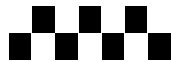


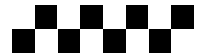


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Of the Portland Wheelmen Touring Club



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Top Talk

By Chip Kyle
President

This past Sunday, the club held its annual awards banquet, and we had a great turnout with somewhat north of 130 + attendees. We even had to set up an extra table for a few club members who decided to come at the last minute. As evidenced by the level of noise in the room, everyone was enjoying themselves and conducting lively conversations. It was especially nice to see Betty and Dave Suryan in attendance. As most of you know, they suffered a life threatening crash on their tandem while training for a late summer bike ride last year. While there is still recovery ahead for both of them, each had smiles and warm hugs as they reconnected with friends and fellow riders.

We have a very active club as indicated by the number of mileage awards presented at the banquet. There were six newer members who had accumulated 10,000 miles riding with the club. There were an impressive twelve members who have accumulated more than 50,000 miles, and two of those have ridden more than 200,000 miles. Our two highest

Feb:

PWTC Member Jenny Peterson – slide show of her 6K mile tour of South America **Note:** 7:45 pm start



Mar:

James Emond, owner, Missing Link bike shop – Flat repair clinic. Just like the last one in 2016 this is targeted towards newer riders, but is also a good refresher for veteran riders.

PIONEER CENTURY

On line, pre registration ticket sales for our 2018 Pioneer Century are now available on Eventbrite, via <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-pioneer-century-tickets-40174434816>

We also invite you to visit our PWTC website event page: <http://pwtc.com/events/pioneer-century/>

You will find valuable information regarding post ride meal by Thrive Sauce and Bowls, rest stop schedules, route descriptions, maps and cue sheets.

On line registration for 2018 Pioneer Century Volunteer positions is now available via Signup Genius! <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4aa8a>

Each PWTC Volunteer receives....
1. An official 2018 Pioneer Century Volunteer T-Shirt (to be worn during your shift)

2. Access to your choice of any of the six Pioneer Century routes and rest stop fare, prior to or following your work shift.
3. Free night of camping (Fri June 01, 2018) under the stars at our Clackamas County Fairgrounds hub. BYO tent, bag etc.

Club Meeting

Date: Thursday, February 1, 2017

Time: 7:00 PM

All Saints Episcopal Church

**4033 SE Woodstock Blvd
Portland OR 97202**

Board Meeting

Date: Monday, February 19, 2017

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: Legacy Emanuel Hospital
2801 N. Gantenbein Ave
Room 1035

All club members may attend Board Meetings. Submit items to be considered in writing by the preceding Club Meeting to Chip Kyle at 503-387-3940 or cvkyle109@gmail.com

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accumulative mileage riders are (no surprise!) Scott Poin-dexter with 234,000+ miles and Dick Weber with 255,000+. Impressive!

Speaking of club mileage, we have a nice addition to the website created by Mark Hartel. After you log onto the site with your ID and password, you will be able to see your current YTD miles. The information is up to date as of the ride sheets that have been turned in to the club statistician. (You can also see what rides sheets are missing.) Check out the feature if you haven't already done so.

Finally, as a club, we do ride a lot and unfortunately sometimes have accidents. At the awards banquet we handed out seven "Come Back"



awards (no, Phil Brown was not one of the recipients) for returning to riding after a significant accident. This is the most we have handed out in the years I have attended the banquet - a record we don't want to duplicate. Please, be careful out there!

Ride Safely, Chip Kyle



The PWTC has 2 free STP passes to be raffled off this year. These passes will be awarded to two volunteers who sign up to drive an STP Friday truck to Seattle. We will be raffling them to the pool of drives who volunteer before February 25. The drawing will be held on February 28 so that if you don't win one of the passes you will still have time to register through the normal channels. Contact Bill Hamilton at stpfridaybus@pwtc.com to volunteer or if you have any questions.



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Newsletter

Announcements, Events, and Classified Ads for consideration of publication should be submitted to Kimberly Morehead by the 20th of the month to be in the next QR. Publishing of letters is at the sole discretion of the Editor and dependent upon space available. Opinions expressed are those of the individual and not representative of the PWTC or the Editor. Classified are run for 2 months unless other arrangements are made. Articles and classified from members have priority if space is limited.

Ride Information

Ride information is to be submitted to the Road Captain. Ride leaders wishing to create their own ride descriptions or to sign up to lead a ride for the following month need to provide the Road Captain with pertinent information two weeks ahead of the ride!

Contact either Patrick Cecil or Sarah Hill at PWTC Road Captain email: roadcaptain@pwtc.com

PWTC Web Site:

<http://www.pwtc.com>



Going to Tucson?

Looking to rent a place?



Dominique has a friend that has a rental right next to the Loop.

Town and Country Home Rental in East Tucson next to the loop:

Available: March 5—October 10, 2018

4 people max

Call Jane Kepner for details: 503-784-8875



01/27 SMM Ride let by Kimberly



REACH THE BEACH 2018

Respectfully submitted by
Ann Morrow

Reach the Beach! What a great name for a ride. What a fun idea. It's a multi-route bike ride put on by the Oregon branch of the American Lung Association. It's called a charity ride as the riders pay a fee to do the ride and pledge a sum of money to support the charity. Win, win, right? Reach the Beach is currently \$45 for registration and a minimum of \$150 as a charitable contribution.



Riders can start in Portland for 104 miles, Newberg for 80 miles, Amity for 55 miles or Grand Ronde for 26 miles of pedaling. It's a popular ride and is on May 19 this year. The routes take participants to Pacific City then riders can stay at the coast (the Beach they just reached), have someone come get them or, for a fee, ALA provides a bus ride back to the starting location.

Charity rides often draw novice riders. People embrace the cause - Lung Cancer, Multiple Sclerosis, Cystic Fibrosis, etc. - and want to help out by raising some money to help fight the disease. Noble causes all. But as we cyclists know, noble causes do not make for a fun ride if you don't prepare.

That's where the Wheelmen come in. PWTC has been offering Reach the Beach (RtB) training rides for several years. There are a core group of routes that progress in distance and difficulty to ready a cyclist for the century. In recent years, Dick Weber and Scott Poindexter have been taking the lead by getting these rides on our schedule and leading them. Dick and Scott do a great job with this series as the primary ride leaders but how can we make it better? How can we use this opportunity to draw some of these RtB riders to PWTC? Last year we prevailed upon the club to help a little and we are asking again.

One issue is that not all RtB cyclists want to ride the full 100 mile route. They want to start in Amity or Newberg. So I once again ask that any of you ride leaders just do a regular ride that you often do, add "Reach the Beach Training Ride" to the name of it and, if possible, put it on the schedule on a Sunday. Our main RtB rides are on Saturdays and some Reach the Beach participants need Sunday options for riding.

I encourage all PWTC members to join in on any or all of these rides. Lend a hand, be welcoming, encourage and gently guide new riders. Talk up our club. We can have a web site, a Facebook page, fliers and brochures but the BEST way to draw in new members is with that personal touch, a one on one conversation, a verbal plug for PWTC. Please reach out to new people.

And how can we benefit our own ride, PIONEER CENTURY, with this series? The problem is that RtB is May 19 and our Pioneer is June 2. So Pioneer can't be a "training" ride. Let's encourage them to parlay that fitness they worked so hard for into another ride - our PIONEER.

Please come out for these rides when you can and promote cycling and our club. Maybe you can help out on some of the Saturday rides by staying with a slower group or helping out by leading a group on a shorter version of the route. If you would like to lead a RtB training ride please check the ride calendar and fill in on a Sunday where you see a need.

For the past many years that PWTC has done this series the primary ride leaders have received free registrations for the event as a token of appreciation for their efforts. Believing in trickle down economics, we will hold out at least one of the free passes we receive and raffle it to those that help. I will keep track of "Reach the Beach" rides that club members offer and put names in a hat and draw one. So the more you step up, the more chances you'll have to win. We don't know how many passes we will be offered so hard and fast promises can't be made at this time. We'll try to do our best to offer as many opportunities to you all as possible.

2017 Banquet Award Winners

Member of the Year Award: Chip Kyle

Valued Member Award: Mark Hartel

Volunteer of the Year Award: Corey Eng & Scott Poindexter

Ride Leader of the Year Award: Corey Eng & Benn Schonman

President's Award: Ann Morrow

PWTC Goodwill Ambassador Award: Pat McManus & Jeremy Wilson

Comeback Award: Chip Kyle, Sarah Hill, Bud Rice, Benn Schonman, Ron Haataja & Jan Oestereich

Bike Safety Augmentation Award: Sarah Hill (Bubble Wrap & Training Wheels)

Missed 100,000 mile mark: Dick Fairbank

Most Improved Riders: Ashley Reynolds, Jeff Marshall & Sarah Hill

Most Improved New Rider: Ana Kuhl

Old Fart Award: Corey Eng



"I still have dark hair..." -Corey Eng

Mistress & Master of Ceremonies:
Morticia & Gomez Adams
(Cheryl & Phil)



Welcome New Members

Molly Brooke

Alan Centofante

Julie Noyes

Mo Shaheen

Bob Sherrill

**Khaliyah Williams
-Rodriguez**



PWTC is looking for a volunteer to take over as Program Coordinator, to start when Barry E. finishes his stint after the July 2018 meeting. This is a fun job that mainly entails a lot of e-mails to reach out to potential presenters, get them scheduled, and then send a follow up 2 - 3 weeks before the meeting date. (It also helps being handy with the club's digital projector, as typically about half the presenters will want to use it). For anyone who might be interested in being the new Program Coordinator, feel free to contact Barry at any time with any questions you may have. Barry is also glad to share additional tips, a list of potential presenters, etc., to make for an easy transition



2018 Board Members



Look at all the Volunteers in the room



Morticia handed out special flowers...





Tucson



11/25 Panera Airport



01/28 Ann's Welcome Ride

Chip getting ready for the First Ride of the Year



1/6 Tilikum Crossing Ride



12/31 North Portland Figure 8 Ride



Tues Morning Spin 1/29/18



CYCLE OREGON LITE

September 8, 9 and 10, 2018



Join in for some end of summer adventure on these club rides in Central Oregon. You trained hard, you're ready for anything so venture across the Cascades and explore some new terrain.

Late summer in the high desert in Central Oregon is invariably ideal for cycling. Crisp mornings lead to warm dry days, the mountain air smells like manzanita, traffic is light and the scenery is breathtaking.

Day 1: head southwest of Sunriver up to the high lakes area in the Cascades. Bring your lunch to eat at a regroup at Elk Lake. As the road heads up to Mt. Bachelor you have ample time to view the scenery. After the summit near Bachelor enjoy a wonderful descent almost the entire trip back to Sunriver. Start at the Sunriver Country Store 9:30 a.m. 62 miles.

Day 2: Twin Lakes Loop also heads up into the Cascades from Sunriver with a lunch stop at the lake. This is a nice spin down from day one and beautiful in its own right. Start at the Sunriver Country Store 9:30 a.m. 48/65 miles (or any variation thereof).

Day 3 : explore the Twin Bridges Scenic Bikeway. Savor one last ride before heading back to the city. This route is quite diverse in scenery compared to the previous two days. We usually share a lunch at the McKay House before parting ways. Start in Drake Park at the wooden footbridge off Riverside Blvd 9:30 a.m. 33 miles.

These rides are free and a great chance to explore Central Oregon. Mark your calendar! You find your own lodging and just meet us at the start location.

Ride leader Ann Morrow, [360.608.3173](tel:360.608.3173) or anniedmor@gmail.com. Cindy Bernert Coppola will be leading the Monday ride - [503.781.1822](tel:503.781.1822) or cindybco@gmail.com.



01/13 Ride with Joan



1/13 Bud's Larson's Bakery Ride

Fort Stevens Camping Trip - July 19, 20, 21, 22

Explore the northern Oregon coast this summer on this riding and camping extended weekend. We'll be staying at Fort Stevens State Park at the mouth of the Columbia River. There will be rides on July 19, 20, 21, and 22.



Make your own campsite reservations at [1-800-452-5687](tel:1-800-452-5687) or at oregonstateparks.org. Event headquarters will be at campsite #173. Remember that state park campgrounds fill up very quickly. If you are not a camper you can book a motel in the area.

RIDES

Thursday, July 19 --- A late afternoon/early evening ride around the park and the over to Warrenton for a dinner stop. Distance about 15 miles

Friday, July 20 --- Ride mostly back roads down to Seaside for a lunch stop. Return along Hwy 101. Distance about 47 miles

Saturday, July 21 --- Ride back roads on a loop along the Youngs River. Several distances from 28 to 54 miles.

Sunday, July 22 --- Take a loop over to Fort Clatsop. About 35 miles.

For more information contact Bud Rice, [503-667-0683](tel:503-667-0683) or bikebud@spiretech.com.



Cove Palisades Camping Trip - August 24, 25 & 26



Explore some of the most scenic parts of the state on this three ride camping weekend in Central Oregon, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday August 25, 26, and 27. We will be staying at the Crooked River Campground at Cove Palisades State Park near Madras. All of the campsites have water and electricity at each site.

Fridays ride travels along Lake Billy Chinook, Round Butte Dam, and has a lunch stop in Madras. On Saturday we ride

down to Smith Rocks State Park, with a lunch Stop in Terrabonne. Sundays ride goes out to Haystack Reservoir.

Make your own campground reservations at [1-800-452-5687](tel:1-800-452-5687) or at oregonstateparks.org. Event headquarters is at campsite E31. If you aren't a camper you can book a motel in Madras, about 10 miles away. For more information contact Bud Rice, [503-667-0683](tel:503-667-0683) or at bikebud@spiretech.com.

2018 Pioneer Jersey



Artwork created by Joe Velazquez. Artwork discovery and integration (event jersey) by Ron Ing and Benn Schonman.

Tired of the rain? Yearn for those days of summer when you could ride with just a jersey and shorts ... not all the rain gear, booties, heavy gloves etc?

As many of you know, there is wonderful weather and bicycling during the winter and spring in Tucson. Tucson is a superb city for cycling. Wide bike lanes on the main roads, many bike paths, a national Park filled with majestic saguaro cactus at the edge of town, Mount Lemon with its significant climb and many others. Once again, there is the opportunity to ride over a dozen different rides (including a couple brand new routes) for any PWTC members who can get to Tucson, AZ, during the month of March, 2018. Rides are in the morning leaving the afternoons for tourist activities including the Sonoran Desert Museum, the Air Force "boneyard" and Pima Air Museum, San Xavier mission and the Tubac artists' community to name a few.



Contact Roger Harris, [503-341-6385](tel:503-341-6385), or rch2815@gmail.com for more information concerning ride descriptions, places to stay, and

2018 Columbia Gorge Explorer

Coming this May 25 - 28 is the 18th annual Jim 'O'Horo Memorial Columbia Gorge Explorer loaded tour. This 4 day scenic touring classic starts in Vancouver and takes two days to ride east along Columbia River, crosses the Columbia on Rt 97 at Biggs Junction and takes two more days to return to Vancouver along the Oregon side of the Columbia. For many years, Jim O'Horo, a member of both the Vancouver Bike Club and The Portland Wheelmen Touring Club, and an activist in the cycling community, organized and lead this ride. Jim passed away a couple of years ago and the ride was re-named in his honor.

This years ride offers some changes from the rides in the past. The route remains mostly the same, but the scenery has changed since last year because of the catastrophic fires in the Gorge. Several segments of the route will take us through these burned areas. What was once a verdant tree lined path, is now a scorched landscape. It will be interesting to see what new growth begins to appear by spring. We will also be camping in the lower campgrounds at Viento State Park, because of damage to the upper campsites where we've previously camped. Additionally, we have reserved campsites at each campground, and the \$20 registration fee covers all three nights of camping.

The CGE is a 4 day unsupported loaded tour, which means you are responsible for transporting all your equipment. Many of the riders are experienced loaded tourers and are willing to help with any equipment problems that may arise, however, there is no SAG support on this ride, so you need to be self sufficient. There are food stops along the way where you can resupply, so you don't have to begin with 4 days worth of food. Water is regularly available along the course and in the campsites as well.

This ride is now posted on the VBC and PWTC websites, with links to the route maps and registration instructions. If you have any questions, please contact me at cge@pwtc.com.



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Is it time to renew?

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01-01-2018 New Year's Day President's Ride