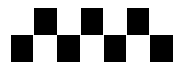


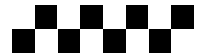


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Of the Portland Wheelmen Touring Club



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Top Talk

By Chip Kyle
President

Well, the weather deities had seemed to forget about winter, but have now decided we were missing all of its fun. That is assuming you call riding in cold, wet weather with patches of snow hanging around "fun". Most of the weekday rides were cancelled last week due to the snow and icy conditions. And those few rides that did go on saw only the most intrepid of our riders on their bikes. This coming month we return to Daylight Savings Time and will pass the Spring Equinox, so the weather is bound to improve. Keep your hopes up! Better riding weather is coming!

You all are aware of my focus on safety, so you will not be surprised at the following. The board has formed a Rider Safety Committee consisting of both club and board members with the objective of developing a policy targeted at promoting rider safety. At this point, the committee, headed by Pat McManus, has a preliminary draft outlining goals, strategies and tactics. As the draft is refined, it will be presented to the board for review

March:

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.



April:

Yashar Vasef, Senior Development Mgr, Community Cycling Center - discussion of CCC's mission

Make sure you come to the meeting...

Make your voice heard...

Which 2 additional rides do you want added to the non-club approved mileage credit list?

What food do you want at the annual club picnic?



Club Meeting

Date: Thursday, March 1, 2017

Time: 7:00 PM

All Saints Episcopal Church

**4033 SE Woodstock Blvd
Portland OR 97202**

Board Meeting

Date: Monday, March 26, 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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and comment. Stay tuned, as this affects all of us.

You should make every effort to come to the March club meeting. We will be bringing two topics to the club members for their input. The first concerns the non-PWTC rides for which mileage credit is given. The board has a proposed slate of 8 rides, but there are 2 "openings" and the board wants your input about which additional rides should be considered. The second topic concerns the annual club picnic. For the past few years, we have used a caterer to provide the picnic food. There is considerable interest in returning to the old format of a pot-luck. We need your comments since there is a significant tradeoff between cost to the club and effort by the club to put on the picnic. So, come and share your opinions and ideas!

Enjoy the good riding days as they come. And please, ride safely!

Chip Kyle



**02/10/18
Sunday After-
noon at
Talame Boy**



Don't see your picture?
Then send your photos to me! Get in the QR
for all your friends to see and for bragging
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Newsletter

Deadlines

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.

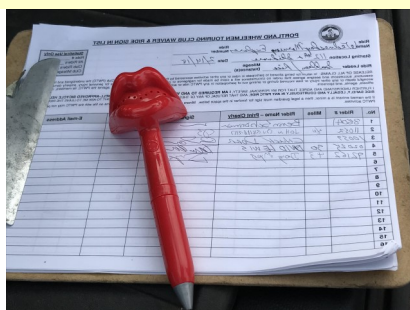
Town and Country Home Rental in East Tucson next to the loop:

Available: March 5—October 10, 2018

4 people max

Call Jane Kepner for details: 503-784-8875

Benn having some fun with the Valentine's sign in sheet



Ann Morrow & Kathleen Hellem
at Cascade Bicycle's Chilly Hilly



Quick Releases 2018

To All The Members of the PWTC,

I actually have two messages, one for very recently, and one for the past several decades.

First, I would like to thank all my friends who sent messages of concern and happy healing due to my most recent crash. No, I don't know exactly what happened, despite talking to a couple of people who witnessed the spill. There is a memory gap there that probably will not come back. But, I would like to reassure all who care, apparently quite a number of you, that the surgery to repair my hip and pelvis was successful, and I should be back up and walking again in a few weeks. Riding my bike(s) again is only a matter of time. Yes, I'm a stubborn old geezer, and I plan on riding for as long as I can get my leg over the top tube.

Now, for an even more meaningful thank you. As a lot of you know, I have been an active member of the PWTC since 1984. I can count among the members of this club some of the most wonderful and most loved friends I have ever had. This club has been one of the most important and cherished influences in my life. The miles, activities, events, and, yes, even the disagreements, have made my life more enjoyable than I can possibly describe. Thank you all for your participation.

It is with a great deal of mixed emotion that Cheryl and I set off on the next chapter of our journey together. We are fantastically excited about moving to Spain, and enjoying all that it has to offer. But, I would be dishonest to say that I won't miss all of you, our rides together, our volunteer efforts together, in short, our friendships. So, take this with the sincerity with which it is given, if you even think you want to take a vacation in Spain, our house, once we have one, is open to you. We not only invite you, but encourage you to come and visit. There are even multiple bike shops in the region where we plan to live that rent high end, carbon fiber road bikes for as little as 15 euros a day. Bring your own pedals, helmets and bike clothes, and we will go for a ride together.

The other exciting thing about this area is that every year at least one stage, usually more, of the Vuelta a Espana are close by. Even though we plan to find a place where there are lots of relatively flat roads suitable for cycling, some of the best climbs in the country are close by. If you have ever dreamed about watching a mountain stage of a grand tour up close, this will be a fantastic opportunity. Cheryl and I certainly plan to take advantage as often as possible.

Once we get there and get settled in, we will keep the club updated on the location and the nearby amenities. Expect to see some beautiful photos, as well.

Thank you once again for being the best friends I have ever had. Even though we are definitely going to make our retirement dreams come true, WE WILL MISS YOU!

Phil Brown and Cheryl Speer



RSVP 2018

Respectfully submitted by
Ann Morrow

Banquet night on January 28 was a lot of fun as you either enjoyed as an attendee or perceived as you read your January Quick Releases.

Part of the fun, and there were many components to the fun of the evening, was the raffle prizes and seeing our friends gleefully step up to claim their prizes as their name or number was called out. It's also an exercise in being gracious as one might suffer through the evening clutching a losing raffle ticket while trying to appear unperturbed. One might hear their mother's words in their head about the "fake" smile that is easily discernable from the real thing.

Well, I digress, remembering my own frustrations of the evening. The good news is that, due to our most recent contract negotiations with Cascade Bicycle Club for our Seattle to Portland Bicycle Classic finish line duties, we included in the compensation package 2 RSVP passes. The value of those is \$165 each for non-member registration. RSVP stands for Ride from Seattle to Vancouver [BC not WA] and Party. It's a fun two day ride in August.



Our lucky winners of the raffle for those two tickets were Alan Coppola and Teri Rosenzweig.

I know some of us are considering doing RSVP this year so if you have ever wanted to do it this may be a good year for some PWTC representation.

Congratulations to Alan and Teri! Really -this isn't my fake smile.

Editor's Note: RSVP has been approved for club mileage!



Welcome New Members

Angela Benton
Jim Benton
Matthew Bohun-Aponte
Bruce Janes
Rebecca Miller
Robert Paige
Debbi Strand
Jon Strand
Walter Yohn



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

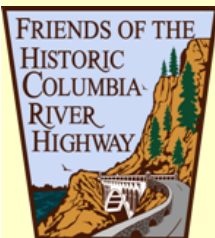


2018 Non-PWTC Mileage Approved Rides

Monster Cookie

Salem Bicycle Club

Sunday, April 29, 2018



Gorge Ride

June 16, 2018

Friends of the Historic Columbia River Highway



NW Tandem Rally

June 29 – July 4, 2018



Ride to Seattle to Vancouver—RSVP

Cascade Bicycle Club

August 17-18, 2018



Reach The Beach

Saturday, May 19, 2018

American Lung Association

Mt Adams Country Bicycle Tour

June 30, 2018

Benefits non-profits & Community Service groups of Trout Lake



Ride Around Clark County - RAAC

Vancouver Bicycle Club

August 18, 2018

Harvest Century

September 28, 2018

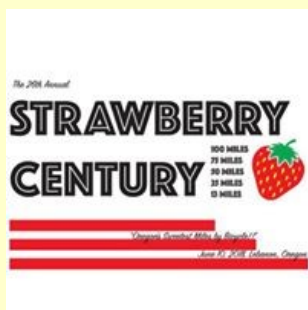
Community Vision



PRESENTED BY



2 Slots Remain.... Which 2 rides do you want added to the list? Vote at the March Club Meeting! We also need ride leaders



Strawberry Century

June 10, 2018

Santiam Spokes Bicycle Club

Peach of a Century

Salem Bicycle Club

September 2018—Date TBT



Petal Pedal

June 23, 2018

Axiom





Signup to volunteer at the 2018 Seattle to Portland bicycle weekend.

Positions available on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, July 13 - 16.

Ask your family and friends if they wish to join you for this fun event. STP is a major source of income that sustains PWTC activities.

Use the following link to reserve your spot(s).

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4aa8a92ea5fa7-20181>

Note: you do not necessarily need to use the Log in button located in the upper right corner of the page, when choosing an available slot(s) and time(s). Just remember to hit the **Submit and Sign Up** button at the bottom of the page and then proceed to fill in other information asked of you.

All volunteers will receive a free tee shirt identifying you as a volunteer and should be worn on your shift.

You will also receive a meal voucher good at the many food vendors at the Holladay Park finish line festivities.

At this time, there is no early packet pickup, normally held the Saturday before STP weekend, at the downtown REI store.

For all of you who wrote your name on the foam sandwich board at the Awards Banquet and Club Meetings, you need to also signup, on SignUpGenius, to insure your volunteer spot.

If you have any questions about the duties of a particular volunteer job or need help using SignUpGenius, call me at 503-641-2971.

The STP organizing team and Portland Wheelmen thank you.
Corey Eng, STP Volunteer Coordinator



Newer riders at the 02/17 18 SMM ride.



Reach the Beach 2018

Respectfully submitted by

Ann Morrow



VP Ashley Reynolds' first ride
as Ride Leader!



Cindy enjoying a rain free ride.



We are off and running with our Reach the Beach training series. If you look at our PWTC ride calendar you see MANY rides listed as Reach the Beach Training Rides [RtB]. You regular club riders may wonder what the heck is going on!

Dick Weber leads a core group of Reach the Beach Training rides each Saturday. They started on a cold and blowy February 17 and will continue through May 12 with Reach the Beach being on May 19. The first ride was a starter ride of 30 miles. The routes get longer and longer as Dick strives to get the RtB riders who want to ride the full 100 mile route (Beaverton to Pacific City) in shape so they reach their goal. Scott Poindexter joins in as he is able.

Some of us, Kathleen and Hellem and myself in particular, will be at the start of these Saturday rides as frequently as possible to offer shorter options of those rides. That way, those who aren't ready for Dick's full ride or aren't planning to ride the full 100 Reach the Beach route have an opportunity to ride with experienced riders at a slower pace on a shorter ride.

Additionally, in the past we learned that Reach the Beach riders would like to have some Sunday ride options. Saturday doesn't always work out. Rather than go to a lot of effort to incorporate some new Sunday rides into our long utilized core group of routes, I asked some of our ride leaders to help out. I requested that they just put on one of their usual rides but include "Reach the Beach" in the name to help guide our Reach the Beach friends to those rides. As you can see from our calendar, the response has been phenomenal. A great variety of rides are on the calendar.

If you aren't directly involved, don't feel left out. We need all of you! Please attend these rides, as many as you can. If there are new riders please reach out to them, encourage them, assist them as you see fit. Many of these riders are in need of the knowledge and skills that you have accumulated over your many years of cycling. Take the time to talk to them.

I see these Reach the Beach Training Rides as a perfect avenue for new members. Let's show them what a great organization Portland Wheelmen Touring Club is and demonstrate by our words and actions why they will want to keep riding with us after Reach the Beach.

Finally, let's invite them to join us for our own Pioneer Century (their big event is May 19, ours is June 2). They're in shape, keep riding! Also, I think we should encourage them to participate in Salem's Monster Cookie (April 29) as it's a good opportunity to get in some distance and ride in a crowd.

Thank you all for your ongoing support.

PIONEER CENTURY FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM, and TWITTER

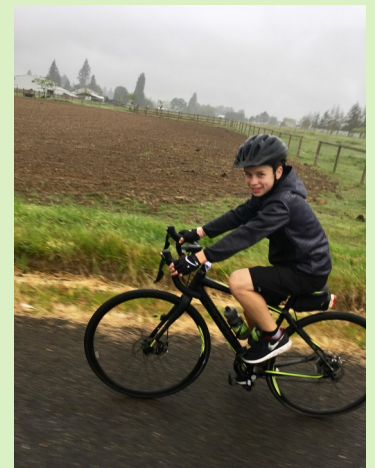
Communication and branding have sure changed in the last 20 years. Using social media as a medium for advertising **PIONEER CENTURY**, is the way to target our market. Many people are frequently on their cell phone throughout the day and evening, habitually checking their social media accounts while stuck in traffic, at appointments, and from the comfort of their own home. More and more people shop from home, work from home, and reach their circle of friends using social media to bring awareness to events they want to do with their circle of friends. This all screams the same message! We must come to **THEM** with our big event.

Many of you are aware that we've not seen a healthy turnout on our PIONEER century ride since 2015, thankfully just under **1000 cyclist** attended. In fact, roughly half of the **cyclists 550** came to our event in **2017** with **2016** averaging roughly around the same maybe a few more turned out. We've all heard how ridership at all these events have been low for everyone organizing events around the community. The market is saturated etc... are some of the reasons why numbers are down across the board.

That's we **you** come in! What can we do to set ourselves apart from the other venues? What makes our Century event better than all the others? Who are the designated recipients receiving the proceeds from our venue? How is the food at our event? What about the rest stops? Do we have great volunteer support? We certainly must be more vocal about all the great reasons why PIONEER CENTURY is the **Organized Ride** to do in 2018 using the channels of social media. Think about why you personally like PIONEER CENTURY and share it on your social media accounts.

If you don't have a social media account and would like to set one up, or just need help learning how to use your cell device and promoting our event, don't hesitate to ask for help at the club meeting! See Kimberly Morehead, our QR Editor for assistance, or anyone on the board should be able to assist you. *Please re-share **PIONEER CENTURY** and ask your friends to re-share your event too.*

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Hellem





Signup to volunteer at the 2018 Pioneer Century. Positions available on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 1, 2 and 3. This event is a major source of income that sustains PWTC activities throughout the year and helps determine our charitable donations.

Use the following link to reserve your spot(s).
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4aa8a92ea5fa7-2018>

Note: you do not necessarily need to use the Log in button located in the upper right corner of the page, when choosing an available slot(s) and time(s). Just remember to hit the **Submit and Sign Up** button at the bottom of the page and then proceed to fill in other information asked of you, including the size of your free volunteer tee shirt to be worn on your work shift and whether you would like to camp free on Friday night, June 1 at the Canby Fairgrounds.

As an additional bonus, volunteers may also ride the route(s) of their choice free and partake in the scrumptious rest stop fare that Pioneer has become known for.

For all of you who signed your name on the hard copy sheet at the Awards Banquet and Club Meetings, you need to also signup, to insure your volunteer spot.

If you have any questions about the volunteer duties of a job or need help using SignUpGenius, call me at 503-641-2971.

The Pioneer organizing team and Portland Wheelmen thank you.

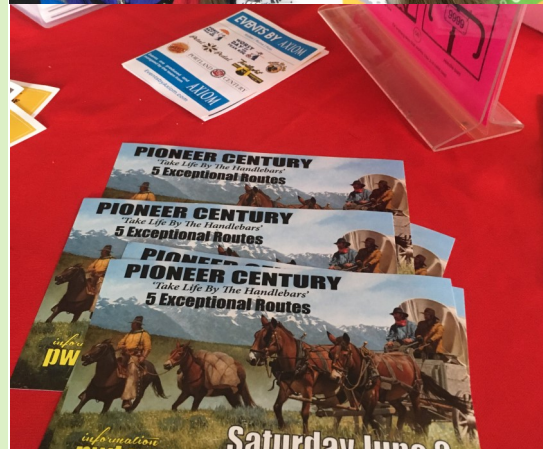
Corey Eng, Pioneer Century Volunteer Coordinator



Worst Day of the Year Ride
02/11/18

PWTC riders Kathleen, Veronica and Benn all rode this ride.

The Pioneer also got some free advertising...



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.

The Old West Scenic Bikeway: June 28-July 2

Eastern Oregon. It passes through small communities and every time you round a corner you take a big sigh and recognize how lucky you are to be in such a majestic area.

We'll start in the town of Long Creek which is about a 5-hour car trip from Portland. The Long Creek Lodge (website: cityo_longcreek.com) has rooms and camping, but not for the first night. Make your own accommodations. Vehicle parking for a few days is also available. Ritter Hot Springs (not on 'Old West' Bikeway) is just a few additional miles up Hwy 395 and is the idyllic last night of camping for our trip. Ritter has a very small hotel and camping. It's an easy 20 miles back to Long Creek from Ritter.

The Fine Points

Day 1: Long Creek to Lone Pine Campground / Kimberly.....	33 miles
Day 2: Lone Pine to Clyde Holiday Park / Mt. Vernon.....	51.3 miles
Day 3: Holiday to Bates State Park.....	36.8 miles
Day 4: Bates to Ritter.....	49.7 miles
Day 5: Ritter to Long Creek.....	19.5 miles
Total 190.3	



Note: There are sections without potable water...tablets or _ltration folks! Carry extra water bottles

Website Info / Map / Cue Sheet

<https://traveloregon.com/things-to-do/outdoor-recreation/bicycling/road-biking/old-west-scenic-bikeway/>

For More Information contact: Benn Schonman / 503.775.8300 / bennschonman@gmail.com



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 things to see.

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 Bill Hamilton at cge@pwtc.com.

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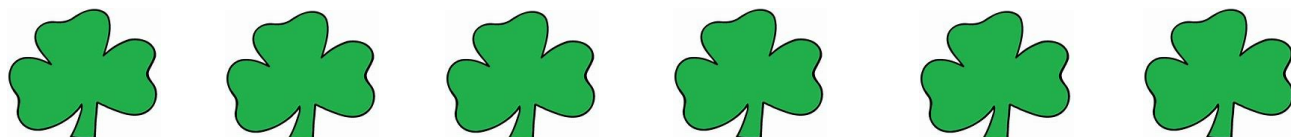
WE'RE ON THE
WEB!

PWTC.COM

Check your membership expiration date.

Is it time to renew?

Online: <http://pwtc.com/>



Thursday Westside riders at Maggie's Buns celebrating Jeremy Wilson's 70th birthday!

