# Meetings

# **Membership Meeting**

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

Please park bikes outside. Refreshments & door prizes!

# Board Meeting

Monday, Apr 14 @ 7pm Davis Food Coop Conference Room 620 G Street

All members welcome

# Race Team Meeting

To be determined

# Welcome New Members!

Nathan Anderson **David Huang** Janet Ilkiw Cristine Joshel Jack Kerin Nancy Knofler Masayoshi Kobayashi Elizabeth Lindemann **Kevin Lowe** Martin Lyons **Andrew Mangney Bob Michael Chris Morales Trenton Pitts** Doug Rowland Michael Shields Marla Stuart Robin Van Valkenburgh

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# 2008 Jersey Rides

by Bruce Dewey & Cary Thompson

Pollowing is a list of DBC Jersey Rides for the remainder of 2008:

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April 12	Mullholland Double Century	July 12	Death Ride
April 19	Tierra Bella Century		$\boldsymbol{\bowtie}$
April 19	Bike Around the Buttes	August 2	Marin Century
April 20	Primavera Century	August 2	Mt. Tam Double Century
April 26	Devil Mountain	August 3	Shasta Century
	Double Century	August 16	Holstein Hundred
April 26	SLO Wildflower Century	August 17	Tour of Napa Valley
	$\hookrightarrow$	August 17	Tour d'Organics – Sebastopol
May 4	Grizzly Peak Century		$\boldsymbol{\varsigma}$
May 4	Delta Century	September 2	o Knoxville Fall Classic
May 4	Shasta Wheelmen Jamboree	_	Double Century
May 10	Central Coast Century	September 2	o Unknown Coast Weekend
May 10	Tour of the Unknown Coast	September 2	
May 10	Fresno Cycling Festival		Double Century
May 18	Foothills Century		$\boldsymbol{\bowtie}$
May 23-26	Great Western Bike Rally	October 4	BORP Revolution Century
May 24	Heartbreak Double Century	October 11	Bass Lake Powerhouse
May 31	Ojai Valley Century	0.4.1	Double Century
	$\hookrightarrow$	October 25	Death Valley Fall Double Century
June 1	Sequoia Century		
June 1	Ride for Humanity Bike-a-Thon	November 1	Borrego Double Century
June 7	Sierra Century	1,0,0110011	zerrege zewere convury
June 7	Eastern Sierra Double Century		
June 2	Terrible Two		
June 21	Summer Solstice Century		
June 28	Grand Tour Malibu		
June 28	Climb to Kaiser		



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#### **Change of Address**

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# Photo Supplement

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# **April Membership Meeting**

by Karen Baker Vice President

Myke Berna, bike mechanic extraordinaire, at our April 7 meeting to answer your questions about on-the-road repairs. Many of you already know Myke's work as a team mechanic on the Toyota-United Pro-Cycling Team, and as the owner of Velo City Bicycle Center in Winters. He has an extensive background in bicycle mechanics and is ready to answer all your questions about what to do when your bike gets squeaky, nasty, or nutty on the road.

I posted a query on the listserv in March to get your questions in advance so Myke could organize his presentation efficiently. So far, I've got some good ones: What tools should we carry in our little bike bags? How do you tighten a cassette on the road? Adjust a shifter? And many more ...

Since I will be out of town, Steve Kahn (DBC Philanthropy Director) has graciously volunteered to host the meeting. As always we'll have the fabulous raffle, tasty cookies and coffee. The meeting takes place Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm in the Blanchard Room of the Davis BranchLibrary.



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April 2008 Ride Calendar							
Sunday	Sunday Monday Tuesd		Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Mar 30	Mar 31 • Early Bird Special • Esparto Tailwinds	• Mocha Joe's Country Loop	• Solano Baking Co. • Women's Wednesday	• Steady Eddy's • Winters Dinner	• Early Bird Special • Vacaville Rolling Hills	RH Phillips First Saturday Brunch • Coffee and a Roll	
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Ride Classifications (refer to terrain (T) and pace (P) ride notations in ride descriptions)							
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 Highway 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 Highway 113 & Covell)

- Davis Amtrak Station
   2nd Street, east of G Street
- Davis Park n' Ride Mace Boulevard & CR 32A
- Sutter Davis Hospital 100 yards north of Union 76
- Veterans' Memorial Center 203 E. 14th Street (at B Street)
- Wheelworks
   247 F Street (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

# April 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

# Mondays Esparto Tailwinds

9:00am ~ T1/P3-5 ~ 50 miles Barry Bolden, 297.5123 or boliverb@dcn.org

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.

# Tuesdays

# Mocha Joe's Country Loop

8:45am ~ T1/P3 ~ 35 miles Paul Grant, 756.7813 or pwgrant@mac.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.

## Wednesdays

# 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.

# Thursdays **Steady Eddy's**

8:45am ~ T1/P3 ~ 30 miles Gerry Peterson, 756.1254 or gnjpetero856@juno.com

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.

# Fridays Vacaville Rolling Hills

9:00am  $\sim$  T<sub>3</sub>/P<sub>5</sub>  $\sim$  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\*

Mondays and Fridays
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 Boulevards. Rain does not cancel this ride.

# Women's Wednesdays\*

Wednesdays

9:00am ~ T1/P3 ~ 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\*

Thursdays 6:oopm ~ T1/P3 ~ 30 miles Paul Grant, 756.7813 or pwgrant@mac.com

Meet on the Russell Boulevard bike path at Lake Boulevard. 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

Saturdays 8:00am ~ 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 8:05, the ride proceeds.

# Monthly

# RH Phillips First Saturday Brunch\*

Saturday, April 5 10:00am ← T2/P3 ← 45 miles Anne 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. The ride leader may also post it on the DBC listserv. The food plus wine pairing is always delicious. Price is \$13, including tax, but you can bring your own lunch if you wish. Possible earlier start time from Davis (to meet with the Woodland crowd) will be announced on the listserv.

# Second Saturday Saunter\*

Saturday, April 12
10:00am ~ T1/P2 ~ 10-30 miles
Dutch Martinich, 756.8234 or
dmartinich@att.net

Meet at Aileen Johnson's bench in front of Veterans' Memorial at 14th and B Streets. This is a ride for people who like to look at the scenery, smell the flowers, and socialize. This is a good ride for those new to cycling, new to the club and would like to know how they would fit in, and for those who just like a leisurely pace. There will be a different ride every month including a local bikeway tour, an architecture tour of old Woodland, perhaps a birding ride, and even a pub ride. Spandex and carbon-fiber not required.

#### Show and Go

Sunday, April 13 8:00am ← Terrain, Pace, & Distance TBD Glenn Mounkes, 220.3513 or glenmonk@yahoo.com

This ride varies: route, distance and pace will be determined at the start by the group. The ride leader will lobby for wind and/or hills.

#### Third Saturday Ride

Saturday, April 19 9:00am ~ T1-5/P3-4 ~ 30/40/60 miles David Joshel, 510. 717.5133 (c), 756.7409 (h) 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.

# April DBC Rides (cont.)

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# Non-Recurring Rides

#### Lake Solano Loop

Saturday, April 26
9:00am ~ T1-3/P3 ~ 45 miles
Julie Sly, 916.201.2790 or
Juliesly@aol.com

Ride to Winters and around Lake Solano, with a food/rest stop at Steady Eddy's in Winters before returning to Davis. Option for more miles if the group wants to continue up Pleasants Valley Road to Cantelow Road before returning to Winters.

#### Foothills Tour\*

Friday–Sunday, April 18-20 *T4/P3*  $\sim$  100 miles each way Chris Lupo & Jennifer Epp, Jennifer@LupoEpp.org

A Davis Bike Club classic tour—ride from Davis to Nevada City on Friday via the American River Parkway and Folsom-Auburn Road, lounge around or ride on Saturday, return to Davis on Sunday. Contact the ride leaders for details.



R.H. Phillips ride, Road 14, Dunnigan Hills

# Volunteers Needed for the Davis Double Century

The Davis Double is being held on May 17, 2008. If you aren't riding the DC this year, how about joining the team of volunteers that help make this ride another highly successful DBC event? Let us know if you want to help at a rest stop, drive a sag, help at Start/Finish, help at check in, assist with first aid, be a corner marshal, or help serve dinner at the finish. There is a spot for YOU! Contact Robin Neuman at roknrobin2@aol.com.



# 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.

# Ride for Humanity Bike-a-Thon

Habitat for Humanity welcomes the riders of Davis to the 2nd annual Ride for Humanity bike-a-thon! Please help the students of UC Davis H4H fulfill their goal of raising \$150,000 to fund their own home. They will be hosting their bike-a-thon on Sunday, June 1st. Participants will be biking from Davis to Winters on a 32-mile bike ride accompanied with lunch, live entertainment and more! Registration has already begun at www.active.com (search for "habitat davis").

Note: This is a DBC Jersey Ride



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# **Selected March Madness Photos**



Paul Guttenberg out for a midnight spin on March 1



Banner March Madness start by Dean Albright & Karen Baker



Alan Hill and Dave Joshel heading for Winters



Jean Jackman in Pope Valley



Ant's view of Ed Henn and his recumbent, on Road 101A



The Legend prepares for the Folsom Lunch ride



Rescued kitty getting a ride on the back of Gerry Peterson's recumbent

# **Selected March Madness Photos**





Glenn Mounkes has a derailleur incident

DBC goes all out for MM comfort touches — Darell Dickey takes five on Tremont on the way home from Vacaville



Steve Macaulay (remembering he isn't newsletter editor), John Seabury, and Jim Skeen at Karen's Bakery, Folsom.



Dan Barcellos, Glenn Mounkes (pre-derailleur incident), and Barry Bolden climb to the end of Road 23



Riding in 40 mph winds after a pancake breakfast is TOUGH!



Resting at the Coffee Barn in Esparto

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# **Selected March Madness Photos**



Clearing clouds over Clear Lake



Wonderful Winters



Steve Kahn — Mr. Clean or WWF Smackdown champ?



Lee Mitchell and Russell Reagan at Moskowite



Diane Richter at Steady Eddy's



Oak, vineyard, and wild mustard Lower Chiles Valley Road, 200K brevet



Rich and Liz Boettner on the Clear lake Tour

# Race Team Results

# by Eduardo Avelar

# Race Team Sponsors

The Davis Bike Club Race Team is thankful for the generous contributions of our local sponsors:



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Race Name	Category	Name	Place
Cantua Creek	3	James Wingert	8th
Cantua Creek	Master 35+ 4/5	Lee Millon	2nd
Cantua Creek	Jrs.	Alexander Freunds	3rd
Cantua Creek	Jrs.	Andreas Freunds	1st
Cantua Creek	Masters 45+	Roland Freunds	16th
Pine Flat	3	James Wingert	5th
Pine Flat	3	Andreas Freunds	17th
Pine Flat	3	Roland Freunds	19th
Stanford Road Race	A	Paul Mach	1st
Merco Foothills Road Race	2	Paul Mach	4th
Merco Foothills Road Race	2	Judd Van Sickle	9th
Merco Foothills Road Race	Masters 35+ 4	Derek Byrne	54th
Merco Foothills Road Race	Masters 35+ 4	Lee Millon	45th
Merco Foothills Road Race	Women 3/4	Amy Encalada	7th
Merco Foothills GP	2	Judd Van Sickle	12th
Merco Foothills GP	Women 1/2/3/4	Amy Encalada	2nd in 3's
Merco Foothills Gp	Women 3/4	Amy Encalada	5th
Valley of the Sun Stage Race G.C.	2	Judd Van Sickle	66th
Valley of the Sun Stage Race G.C.	2	Paul Mach	7th
Valley of the Sun Stage Race G.C.	4	Derek Byrne	51st
Valley of the Sun Stage Race Crit.	2	Judd Van Sickle	3rd
Valley of the Sun Stage Race Crit.	4	Derek Byrne	57th
Valley of the Sun Stage Race Road Race	4	Derek Byrne	64th
Valley of the Sun Stage Race I.T.T.	2	Paul Mach	6th
Valley of the Sun Stage Race I.T.T.	4	Derek Byrne	39th
UCLA Road Race	A	Paul Mach	1st
UCLA Time Trial	A	Paul Mach	1st
Merced Crit	P/1/2	Judd Van Sickle	25th
Snelling Road Race	P/1/2	Judd Van Sickle	7th
Snelling Road Race	Masters 35+ 4/5	Derek Byrne	13th
Snelling Road Race	Masters 35+ 4/5	Lee Millon	19th
Snelling Road Race	Masters 35+ 4/5	Will Brieger	17th
Snelling Road Race	Masters 35+ 4/5	John Steggall	1st
Snelling Road Race	Masters 35+ 4/5	Patrick Turner	11th
Snelling Road Race	Masters 35+ 4/5	Joaquin Feliciano	20th
Snelling Road Race	5	Darin Salk	27th
Snelling Road Race	5	Michael Matiasek	13th
Snelling Road Race	Jrs. 13-14	Alexander Freunds	1st
Snelling Road Race	Jrs. 15-16	Andreas Freunds	1st
Snelling Road Race		Amy Encalada	9th
Cherry Pie Crit.	P/1/2	Judd Van Sickle	13th
Cherry Pie Crit.	Masters 45+	Lee Millon	48th
Cherry Pie Crit.	5	Michael Matiasek	9th
Cherry Pie Crit.	Jr. 10-12	Karch Miller	3rd
Cherry Pie Crit.	Masters 45+	Shawn Miller	40th
Dinuba	Masters 35+ 4/5	Lee Millon	30th
Berkeley TTT	4 Rider Open	Darin Salk	17th
Beneley 111	Trider open	Rod Fernandez	1701
		Mark Hockridge	
		Jason Snoval	
Berkeley TTT	90+ Combined Age	Will Brieger	14th
berkeley 111	901 Combined Age	Lee Millon	1401
Porkolov TTT	5	Michael Matiasek	6th
Berkeley TTT	5		Out
Berkeley TTT	70+ Combined Age	Joaquin Feliciano Patrick Turner	14th
berkeley 111	701 Combined Age	Justin Hall	1401
Berkeley TTT	3/4	Andreas Freunds	3rd
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ABA Silver Dollar Nationals	Nat'l #1 0 10 Open Event	Karch Miller	6th
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MTR Challenge #2	Nat'l #2 9-10 Open Expert	Karch Miller	4th
MTB Challenge #2	40-49	Shawn Miller	6th
	30-39 Novice	Janice Pfeiff	1st
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... or take advantage of the Repeat Customer Rewards program at



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# The Tour Turn

# by Bruce Dewey Tour Director

I T's April and time for planning your summer vacation. Naturally, you'll want to go bicycling. You could rent a bike when you get there or you could take yours along.

Many commercial tours have rental bikes available, sparing you the hassle of transporting yours. The downside of course is that their bikes are often heavy and may not fit you well. You know, tours with bikes furnished usually are for folks who

have bicycled very little. Many of us would find such riding less fun. The "good" tours can be identified by the requirement of having your own bike. And DBC tours are "good."

So, you also might consider renting a bike. Inexplicably, bikes generally rent for more than cars do. The Australian couple we met in France last fall had rented bikes that turned out to be 26lb cruisers—the best the shop in Avignon had. They really regretted leaving their good road bikes back home and were interested in how easily we transported ours.

When you take your bike by car, try to put it inside. Besides increasing chances of theft and damage, a car-top carrier will reduce your gas mileage significantly. For our minivan the typical trip mileage of 25 mpg is reduced to 18 mpg with two bikes on a car-top carrier. With small SUVs and wagons, remove the front wheels and put your bikes diagonally in the back area. Secure them with bungee cords.

Trains are generally bicycle friendly. On the Capitol Corridor (and BART, too) just roll the bikes on. The station

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agents and conductors are almost always cooperative. The long distance Amtrak trains, namely the Coast Starlight and the California Zephyr, require the bikes in boxes as checked luggage. You buy a box and pay transportation (\$13 total) to put the bike in the baggage car. The Amtrak boxes are large enough that all you have to do is take the pedals off and turn the bars 90 degrees before rolling your bike in. Put the chain on

the largest cogs to protect the rear derailleur. The wheels and the saddle protect the bike quite well. We've done dozens of Amtrak trips with no damage. John Murphy, the local Amtrak agent, is very helpful with any questions and concerns.

Germany, Austria, and Italy seem to be Europe's best with special cars for bikes on many trains. In France, we found you need to put your bike in a sort of ski rack on the few trains that permit bikes. French TGVs require the bikes to be carried in a

special bag with the front wheel detached. Swiss trains use these same bags. The German railway website, <u>www.bahn.</u> <u>de</u> (English available), is a great resource for all European trains.

Bay Area ferries welcome you to roll your bike on. Other ferries we have used include those in Washington, Wisconsin, British Columbia, Austria, Holland, and Denmark. We never had any extra charge or hassle with our bikes.

Finally, airlines equal pandemonium. In Edmonton, Air Canada gave us large plastic bags that required no disassembly and charged nothing extra. And we have gotten Amtraktype bike boxes at the airport in Sacramento, but paid \$50 per bike.

For bike transportation, we have been charged as much as \$150, or nothing—depending on luck. For the record, the DBC tour to France in September is supposed to pay \$150 each way for bicycles in boxes (or bike cases) weighing a maximum of 50 pounds. I'm hoping that the Air France gate agents will use their discretion not to charge this because of our charm and friendliness.

Bike Friday cases look like ordinary luggage, and shouldn't be charged extra. Our new Ritchey Break-Away bike cases are exactly the maximum permitted size and 15 pounds lighter than Trico cases. We haven't tried yet. However, the airlines say they charge extra for bicycles.

Consider FedEx or UPS, where shipping costs about half what airlines charge. Our local bike shops have been very helpful with providing cardboard boxes and shipping pickup. Mechanically challenged folks can ship from bike store to bike store, including disassembly and reassembly.

So have a great vacation. Don't forget your bike,

# Davis Bike Club Tours 2008

April 18-20	Foothills Tour – Nevada City Chris Lupo and Jennifer Epp <u>Jennifer@LupoEpp.org</u>
July 26-Aug 3	Oregon Coast and Cascades Stu Bresnick and Steve Kahn hfhstu@omsoft.com
August 3-10	Mammoth Lake Paul Meredith pmeredith@sbcglobal.net
September 2-6	Tour de Bakery – Wine Country Stu Bresnick and Steve Kahn hfhstu@omsoft.com
September 6-27	Tour de Provence – France Bruce and Marilyn Dewey

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In consideration of my application and permitting me to participate in this event, I hereby take action for myself, my executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors, and assigns as follows: (A) Waive, Release and Discharge from any and all liability for my death, disability, personal injury, property damage, property theft or actions of any kind which may hereafter accrue to me or my traveling to and from this event, THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES OR PERSONS: Davis Bike Club, their directors, officers, employees, volunteers, representatives, and agents, the event holders, event sponsors, event directors, event volunteers; (B) Indemnify and Hold Harmless the entities or persons mentioned in this paragraph from any and all liabilities or claims made by other individuals or entities as a result of any of my actions during this event.							
I hereby consent to receive medical treatment which may be deemed advisable in the event of injury, accident and or illness during this event.							
I understand that at this event or related activities, I may be photographed. I agree to allow my photo, video or film likeness to be used for any legitimate purpose by the event holders, producers, sponsors, organizers and or assigns.							
This AWRL shall be construed broadly to provide a release and waiver to the maximum extent permissible under applicable law.							
I hereby certify that I have read this document; and, I understand its content.							
Parent Guardian Waiver for Minors (Under 18 years old)							
The above signed parent and natural guardian or legal guardian does hereby represent that he/she is, in fact, acting in such capacity and agrees to save and hold harmless and indemnify each and all of the parties referred to above from all liability, loss, cost, claim or damage whatsoever which may be imposed upon said parties because of any defect in or lack of such capacity to so act and release said parties on behalf of the minor and the parent or legal guardian.							
Helmets are required on all club rides.							
Incomplete applications will be returned unprocessed. Please allow up to 6 weeks for processing.							
The Davis Bike Club is a volunteer projects successful. Please indicate					lunteered time helps make these		

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