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## A Time for Change by Bob Smith

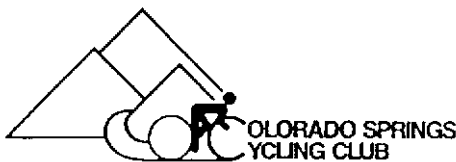
In this issue there are several articles mentioning the Buena Vista Bicycle Festival (BVBF). I'm sure you are wondering what happened to TOARV. Why would we choose to eliminate TOARV?

TOARV was very difficult to support and very challenging to the rider. As a result only a few club members would participate as riders. TOARV had become relatively costly and were we to offer TOARV again in 1999 we'd have to have to increase fees again.

### Why would we choose to eliminate TOARV?????

About eight weeks ago the present and past officers and event committee persons met and our house to discuss the future of our two major events TOARV and Hard-scramble. Over the years it has become more difficult to field volunteers to support these events. It has become even more difficult to find event chairpersons.

I've never been in meeting with more ideas and enthusiasm. BVBF was the culmination of everyone's ideas. We agreed that we wanted an event that would be easier to support and included local community involvement. We had established relationships in Buena Vista and we wanted continue them. We wanted an event that could include family members as participants as well as all facets of cycling. Mountain Bike Festi-



## Club Meetings

**January, Tuesday, 5th @ 7:00PM**

Aaron Rosenthal and Janet Oliver will present a multimedia show of their mid-summer tour of Vermont. Annual Tour Planning meeting follows; bring your ideas...

**February, Tuesday, 2nd @ 7:00 PM**

cruising Copper Canyon, New Mexico on two wheels with Jack Lundberg (*not exactly what you think...*)

**Club Hotline (719) 594-6354**

The club meetings will be at the Thunder Ridge Brewing Co in downtown Colorado Springs at 20 N. Tejon.

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vals have become popular and for the most part exclude road rider. BVBF excludes nor intimates anyone. It can challenge the heartiest of road and off-road riders and there are non-riding activities available to entertain anyone who enjoys the outdoors. You can volunteer in the morning and ride out to the Mt. Princeton Hot Springs in the afternoon. Or you can fish in the morning and ride up Cottonwood Pass in the afternoon.

**the Festival fun !**



Don't think of TOARV in the past tense, think of it as being reincarnated as the BVBF. The BVBF is a new concept in cycling events and the CSCC is on the leading edge. BVBF is an event that has something for everyone. - Read the enclosed letter and application and send it in by February 15<sup>th</sup> and save \$5.



## The Big One; Fallout Traced Around The World by Michael Heymann

A ten megaton bomb. Equivalent to 500 Hiroshima's.

Last June I witnessed the aftermath of the damage. A 80 mile ride entitled "Tour de Blast" begins in Toutle, Washington and climbs along a path of destruction past the Coldwater Ridge Visitor Center to the Johnston Ridge Observatory.

Allow me to start at the beginning.

According to Plate tectonic theory, the Cascade Mountains were formed by the Juan de Fuca Plate sliding under the North American Plate. Thus was born Mount St. Helens. Mount St. Helens stands on the eroded remains of an earlier volcano active between 2,500 and 40,000 years ago.

This mountain was ordinary in the sense that it was cone shaped and heavily

Day turned into night as ash  
blocked out the sun...

wooded up to tree line at 6,000 feet. From tree line to the summit at 9,700 feet was a normal mixture of brush giving way to lichen, grass and rock to snow and finally glacier.

After sleeping for 123 years, the volcano awoke with a 5.1 earthquake and eruption. Early Sunday morning, May 18, 1980, a cubic mile of rock and ash was thrown into the atmosphere. The blast destroyed 230 square miles of forest and sheared off 1,300 feet of the mountain. Ash rose to 85,000 feet and within weeks drifted around the world. Day turned into night as ash blocked out the sun. The largest landslide in recorded history began. The force of the blast destroyed everything in a fan shaped area 8 miles long and 15 miles wide. Enough trees were flattened to build 300,000 houses. Fires, melted glacier and mud flows resulted. 61 people died.

Eighteen years later, results of the awesome destructive power is obvious. A huge basin remains where once was 1,300 feet of mountain. Millions of uprooted or flattened trees remain like someone tipped over many boxes of toothpicks. Amid the carnage, trees and vegetation are beginning anew. Spirit Lake, once full of ash and rubble is now clear. The area has been preserved by the Forest Service as Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument.

"Tour de Blast" was well supported with plenty of food and water. The ride features splendid scenery, abundant climbing, overlooks and vistas on an isolated road in a National Forest. It includes a T-shirt, post-ride shower and spaghetti dinner. If my recollection is correct, the Chamber of Commerce uses the proceeds of the ride (\$30 each) to fund various charitable organizations in the three area towns.

### The BVBF Reconnaissance Tour November 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>, 1998 AD by Bill Bailey

This weekend, Bob, Anne, Henry and I braved the weather and followed through with our reconnaissance trip to BV. Here are some of the highlights for that weekend:

We met with Judy Hassell of the BV Chamber of Commerce who offered a lot of help. She asked that we let her act as our liaison with the local community. Judy offered a great deal as far as recruiting local volunteers, making arrangements with local businesses for support, and non-bicycling activities the area had to offer.

At a table in the home of Jim and Carol Sanford our gracious hosts for the weekend, we brainstormed many aspects of the festival. We recognized that there would be permits required if we used wilderness areas. There were some historical events specific to BV that could lend some themes for the Festival. Some the considerations included the former Midland Railroad line and a bike race that took place in 1906.

The town of BV affords several facilities that could be used as hubs for our events.

We spent most of Saturday afternoon in Jim's V10 Dodge Ram on some of the proposed trails and roadways that would be used for the Festival's events. Here are a few of the events we worked on:

There were a few road events that were developed that included some options that would adapt the event to the ability of the rider. One of the events goes up Cottonwood Pass while the other includes the Mt. Princeton Hot Springs within the route. Another event we are considering is a loop up to Independence Pass as far as the snow will let you go.

As for the series of mountain bike rides we chose to use the old Midland grade and several adjacent trails as the backbone of our off-road events. One of the events uses a flat stretch of the grade while another uses a more rugged segment of the grade. Both events can be linked by a long ramble along a ridgeline

This section is not accessible by motorized vehicle so we felt obligated to ride it. And what a great ride it is....

with many options for climbing, twisting descents, and other challenges.

On Sunday morning Jim drove the four of us up Trout Creek Pass to the Midland Trailhead and we road the trail back to BV. This section is not accessible by motorized vehicle so we felt obligated to ride it. And what a great ride it is.

All in all, we felt that we had conducted a very successful reconnaissance of the area. We had surveyed the resources that Buena Vista had to offer for such an event. We came back to the Springs with enough information to start the planning for the Buena Vista Bicycle Festival.

*BVBF... be there!*

## **Cycling Club Supports Transit System Overhaul**

### **By Joe Viccaro**

By a unanimous vote of the Colorado Springs Cycling Club members present at the November 3, 1998 Club Meeting, support was given to the reorganization of the Springs Transit System. This intended transformation of the bus service in the Pikes Peak region has been led by a group of citizens, business people, and public sector employees and is officially known as "Peak Mobility 21". The general aim of this group is to create a regional bus system so that people can more easily get where they're going without having to use private automobiles. It would be a decentralized system, with at least 4 more transfer hubs than the existing one downtown hub system, that not only serves Colorado Springs but also Monument, Fountain, Widefield, Peyton, Woodland Park, etc. This would help to alleviate the huge congestion problem we have in this area, as well as making it possible for citizens to commute to work and play while leaving their cars at home.

This regional plan will require the formation of a Regional Transportation Authority with its own funding so that it will maintain its autonomy of purpose. Current projections call for a maximum four tenths of one percent sales tax increase to fund this project. The entire plan is still being formulated and public input will be sought through meetings, focus groups, polls and surveys. Anyone who would like to get involved in this process is encouraged to contact Joe Vaccaro at either his work #, 635-4483 ext.236, or his home #, 522-1975.

Business, civic group, and individual citizen letters of support are currently being solicited by Peak Mobility 21. The following is the letter of support being submitted by the Cycling Club:

(attachment follows)

### **Peak Mobility 21**

To Whom It May Concern:

The Colorado Springs Cycling Club would like to add its support and encouragement to the "Peak Mobility 21" project's work in trying to expand and improve the public transit bus system within the Pike's Peak Region. We share their evaluation of the current transit system as being outdated and woefully inadequate in light of the tremendous growth this area of Colorado has undergone during the past ten years. It is readily apparent that the citizen's of the Pike's Peak Region require a coordinated transit system that can effectively serve the public and commercial needs of our communities, while assisting in reducing traffic congestion and air pollution. We urge all concerned citizens, business people, and public servants to raise their voices in support of this project. We also encourage others within the Pikes Peak region to join "Peak Mobility 21" in its goal of presenting a solution to the public transit dilemma in November 1999 for approval by the electorate.

In conclusion, the Colorado Springs Cycling Club would once again like to urge everyone to support "Peak Mobility 21" in its efforts to bring our region into the 21<sup>st</sup> century and continue to make it a place we all can proudly call, "home".

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Colorado Springs Cycling Club  
A "Peak Mobility 21" Supporter  
President  
Joseph A. Vaccaro

## Grumbling About Rumble Strips

By Martha Roskowski  
of *Bicycle Colorado*

Recently, an ominous orange machine has been prowling Colorado's roads. Looking like an overgrown street-sweeper, it shudders along the shoulder with an aggravating roar. In its path, it leaves a bicycling nightmare: RUMBLE STRIPS!

Sporting the emblem of the Colorado Department of Transportation, the machine has been chewing big bites out of the shoulders of several Colorado highways. In theory, rumble strips are good: the ground-in corrugations reduce run-off the road accidents by motorists who fall asleep. In reality, rumble strips are a big problem for bicyclists. In theory, CDOT's engineering standards for rumble strips call for a minimum of 3' of pavement left

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between the rumble strip and the shoulder. In reality, CDOT Regions have overlooked these standards at least three times this summer. Once, the mistake was caught before the rumble strips were installed. But twice in the past few months, perfectly good shoulders have been rendered useless for cyclists because CDOT ignored their own design specifications. And removing rumble strips costs roughly 100 times as much as putting them in.

Rumble strips are a problem for cyclists: They push cyclists to the outside of the shoulder where the most debris accumulates. The surface of the rumble strips themselves is ground-in and treacherous for cyclists. Cyclists who swerve because of wind or to avoid debris can easily lose control if they hit the divots. Two cyclists in Montana were injured recently when they hit rumble strips. One hit a guardrail, one flew into the path of a car. The benefit to cyclists are dubious: Some say it creates a safe zone away from the cars, yet most seasoned road cyclists are uncomfortable forced into a narrow pathway.

The latest saga started several years ago when bicyclists on the Colorado Bicycle Advisory Board were asked to give input to new design standards for rumble strips. Bicyclists reluctantly agreed to the current standards, with the key component being the 3' of pavement left for cyclists. Despite the adoption of a new standard, few rumble strips were installed until this summer,

**.....with the key component being the 3' of pavement left for cyclists.**

when the CDOT Office of Transportation Safety distributed money earmarked for safety projects. Rumble strips were one of the recommended projects, so CDOT Regions called out the orange machine.

Outrage followed on its heels as cyclists saw the results. In South Park on US 285, the standards were blatantly disregarded, with as little as 20" left for cyclists. A guardrail on the outside rendered the shoulder unusable for touring cyclists. Touring cyclist Paul Chiakowski of Jersey City, NJ ended up on US 285 following the Great Park South Bike Route. With loaded panniers, he simply could not fit between the rumble strip and the guard rail, forcing him into the travel lane. "Miserable" was Paul's summary of the new highway improvements as drivers traveling 70 mph leaned on the horn because he wasn't on the shoulder.

When Bicycle Colorado called CDOT about the rumble strips on 285, apologies were swift and assurances were made. It would not happen again, the standards will

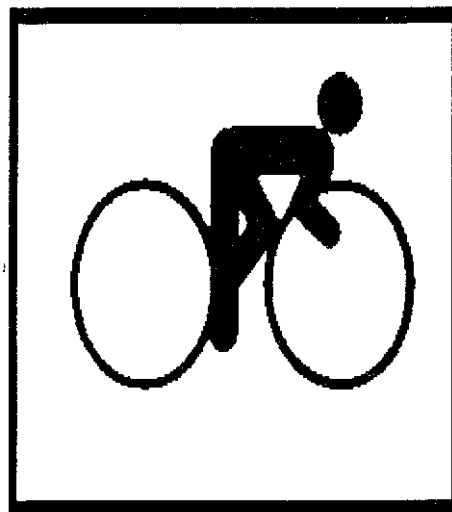
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be followed, the offending rumble strips would be removed, this season. But as the cost of fixing the rumble strips was tallied, those assurances became more vague. In late October, CDOT wrote "we plan to remove rumble strips on US 285 where there is less than 2' of shoulder outside the

rumble strips, where there is a guardrail and less than 3' of shoulder outside the rumble strips, and on both down-hill sides of Kenosha Pass." The price tag for this fix of less than a quarter of the offending rumble strips on US 285 will be at least \$200,000.

In early November cyclist Bud Nickell, of Colorado City southwest of Pueblo, watched in horror as the orange machine rumbled down the shoulders of SH 165. Bud and his tape measure found as little as 15" of pavement left for cyclists between the rumble strip and the shoulder's edge.

Colorado is not alone in its struggle with rumble strips. Across the country, bicycle planners and advocates are calling for a bicycle-friendly rumble strip design. The basic premise is that these improvements



which benefit a few motorists should not endanger and inconvenience all cyclists.

In conjunction with these national efforts, Bicycle Colorado is asking for an immediate moratorium on rumble strips in Colorado while three things are resolved: First, the rumble strips that do not meet standards must be removed. Second, CDOT Engineers must be more carefully trained to follow the standards. And finally, the standards themselves should be revised.

(use FORMLETTER insert...)

*Please use the form letter that has been inserted in the newsletter to inform the CDOT Transportation Commissioners of your concerns...*

## Prez Sez: by Joe Viccaro

### • Thank you

I deem it quite an honor to be chosen as the Club's new president for 1999 and would like to thank everyone who voted for me. It was a hard fought campaign with a lot of mud slinging and I'm still trying to get some of it out from under my fingernails. My wife and I are, of course, very appreciative for the new tandem bicycle the club bought for our use (I was told that all past presidents of the Club have ridden tandems, and I certainly wouldn't want to upset a tradition). It will certainly come in handy on the fact-finding mission we are planning to Italy and France this spring. I will make it a point to issue a full report if (oops, I mean when) we return. We will be sure to leave no restaurant and five star hotel unturned in our relentless pursuit of information for

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future Club use (gee, I sure hope we don't have to raise annual dues to fund this worthwhile excursion!). Oh, by the way, any rumors about a recall drive are entirely unfounded and should be ignored.

### • The Future

In the months ahead, there will be some changes in Club events and interactions with the community at large. As some of you are already aware, the Tour of the Arkansas River Valley (TOARV) had been replaced by the Buena Vista Bicycle Festival (BVBF). This is a weekend event that will take place in May and be centered in the town of Buena Vista. It will include a variety of both road and off-road bike rides, as well as a possible bicycle equipment expo. The Buena Vista Chamber of Commerce, Optimist Club, and other such local groups are providing a great deal of assistance to our club in an attempt to make this inaugural BVBF a success. It will also mean that the Club need not employ the services of the State Police nor incur some other

expenses and duties made mandatory by the TOARV. Some of the people to thank for the enormous effort and energy expended in this event's organization are Bob and Anne Smith, Aaron Rosenthal, Bill Bailey, Rob Miskowitch, Barry Wick, Mike and Fawn Remington, and many others as well. We all hope that this will become a regular and widely known event for the Colorado Springs Cycling Club.

Some other things I would like to see hap-

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pen over the course of 1999 are a greater effort to recruit new members into the Club, more diverse rides for both road and mountain bikers, greater involvement of all members in the operation of the Club, and a more prominent role of the Club in community issues that impact bicycling. None of these things will occur, however, without the support of the membership. So, please, get involved at whatever level you are able. This is your Cycling Club!

### • Hail the Hal

We all owe a great deal of thanks to our most recent past president, Hal Church, for the outstanding manner in which he conducted the business of the CSCC over the past year. He made the difficult transition from the Smith Dynasty seem easy and painless, even though we know it was not. The time and effort he put into the Club is most appreciated and has not gone unno-

**the difficult transition from the Smith Dynasty...**

ticed. I most certainly would like to offer him my thanks for paving the way for my presidency. It will undoubtedly make my job much easier.

Happy Cycling,

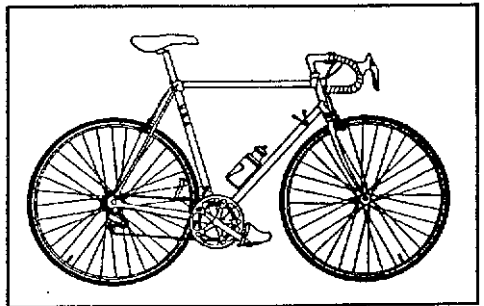
Joe Viccaro

## CSCC Trail Cleanup Program by Norman Howard

Our sign should be up on the Trail soon. Once our sign is on the trail our club will look as good as our trail clean up is, so lets do a good job. I appreciate all the people that have help thus far. In the future

we will meet at the trail on Sundays at 9Am., Uintah and Fountain Creek.

Snow cones will be served in January on the 10th and 24st; February the 7th and 21st.



### BICYCLING IN COLORADO RULES OF THE ROAD

Bicyclists have all the rights and duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle and can be penalized for violating traffic laws.

#### RIDE ON THE RIGHT NEVER RIDE AGAINST TRAFFIC

Ride in the right lane, except when passing another vehicle, preparing for a left turn or avoiding hazards. Always ride with the flow of traffic. Ride on the paved shoulder whenever a paved shoulder suitable for bicycle riding is present.

#### RIDE SINGLE FILE

You may ride two abreast only when no motor vehicle traffic is approaching within 300 feet (front or rear) or when all cyclists are on the shoulder. On curving canyon roads, play it safe and ride single file.

#### OBEBY TRAFFIC LAWS, SIGNS AND SIGNALS

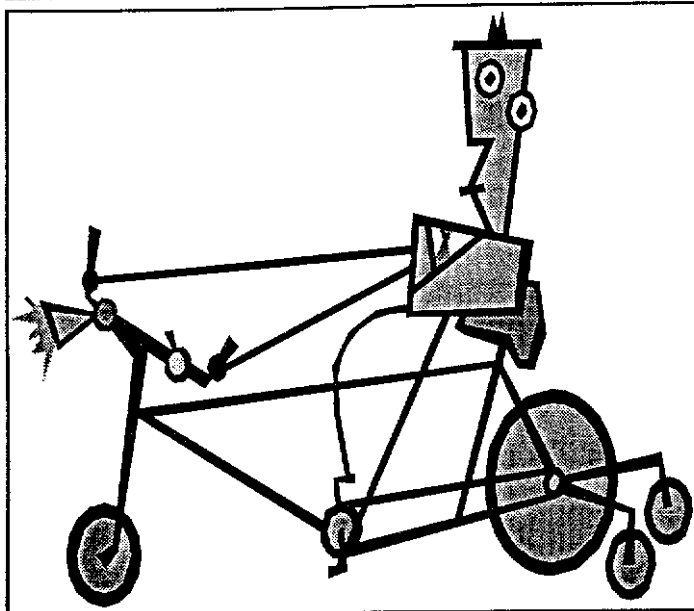
Use hand signals to indicate left or right turns, slowing or stopping.

#### USE A HEADLIGHT, TAILLIGHT AND REFLECTORS AT NIGHT

#### MAKE EYE CONTACT WITH DRIVERS

Never assume motorists see you or that you have the right-of-way. Expect the unexpected; your first responsibility is to avoid a crash.

You may request a complete copy of  
THE COLORADO BICYCLING MANUAL from:  
CDOT Bicycle/Pedestrian Program,  
4201 E. Arkansas Ave. #212, Denver, CO 80222



**The Bentman wonders,  
The Bentman asks silly questions.**

Why are the Recumbent Brothers going out of business? What will we do next? Are we going into a different business? The way I figure it, it is going to take years to sell off all the stuff that we have accumulated. We have been accumulating stuff for way too long and it's the kind of stuff that we will never use. Does anyone want a Campy areo water bottle and cage? How about one of the many old frame pumps that are always in my way and don't fit anything that I own? I personally have a collection of brakes, chain rings, cranks, handle bars, stems, brake levers, shifters, Tuffy strips, and lots of tubes with holes in them. They only need one or two patches. Anyone out there interested? Ok then.... on to wondering.....

The rules for multi use trails say to never spook animals; what do we do when animals spook us? Where do we go to file a complaint about this blatant disregard? In these days of big government looking out for us; the little people, there must be some one to help us out. In the last year I have come very close to hitting numerous squirrels and prairie dogs. Do you know what that does to your heart rate? Believe me folks it ain't good. Don't even get me started on SNAKES; them critters can get my heart rate up to almost 200 bmp from 50 yards.

The same rules say to make eye contact with drivers; don't know about you but from my point of view they are way too high to look at. Ok, How about our trail cleanup; should we consider the street people part of what we should cleanup? If so, what do we do to them to get them cleaner? And most importantly, how do we carry that type of equipment on our bikes?

The Bentman

**Club Mileage for Riders  
for 1998... top 50  
compiled by Ride Central**

CLUB MEMBER	ROAD MILES	LEADER
THOSE WHO CAN'T PRINT	3000	
MIKE REMINGTON	1930	720
DOUG LUTTRELL	1405	875
BOB SMITH	1255	630
SHARON HAMILTON	1215	
JOHN CUNNINGHAM	1080	
TIM ANDERSON	1055	85
HAL CHURCH	1055	180
ANNE SMITH	1045	220
SHAY NOLAN	990	805
JANET OLIVER	980	
ARON ROSENTHAL	980	
ALAN SEVERN	965	30
FAWN REMINGTON	925	130
JOE VACCARO	775	93
LOUIS GOTTLIEB	750	
ROB MISKOWITCH	715	380
CHRIS DAVENPORT	650	
JACK LUNDBERG	620	
BRIAN RODER	580	
HENRY TOWNE	550	20
PAULETTE VARN	540	
ANDY SKUNTZ	480	160
DAVE THOMSON	445	
GERRY BRANUM	425	
DOYLE DIKES	415	15
PHIL SMITH	405	100
NORM HOWARD	400	70
WILLIAM RYAN	385	
J.P. NEUTEBOOM	375	
BARB BUTLER	370	20
LARRY WATSON	350	
LARRY DEWITT	336	319
NEALE REINITZ	325	
BOB MOORE	319	
BRENDA ANDERSON	305	
PATTY WATSON	275	
TIM LOPEZ	265	
LOLA KENNEDY	260	
KIM MAKOWER	260	
SUSAN MISKOWITCH	250	
KATHLEEN DESMOND	250	
ED TERHUNE	235	
DICK TIMBERLAKE	235	
PAULA MAKARA	230	
STEVE WILLIS	225	20
MARK ROWE	205	
JOHN RODWICK	205	
MIKE BALLMES	200	
CRAIT ALEXANDER	200	
BILL BAILEY	200	

# Regularly scheduled events for January

## Club Meeting 7:00 PM Thunder Ridge Brewing Co.

January 5<sup>th</sup> Tour planning Meeting after the regular club meeting. It is time to start thinking about Spring, Summer and Fall tours and finalizing them for the March-April newsletter's tour Calendar. We all like to make our tour plans early. Let's try for some new tours in 99. Bring your ideas or submit via the PO Box or e-mail [csc@bikesprings.com](mailto:csc@bikesprings.com)

Saturday kinder/gentler ride 10:00AM; Bob and Anne Smith will lead this new ride on their tandem, starting at the Albertson's at Centennial Blvd and GOG Rd. the ride will average between 30-35 miles at a moderate pace 12-14 mph 528-6834

Saturday road ride 10:00 AM ; ride starts at alternating locations Rob Miskowitch 548-8667

Sunday morning road ride 9:00 AM ; K-Mart on Powers and Palmer Park Larry DeWitt 536-9932

Sunday morning half fast ride 10:00 AM; Not as fast as Larry's ride but faster than the social ride 20 to 40 miles starts at Acacia Park so there is a chance of doing 40 to 60 miles by combining the half fast and the social rides. Hal is going to lead the first ride, from then it's a show and go.

Sunday social ride 1;00 PM; Acacia Park

Mikie's RSVP ride; Call Mike Remington at 391-0742 or e-mail him at [Remingto@gateway.net](mailto:Remingto@gateway.net)

Trail clean-up 9:00 AM Norman Howard 634-1184 Trail at Uintah and Fountain creek



# January 1999

## Colorado Springs Cycling Club's Calendar of up Coming Events



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CDOT Transportation Commissioners  
4201 E Arkansas Ave  
Denver CO 80222

Dear Transportation Commissioners:

We are writing to ask you to reassess CDOT's policy on design and installation of rumble strips. The current design is both inconvenient and dangerous to bicyclists. We ask that you put an immediate moratorium on the installation of rumble strips while you consider the following changes:

- ◆ Revise the design standards to leave a minimum of four feet between the edge of the rumble strip and the edge of the pavement. The current three foot standard does not leave adequate maneuvering room.
- ◆ Rumble strips should not be installed when a guardrail is present.
- ◆ Rumble strips should be placed right next to or on the white line, not 6" into the shoulder as currently specified.
- ◆ Standard rumble strips should be 12" in width, not the 18" to 24" currently specified, except on Interstates with at least 8' shoulders.
- ◆ Do not install rumble strips on steeper downhills. Bicyclists traveling at higher speeds need more maneuvering room and cannot safely cross rumble strips.
- ◆ Research and identify a more bicycle-friendly design for the actual rumble strips. The current aggressive milled-in variety cannot be safely crossed by a bicyclist at any speed. Rumble strips must allow safe crossing by bicyclists who are avoiding debris, passing vehicles parked on the shoulders or initiating left turns.
- ◆ Identify warrants for rumble strip installation such as a documented history of run-off-the-road accident which would have been prevented by rumble strips. Use only in select areas where proven safety problems exist.
- ◆ All roads with rumble strips should be scheduled for regular shoulder sweeping, as rumble strips tend to increase build-up of gravel and prevent cyclists from riding on the cleaner pavement close to the white line.

Thanking you in advance for your attention to these issues.

Sincerely,

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\* \* \* A Concerned Colorado Cyclist \* \* \*



# February 1999



## Colorado Springs Cycling Club's Calendar of up Coming Events

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# Regularly scheduled events for February

## Club Meeting 7:00 PM Thunder Ridge Brewing Co.

Sweetheart Social ride: Slow to moderate paced ride leaves from Acacia Park at 1:00 pm. Bring you sweetheart or just yourself. After the ride we will go to Michelle's for sweets for the sweethearts. Ride leader is Anne Smith 528-6834

Saturday kinder/gentler ride 10:00 AM; Bob and Anne Smith will lead this new ride on their tandem, starting at the Albertson's at Centennial Blvd and GOG Rd. the ride will average between 30-35 miles at a moderate pace 12-14 mph 528-6834

Saturday road ride 10:00 AM ; ride starts at alternating locations Rob Miskowitch 548-8667

Sunday morning road ride 9:00 AM ; K-Mart on Powers and Palmer Park Larry DeWitt 536-9932

Sunday morning half fast ride 10:00 AM; Not as fast as Larry's ride but faster than the social ride 20 to 40 miles starts at Acacia Park so there is a chance of doing 40 to 60 miles by combining the half fast and the social rides. Hal is going to lead the first ride, from then it's a show and go.

Sunday social ride 1;00 PM; Acacia Park

Mikie's RSVP ride; Call Mike Remington at 391-0742 or e-mail him at Remingto@gateway.net

Trail clean-up 9:00 AM Norman Howard 634-1184 Trail at Uintah and Fountain creek

## CSCC November Meeting Minutes

Secretary, Janet Rose

The President, Hal Church, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Financial Report**—Bill Bailey reported that the club has a total of \$12,620.64, \$7,098.28 in checking and \$5,522.36 in a CD. Henry Towne moved to accept the treasurer's report, Doug Luttrell seconded, and it was approved unanimously. The Hardscrabble Ride brought in more than \$5,000 in revenues.

### Old Business:

- Community Action Committee – Joe Vaccaro – The Stratton Open Space area will be multi-use, trails for hikers, bicyclists, and horseback riders. The next trails meeting is Nov. 18, at the Sr. Center. They will be discussing the North Cheyenne Canyon area.
- Touring Committee – Mike Remington – Because few people show up for the Touring Committee meeting, Mike recommended using the January membership meeting (in lieu of a speaker) as a time for people to recommend rides for the calendar.
- There was some discussion about moving the start of the Sunday social rides to another area because parking is not prolific downtown, possibly to start next year so it could be announced in the newsletter.
- Gold Camp Road ride on Nov. 27.
- Social Committee – Anne Smith – The holiday party is Dec. 6 at the AFA. Instead of a gift exchange we can bring items for a needy family. Bring your favorite potluck dish and there will be a DJ and dancing. You can't bring alcohol, but there is a cash bar. Doug Luttrell will pick up the tablecloths and flatware.
- The Tour de Turkey will be held Nov. 22, starting at 1 p.m., Acacia Park; a turkey will be given away (hopefully no riders will qualify, as turkey, that is).

- Status Reports:
  - ⇒ The board recommended giving \$500 to Bicycle Colorado to help pay for a lobbyist to advocate for bicycling in the state legislature. Mike Remington so moved; Anne Smith seconded and it was approved unanimously. People can donate individually also by sending checks to Bicycle Colorado, not John McLain, as reported in the last newsletter. (At least, I know someone reads the minutes.)
  - ⇒ Mike Remington suggested the club reserve hotel rooms at a discount for some of the club sponsored rides, but because of a shortage of funds and possible cash-flow problems, Bob Smith moved to table the issue for now, Susan Miskowitch seconded it, and it was approved unanimously.
  - ⇒ Rob Miskowitch moved that Hardscrabble shirts be sold for \$5 for long sleeve, \$3 for short; Susan seconded and it was approved unanimously.
  - ⇒ Nominating Committee – Shay Nolan – The slate of officers were President: Joe Vaccaro, Vice President: Jack Lundberg, Secretary: Janet Rose, Treasurer: Bill Bailey, and Newsletter Editor: Henry Towne.

### New Business:

- Aaron Rosenthal moved to accept the slate of officers, Kathleen Desmond seconded, and it was approved unanimously.
- Bob Smith suggested that TOARV be replaced with the Buena Vista Bike Festival. Rode and mountain bike rides of varying length would start and stop in Buena Vista, the third weekend in May. Some club members will go to BV Nov. 7-8 to explore different possibilities. Anyone that would like more information or to give input, email Bob at: [bobsmith@bikerrider.com](mailto:bobsmith@bikerrider.com)
- Mike Remington recommended Hardscrabble route be changed Florence to Westcliffe and back, to keep people safe and off Highway 50. There's also a possible loop, dirt road option. Still need a co-leader; see Mike or Fawn, if you

want to help.

- Joe Vaccaro has been working with Peak Mobility 21 on decentralizing the bus system and making public transit more viable. Joe moved and Mike Remington seconded that CSCC support the concept of Peak Mobility 21 to revise the transit system. It was approved unanimously.

### Announcements:

- \* Hal Church has sent a letter to the city council recommending they purchase the Rock Island Trail for TOPS and trail use. The city is holding a meeting Nov. 10, Sierra High School, 7 p.m., to discuss this issue.
- \* The Slalom Gates Ski Club in Denver invited club members to participate in weekend trips or meetings.
- \* CSCC received the certificate for adopting a portion of the Monument Valley Trail and a sign will soon be erected on the trail.
- \* Newsletter deadline for the January/February 1999 issue has been changed to Dec. 5, 1998 to expedite the process to better accommodate the newsletter editor's relocation. **Thank you for your support...ed.**
- \* In December there is no club meeting; come to the holiday party instead.

\* **Adjourn:** Doug Luttrell moved and Mark Rowe seconded to adjourn the meeting and it passed unanimously.

Guest Speaker: Aaron and Janet's presentation was cancelled due to the wonders of technology.

### CSCC December Meeting

— no meeting; holiday party instead!!!

## Your Attention Please.....

You may not have heard about this yet so let me be the one to tell you. There is a new editor for this newsletter. I found it necessary to give up the position because of my change in employment and residence. It was a pleasure to serve you as the editor to our club publication.

The individual taking the position of editor for the Bent Fork Chronicles is Kim Makower. The vital information for him is listed below. As members, it is your responsibility to provide material for him to assemble the newsletter with. It must be done in a timely fashion. The preferred modes of receipt would be text or Word file attachments to e-mail or on floppy disks. However, not everyone warmly embraces these hi-tech tools and that's alright..... Kim will take it anyway he can. He has the tools; all of you have the material for him to work with.

Perhaps it is time for a change in the structure and focus of the newsletter. I've heard some feedback from some of you; "it's too big", "the stories are too long", "there are too many pictures", etc. And then again I heard some great complements from some of you. The new editor will need some insight from you as to what you expect of him and the newsletter. Make it a point to help him produce an interesting, informative publication that you look forward to receiving.

Sincerely,

Henry Towne  
towneh@hotmail.com  
(303) 725- 0751

later.... henry (former editor)

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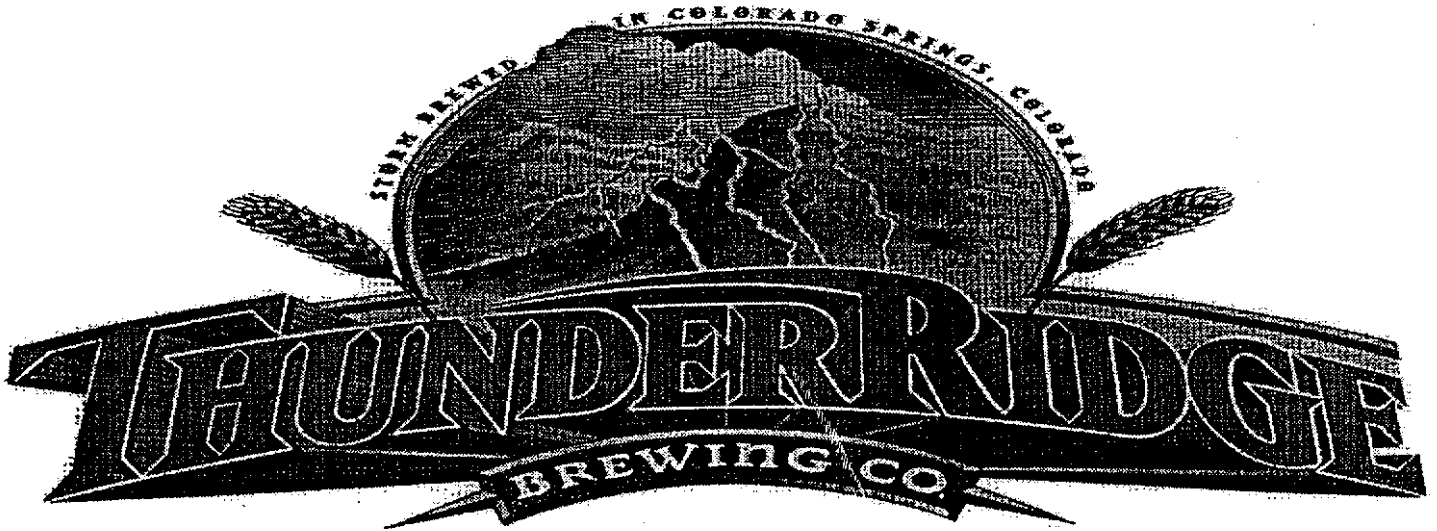
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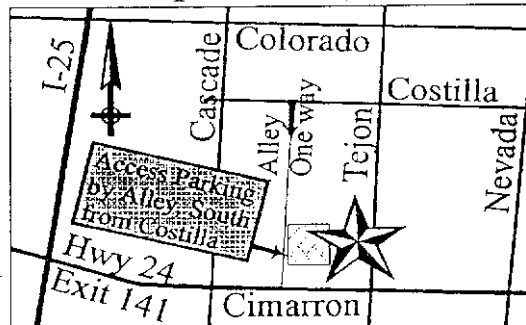
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### FOR SALE:

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 Call Anne Smith @ (719) 528-6834

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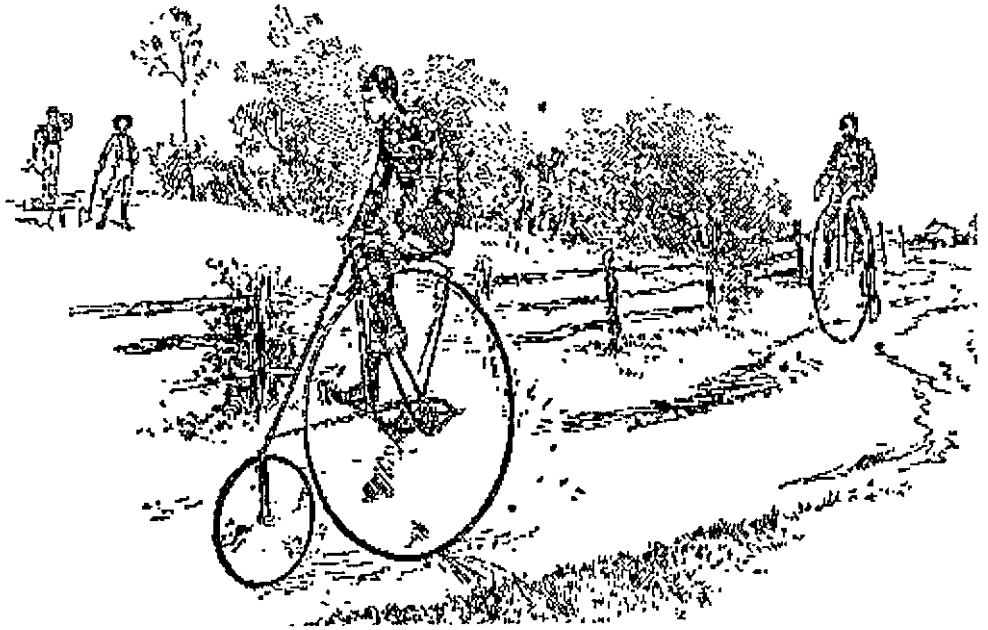
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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

The club meetings will be held at the Thunder Ridge Brewing Co in downtown Colorado Springs at 20 N. Tejon.

**WELCOME NEW CSCC MEMBERS:** Betsy Avis & Family; Richard Caldwell; Chris Conboy; Ted & Ruth Edmonds; Alfred Hiltbrunner; Belinda Kromminga & Art Dutcher; Robert Lojewski & Family; James & Sheila Mathis; Martin Phillips; David VanDerWege;

**WELCOME AGAIN RETURNING MEMBERS:** Bill Bailey; Gerald Branum; John Cunningham; Doyle Dikes; Ray & Diane Edmonds; Garth & Vicki Jarvis; Don & Cathy Kipp; Jack Lundberg; Paula Makara; John Manzione; Susan Martin; Connie Miller; Rob & Susan Miskowitch; Walter H. Moon; Mark Rowe; Jim & Carol Sanford; Don Sidie; Bill Simmons; Roy Stephens; Dave Thomson; Dick Timberlake; Tim Uttormark; Cynthia A. Zupanec;

## Rideleaders:

Mail your ride sheets to Doug Luttrell, 828 Prairie Rd., Colo Springs, CO. 80909. Doug is the 1999 club statistician .. thanks, Doug!!!

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## Club Stuff

As a CSCC member, you are entitled to a 10% discount on the purchase of cycling accessories from the following bike shops. In order to get your club discount at bike shops, you must take your newsletter with the mailing label attached. Your label will indicate your new or renewal membership is up to date.

Colorado Springs Bike Shops (719) 634-4915. Two Colorado Springs Locations.

Ted's Bicycles (719) 473-6915

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## **DOES IT HAVE YOUR OLD ADDRESS?**

When your newsletter has to be forwarded, it is an additional expense for the club treasury. **Please get those changes in as soon as possible.**

Remember, the newsletters are usually mailed the last week of the month, so try to get changes and renewals in early. Also, if you have a new phone number, let us know so we can keep our roster up to date. You can leave any address or phone changes on the hot line @594-66354 or call Anne Smith @528-6834

## **Newsletter Submissions**

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