Meetings

Membership Meeting

Monday, Nov 12 @ 7pm Davis Branch Library Blanchard Room 315 E. 14th Street

Please park bikes outside. Refreshments & door prizes!

Directors Meeting Monday, Nov 5@7pm Dan Shadoan"s house 812 Eucalyptus

All members welcome

Race Team Meeting

Wednesday, Nov 14 Davis Branch Library Blanchard Room 315 E. 14th Street Board meeting @ 6:30pm Race Team meeting @ 7:30pm

Welcome New Members!

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Paris-Brest-Paris: The Ride Gets Uncomfortable

by Peter Hewitt, #6924

[Note: This the second in a series of articles about Paris-Brest-Paris 2007]

Y REAR DERAILLEUR CABLE BROKE IN the third hour, in a cool rain. This was ironic; I had spent considerable energy assuring the readiness of the other end of that very cable. I was carrying a spare cable, but had little confidence I could replace it in under an hour. Luck shined, as Steve and Peggy Rex appeared on their tandem just minutes later. Steve agreed to assist me with the cable at the first rest stop, in Mortagne au Perche, the 140km mark, if there was no mechanical assistance available. Getting to that control without my easier gears produced some back pain, but the ride remained all that I had hoped it would be: gliding across beautiful land with many people who share my interest in bicycling.

At the control, a former Tour de France racer installed a new cable to my rear derailleur in minutes for four euros. I was almost grateful to have had this trouble so as to be able to witness, so early in the ride, the support available at the controls.

The next part of the ride was so fascinating that I virtually ignored my obsession with statistics like speed and distance. was surrounded by riders who seemed to feel as lucky as I felt to be out there. Yet this sensation of luck went away when I rode out of Tinteniac (km 364) near 8pm, in the last hour of daylight. I experienced a sudden loss of strength. An elderly gentleman glided past me up the hill to Becherel; at least he smiled generously as he overtook me. I noticed I was sweating considerably, and my heart rate was high, considering the effort. I drank some Perpetuem, and was sure I had just escaped hypoglycemia. The sweating stopped, and I regained strength and speed.

The stretch that followed over the next two hours was a highlight of the trip, though I did not catch Jacques, the elderly gentleman

who passed me, until after a surprisingly long ten minutes. Jacques is a 70-year old, French-only speaking cyclist with whom I enjoyed the next couple of riding hours, into the dark Loudeac. "Doucement" was his motto. Gently. Here was an experi-



Peter and his wife, Anh Nhi, in Loudeac, hour 19 (midnight). The reflector works.

enced, wise and welcome riding companion! Shamelessly, I drafted behind him and made use of my French classes in Sacramento. Red tail lights were lined up in front of us. We had caught the mode of the 90-hour riders who started 24 hours ago. Behind us, the white lights shone in a line eastward.

About 5km east of Loudeac, I saw the leaders, about 18 of them, already heading back to Paris. "La tete de la course!" At 11:15pm, we arrived in Loudeac, and the easiest part of the ride was behind me. Fortunately, I did not know this at the time.

My wife, Anh Nhi, surprised me in Loudeac. I expected her to be back near Paris. Thus, Loudeac was a welcome intermission that had its flip side: leaving. At 12:45am, I descended alone down a steep hill. Everybody else must have stayed in Loudeac. This was a grim section of the course for me. I found company eventually, but for the first long minutes, there was little to experience outside of my thoughts.

This event was getting difficult.



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November Membership Meeting

by Diane Richter

The November Meeting will be held on November 12, the **second** Monday in November, due to circumstances beyond our control. It will be held at 7pm in the Blanchard Room of the Davis Branch Library.

We're going to hear from a number of speakers on diverse topics. First, the various groups of the Race Team division of the club will give a synopsis of their season. Then we will hear from a number of our members on their experiences with commercial bicycle touring companies on both domestic and overseas tours. No commercial companies will be invited, so there won't be any sales or advertising (though that *could* be a topic for next year).

While you're putting this in your PDA, calendar, etc., here's an early reminder of our December holiday party/election of new officers and directors. It will be held on December 3 at the Stonegate Country Club, starting at 6pm. The club will provide the dinner, but desserts will be potluck. Rumor has it that the party favors will be socks. I've heard some of the suggestions for the design on the socks. Wow! You'll just have to come to see, so save the date.

Letter from the, uh, Acting Editor

by Scott E. Alumbaugh

A s you may know, Steve Macaulay published the DBC newsletter and the newsletter photo supplement. Well, I'm not as nice as he is. I can take care of the newsletter, but not the photo gallery.

So, starting in December, we are going to depend on someone new to post the pictures we all love to see.

Who? YOU!

Well, you, me ... all of us. The plan is to use Picasa, Google's free online photo-sharing service (picasaweb.google.com). It's simple to use. Picasa offers free downloadable tools for PCs and Macs that make it easy to find photos on your hard drive, organize them, add captions and tags, and upload them for sharing. Best of all, it spreads the burden of work among everyone who wants to share photos with the rest of the club.

You will need to create an account with Picasa. And in order for all of us to view photos the way we do now (in monthly galleries), you will need to add a common tag to your photos (which we'll explain later).

We'll have more details on the listsery soon. In the meantime, contact me or go to the Picasa site and learn more.

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Light Technology Moves Along

by John Whitehead

T 6AM ON THE IRON HORSE TRAIL in San Ramon, another cyclist's light impressed me in the total darkness. On subsequent days, I shopped around and did a little research. As I debate whether to replace my older high-tech light, I hope that documenting the information will benefit others.

For many years, we have used red lightemitting diodes (LEDs) in tail lights. LEDs that produce white light have been an exciting development because they last far longer than bulbs. In recent years, white LEDs have also offered more light (lumens) per unit of electricity (watts), but their total light output has been limited. Not only has efficiency continued to improve (lumens per watt), but the best ones now are nearly as bright as the 10- to 15-watt halogen bulbs that set the standard for high-tech bike lights around a decade ago.

Do-it-yourself LED projects can be very affordable and personally satisfying, but they may lack manufactured packaging needed to separate rain from the electricity. High-end LED lights on the market today include the MiNewt from NiteRider (150 lumens), and the Stella from Light & Motion (180 lumens). These use under 5 watts of electricity, at up to 45 lumens per watt. One manufacturer explained to me that only two years ago, similar LEDs were capable of only 22 lumens per watt.

A 13-watt halogen lamp on the market today produces a brighter 290 lumens, but its efficiency (coincidentally 22 lumens per watt) is only as good as the older LED technology. These basic numbers don't tell the whole story, because a white LED needs fewer lumens to appear as bright as the yellowish halogen light. Ideally, bike shops would always be open late, and would offer a side door for us to step into a very dark alley (for light comparisons, of course).

For the moment, halogen lamps are priced more affordably and arguably remain brighter than the latest LED products. For long rides in the dark, however, LEDs can run 5 hours

at maximum brightness, compared to only two hours for halogen This bulbs. major difference results

Additional Resources

more information:

- · www.niterider.com

Also check in at any local bike shop.

fundamentally greater efficiency of LEDs at turning electricity into light, coupled with the fact that battery packs tend to be sized similarly for marketing and manufacturing reasons (weight, cost, and economies of scale).

If you're shopping, keep in mind that products are also differentiated by the type of batteries and chargers. The one manufacturer I spoke with compared a lithium-powered LED to the nickel-metal hydride version. The more expensive lithium option is lighter-weight and comes with a charger that will keep the battery pack topped off without hurting it to obtain 400 charge cycles at full capacity. This type of charger is ideal for anyone who needs a full battery pack upon returning from multi-day absences.

The more affordable battery type is sometimes marketed with a lower-tech charger that needs to be disconnected when the battery is full. In addition, I was informed that a gradually falling battery capacity (less run time) after only 200 charges is an inherent characteristic of the nickel batteries.

This article would not be complete without mentioning that arc lamps, popular with serious off-road cyclists, offer over 600 lumens. Also known by the term HID (high intensity discharge), these are the ultimate in both light and dollars.

The many options can be complicated, so luck is with anyone whose priorities are certain enough to find a clear choice. If LED technology continues to advance rapidly, selecting a light might become very easy for everyone at some future date.

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Iris Murdoch, writer (1919-1999)

Davis Bike Club Elite Race Team's First Year

by Eric O'Brien & Tyler Dibble

The Davis Bike Club Elite Race Team completed 1 its first year of racing by helping Tyler Dibble onto the podium at the California Elite Track Championships in the Men's Pursuit, part of a training program which led to his national championship in the Collegiate Points Race at Track Nationals in San Diego. Dibble's national championship exemplifies the team's mission: to foster competitive excellence and help transform young Davis Bike Club racers into potential professional cyclists. The team was also formed in order to retain DBC riders who had achieved success at the regional level. Historically, new riders would race as DBC members in the Category 5, 4, and 3 fields, but then join other teams once they'd earned their Category 2 upgrades. The reasons were often monetary; bike racing is expensive, and many elite amateur teams use corporate sponsorship to provide full remission of entry, travel, and equipment fees.

The team's core – Shawn Rosenthal, Zack Kimsey, Stephen Dey, Dibble, Mitch Trux, Joe Ianarelli, Chris Morales – competed against and often defeated the best racers in the nation: The squad finished sixth in the Northern California/Nevada Best All-Around Team competition; Dey was 7th in the general classification at the Elkhorn Classic Stage Race in Oregon; Dey and Trux had multiple top 20 placings at the Mt. Hood Stage Race (against the best professionals in the country); and Dibble won the Elite U23 District Championship in the Time Trial.

The first DBC junior to transition to the Elite Team was Joe Ianarelli, who took 3rd place at the Cherry Pie Criterium in Napa. He went on to compete at Superweek, a prestigious string of criteriums in the Midwest. Next year, current DBC juniors Taylor Kuphalt and Alex Wick will be riding select events.

The Elite Team also secured equipment sponsorships, which granted significant discounts for all DBC members. Many of the club's new masters racers reported that these sponsorship opportunities helped them decide to race with the DBC instead of other regional teams.

Many master and junior riders also benefited from training with Elite Team members; Master's 4 racer Fred Schnaars attributed his victory at the Henlyville Road Race to a summer spent chasing Elite Team members on the DBC Tuesday/Thursday race ride. General club racers Eric O'Brien and Shannon Still learned invaluable speed skills from Dibble at Track District Championships and gained upgrades to Category 3 after training with Elite Team members.

In addition to their racing success and training outreach, the Elite Team also supports the efforts of the general club by promoting and running the children's race at the Davis Fourth of July Criterium, running rest stops at the DBC Double Century and Foxy's Fall Century, and serving as recruiting liaisons between the DBC and UC Davis Aggie teams. The Aggie connection also serves to bring new riders to the club; most of the current Elite Team members met at UC Davis, and over fifteen new racers have joined the ranks of the DBC in the last two years.

None of these results would be possible without the support of the rest of the club. The DBC is a very heterogeneous organization, one which supports recreational club riders, junior racers, master-level racers, and now one of the most powerful elite teams in Northern California. As these elements of the club continue to aid each other's respective missions, the Davis community will enhance its regional and national reputation as a leading community for all levels of cycling.

Henlyville Road Race: This was a Tough One

by Fred Schnaars

Saturday Morning, September 22: at 4:30am, the alarm goes off one more time! Coffee machine on auto, smell of fresh coffee fills my nose. Something good about today. An early start, and a long drive.

It's funny how even after a season of early rising, you always ask yourself, "Why am I doing this? This is not going to be fun! This is going to hurt, just like every other race." This was my first year as a DBC Masters, and what a great year it has been. When Steve Nowicki and I decided to join the DBC Race Team, we couldn't have imagined what an amazing group of fellow racers we would meet! It has been a memorable season – one of sacrifice, commitment, dedication, loyalty, and respect for all who are the DBC Masters.

The team had talked about this race for weeks. We were going to set up one of our own for a podium, or a top 10. This was going to an individual who had raced his heart out all season. The great thing about the DBC Masters, is that any one of them will lay it all on the line for a teammate when called upon to do so. Today was going to be a great day! All of a sudden, I was feeling pretty good again.

With ten orange and blue kits on the line, DBC was representing! We were Alan, Karl, Jason, Robin, Kevin, Steve, Derek, Paul, Lorne, and me. Jason, the captain, stepped up to take control of today's race.

At the whistle, we were *off* on our first of three 18-mile laps on a mostly flat course. I realized immediately, "I gotta pee! Crap! 54 miles to suck it up!" The first lap was an easy pace. DBC riders sat up front while I sat near the back, watching. Every time we rounded a corner, I could see Jason or Paul sitting in a position to counter anything that might happen. Numerous guys took flyers, but to no avail. The winds were too strong, and trying to make a break stick just wasn't in the cards.



Changing Gears



Race Team News

As we started lap two, DBC still led up front. And Jason was still pulling! The group kept up a steady, moderate tempo on this lap. As in the first lap, there was an occasional charge off the front. But again, all attempts failed.

By the time we started lap three, a couple of guys managed to get off the front, but nothing stuck. The wind was in our favor.

In the blink of an eye, the DBC Masters came to the front. Seven of us hovered near each other – a mass of orange and blue – as if by some signal. Jason looked up and said, "Wow! Where did you guys come from?"

Suddenly, there was an attack as riders charged up the left in a 30mph surge! We reacted and got right on to their wheels, and immediately the pace dropped. Another attack! But we reacted again.

I sat two riders back, on the right, looking for a gap. Finally, a gap opened and I shot through it. I hoped to pull the group to the 1km mark, then let them do the rest. My legs were flaming! C'mon, pull! Holding speed ... pain ... pull! ... Lactic overload ... pull! It's amazing how much extra you can get out of yourself. I had no idea how far to go. Where was the 1km mark? Then POW! I was done. Crap!

As a rider started to come around me, I felt like I had let the team down. But then Paul appeared beside me, screaming, "Come on Fred!" He rocketed up the right side of the pack, powered to the front, and pushed the attack on.

I drifted back into the pack, thinking I was done. We flew by the "1km to go" sign at 25mph. My legs had given up.

But before I could get spit out of the back of the pack, Jason opened a spot and reeled me back into the group. As the speed increased, my legs were starting to come back. I moved up with about 400 meters to go. Paul dropped off the 28mph pace – and then Robin went flying off the front. Game on!

We flew toward the finish. At 200 meters, POW! POW! POW! One after another attacked! At 200 meters the course widened to include the entire road, and with riders moving to the left, I got a gap and all guns were firing.

I was staring at an open road.

As I came by, I screamed at Alan to get on my wheel, thinking I would help him to the finish. I was at maximum watts – but still accelerating! It felt like the second sprint of the Tuesday/Thursday race ride on Putah Creek: No prisoners. No time to be nice.

I realized that I was at the front with 100 meters to go. I could see the yellow tape across the road. I had no idea who was behind me. I didn't care anymore. New objective: win! For the team.

Another rider came by on my right, I screamed at myself to GO! I was dying as I crossed the line – first by half a bike-length. Screaming in victory after I crossed the finish line, the DBC Masters did it again. The team rolled up behind me.

After the race, we went back to the campground, sat under a tree, enjoyed an adult beverage, and talked about the race. It simply does not get better than that.

Race Team Results

by Amanda Seigle

Name	Race	Date	Category	Place
Alan Rowland	Chico RR	9/22	M35+ 4/5	6th
Alexander Freund	Mt. Shasta Hill Climb	9/9	Juniors	3
Amanda Seigle	Elite Track State Championships			
Amanda Seigle	Team Pursuit		women	2nd
Amanda Seigle	Match Sprints	9/9	women	4th
Amanda Seigle	Scratch Race	9/9	women	4th
Amanda Seigle	500m TT	9/8	women	9th
Amanda Seigle	Keirin	9/8	women	4th
Amanda Seigle	Points Race	9/8	women	2nd
Amanda Seigle	Team sprint	9/8	women	3rd
Amanda Seigle	Collegiate Track nats	9/14	2K	7th
Amanda Seigle	Collegiate Track nats	9/14	500m	17th
Amanda Seigle	Collegiate Track nats	9/15	Points Race Final	5th
Andreas Freund	Mt. Shasta Hill Climb	9/9	Juniors	1
Andreas Freund	Mt. Tamalpais Hill Climb	9/15	Juniors 15-16	7
Blake Anton	Collegaite track nats	9/14	Pursuit	13th
Blake Anton	Collegaite track nats	9/14	Kilo	40th
Blake Anton	Collegaite track nats	9/16	Points Race Final	12th
Brendan Connors	Challenge RR	9/1	Elite 4	dnf
Bruno Pitton	Sacramento Cyclocross Series Race 1	9/23	Men's B, 19-35	7th
Cody Tapley	mt Tam	9/14	15/16	12th
Edan Levaton	Thursday night track racing	9/20	C's	1st
Emily Foxman	Challenge RR	9/1	W 3	1st
Jason Eiserich	Challenge Challenge Road Race	9/1	Mastr 35+ Cat 4/5	12th (field of 36)
Jason Eiserich	Metromint Giro di San Francisco	9/3	Mastr 35+ Cat 4/5	4th (field of 75)
Jason Eiserich	Cytomax Benicia Town Race/Crit	9/9	Mastr 35+ Cat 4/5	6th (field of 60)
Jason Eiserich	Mt. Tamalpais Hill Climb	9/15	Mastr 35+ Cat 4	33rd (field of 60)
Jason Eiserich	Henleyville Road Race	9/22	Mastr 35+ Cat 4/5	7th (field of 47)
Jason Eiserich	Chico Downtown Criterium	9/23	Mastr 35+ Cat 4/5	Crashed Broken Clavicle
Judd Van Sickle	Giro di San Francisco	9/3	P/1/2	48th
Judd Van Sickle	Benicia Town Race	9/9	P/1/2/3	6th

Name	Race	Date	Category	Place
Karch Miller	ABA BMX Black Jack Nat'ls Reno, Nv	9/1		
Karch Miller	National #1	9/1	Open Expert 9-10	5th
Karch Miller		9/1	10 Cruiser	Semi's
Karch Miller		9/1	10 Expert	Semi's
Karch Miller	National #2	9/2	Open Expert 9-10	4th
Karch Miller		9/2	10 Expert	Semi's
Karch Miller	Bicycle Planet- Sac CX	9/16	Jr's B Men	3rd
Karch Miller	Sac CX Series #1 Del Paso Park	9/23	Jr's B Men	1st
Kevin McSpadden	Challenge RR	9/1	35+ 4/5	25th
Nils Johnson	Challenge RR	9/1	3	DNF (Flat)
Nils Johnson	Mt. Tamalpais Hill Climb	9/15	3	15th
Patrick Turner	Prairie City Flash CX	9/5	В	3rd
Patrick Turner	Prairie City Flash CX	9/12	В	2nd
Patrick Turner	Bicycle Planet CX	9/16	B 35+	4th
Patrick Turner	Prairie City Flash CX	9/19	В	1st
Patrick Turner	Lion of Fairfax	9/30	B 35+	27th
Paul Robins	Chico RR	9/22	M35+ 4/5	15
Roland Freund	Mt. Shasta Hill Climb	9/9	Masters 45+	2
Roland Freund	Mt. Shasta Hillclimb	9/15	Masters 45+	9
Roland Freund	Henleyville Road Race	9/22	Masters 45+	5
Shawn Miller	Bicycle Planet- Sac CX	9/16	Mstr 35+ B's	2nd
Shawn Miller	Sac CX Series #1 Del Paso Park	9/23	Mstr 35+ B's	10th
Taylor Kuphaldt	GP Ruebliland (Switzerland)	8/31-9/2	UCI Juniors ('2.HC' World Cup)	See Below
Taylor Kuphaldt	Ruebliland Stage 1	8/31	"	25th (break)
Taylor Kuphaldt	Stage 2	9/1	"	pack
Taylor Kuphaldt	Stage 3 (individual TT)	9/1	"	11th
Taylor Kuphaldt	Stage 4	9/2	"	lead pack (~50th)
Taylor Kuphaldt	Kermesse Lendelede (Belgium)	9/6	UCI Juniors	15th (break)
Taylor Kuphaldt	Curitas Classic (Belgium)	9/8	UCI Juniors	17th (break)
Taylor Kuphaldt	Kermesse Torhout (Belgium)	9/9	UCI Juniors	pack
Todd McIntyre	Race Around Lake Tahoe	9/28	Masters	31st

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	Terrain			Pace		
Rating	Terrain	Example	Rating	Pace (mph)	Notes	
T1	Flat	Davis to Woodland or Sacramento	P1	10 or less	Relaxed; family and kids; regroups often	
T2	Easy, gentle grades	Road 29 at Hwy 113 Overpass	P2	9 - 12	Tourist riding; stops/regroups as needed	
T3	Rolling hills	English Hills; Pleasants Valley Road	Р3	12 - 16	Moderate; solid riders; regroups @ 45 min.	
T4	Rolling to mod. hills	Lake Solano; Monticello Dam	P4	16 - 18	Brisk; experienced riders; no obligation to wait	
T5	Moderate grades	Cantelow; Cardiac	P5	18 - 21	Fast; strong riders; few stops; no waiting	
T6	Steep, long grades	Mount Diablo; Marshall Grade	P6	21 +	Strenuous, very fast; very strong riders	

General Ride Information

- Helmets are required on all Davis Bike Club rides.
- All rides begin at Starbucks (2038 Lyndell Terrace, east of Sutter Davis Hospital), unless otherwise specified. Rides starting elsewhere will be noted in the ride description. The ride leader is responsible for coordinating transportation to the starting point, if necessary.
- Rain is bad, and will cancel any ride unless otherwise noted in the ride description. If in doubt, contact the ride leader.
- Announced ride time is the time at which the ride starts. Come early to prep your bike, sign in and get maps or pre-ride instructions.
- Pace is based on condition of level ground with no wind.

Ride Start Locations

Davis Locations

• Starbucks
East of Sutter Davis Hospital
(near Hwy 113 & Covell)

- Davis Amtrak Station 2nd Street, east of G Street
- South Davis Nugget Market Mace Boulevard & Chiles Road
- Sutter Davis Hospital 100 yards north of Union 76
- Veterans' Memorial Center 203 E. 14th Street (at B Street)
- Wheelworks 247 F St. (at 3rd Street)

Out of Town Locations

- Putah Creek Cafe Main Street & Railroad Avenue, Winters
- Winters Park n' Ride
 Main Street & Railroad
 Avenue, Winters
- Woodland Nugget 168 Court Street, Woodland
- Auburn Starbucks 392 Elm Avenue, Auburn

November DBC Rides

Note: Asterisked (*) rides have a starting location other than Starbucks. Consult the ride description for start location. All telephone numbers are in the 530 area code, unless otherwise noted.

Recurring Rides

Ed Martin Memorial Weekday Morning Ride Series

Monday Esparto Tailwinds

Ride north to Esparto, with a stop at the Burger Barn, then downhill and a tailwind home. Experience part of the Double Century route as a bonus.

Tuesday

Mocha Joe's Country Loop

8:45am ~ T1/P3 ~ 35 miles Paul Grant, 756.7813 or pwgrant@ucdavis-alumni.com

9:00am ← T1/P4-5 ← 39 miles Phil Coleman, 756.4885 or pkcoleman@comcast.net

Ride past the fields and orchards to the west and south before enjoying a treat at Mocha Joe's in south Davis.

Wednesday

Solano Baking Company

8:45am ~ T1/P3 ~ 35 miles
Dan & Sharon Cucinotta, 756.1711 or
scucher@comcast.net

9:00am ∼ T1/P4-5 ∼ 39 miles Phil Coleman, 756.4885 or pkcoleman@comcast.net

Ride south to Dixon, past orchards and fields, and relax at Solano Baking Company in Dixon before returning to Davis.

Thursday **Steady Eddy's**

8:45am ~ T1/P3 ~ 30 miles
Dan & Sharon Cucinotta, 756.1711 or
scucher@comcast.net

9:00am ~ T1/P4-5 ~ 34 miles Phil Coleman, 756.4885 or pkcoleman@comcast.net

Ride along Putah Creek Road, enjoy the atmosphere and conversation at Steady Eddy's in Winters before returning to Davis.

Friday

Vacaville Rolling Hills

8:00am ~ T₃/P₄-5 ~ 60 miles Larry Burdick, 753.7591 *or* larryburdick@netzero.net

Ride with "The Legend" through the rolling hills to and from Vacaville. Enjoy the goodies at Vacaville's Heritage Café.

Weekly/Bi-weekly

Early Bird Special*

Monday and Friday 6:15am ≈ T1/P3 ≈ 20 miles Jack Kenward, 753.9329 or kenward2@dcn.org

Meet on the Russell Boulevard bike path between Arlington and Lake. Rain does not cancel this ride.

Women's Wednesdays*

Wednesday

9:00am \sim T1/P3-4 \sim 20-30 miles Marilyn Dewey, 753.9188 or deweyms@hotmail.com

Meet in front of Wheelworks, 3rd & F Streets, for an easy one to two hour ride to improve skills and fitness in a low-key, fun environment.

Winters Dinner Ride*

Thursday

6:00pm ~ T1/P3 ~ 30 miles Paul Grant, 756.7813 or pwgrant@ucdavis-alumni.com

Meet on the Russell Boulevard bike path at Lake Boulevard. Now that summer is behind us, we'll need to remember to bring our lights and be sure the battery is fully charged. Come out on this easy-going dinner ride to Winters. Expect friendly conversation. No one will be left behind!

Coffee and a Roll

Saturday

7:30am ~ T1/P4-5 ~ 35 miles Scott Alumbaugh, 204.8481 or sea@seadogdesigns.com

A Saturday morning quick out and back to Steady Eddy's in Winters, ending at Davis Farmers Market. Ride leader may have occasional absences, so if he hasn't shown up by 7:35, the ride proceeds.

Monthly

RH Phillips First Saturday Brunch*

Saturday, November 3
10:00am ~ T2/P3 ~ 45 miles
Ann Huber, 758.8115 or
ahuber@jsanet.com

Meet at the Woodland Nugget parking lot. This is a lovely ride through rolling hills of northern Yolo County, ending up at RH Phillips winery for their monthly brunch. The meal varies each month, and can generally be found on the RH Phillips website (although the website has changed recently, and Humble Ride Calendar Coordinator couldn't find the menu the last time he looked). The ride leader may also post it on the DBC listserv. The food plus wine pairing is always delicious. Price has recently risen to \$13, including tax, but you can bring your own lunch if you wish. Possible earlier start time from Davis (to meet with the Winters crowd) will be announced on the listsery.

Second Sunday Ride

Sunday, November 11 8:00am ~ T1-5/P3-4 ~ 60 or 100 miles Glenn Mounkes, 220.3513 or glenmonk@yahoo.com

Ride your own pace to Fairfield via Winters, Cardiac, and Highways 128 & 121 (regroup at Berryessa Dam and Wooden Valley). Lunch in scenic Suisun, then ride back to Davis *or* take Amtrak 12:03, 1:33, or 3:03pm train (ticket costs \$12.00). Check DBC listserv for announcements.

Third Saturday Ride

Saturday, November 17 9:00am ~ T1-5/P3-4 ~ 60 miles David Joshel, 756.7409 or davidjoshel@hotmail.com

Ride to Winters (30 miles), Lake Solano (40 miles) or Cantelow (60 miles). Optional coffee/food stop at Steady Eddy's in Winters. With the multiple options available, most riders can find a distance and pace to suit them.

November DBC Rides (cont.)

Note: Asterisked (*) rides have a starting location other than Starbucks. Consult the ride description for start location. All telephone numbers are in the 530 area code, unless otherwise noted.

Jersey Rides

Davis Bike Club partially reimburses members who participate in designated Jersey Rides (see list below). To apply, send an email within 72 hours after finishing a Jersey Ride to <u>dbcjerseyride@gmail.com</u> stating:

- your name and address
- name of the Jersey Ride
- · mileage ridden
- amount paid for registration

In October of each year, the funds available for Jersey Ride support will be rationally distributed to the participants. Continuous club membership for the entire year is required.

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Upcoming Jersey Rides

 No more Jersey Rides until 2008!

Non-Recurring Rides

Seasonally Sporadic Second Saturday Single Speed Spin

Saturday, November 10 9:00am ~ T1/P3 ~ 30 - 50 miles John Whitehead, 758.8115 or jcw@dcn.org

Celebrate the simplicity of single speed cycles, either fixed or free. Multiple gears welcome, but certainly select a setting then shun your shifters.



Winter Long Distance Ride #1

Saturday, November 10 8:00am ~ T-4/P-your choice ~ 70 mi Amy Rafferty, 666.5468 or aerfferty@ucdavis.edu

Returning by popular acclaim, the DBC Winter Long Distance Ride Series! Different start location this year (at Starbucks near Sutter Davis Hospital), but the same great ride leader. This series is designed to (1) help new and returning brevet riders build their long-distance fitness in time for the spring brevets, and (2) meet new and old friends and share collective wisdom about long-distance cycling. The routes and mileages will change each month. Plan for 70 miles in November, 90 miles in December, 110 miles in January, and 200km (125 miles) in February. If riders have different speed preferences, groups will be split out. Remember, there's no such thing as bad weather – only bad clothing.

The first ride of the series goes from Davis to the vicinity of Moscowite Corner and back via Cardiac. Route and cue sheet will be posted to the DBC listserv. Riders of all speeds welcome. Riders are encouraged to group up with others of a similar speed and follow the cue sheet.

Want to Lead a Tour?



Jennifer Epp and Chris Lupo, leaders of the 2007 San Juan Islands Tour

If so, now is the time to start thinking about it. Here are some guidelines to help...

- **Plan trips early**. Get together with a small group to brainstorm ideas on what you'd like to do.
- Location, location, location. We bicyclists like to stay right in the most interesting area of the towns and we don't like to walk very far to eat dinner. Good locations might be near a beach, near a mall, a resort village, an old town, etc.
- **Tell us what you're thinking**. Send your ideas to DBC Tour Director, Bruce Dewey (<u>bdewey@dewspring.com</u>), and learn about any other tours that might conflict with (or be similar to) yours.
- **Show up.** Anyone planning a tour should plan to attend the January tour planning meeting.
- **Learn more.** Read the DBC Ride and Tour Planning Guide (<u>www.davisbikeclub.org/clubdocuments/tours/planning_guide.pdf</u>).







The Tour Turn

by Bruce Dewey
DBC Tour Director

WITH EXTENSIVE ROADS FOR CYCLING, spectacular geographic features, interesting sites that date back to Roman and prehistoric times, and the world's best food and wine, it is no wonder that France is such a popular destination for bicycle tours. Marilyn and I did our own tour in southern France last month, meeting interesting people and learning history. We're ready to go back.

From SFO, we flew to Frankfurt and then to the Marseille airport. After unpacking bike cases and getting a good night's sleep at an airport hotel, we took a commuter train up to Avignon, avoiding the busy roads in the airport area. Our bikes provided quick and easy transportation to the popular tourist sites, including the not-to-be-missed Palace of the Popes. Our hotel guy, Harold, sent us around the corner to a moderately-priced restaurant, Caveau du Theatre, where we had what was the best dinner of the tour. A basic French "menu" is usually three courses – entrée, plat, and dessert. Euros are deceptive – you think you're paying less until you multiply by the \$1.40.

From Avignon, a tremendous tailwind propelled us to St. – a modern engi-Rémy in less than an hour. Could this be the dreaded mistral? neering marvel After dropping the panniers off at our hotel, we rode out to the – and to the pic-



Gorges de la Nesque

Roman ruins at Glanum and back in on the 5km trail with a series of plaques showing sites painted by Vincent Van Gogh. The next day, we rode a loop on the back roads out of St. Rémy through the Alpilles to

Arles and les Baux. In Arles, we had lunch in the shadow of the two-thousand-year-old Roman coliseum. Les Baux is a spectacular medieval hill village, well worth the long climb to get there.

From St. Rémy to Cavaillon, we used one of those treasured roads lined with Sycamore trees. Probably the five-meter tree spacing was okay to shade Napoleon's armies, but it now is rather snug for cars and bicycles. Later, at the hilltop village of Gordes, we lunched with an American "boutique" tour group called Mello Velo. The group bases in a château, riding area loops while someone does their laundry and prepares meals. A back road to Fontaine-de-Vaucluse, followed by a short hike, revealed a remarkable source for a river – water gushing from a cave on the side of a mountain.

The next day, we rode up through the Nesque gorge to Sault. The Nesque gorge road was a mountain-side shelf cut into solid rock. The low and narrow tunnels kept most motor vehicles

away, thus attracting lots of cyclists. Sault, of course, is the cyclist's mecca at the base of Mont Ventoux. Here we met another cycle touring couple, Rhonda and David from Australia, who became our cycling companions for the next two days. We opted to use one of the routes north of Ventoux to go west to Vaison-la-Romaine, where we found one of those French roads with cols and a hundred switchbacks.

Our hotel on the hill in Vaison's medieval old town had a great view of the extensive, partially restored ruins of the Roman village. From there, we headed southwest along the edge of the Dentelles range to Orange, and then back to Avignon. Orange, our lunch stop, has a great Roman coliseum and Roman arch.

Bidding farewell to Rhonda and David, we rented a Renault Scenic and headed west. With plenty of room for our bikes, this fun and funky hatchback got 37 miles per gallon. Why aren't such cars available here? A long driving day took us over the new very

high, very long bridge at Millau neering marvel - and to the picturesque town of Cahors. The next day, we checked out some bastide villages - venues of the long war between England and France - on the way to Sarlat. This popular and crowded



Marylin and Bruce at Pont du Gard

ist town was the Renault's parking place for three days. Our cycling took us to hill towns with old châteaux, to prehistoric cave-art sites, and by what must be 95% of the world's foie gras industry. A spectacular rails-to-trails bicycle route followed a high ridge south of Sarlat. Highlights for us were the cave and prehistoric drawings at Pech Merle, and the cycling in the Célé and Lot River valleys.

It was great to have the Renault in the cold and misty weather that was moving through. The Jonte and Tarn Gorges, and the high plateau from Florac to St. Jean du Gard, were scenic highlights on the return trip east. Parking the car at our hotel in Uzes, we took our bikes to the Pont du Gard, the magnificent old Roman aqueduct. Then, back to Avignon, where it was sunny and warm. The next day, at the Marseille airport, we got the only bad surprise of our tour: After much discussion (in French, of course), the airport counter staff decided our bike boxes were too large to fit in the Canadair regional jet that was going to take us to our connection in Munich – and that we'd have to take a later plane. But that all worked out.



Touring Mammoth Lakes

by Paul Meredith

On Sunday, August 5th, My Family and I left a windy and cool Davis for Mammoth Lakes via South Lake Tahoe. The drive is 250 miles from Davis, and takes about 5½ hours. I brought my bike to scout the area for a DBC tour in August 2008.

Monday was a casual ride day, exploring the town and the series of lakes directly west and above the town. My ride started with a short 1-mile ride down the main drag at 35mph to an exit toward Shady Rest Park. The return to the main road was via a bike trail which crosses over to the East Mammoth bike trail and a view point from the eastern-most area of Mammoth. Then, heading west on the bike trail, I covered the south side of Mammoth by the golf course and took Old Mammoth Road, an uphill climb (think Cantelow) of 2 miles. The area around 9,000' is dotted with lakes: Mary Lake, Maime Lake, Horseshoe Lake, and Lake George. After a brief stay, I returned to our condo. The total distance was 23 miles and two hours, just the right amount of time to get acclimated to the altitude and the surrounding geography.

Tuesday started at 8am with a 1-2 mile climb at 5% to warm up from the 43 degree coolness. Then came a 3-mile descent of 7% before reaching Highway 395, the major north/south route on the eastern side of the Sierra. It has four lanes separated by several hundred yards and elevation at various points. The shoulders are quite wide, 10-20 feet at times. There is a rumble strip a few feet wide but there is still plenty of room to feel safe from the passing traffic.

I had perfect bike weather. At mile 17 for the day, I passed June Lake junction, but continued northward until the 27-mile point, and turned left turn toward Tioga Pass.

From 395, Tioga is a 12-mile climb to the Yosemite Park East entrance, at 9,945. The first mile is 5-6% grade, then the road levels off for the next 3 miles. The shoulders are surprisingly adequate (2-3 feet wide) for most of the climb with a few sections up near the top that were narrow.

After a 30-minute break at the top, I started back to Mammoth Lakes. I rode south on Highway 395, then turned onto June Lake Loop. Grants Lake, Silver Lake and June Lake showed contrasts in terrain from semi-arid desert to forested areas as I climbed up to June Lake and lunch. There are a few restaurants, but I opted for the mini-market grocery and had the worst tuna sandwich in my life.

The return on Highway 395 was a blast. Deadman's Summit was an easy climb, and the descent was very fast for a long time. The only difficulty was dodging water drain grates that suddenly appear and force one to move left toward the rumble strips. The trip was 90 miles long with a total altitude gain of about 6,000°. For a group ride I would probably skip the Tioga Pass section with an alternate route to Mono Lake Visitor Center. This would be fewer miles and much less strenuous.

Wednesday was a rest day and a 40-mile drive to Bishop, a town I had never visited before.

Thursday, I rode down to Red's Meadow and to the horse stable at the end. From the condo, I had a 6-mile climb with a 3-4 mile section of Cardiac-type grade. After 7am, Red's Meadow is closed to cars except for those camping in the valley below. Bikes are free so I chose a time after the morning cutoff time to descend.

The road is narrow for the first 3 miles before it opens up after Agnes Meadow. At the end is a horse stable and a café that serves breakfast and lunch. I took a break at the horse stable before starting the return trip, which would be mostly uphill. At Agnes Meadow, the real climb begins. It is 2.6 miles of 8-10% grade, about 2,000 feet of climbing. I just put in my lowest gear and took my time. There are plenty of places to pull off and enjoy the view. I took a slight detour at the Ranger Entrance Station to go to Mineret Point and a view of the whole valley with its many jagged peaks. The total distance was 28 miles.

Again, for a group event, I would plan a little differently. A sag vehicle would begin early and get to the Ranger Entrance Station before the 7am cutoff time. The bikers would leave about 8am and reach the bottom about 9:15am, then meet the sag and exchange their riding shoes for hiking boots. The loop to Rainbow Falls and Devils Postpile is about 1.5 hours and is a great hike.

Friday was a beautiful day which I started with a 30mph cruise down the main street of Mammoth to 395. It continued southward until the 19-mile mark at Tom's Place. From Tom's Place, I started the 10.5-mile climb to Mosquito Flats (10,400 feet) just past Rock Creek Lake. The smell of pine was very thick at the beginning of the climb, a 6.5mph (6-7% grade) for 1 mile. Then it steepened for the next mile. After this initial section, the climb was more gradual. Rock Creek intersects several times back and forth along the road. The shoulders are adequate. After Rock Creek Lake, the road steepens for the next 2 miles, but the views are stunning. I conversed with the ranger for about 30 minutes before descending. At the bottom, I took a quick left at Tom's Place and took the frontage road instead of riding along 395. It wasn't exactly a frontage road, as it runs several miles from 395 for most of the time.

Further north I took a left turn westward up to Convict Lake and met my family. From Convict Lake, I returned to Mammoth with a very nice tailwind. The overall distance had been 65 miles and a gain of 4,500 feet. My tire went flat a few hours later, as I discovered a small piece of wire sticking out the side.

If anyone is interested in a Mammoth Lakes tour for 2008 beginning the first weekend in August, please send me an email at pmeredith@sbcglobal.net. The condo we stayed at was very reasonable for the week (\$150/night for 5 nights, and an additional 2 nights free). The tour would be an opportunity for families that have non-riding spouses who may be interested in doing other activities. Meals could be cooked individually, or potlucks for the group are options for everyone.

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Wanted: Bike Stories for Davis Community Scrapbook

by Jean Jackman

Davis Community Scrapbook is a collection of very short stories, anecdotes, and songs - plus photos, paintings and curios - all concerning Davis. We have collected over 90 submissions so far, and hope for hundreds more. The submissions are being presented in performances and exhibits, and will soon be on a Davis Community Scrapbook website. You will be able to go to the site and find numerous story categories - Bike Stories, Growing up in Davis, Coming to Davis, Unforgettable Experiences - virtually any category you can imagine having to do with Davis. We are working to have a photo of the author with each story, as well as a photo about the story. Submissions have come from people ages 8 to 87.

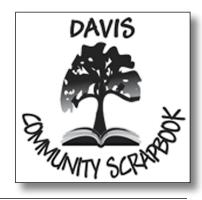
We have had performances of featured stories at the Davis Branch Library, Village Homes Performers Circle, and the Davis Senior Center. A month-long exhibit of stories took place at the Davis Senior Center in May, and will take place at the Davis Branch Library in November. Founder and curator for Davis Community Scrapbook is Jean

Jackman, a Davis storyteller, writer, producer, author of Down Home Tales of Davis, and Davis Bike Club member.

Davis Community Scrapbook is funded in part by the City of Davis Arts Contract Program.

Please send your story (350 words or less), or visual or audio submission, to DCS curator Jean Jackman at jljackma@dcn.org (note no "n" before @) or 306 Del Oro Ave., Davis 95616. Include your name, address, telephone number, title and email address. Include a photo, if possible. If you need assistance, call

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