

The Roadrunner

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Passenger train travel study reveals results

While passenger rail service may be 10 years in the future, the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) has narrowed its focus on where local passenger trains will start and stop to the areas between the Westside of Santa Cruz and Watsonville. And, the RTC wants public input on all aspects of passenger rail service. (To answer a 10-minute survey, go to www.sccrtc.org/rail, which also accepts written comments.)

Two passenger rail options are most favorable, according to a report by consulting firm Fehr & Peers of San Francisco. **Scenario E** would take passengers from the Westside of Santa Cruz (near Natural Bridges) to Aptos Village, making seven stops in between. It would run every half hour and travel time would be 23 minutes. Cost will be \$85 million and the train (Light Diesel Multiple Units or DMU's) would have no locomotive. Cars would travel on welded tracks for a faster, smoother ride. Travel would be in both directions.

A second plan, **Scenario S**, would travel from Bay Street and California on the Westside to Seacliff Village at State Park Drive in Aptos, with only two stops in between (Downtown Santa Cruz and 41st Avenue in Capitola, with a third, seasonal-weekend, stop in Capitola). It would

cost \$31.5 million, and run every 38 minutes, taking 25 minutes of travel time. Scenario S would use leased trains, including locomotives, and would have limited upgrades to tracks. Travel would be in both directions.

Both scenarios have possible extensions of service to Watsonville, requiring 11 more miles of track improvements. Those 11 miles, plus cost of the train, would be \$133 million.

Fehr & Peers used travel demand models for the Monterey Bay Area to determine how many people may use passenger rail service. Ridership estimates range from 480,000 to 1,413,000 passengers per year. This model also shows how many cars now use Highway One during peak travel times as well as how many people live and work near the railroad tracks, presently an unused travel artery between Santa Cruz and Pajaro. The study is the first step in a long process of determining where to place train stations and passing sidings, the role of freight trains and how to integrate Santa Cruz Metro into the rail passenger scenarios.

The consulting company's study was made possible through a Caltrans grant to the RTC. Funding for passenger rail is possible through more than 50 sources, including a half cent sales tax increase which the public needs to approve.

The RTC offers seven scenarios for the public to examine and comment on. To do so, go to <http://www.sccrtc.org/projects/rail/passenger-rail/>. Comments are due by July 31.

—Grace Voss



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TUESDAY, JULY 21

SCCCC MEETING

7 P.M. SIMPKINS SWIM CENTER

979 17TH AVENUE

SATURDAY, JULY 18

SCMC WORKERS' RIDE/LUNCH

SATURDAY, JULY 25

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MOUNTAINS CHALLENGE

BASKIN CENTER, UCSC

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

PIZZA PARTY/RIDE

DELAVEAGA PARK



More than 20 club members supported the first-annual Slug Grand Fondo on Sunday, May 31 starting at Pinto Lake County Park.

Club Shorts: *Still need a few good volunteers*

Would you like to be a part of a \$32,385 income-generating project? That's how much money was raised by the **2014 Santa Cruz Mountains Challenge**, SCCCC's annual fundraiser which occurs **Saturday, July 25**. Of course this was gross income, so net profit was less, but, the point is, many club members helped to fund SCCCC social activities and grants for bicycle education to the community by volunteering for this event. This year's Santa Cruz Mountain Challenge takes place on Saturday, July 25. Please go to www.santacruzcycl.org and click on the volunteer button for the Santa Cruz Mountains Challenge. Once you register for a committee, you will be contacted in July by the captain of that committee.

First-time event organizer **Reggie Trimmingham**, a recent UCSC graduate, reports that 85 bicyclists registered for the Slug Fondo on May 31, resulting in a \$2,000 contribution to the campus race team. He says the event will take place on an annual basis under the guidance of faculty member **Skippy Givens**. As far as participants, Trimmingham says he "couldn't have asked for a better crowd."

Green Ways to School, a program of Bike Santa Cruz County, is gearing up for its sixth annual **Bike the Bay** youth ride June 26-28 from Santa Cruz to Monterey. Riders will pedal 50 miles to Monterey, spend a day in the area, and ride home on Sunday. They will stay at the Monterey Hostel, whose pancake

breakfasts are legendary. Cost is \$75-125, sliding scale, and scholarships are available. Riders of all skill levels are welcome. If you know a young person who would like to participate, contact Green Ways Director **Tawn Kennedy** at (831) 824-4638 or cyclerevolution@gmail.com.

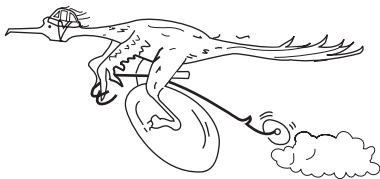
Here's an interesting story on an unsuccessful bike theft from **OutsideOnline.com**. It's about a \$6,990 Stomer ST2 bike which allows an owner with a smartphone to track its location and activate anti-theft measures. One San Francisco owner recently recovered his bike in two hours, after police narrowed their search using GPS and then spotted the thief because lights on the bike were flashing as he rode by. (The word "Theft" was blinking on the crossbar's digital display.)

An urban bicycle-scavenger hunt takes place from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 17, sponsored by The Museum of Art and History (MAH). Walking teams are also welcome, and teams are composed of two to five persons. Entry fee is \$25 per team or \$20 if one team member is a MAH member. Go to santacruzmah.org/event/racethroughtime2015 for more information.

SCCCC member **Evelyn Seth** retired last December from academic counseling at Cabrillo College and decided to move to Santa Fe, NM. She celebrated with a final bike ride with friends. We wish her all the best!



Left to right, Evelyn Seth, Marianne Benforado, David Lawrence, Grace Voss and Alan Eklof. on recent good-bye ride.



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THE **SANTA CRUZ COUNTY CYCLING CLUB** is a nonprofit organization pursuant to Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Service code. The club's mission is to bring cycling to all levels of riders and encourage healthy lifestyles through education, friendship, teamwork and fun. The club is known for its annual **Santa Cruz Mountains Challenge** held the last Saturday in July. Proceeds from this event go to the club's educational activities.

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In a few weeks the club will be hosting over 500 riders during our annual fundraising ride, the Santa Cruz Mountains Challenge. As I've been working with our kind sponsors up at the University, I've learned that UC has its own thriving biking environment. Just as the Slug Cycling Team has expressed awe and amazement at the support of our riders on its inaugural Fondo last month, I have also been very impressed by the cycling efforts going on "up there".

Did you know UC Santa Cruz was recently named a "Silver (level) Bicycle-Friendly University" by the League of American Bicyclists? This distinct acknowledgement is a result of the school offering free bike safety classes, bike maintenance clinics, bike fix-it stations, and bike licensing, a variety of bike parking options, including smart



bike lockers and a bike lending library. The bike lending library was started in 2000, and it is open to faculty and staff as well as students. Applicants submit

an essay describing why they want/need a bike, and every quarter, dozens of bikes are loaned out for nine weeks. The university also has a bike shuttle from two off-campus locations and a zero-interest bike loan for academic and staff employees. (more about all these programs can be found at: <http://taps.ucsc.edu/commute-options/bikes/index.html>.)

We expect the 17th annual Santa Cruz Mountains Challenge to be a huge success starting from Baskin

School of Engineering and we look forward to learning more about UC's bike programs. See you on July 25th!

Upcoming bike events

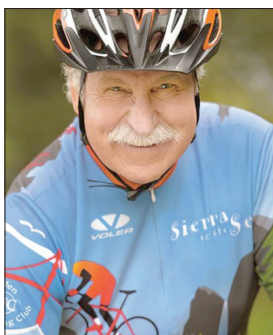
Bike Santa Cruz County sponsors Bike Valet services at community events, and it needs volunteers at the June 27 Pleasure Point Street Fair on Portola Drive between 38th and 41st Streets. If interested, call Amelia Conlen at 425-0665, or send an email at director@bikesantacruzcounty.org.

Other upcoming bike events:

- E Bike Demo Day from 8 a.m. to noon on June 27 at the Aptos Farmers' Market, Cabrillo College.
- Watsonville Community Bike Ride at 10 a.m. on June 27 with Mayor Felipe Hernandez.
- Bikes for Education Bike Drive from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 28 at Whole Foods Market, 911 Soquel Ave., to benefit students in Togo, Africa.

SCCCC remembers club members Howard Swann, Barbara Kilduff

Fifteen-year SCCCC member, Howard Story Gray Swann, Professor Emeritus of Mathematics at San Jose State University, passed away in



May. He was one of the many enthusiastic bicyclists mentored by club member Leo Moll, first on the Tuesday club rides and then on the Saturday training series which Leo led each January, culminating with a climb up Mt. Hamilton in late spring. Leo also introduced Howard, and his wife Anita, to the joys of bicycle touring on trips to New Zealand and Spain.

Besides teaching and bicycling, Howard loved the early music of the Baroque Era, and sang choral music for much of his adult life. He was a member of one of the earliest Peace Corps groups, Nigeria 2, where he

taught math at the newly-formed University of Nigeria in Nsukka. He also helped members of the Nigerian Young Farmers' clubs to raise Rhode Island Red chickens for the production of fresh eggs to sell to the USAID employees in Nigeria.

To learn more about his life outside cycling, check his blog at <https://cycgsjourney.wordpress.com>.

His friends will gather the afternoon of Aug. 4 in the auditorium at Canterbury Woods, Pacific Grove, to celebrate Howard's birthday. More details will be available in late July.

BARBARA KILDUFF

A memorial service took place June 4 at the Corralitos Community Church for SCCCC member Barbara Kilduff, 77 of Watsonville, Barbara passed away on May 17. She is survived by Ed, her husband of 36 years, and her son, Ken Drewry, of Comano Island, WA. Her stepchildren include Kathy Morris and Colleen Coronado of Clovis and Carolyn Pereira of Calabasas. She

has a brother, William Ladd, and one grandchild.

The church was filled to capacity, as both Barbara and Ed have friends from their bicycling, horseback riding and church groups.

Barbara was remembered for her passion for horseback riding, and stories were told of her adventures with the Monterey Bay Equestrian Team, which holds campouts and trail rides. Her favorite horse was Jacob. Barbara also enjoyed bicycling and spending time with her family. She was known for her friendly and welcoming personality. In 2000, Sally Salmon said she was new to the bike tour Sierra to the Sea, until she met Barbara, who happily rode with her the whole week, remaining cheerful in 100-degree heat over hilly terrain.



Riverwalk, Tannery Arts Center are focus of kinetic sculpture works

Throw a pebble into a pond and see its ripple effect. Throw a parade along an under-used riverwalk meandering past 10 “Ebb and Flow” art exhibits and see several hundred people participate in a brand new Santa Cruz appreciation of the out of doors.

On June 6, the first Kinetic Art Sculpture Parade meandered in a colorful, noisy style from Kaiser Arena 1.75 miles north along the San Lorenzo Riverwalk to the Tannery Arts Center. Lead by a sporadic drum group, the parade featured a dozen or so pedal-powered exhibits relating to the river—fish, birds, a large frog, lots of blues and greens, banners waving in the wind and river heroes in shiny blue capes. After descending the Riverwalk under Highway One, paradegoers gathered at the Tannery Arts Center where prizes for best exhibits were awarded and a stunning, permanent exhibit was revealed—three four-foot-high pedestals of colorful tiles and fused glass, each pedestal supporting metal trees, with 11 fused glass medallions created by artists extraordinaire Kathleen Crocetti and Anna Oneglia. This mosaic reflects the river and its eco system. Nearby, blue and white bubble tiles on the pavement meander as a river, a fitting entrance for the display titled *San Lorenzo River from the Mountains to the Ocean*.

En route to the Tannery, parade goes



Community artist Kathleen Crocetti in front of tilework for San Lorenzo River. passed by 10 other art exhibits—six large fishing poles extending over the river from both sides of the Water Street Bridge, four black silhouettes of birds in powder-coated steel hanging from the light posts of the pedestrian bridge by the county courthouse, “creature banners” waving in the breeze uphill from the Gateway Plaza Parking Lot and more.

Called *The Ebb and Flow River Arts Celebration*, the parade and exhibits reflect a community effort to show that the San Lorenzo River, once a rich source of steelhead and coho salmon, is more than a locale for today’s homeless. It required a year’s worth of planning

and work by the Arts Council of Santa Cruz County under the direction of Michelle Williams and spearheaded by the indefatigable Crocetti. A veteran of three other river bridge mosaic projects (2011–2013) using her Mission Hill Middle School students as worker bees, Crocetti, 51, estimates she put in 32 hours a week of her own time on the Tannery sculpture. (After teaching art from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., she and her volunteers worked from 4 to 8 p.m. in her school room, returning on weekends to work eight-hour days.

The Crocetti sculpture, kinetic arts parade and all 10 river art displays were made possible through a \$70,000 California Arts Council grant, plus local donations. Crocetti credits Suzanne Brubeck of Rinaldi Tile and Marble in Watsonville as her equal at offering her time and effort for the project. Plus all those volunteers, proof of Crocetti’s philosophy on community-based projects.

“I want people to have ownership in their town,” she says.

Next up for this California Teacher of the Year is creating mosaic pylons in Seacliff Village Park in Aptos. But first she plans a bike/camping tour of The Badlands in South Dakota with her 30-year-old son Geoffrey and friends.

—Glide A. Long



Far left photo, Tawn Kennedy; center photo Scott Campbell and Pam Slocum. Right photo pedal powered exhibit.



Right photo, river hero Greg Pepping of Coastal Watershed Council; below, Team Avi Fauna, whose bird art is displayed at pedestrian bridge near county courthouse.



Bike Santa Cruz County executive director praises climate ride

(Editor's note: Three Bike Santa Cruz County board members raised more than \$13,000 for their advocacy group through the annual Climate Ride held every May on the North Coast. Here are details of their journey.)

The ride was awesome and a huge success for the 160 brave souls who raised more than \$600,000 for climate action.

One highlight was getting to know other riders, who hailed from all over the country. They were supporting causes as diverse as solar advocacy, public health, national parks, bike advocacy and ocean research.

The riding was also sensational. On **Day 1** we cruised south from Fortuna, following the beautiful Eel River for 61 mellow miles. Sights included The Avenue of the Giants, pure magic on a bike. **Day 2** involved a mega-climb up Leggett Hill, followed by an epic 12-mile descent to the coast north of Fort Bragg for a 65-mile day.

Santa Cruz, Capitola approve more green lanes

Green lanes are growing in Santa Cruz County. The Capitola City Council has approved \$60,000 in capital improvement funds for painting green lanes for Highway 1 at Bay/Porter and Park Avenue interchanges. Sharrows will be added to Capitola and Washburn avenues, and existing bike lane markings will be refreshed.



L to r: Steve Lustgarden, Connie Wilson and Amelia Conlen on climate ride.

Day 3 was the big one! Steve and I rode the full 95 miles from Caspar Beach to Duncan Mills. We enjoyed a great tail wind, the sun came out and the terrain was like a roller coaster. Riding the stretch of Highway 1 from Fort Ross to Jenner makes you feel like you are on top of the world.

Day 4 was 65 miles and mellow, following the Russian River through Guerneville and Sebastopol before heading back to the coast via Point Reyes Station. I tasted Russian River Valley wines, ate homemade ice cream in Tomales, and finished with oysters

In Santa Cruz, the city council also approved \$50,000 for new green lane treatments. A huge thank you from **Bike Santa Cruz County** to the 50 community members who wrote letters of support, to the city's Public Works Department, and to council members for their support.

—Amelia Conlen

New North Coast rail trail segment is 'short listed' thanks to Land Trust

Within the past year the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County has become a major benefactor of the Coastal Rail Trail. In its 10-year Strategic Plan (2015–2025), the trust has set aside nearly \$6 million for funding of three sections of the rail trail.

A proposed rail trail segment from Wilder Ranch State Park to the south end of Coast Dairies, near Laguna Road, has been "short listed" (funded) with a federal grant facilitated by a \$3 million Land Trust donation. Construction of this segment will begin in 2017, according to RTC Senior Transportation Planner Cory Caletti.

Additionally, the Land Trust is providing \$2.5 million to match up to \$10 million in potential grants to build the rail trail through the Live Oak section of Santa Cruz. This segment will start at the Trestle Bridge and extend to 17th Avenue.

A donation of \$335,000 had been made by the Land Trust to add to \$1.3 million in grants for the Watsonville rail trail segment. This segment starts at Lee Road and goes to the start of the city's slough trails.

Total cost of the North Coast rail trail section is \$9 million, and the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)

and beer on Tomales Bay, definitely the tastiest day on the bike.

Day 5 was the grand finale. We headed south to Stinson Beach and then climbed Mt. Tamalpais into Mill Valley for a nap in the sun! After a final gathering in Fort Baker, we rode across the Golden Gate Bridge to a glorious reception at Crissy Field.

The Climate Ride staff was incredibly helpful and nice, the food tasty and plentiful. It was a wonderful experience. So good, in fact, that we're going back next year!

And we'd love to have you join us for an even bigger team representing Santa Cruz. With a little training, anyone can do this ride—one of the riders just learned to ride a bike in February! (The 95-mile day is optional.)

—Amelia Conlen, Executive Director
Bike Santa Cruz County

Where to place green lanes?



Marilyn Marzell, left, and Teri Reugg show their preferences for green lanes in Santa Cruz County. Poster was Bike Nite activity.

submitted its request for a \$5 million federal grant earlier this year, with The Land Trust of Santa Cruz County donating \$3 million and The California Coastal Conservancy pledging \$950,000. The rail trail qualifies for federal funding because it will allow access to the California Coast National Monument, the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Coast Dairies Property and the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

The trust reports it "will continue to seize other opportunities to build the rail trail as they arise and as funding permits."

Weekly Rides *Rider Levels*

C Rides are between 25-35 miles, at 10-14 mph, with up to 2,000 feet of elevation. B Rides are for intermediate riders and are between 25-50 miles, at 12-16 mph pace, with up to 3,000 feet of elevation; A Rides are for experienced riders looking for a challenge. These rides are from 40 - 80 miles, at a 15-20 mph pace, with over 3,000 feet of elevation.

Bicycle club members lead social group rides for the enjoyment and pleasure of the bicycling community. While riders regroup along the way, we recommend riding with a buddy. If you don't come with someone, feel free to ask one of the other riders if you can ride along with them. Come prepared with extra tubes and know how to change a flat tire. Bring water, a snack and ID. Before the ride starts, every participant must sign a League of American Bicyclist (LAB) approved waiver stating that the Santa Cruz County Cycling Club is not responsible for any incident occurring during the ride. Saturday bicycle rides (or carpools) may start from the Capitola Community Center (Jade St/45th Ave) in Capitola. Route sheets will be emailed to the club mailing list about two days before each ride. Rain cancels rides.

Tuesday ride: Meet at 9:45 a.m. for a 10 a.m. start for this social/leisurely paced road ride. 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of month, start at Gateway Plaza (the shopping center on River St. near Hwy 1). No public water or restrooms available. On the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, meet at parking lot by the entrance to Nisene Marks Park, Aptos. The fifth Tuesday of the month is a leader's choice for start location. Distance will vary from 20-40 miles. Destinations include a lunch stop. Bring water and snacks. Questions? Contact: David Lawrence at thewizarddavy@gmail.com. "Light" rides are offered in conjunction with the regular Tuesday rides for a less strenuous, generally shorter ride.

Thursday ride: Meet at 10 a.m. in front of the Corralitos Market in Corralitos for a moderately paced road ride of 25-45 miles.

Saturday, July 4 A/B Ride

Independence Day Ride/Eureka Canyon

Meet at Nisene Marks Park entrance at 8:45 a.m. for 9 a.m. start. A=45mi/3900'; B=40/3265

Isabelle Magnin.....831-325-2712

Saturday, July 4 C Ride

Watsonville, Royal Oaks via Beach, Lewis, 129, Carlton

Arrive by 8:45 a.m. for 9 a.m. start at West Marine Parking Lot, 500 Westridge Dr.; 30.4mi/875'; 29 FPM.

Jack Johnson.....831-359-2501

Saturday, July 11 A/B Ride

Carmel Valley and Cachagua Loop

Meet at Mid-Valley Shopping Ctr (near C.V. Coffee Roasting Co) at 8:45 a.m. for 9 a.m. start. A Ride—Robinson Canyon, Cahoon Pass, Dum Dodo Grade, Cachagua Loop. B Ride—Carmel Valley Road, Cachagua Loop, Dum Dodo Grade. Both rides stop at Cachagua store for refreshments. A Ride=62mi/6100'; B Ride=39mi/3200'

Richard Burton.....408-540-4695

Saturday, July 11 C Ride

Gateway to Harbor via Scotts Valley

Meet by 8:45 a.m. in the Gateway Plaza on River St. in Santa Cruz for a 9 a.m. start. Ride is 29.4mi/1949'; FPM 62

JT Hart.....831-234-7726

Saturday, July 18 A/B/C Ride

Mountain Challenge Volunteers' Ride

A/B/C's meet at 8:45 a.m. for 9 a.m. start at Gateway Plaza for ride to Davenport/Swanton; A's climb Bonny Doon and Smith Grade. Complimentary lunch at Taco Vallarta on Mission St..

Myrna Sherman.....831-419-117

Tom Pennello.....(cell) 831-818-6186

Saturday, July 25

17th Annual SCCCC Mountain Challenge

135 mile, 101 mile, 75 mile and 45 mile routes, with start and end at Baskin Circle on UCSC campus. SCCCC members 'work' the ride, a fundraiser for the club.

Saturday, August 1 A/B Ride

Eureka Canyon Loop

Meet at Nisene Marks Park at 8:45 a.m. for 9 a.m. start.

A Ride—Eureka Canyon, Mt. Bache, Loma Prieta, Old San Jose Rd. B Ride skips Mt Bache/Loma Prieta. Lunch at Summit Store. A=52mi/5000'; B=40.5mi/3265'

Ron Olson.....408-218-3189

Saturday, August 1C+ Ride

Corralitos via Day Valley, Hazel Dell, White, Vista del Mar

Meet by 8:45 a.m. at the Corralitos Market (park away from the market) for a 9 a.m. start. Ride is 32.5mi/2544'; FPM77.

Allison Garcia.....831-227-6348

Saturday, August 8 A/B Ride

Pescadero to Half Moon Bay—Inland Route

Carpool leaves from CCC (Jade St/45th Ave.) at 8 a.m. for 9 a.m. start. (Park in lot by signal light on Pescadero Road)

A Ride=45 mi/3500'; B Ride=41mi/3000'

Chris Boman.....831-475-5902

Saturday, August 8 C Ride

Gizdich via Corralitos, Hazel Dell, College

Meet by 9:45 a.m. at the Ann Soldo School off of E. Lake Ave in Watsonville for 10 a.m. start. Ride is 29.8mi/1156'; FPM40.

Bill McBride.....831-239-6081

Saturday, August 15 A/B Ride

Mt. Madonna and Los Gatos Adventure Loop

Meet at Nisene Marks Park at 8:45 a.m. for 9 a.m. start.

A=Mt. Madonna, Uvas, Hicks, Old San Jose Rd. (some dirt); B=Mt. Madonna/Larkin Valley; A=84mi/6950'; B=36mi/3054'

Toby Ferguson.....408-386-9343



Tuesday riders at the UCSC Bike Path on a windy morning. After checking out Baskin Circle, the group rode to Davenport.

Saturday, August 15

C Ride

La Selva Beach, Royal Oaks

Meet by 8:45 a.m. at the Ann Soldo School off of E. Lake Ave. in Watsonville for a 9 a.m. start. Ride is 33.6mi/1210', FPM 36.

David and Jeanni Kadotani.....831-588-3561

Saturday, August 22

A/B/C Ride

SCCCC Social Event at Delaveaga Park (40 Thieves Picnic Area)

Meet at DeLaveaga Park off Branciforte Dr. at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and goodies. Ride starts at 10 a.m. with routes to be decided; A=45mi/3000'; B=30mi/2000' Pizza party after the ride.

Bart Coddington.....831-475-5234

Jack Johnson.....831-359-2501

Saturday, August 29

A/B Ride

Corralitos and Elkhorn Ramble

Meet at Corralitos Market at 8:45 for a 9 a.m. start (park along fence near port-a-potty); A=67mi/3800'; B=62mi/3100'

Tom Mattinson.....831-566-8247

Saturday, August 29

C Ride

Prunedale via Castroville, Elkhorn Rd

Meet by 8:45 a.m. at Kirby Park off of Elkhorn Rd. for a 9 a.m. start. Ride is 31.9mi/1721', FPM54.

Brian and Camia Chapman.....650-740-4169

Saturday, Sept 5

A/B Ride

Monterey Bike Path hills behind Monterey

Meet at Pezzini Produce Stand, (Nashua Rd. at Hwy 1 at 8:45a.m. for 9 a.m. start. Carpool at CCC/Jade St. at 8 a.m. A R=50mi/3000'; B=40mi/2400' Lunch at Turtle Bay Taqueria.

Ric Eiserling.....831-475-5397

Saturday, September 5

C Ride

Royal Oaks via Beach, Lewis,129, Carlton

Meet by 8:45 a.m. at the West Marine back parking lot in Watsonville for a 9 a.m. start. Ride is 30.4mi/875'; 29 FPM.

Petronella van Dam.....831-454-6010

CCE hosting series of local rides in July for Polish visitors...details of start times and locations coming in email

CCE will be hosting eight people from Poland for an international cycling program July 1-12. The first five days will feature local rides in and around Santa Cruz. Any club members who want to join these rides may show up at the ride's start. We will send out an email with the dates, start times and meeting places before the rides. Thursday's July 2nd ride will start in Corralitos with a bike fit followed by a ride to Gizdich Ranch. We may not be done in time for the 10 a.m. ride. Start time may be 11 a.m. On Sunday, July 5th, we will have a Monterey ride involving the 17-Mile Drive. We hope to see club members on these rides!

—Janet Starr

Thank you to March/April ride leaders

Tina and Rod Armer (2), Grace Voss, Ric Eiserling, Alan Eklof, Paula Barsamian, David Giannini, Gerald Rooney (2), Jim Denton, Tom Mattison (2), Petronella van Dam, Jeff Totten, Ron Olson, Myrna Sherman, Bart Coddington, Brian and Camia Chapman, Toby Ferguson, David and Jeanni Kadotani, Paula Bradley, Catherine Vanrhee, Marilyn Marzell (3), Karen Burman, JT Hart, David Lawrence, Marianne Benforado, Lisa Beaudreau, Bruce Fihe (2), Jack Johnson, Jane Ferguson, Janet Starr and Lilly Ann Popken.

San Juan Bautista city councilman is tour director for Saturday C ride

The SCCC Saturday C ride on May 30th was highlighted by a private tour of the historic San Juan Bautista Square, Old Mission San Juan Bautista and the downtown area. City Councilman Chris Matorana volunteered his time to personally give bike club members a tour starting with some of the locations where Alfred Hitchcock shot scenes for his classic thriller "Vertigo" with Jimmy Stewart and Kim Novak in 1957.

Club members also walked right up to the point where the San Andreas Fault runs past the mission. They toured the mission, viewing the cemetery where over 4,000 Indian graves are placed within a small area.

The tour included the surrounding historical downtown while Matorana's friends Leslie Jordan and Tracy Toros kept a watchful eye on the bikes!

Chris would be happy to show other groups his hometown; his email is: chris@macaronimarketing.com.

—David Kadotani

Volunteers give out SCCCC ride info at crowded Bike Nite



Karla Stevens, left, and Joyce Rollins

The fourth annual **Bike Night at the MAH** (Museum of Art and History) was the most successful ever, with an attendance of more than 2,600 people at the May 1st gathering. Six days later, the record turnout continued as 6,500 persons rode their bikes to school or work, according to Elise Ehrheart of Ecology Action, coordinator of Bike Week.



Janet Starr, left, Bob Vorce and Judy Marsalis



Jane and Toby Ferguson

SCCCC volunteers at Bike Night were: Bob Vorce, Judy Marsalis, Karla Stevens, Joyce Rollins, Petronella van Dam, Bill McBride, Isabelle Magnin, Jane and Toby Ferguson and Grace Voss. Thanks to all for informing folks about our regular club rides and upcoming mountains challenge.



Petronella van Dam, Bill McBride and Isabelle Magnin



Janet Platin, left photo, longtime owner of **The Buttery**, has hosted Bike to Work/School Day for many years. She also sponsors Lunafest.

A new Bike Week service project, cleaning up around the railroad tracks in the Live Oak area, attracted 60 volunteers who picked up about 500 pounds of trash.



Bike to School participants at **The Buttery** are, left to right, Emunah and Tamarah Posner Minami.



Karen Nevis and Dave Dominguez at **The Buttery** on Bike to Work/ School Day.



Left photo: SCCCC at **The Buttery** with Bike to Work/School Day musician. Above, Piet Canin and Emily Glanville at rail clean up.

A country with a view—sisters on bikes tour Italy's Veneto region

My sister Peggy Seltz and I enjoyed an easy bike tour through the picturesque and historically rich Veneto region of northeastern Italy last April. The six-day, self-guided tour, organized by Dolce Vita Company, includes sturdy bikes and a booklet of good maps and route descriptions, all for \$550 per person (off-season rate.)

Day 1: We started and ended in beautiful Vicenza, UNESCO World Heritage Site and home of 16th century architect Andrea Palladio, famous for designing the Renaissance palaces and summer villas of Venetian nobility. We cycled leisurely through lush countryside full of vineyards and fertile plains to Bassano del Grappa (40 km). The route follows secondary and residential roads, with well-marked bike paths, passing by the castle of Marostica and its impressive wall carving up the hillside. Our destination, Bassano del Grappa, famous for the namesake spirits, was a treat. The old covered wooden bridge spanning the Brenta River is also the work of Palladio. Originally built in 1569, this beautiful symbol of the city has been destroyed and rebuilt several times, most recently after WWII.

Day 2: Off to Treviso (62 km), a lovely walled Medieval town near Venice. En route we passed through the hilltop town of Asolo, the only

Latest Open Streets news

Open Streets organizer Saskia Lucas announces the third annual Santa Cruz Open Streets on West Cliff Drive will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11.

Open Streets Watsonville, held on Sunday May 17, “went great,” according to Lucas. “About 1,000 people attended and 100% of participants and businesses along the route expressed support for a future event.

“Many wonderful community groups came out to host healthy activities and educational outreach booths. Open Streets also partnered with the Watsonville Youth City Council’s Teen Day event, which featured youth performances in the Plaza.”



Peggy Seltz, left and Lilli-Marie Pavka

real ascent of the tour. Sightseeing highlight: Villa Barbaro, considered the most splendid of Palladio’s palace masterpieces. Treviso, crisscrossed with ancient canals, features beautiful arcaded storefronts and narrow, cobblestoned streets and piazzas.

Day 3: On to Venice (38 km). An easy day of flat cycling along the Sile River bike paths led us to Mestre, the mainland section of Venice, a short hop away by train or bus. Here we experienced an authentic, cozy, non-touristy and unpretentious little restaurant called “Trattoria San Basilio,” run by brothers Stefano and Roberto, arguably the two most charming gentlemen in all of Italy.

Day 4: We toured the islands in the Venetian lagoon to Chioggia (33 km). After taking the ferry from the

Tronchetto Harbor of Venice, we traveled to Lido Island, home of the Venice Film Festival. Cooler and leafier than Venice but just a tad snooty, the Lido bike route took us atop the beachfront dyke that runs the length of the island. Much more charming are the tiny fishing villages on Pellestrina, the thin slip of island south of Lido. With its candy-colored houses facing the lagoon, Pellestrina transports you 100 years back in time.

Day 5: On to Padua (60 km), home of one of Europe’s oldest universities (founded in 1222), whose lecturers include Galileo Galilei. Pedaling along the Brenta and Bacchiglione rivers, on bike paths atop dykes, we passed expansive green fields along serene canals. Worth a visit in the town of Stra is the impressive Villa Pisana. Padua is a treat of pure Italianità, with its charming arcaded streets and piazzas.

Day 6: Back to Vicenza (48 km). Riding along the peaceful Bacchiglione River we passed by the most famous of Palladio’s Renaissance masterpieces, La Rotonda, ending with a last leisurely stroll through the picturesque town of Vicenza, with its extensive exhibit on Tutankhamon, Caravaggio and Van Gogh in the Basilica Palladiana.

—Lilli-Marie Pavka

Friends of Rail & Trail reaches out to community



L to r: Allison Garcia, Kira Ticus and Grace Voss volunteer for Friends of Rail & Trail.

With 25% of the Coastal Rail Trail funded and the first segments nearing construction, Friends of the Rail & Trail (FORT) has increased its public outreach endeavors for community support. FORT was at 14 community events this spring, including Epicenter Cycling Ladies’

Night, Earth Day and several Bike to Work breakfast sites. The outreach team spoke to just over 1,000 people(!), adding 212 people to the e-newsletter list and recruiting just over 100 potential volunteers!

FORT also hosted its first annual Rail Corridor Clean Up, in partnership with the SCCRTC and Save Our Shores, resulting in 60 volunteers collecting over 500 lbs. of trash in the Live Oak corridor.

FORT has secured a \$50,000 matching donation, so if you’re considering making a donation to the trail, now would be a great time to double the bang for your buck! For more information, visit santacruztrail.org. To support the Live Oak trail segment, write to Peggy.Ducey@santacruzcounty.us.

—Kira Ticus

Local bicycle shops

These shops are supporting our bicycle club with discounts on bicycling accessories. Discounts vary according to the shop. Ask sales clerk for club discount.

Another Bike Shop
2361 Mission Street
427-2232
Open seven days–10AM–6PM

The Bicycle Trip
1001 Soquel Avenue
427-2580
Monday–Saturday–10AM–6PM
Sunday–10AM–5PM

Bill's Bike Repair
2826 Soquel Drive
477-0511
Open seven days but call first!

Dave's Custom Bikes
910–A Soquel Avenue
423-8923
Tuesday–Sunday–9AM–5PM

Family Cycling Center
912 41st Avenue
475-3883
Monday–Saturday–10AM–6PM
Sunday–10am–5pm

The Spokesman Bicycles
231 Cathcart Street
429-6062
Monday–Thursday 10am–6pm
Friday–10AM–7PM
Saturday–10AM–6PM
Sunday–Noon–5PM

The Bike Coop
1156 High Street
457-8281
Monday–Friday–10AM–6PM

Bike Station Aptos
36 Rancho del Mar
688-4169
Monday–Friday–11AM–6PM
Saturday–10AM–5PM
Sunday–Appointment only

Scotts Valley Cycloport
245 Mount Hermon Road
Scotts Valley
440-9070
Tuesday–Thursday–10A,–6PM; Friday 10AM–7PM
Saturday–10AM–6PM; Sunday–Noon–5PM

Watsonville Cyclery
25 East 5th Street
724-1646
Monday–Saturday–11AM–6PM;
Sunday–Noon– 5PM

The Bike Church
703 Pacific Avenue 425-2453

Epicenter Cycling
Aptos Station, 8035 Soquel Dr. Suite 23
662-8100
Monday–Friday–11AM–7PM; Weekend–8AM–4PM

AND...

1730 Mission Street, Santa Cruz
423-9000

Sprockets
1420 Mission Street
426-7623
Monday–Friday, 9 AM to 6 PM
Saturday—8 AM to 6 PM
Sunday—9 AM to 5 PM

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Santa Cruz County Cycling Club Membership Application/Renewal Form

The Santa Cruz County Cycling Club is a group of bicycling enthusiasts with a wide variety of interests and abilities. The mission of the SCCCC is to promote bicycling for all ages through education and organized bicycling events. Included in your membership is a subscription to The Roadrunner, the club's award-winning, bimonthly newsletter, which publishes a schedule of rides and bicycling announcements. In addition, local bicycle shops offer a 10% discount for club members. The club's website, www.santacruz cycling.org provides a home base for your club activities. Annual membership dues must be paid to remain a member in good standing. **Dues become due on Jan. 1st of each year based upon the term of your membership.**

Member First Name	*Member Family Name	*Member Contact Email
*Member Contact Telephone	Member Ride Cell Phone	___New Member ___Renewal Member ___Include on Printed Roster ___Add to SCCCC Email list
2nd Member First Name	2nd Member Family Name and Email	One Year Memberships ___Individual \$25 ___\$30 for RR Mail* ___Family \$35 ___\$40 for RR Mail* ___Junior \$10 ___\$15 for RR Mail*
2nd Member Contact Telephone	2nd Member Cell Phone	Three-Year Memberships ___Individual \$60 ___\$75 for RR Mail* ___Family \$90 ___\$105 for RR Mail*

*Street Address

*City

*State

*Zip

*Roadrunner Newsletter delivered by US Mail

League of American Bicyclists (LAB)

Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement ("Agreement")

Each applicant for membership shall read and sign the following Release Agreement

In Consideration of being permitted to participate in any way in Santa Cruz County Cycling Club ("Club") sponsored Bicycling Activities ("Activity") I for myself, my personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin:

1. Acknowledge, agree and represent that I understand the nature of Bicycling Activities and that I am qualified to participate in such Activity. I further acknowledge that the Activity will be conducted over public roads and facilities open to the public during the Activity and upon which the hazards of traveling are to be expected. I further agree and warrant that if at any time I believe conditions to be unsafe, I will immediately discontinue further participation in the Activity.

2. Fully Understand that: (a) Bicycling Activities Involve Risks and Dangers of Serious Bodily Injury, including permanent disability, paralysis and death ("Risks"); (b) these Risks and dangers may be caused by my own actions, or inactions, the actions of others participating in the activity, the condition in which the activity takes place, or the negligence of the "Releases" named below; (c) there may be other risks and social and economic losses either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and I fully accept and assume all such risks and all responsibility for losses, costs and damages I incur as a result of my participation in the Activity.

3. Hereby release, discharge, covenant not to sue, and agree to indemnify and save and hold harmless the Club, the LAB, their respective administrators, directors, agents, and employees, other participants, any sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of the premises on which the Activity takes place (each considered one of the "Releases" herein) from all liability, claims, demands, losses or damages on my account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the "Releases" or otherwise, including negligent rescue operations.

I have read this agreement, fully understand its terms, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it and have signed it freely and without any inducement or assurance of any nature and intend it to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law and agree that if any portion of this agreement is held to be invalid the balance, notwithstanding, shall continue in full force and effect.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature(s) of additional family members 18 years or older

Date

Please complete the following for any minor (18-year-old) family members:

Minor Release

And I, the Minor's parent and/or legal guardian, understand the nature of bicycling activities and the Minor's experience and capabilities and believe the minor to be qualified, in good faith, and in proper physical condition to participate in such activities. I hereby release, discharge, covenant not to sue, and agree to indemnify and save and hold harmless each of the releasees from all liability, claims, demands, losses, or damages on the minor's account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the "releases" or otherwise, including negligent rescue operations and further agree that if, despite this release, I, the minor, or anyone on the minor's behalf makes a claim against any of the releasees named above, I will indemnify, save, and hold harmless each of the releasees from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss liability, damage, or any cost that may incur as the result of any such claim

Printed Name of Parent or Guardian

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Signature of Minor

Please sign waiver — Incomplete Forms Will Be Returned

Enclosed is \$_____ dues for membership in the Santa Cruz County Cycling Club which entitles me to all the rights and privileges of membership.

Make check payable to SCCCC and mail to: Santa Cruz County Cycling Club, P.O. Box 8342, Santa Cruz, CA 95061-8342

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Volunteer for the Santa Cruz Mountains Challenge!</i>			1	2 <i>Swanton TT 6 p.m.</i>	3	4 <i>Club Ride</i>
5	6 <i>Board Meeting 7 p.m.</i>	7 <i>Club Ride GP</i>	8	9	10 <i>Sign up to lead a ride!</i>	11 <i>Club Ride</i>
12	13	14 <i>Club Ride NMP</i>	15	16 <i>Ride Safely!</i>	17	18 <i>SCMC Workers' Ride and Lunch</i>
19	20 <i>SCMC captains 7 p.m.</i>	21 <i>Club Ride GP</i>	22	23	24 <i>Go for a bike ride!</i>	25 <i>Santa Cruz Mountains Challenge</i>
26 <i>Go for a bike ride!</i>	27 <i>Ride Safely!</i>	28 <i>Club Ride NMP</i>	29 <i>Clean your bike!</i>	30	31	1 <i>Club Ride</i>
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23	24	25 <i>Club Ride NMP</i>	26 <i>Clean your bike!</i>	27	28	29 <i>Club Ride</i>
30	31				GP is Gateway Plaza	NMP is Nisene Marks Park

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