaneous emotional impact on everyone who sees it. The view from Zabriskie Point across the valley floor to Panamint Peaks rising from the valley clad in an unmistakable mantle of snow is unlike anything that you have ever experienced. 269 mi. Reg. & info at www.timbertours.com, (800) 417-2453

March

3/18-23 Tucson Base Camp: with Timberline Tours! Tucson is ringed by 4 mountain ranges, so the itinerary includes exploring the summits and canyons of these natural wonders. Ride the Santa Catalina and Rincon Mountains, explore Saguaro National Park. Reg. & info at www.timbertours.com, (800) 417-2453

3/25-31 Texas Hill Country: with Timberline Tours! Texas Hill Country may be bicycle touring's best-kept secret! Ride a vast network of 2-lane farm-to-market country roads traversing a vast undulating expanse bisected by deep green valleys, rolling hills, rushing creeks, and rugged limestone cliffs. 327 mi. Reg. & info at www.timbertours.com, (800) 417-2453

3/27-4/2 Bicycle and Foodie Tour: Charleston, SC. Ride past plantations, beautiful historic homes, quaint villages, secluded beaches and enjoy delicious picnics and the city's best food along the way. Ave. 25-30 mi. \$2790. Includes: accommodations, all meals except two, licensed guides, bikes, full van support, www.Charlestonbicycletraveltours.com (800) 408-1830.

April

4/24-30 Madrid Territory of Champions: A tour with Bike Spain Tours! Experience the routes used by 4 winners of the Tour de France! Explore roads with little traffic and 1st & 2nd category climbs. www.bikespain.com

4/23-29 Outer Banks Of North Carolina: with Timberline Tours! Beautifully natural, formed by centuries of wind, water and sand blown from the Atlantic Ocean, and home to a rich history, it's a place that inspires a true sense of adventure for this tour. 245 mi. Reg. & info at www.timbertours.com, (800) 417-2453

May

5/1-7 Bicycle and Foodie Tour: Charleston, SC. Ride past plantations, beautiful historic homes, quaint villages, secluded beaches and enjoy delicious picnics and the city's best food along the way. Ave. 25-30 mi. \$2790. Includes: accommodations, all meals except two, licensed guides, bikes, full van support, all taxes

and gratuities. www.Charlestonbicycletraveltours.com (800) 408-1830.

5/6-13 CycleGreece Saronic Jewels: Greece. Lonely Planet named the Peloponnese the #1 European destination in 2016. This tour is in the southeastern region of the Peloponnese peninsula. Includes 3 islands, wine tasting, cooking class, 2 World Heritage Sites, rural cycling. Rural cycling. Guided and fully supported. www.CycleGreece.gr (800) 867-1753

5/7-13 Kentucky Blue Grass: with Timberline Tours! Spring in Bluegrass country is refreshing, lovely with a fascinating character to the region, an excellent break from winter. 326 mi. Reg. & info at www.timbertours.com, (800) 417-2453

5/20-27 CycleGreece Cyclades Islands: Ferry hop to the classic whitewashed islands of Syros, Paros, Antiparos, Naxos, Mykonos and visit car-free Ancient Delos island. Rural cycling. Guided and fully supported. www.CycleGreece.gr (800) 867-1753

5/21-28 Tour La Rioja & Ribera del Duero: with Bike Spain Tours! Tour two of Spain's wine-making regions, along roads through the dramatic valley of the Ebro river surrounded by rolling hills and sweeping vineyards. www.bikespain.com

5/22-7/10 USA Cross County Bike Tour: with Big Dream Bike Tours! Newport Beach to Pleasure Bay Beach, Boston, MA. Go all the way or just ride a shorter section! Custom cue sheets with map and elevation profile, GARMIN, hotels, meals, SAG provided. We are focused on your Big Dream to ride coast-to-coast. Let's talk! www.bigdreambiketours.com or (844) 379-2453

June

6/3-10 CycleGreece Sacred Sites: Guided tour in the Peloponnese. Greece was named one of "6 Best Cycling Tours in Europe" by Outside magazine. Bike directly to Ancient Olympia, Epidavros Theatre, Mycenae. Arcadia Mountains and Corinth Gulf Coast. Rural cycling. Guided and fully supported. www.CycleGreece.gr (800) 867-1753

6/25-30 Best of the West: Ride from Banff to BC's Kootenay Mountains with Rocky Mountain Cycle Tours. Expect local, friendly guides, beautiful accommodations, great riding, and great food on all of the trips. For info, www.rockymountaincycle.com or (800) 661-2453.

July

7/2-7 Jasper Banff 500K: with Rocky Mountain Cycle Tours. Stretching an impressive 200 miles (300 km) between the historic towns of Jasper and Banff, the Icefields Parkway traverses beneath some of the most majestic mountains of the world. This is a grand road bike tour of the Canadian Rockies. For info, go to www.rockymountaincycle.com or (800) 661-2453.

7/2-7 Vail Base Camp: with Timberline Tours! While a ski destination, Vail also offers excellent high altitude

cycling around its local mountains and down the Vail Valley by the Eagle River. 287 mi. Reg. & info at www.timbertours.com, (800) 417-2453

7/2-8 Tour La Rioja & Ribera del Duero: with Bike Spain Tours! Tour two of Spain's wine-making regions, along roads through the dramatic valley of the Ebro river surrounded by rolling hills and sweeping vineyards. www.bikespain.com

7/8-17 Bitterroot/Sawtooth Mountains: with Timberline Tours! Experience the alpine summits of the Bitterroots and Sawtooths, the gentle beauty of the Bitterroot and Salmon River Valleys, the surreal setting of Redfish Lake, the excitement of Sun Valley and the challenge of Lost Trail and Galena summits -- the area is western bike touring at its best. 518 mi. Reg. & info at www.timbertours.com, (800) 417-2453

7/8-15 Experience the Tour de France: with Bike Spain Tours! Experience an incredible week of road riding and an unforgettable tour of some of the most spectacularly scenic regions of France and follow the pros! www.bikespain.com

7/10-15 RAINSTORM: Begin at Earlham College, Richmond, IN. Ride 660 mi. over six days. Recreational multi-day road riding event. Reg. includes Share or private room, most meals, jersey, t-shirt, maps, marked route, luggage transport, SAG support, access to mechanical repair and massage therapy. Touring Ride in Rural Indiana, www.trirri.org/storm.html

7/22-30 Ashland to Bend: Ride Oregon with Via Bike Scenic Tours. Follow the Cascade-Siskiyou Scenic Bikeway via Crater Lake on this moderately challenging tour. Ride along cascading rivers, along high desert ranchland, past snow-capped volcanic peaks. Viabiketours.com

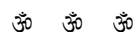
August

8/6-11 Jasper Banff 500K: with Rocky Mountain Cycle Tours. Stretching an impressive 200 miles (300 km) between the historic towns of Jasper and Banff, the Icefields Parkway traverses beneath some of the most majestic mountains of the world. This is a grand road bike tour of the Canadian Rockies. For info, www.rockymountaincycle.com or (800) 661-2453.

8/21-27 Madrid Territory of Champions: A tour with Bike Spain Tours! Experience the routes used by 4 winners of the Tour de France! Explore roads with little traffic and 1st & 2nd category climbs. www.bikespain.com

October

10/8-13 California Dream Ride: American River Parkway to the Golden Gate. 280 mi. from Folsom to the Golden Gate Bridge & Oakland. Raise money to support CalBike's Bikeways to Everywhere initiative. Limited to 50 riders. Use this link to sign up and receive \$30 off your registration! www.cadreamride.org/cycleCA



Calendar

Tri, Du, Adventure

Northern California & Nevada

January

1/15 Indoor Tri: San Francisco. 10 mi. swim, 30 min. bike ride, 15 mi. run. All finishers receive a medal. Indoortriathlonusa.com

April

4/8 HITS Napa Valley: Putah Canyon, formerly Chaparral Cove. 5 distances: 100 mtr swim, 3 mi. bike, 1 mi. run; 750 mtr. swim, 12.4 mi. bike, 3.1 mi. run; 2.4 mi. swim, 112 mi. bike ride, 26.2 mi. run; 1.2 mi. swim, 56 mi. bike ride, 13.1 mi. run; 1,500 mtr. swim; 24.9 mi. bike ride, 6.2 mi. run. <http://hitstriathlonseries.com>

Southern California & Nevada

January

1/8 Indoor Tri: El Segundo. 10 mi. swim, 30 min. bike ride, 15 mi. run. All finishers receive a medal. Indoortriathlonusa.com

1/14 Rio Bravo Rumble: Bakersfield. Duathlon: Lace up your running shoes and break out your mountain bikes. www.ggphysicaltherapy.com/rio-bravo-rumble/

1/29 Laguna Niguel Tri: Community Park/YMCA, Laguna Niguel. 3.1 mi. run; 8 mi. bike ride; 175 yd. pool swim. www.renegaderaceseries.com

February

2/24-25 Race on the Base: Los Alamitos. A reverse tri: 5K run, 13.1 mile bike, and 200 meter pool swim. www.raceonthebase.com

March

3/4 Bayshore Triathlon: Alamitos Bay, Bayshore Park, Long Beach. 1.3 mi. bay swim; 56 mi. flat bike path ride; 13.1 mi. beach run. www.bayshoretriathlon.com/

3/4 Pasadena Tri: The Rose Bowl. Tri: reverse sprint (5k run, 15k bike and 150m swim in the Rose Bowl Aquatic Pool). <http://pasadenatriathlon.com>

3/5 Desert Triathlon: Lake Cahuilla Recreation Area, La Quinta. Olympic distance: 1,500 mtr. swim; 24.9 mi. bike ride; 6.2 mi. run. USAT sanctioned. www.deserttriathlon.com

Calendar

Running

Northern California & Nevada

January

1/1 Resolve2Run: Chicago Park School, Grass Valley. 5K, 10K. Run thru neighborhoods on New Year's Day! A fundraiser for the 4-H Club. Resolve2run.com

1/1 Pismo Pier to Plunge: Pismo Beach. Adult & Children 5K on the beach, ending at the pier. After your run, take a dip in the ocean! Pier 2 Plunge on facebook

1/1 Woodside Trail Run: Huddart Park. 50K, 35K, 17K, 10K trail run. Run thru coastal redwoods, lush ferns & rambling streams. www.pctrailruns.com

1/7 Frosty Fun Run: Redding Civic Auditorium. 2.5 mi. & 4 mi. distances. A part of the Redding Health Expo. www.midniteracing.net

1/7 Hacienda Hills/Almaden Quicksilver County Park Run: San Jose. Primarily dirt roads. www.tctrans.com

1/28 Folsom Lake Sweet Water Trail Run: Folsom. 5K, 10K, 8 mi. 13.1 mi. 18 mi., 25 mi. 50K. 95% single-track, 5% dirt road. Trails around the gentle rolling hills in El Dorado Hills. www.tctrans.com

February

2/5 Super Sunday Run: Sac State Campus, Sacramento. 5k, 10k, the Future Stars 1k community run/walk, and Pee-Wee 40-Yard Dash. The beautiful 10k course goes through the Campus Commons neighborhood and back over the Guy West Bridge. <https://runsra.org/>

2/11 Race for Justice Valentine Run: Country Club Plaza Mall, Sacramento. 4 mi., 1.8 mi., kid's run run, & Fastest Attorney competition. Age group awards. A benefit for Legal Services of Northern California. <http://lsnrun.info>

2/25 Marshall Gold Discovery Run: Coloma. 5K, 10K, 13.1 mi. distances along trails & some roads. Be prepared for all types of weather heat, cold, rain and wind. www.tctrans.com

2/25 Sacramento Undy Run/Walk: William Land Park. 5K, 1 mi. www.ccalliance.org

March

3/4 Sanborn Park Trail Challenge: Saratoga. 4.2 mi., 9 mi. 13.1 mi. This run is 95% single track, extremely mountainous, very technical, lushly wooded, mixed evergreen forest. www.tctrans.com

3/11-12 Blue Diamond Almonds Shamrockin' Weekend: Raley Field, Sacramento. Race around the Capitol Mall! 3/11: 5K, 10K, Leprechaun Dash; 3/12: Half marathon. www.shamrocknhalf.com

3/18 Folsom South Side Trail Run: Folsom. 5K, 10K, 50K, 21 mi., 13.1 mi. 95% singletrack 5% dirt road. The course is primarily run on the South Side Trail. Singletrack, great running, some technical sections. www.tctrans.com

3/25 Golden Gate Headlands Marathon: Ft. Barry in Rodeo Valley, Marin County. Half & 10K. The course is a combo of singletrack and fire roads. envirosports.com

April

4/1 Santa Teresa County Park - King Richard Annual run: Santa Teresa County Park. 5K, 10K, 13.1 mi. All courses are dirt road & some singletrack. www.tctrans.com

4/8 Mt. Tam Wild Boar Half Marathon: & 10K. Rock Springs. Experience rolling singletrack on Mt. Tam with views of the Pacific Ocean. Run along paved roadways and dirt singletrack trails. <http://envirosports.com/>

4/29 Sierra Azul Trail Challenge: Los Gatos. 5K, 10K, 13.1 mi. 18 mi. 50K distances on trails or fireroad. The 50K is one of the toughest routes in the area. www.tctrans.com

4/29-30 SLO Marathon & Half: Downtown San Luis Obispo. 5K run/walk, 1 mi. children's fun run, kids' 1/4 mi. Get Off The Couch Sports Productions, www.slomarathon.com

Southern California & Nevada

January

1/7 Avalon 50K/50M: Avalon, Santa Catalina Island. The 50K is new for. An event in the SoCal Ultra Series. spectrumsportsevents.com

1/12 Star Wars Half The Light Side: Disneyland Resort, Anaheim: 10K, half marathon, 5K. www.rundisney.com

1/14 Tulare FFA Blue & Gold Dash: Tulare Adult School. 5K. An event designed to connect Tulare FFA, ag Ed & the community! <https://localraces.com/events/tulare-ca/tulare-ffa-blue-and-gold-dash>

1/29 Laguna Niguel 5K: Run/Walk, 1/2 mi. kids' run. www.renegaderaceseries.com/upcoming-events

February

2/18 Divas Half Marathon: Monte De Oro Winery, Temecula. A women-only run; all participants receive tiara & day-glo tutu! www.runlikeadiva.com

March

3/12 Village Runner St. Patrick's Day 5K: Redondo Beach. Chip timed, cash prizes to top 3 overall male & female runners; award medals. St. Patrick's Day Run t-shirt. www.villagerunner.com

3/25 Valencia Trail Race: Valencia. Half marathon, 50K, 10K, Ultra marathon. Experience a trail course up to the peaks and along the ridgelines with panoramic views, then into the canyons. <https://valenciatrailrace.com/>

