

The Roadrunner

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\$85M for rail trail from Measure D funding

Setting in motion the wheels for a rail with trail plan, the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission approved a staff report from its Executive Director George Dondero on Dec. 8 in its meeting at Santa Cruz City Council Chambers.

The RTC also directed its staff to expedite a Request for Proposal (RFP) to begin an environmental and economic analysis of rail corridor uses. While passenger rail would not be part of the rail trail plan for at least 11 years due to its high cost of construction and maintenance, the RTC's vote recognized the possibility of this component as part of Measure D, the sales tax proposal which passed on Nov. 8 by 67.7%. (Tax measures need a 66.7% super majority.)

As a result of the election, the coastal rail trail will receive 17% of Measure D funding or about \$85 million. Nine miles of the trail have been funded thanks to \$19 million in grants and donations. As a result, the first rail trail segment on the Westside, from Schaffer Road to the Boardwalk, is scheduled for construction in 2017. The North Coast segment (except for two miles between Yellowbank and Davenport) and the Watsonville segment are also funded for construction, which may begin in 2018. A fourth trail segment, from the Boardwalk to 17th Avenue, recently received a state grant and will begin the permits and engineering process.

The 31-mile rail trail, divided into 20 segments, runs from Davenport to Watsonville. Final completion date is 2027. Total cost in today's dollars is \$108 million.



While the RTC decided against a Trail Only (i.e. no railroad tracks) plan in 2013, opponents throughout the county have been trying to convince the agency that a trail only option is best. Op ed articles in *The Santa Cruz Sentinel*, as well as letters to the editor, vigorously debated the plus and minuses of a rail with trail plan instead of a trail only plan.

Dondero's report detailed the following steps necessary for a trail only plan:

- Iowa Pacific, the current rail line operator, is not interested in terminating its current passenger and freight rail agreement; renegotiating this contract would be time-consuming, requiring two to six years;
- The original \$11 million purchase price for rights to the rail line from the State Transportation Commission, paid for by funds from Proposition 116, must be returned if rail is discontinued; this refund could rise to \$19 million, since the property's value has increased from 2012; if repayment is not an option, the CTC or Caltrans may step in to implement rail service on the line;

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Bicycling class starts 1/18

Cycling for Starters, a series of six Wednesday morning rides for new and returning adult road bicyclists is full, according to organizers Lilly Ann Popken, Jack Johnson and Janet Fogel. Popken and Johnson will teach this club-sponsored series, beginning Jan. 18. Goals are to inspire safe bicycling habits and build stamina. A functioning bicycle and helmet are required. First session meets at 9:45 a.m. at Lighthouse Field Parking Lot on West Cliff Drive. SCCCC members who want to 'ride sweep' are welcome!

SCCCC officers for 2017

President, Catherine vanRhee, Vice President, Isabelle Magnin, Secretary, Mike Heckel, Treasurer, Tina Ensign, Social Chairperson, Petronella van Dam, Rides Director, Peter Jones, Safety/Education, Chris Zemny, Santa Cruz Mountains Challenge, Skippy Jammer Givens, Membership, Rod Armer, *Roadrunner*, Grace Voss, Webmaster, Lisa Beaudreau. (See staff box on page 2 for contact information.)



SCCCC begins Nov. 29 ride at La Selva Beach for journey to Watsonville

THURSDAY, JAN. 26TH

SCCCC MEETING

7 P.M. SIMPKINS SWIM CENTER

979 17TH AVENUE

Club Shorts: *January birthday party and ride*

The SCCCC Third Annual January Birthday Baby Bike Ride is set for **Sunday, Jan. 15th**. Everyone is invited to celebrate the January birthdays of: **David Lawrence, Myrna Sherman, Linda O'Heron, Debbie Teixeira, Lisa Deverse, Norm Boehner, Osman Isvan, Maura Noel, Conrad Sudduth and Peggy O'Hara.**

Meet at 10 a.m. at the back entry gate of Natural Bridges State Park for a leisurely ride to Davenport and return for lunch (buy your own!) and cake at Cafe Iveta, 2125 Delaware Ave.

Marianne Benforado and **Teri Reugg** will host the event. If you are a January Birthday Baby and your name is not in this list, contact mhenforado@gmail.com or Teri@cruzers.com.

The annual "breakfast thank you" for volunteers for the Strawberry Fields Forever bike event will take place at 8 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 28 at Chaminade Resort & Spa, 1 Chaminade Lane, Santa Cruz. The Saturday A/B/C bike rides will follow from Paul Sweet Road by the cemetery starting at 10 a.m. The breakfast is sponsored by **Cyclists for Cultural Exchange**.

Adventure film fest organizer extraordinaire **Kathy Ferraro** announces two programs (A and B)



Drew Hosmer, right, and his father Steve use digital design to create iconic images of Santa Cruz, including the mountain lion logo for the Santa Cruz Mountains Challenge. Steve bought Stokes Signs in the Old Sash Mill from Harry Stokes in 1986. Drew, 27, learned computer graphics as a high school junior at Harbor High. Business manager of the family operation is Nani Hosmer (not pictured).

over three days for the **Banff Adventure Film Festival** on Feb. 23–25 at the Rio Theater. Showtime is 7 p.m. and proceeds benefit the UCSC Wilderness Orientation Scholarship Fund. Tickets available at The Bike Trip or at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2710762>. Films will be listed about a month before the event. For more information, go to <http://recreation.ucsc.edu>.

A **Bikeshare** program is beginning in Marrakech, Morocco, spearheaded by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization. Africa's first Bikeshare includes 300 bikes at 10 rental stations. A bike may be rented for a full day for \$5. The UN hopes to promote Bikeshare in other African cities as well as curb carbon emissions caused by traffic.

A **Bikeshare** program is in the works for Santa Cruz starting this year.

Sierra to the Sea will start on June 17th from South Lake Tahoe before ending eight days later in Golden Gate Park. Tour cost is \$835 plus bus transport charge. Registration opens at 6 p.m. Jan. 17. More info at sierratothesea.org.

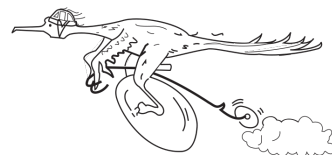
As a public service SCCCC is soliciting funding from other bike groups for **The Bike Hut**, a rest stop located on Tunitas Creek Road between Pescadero and Half Moon Bay.

The Bike Hut offers indoor/outdoor seating, snacks, coffee and a nearby porta potty. The Bike Hut is maintained by **Portrero Nuevo Farm** next door, but the porta potty requires a monthly service charge.

SCCCC has started a **Go Fund Me** campaign to help pay the \$1,400 annual fee. Individual contributions are needed to achieve the \$1,000 goal. If you want to keep **The Bike Hut** going, you may contribute at:

<https://www.gofundme.com/tunitas-creek-bike-hut-2017?ssid=832713920&pos=1>

—Rhoda Bike



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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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Hello riders and welcome to 2017! As we enter the new year, here's an update on the SCCCC Board of Directors for this year.

Thank you to Maura Noel for 6+ years as vice president, SMC director and president. We will miss her leadership and humor. Myrna Sherman is also moving on, and we thank her for being rides director and safety/education director. Thank you to two long-term members continuing with the board— Grace Voss and Tina Ensign. And a big shout out to Mike Heckel and Isabelle Magnin for giving their time and energy to great social events such as the Holiday Party, the Poker Ride and Pizza and Pie Ride. SCCCC

is lucky to have dedicated members rotating jobs as well as three new members stepping up.

SCCCC is a member-run club and board participation is an avocation not a vocation. We do this service because we love the club and we love riding bikes. We can use all the help we can get and please know that all SCCCC members are always welcome at board meetings. If you have ideas and want to work to make them happen, or if you just want to see what we are doing, come on down. We love positive can-do attitudes, and we don't bite.

Two areas of emphasis for this year are the Cycling for Starters Class (thank you to Myrna, Janet Fogel, Lilly

Ann Popken and Jack Johnson). For 2017 this program needs support. Please contact me if you know any members with bicycle teaching experience.

Secondly, 2018 will be the 40th anniversary of SCCCC. An empty board seat is "Historian", so speak up if you want to research the club's history this coming year.

Please attend the Jan. 26 general meeting. We'll present the Member of the Year award as well as financial information, and Bart Coddington will speak. I hope to see you sooner than that riding bikes!—Catherine vanRhee



RTC rail trail Westside segment cost rises; new bike lane for Pacific Avenue

As a sign of future changes, Segment 7 of the rail trail on the Westside will remain 16 feet wide for 2.1 miles as Phase 1, from Shaffer Road to California St. After that, Phase 2 of Segment 7 will narrow to 12 feet due to hilly terrain requiring a retaining wall before connecting with the Beach Boardwalk's bike lane. A spur trail, veering off to Chestnut Street, may be added, allowing for better access to the downtown shopping area.

These changes, along with the extra cost of \$2.11 million, were approved unanimously by the Santa Cruz City Council on Dec. 13. Extra funding may come from Measure D sales tax revenue.

New Leaf Market on the Westside has agreed to design its parking lot so that the rail trail remains on the ocean side of the tracks, a cost-saving plan. Segment 7 will require \$85,000 annually for trail maintenance and lighting.

City council members congratulated Chris Schneiter, head engineer, and his staff for their creativity and skill at problem solving. Rail trail advocate Paul Schoellhamer said city staff handled planning and construction bumps resulting in higher costs on the Arana Gulch multi-trail system, and today the public loves the project. Cory Caletti, RTC's program manager for the rail trail, said city staff

has been "tremendous to work with." Construction on Segment 7 will begin in the fall. John Laird, interior secretary for California and former mayor of Santa Cruz, secured \$550,000 for the San Lorenzo Bridge section of the rail trail. The RTC was awarded a state grant of \$3.5 million for this section.

PACIFIC AVE CONTRAFLOW BIKE LANE

Amelia Conlen, transportation coordinator for Santa Cruz, outlined details of the Contraflow Bike Lane on Pacific Avenue at a Dec. 12 meeting of the RTC's Bicycle Advisory Committee. (Contraflow means bikes in the lane will travel opposite to traffic.) A four-foot wide, striped green bike lane, plus a two-foot wide buffer zone, will be installed on the west side of Pacific Avenue, allowing bicyclists to travel south from Church Street to Cathcart Street. Before Church, sharrows or shared road markings, will be installed by the Regal Cinema.

A regular bike lane will be installed on the east side of Pacific for bicyclists traveling north, towards the Clock Tower. They will ride in the travel lane, as they do now, and sharrows will be added. New seven-foot wide bike lanes will be installed on the last three blocks of Pacific, between Cathcart and Laurel. Cost of this project, which will include new stop signs at Lincoln and Cathcart, is \$85,000. Completion date is this spring.

—Grace

Sales tax revenue to benefit coastal rail trail

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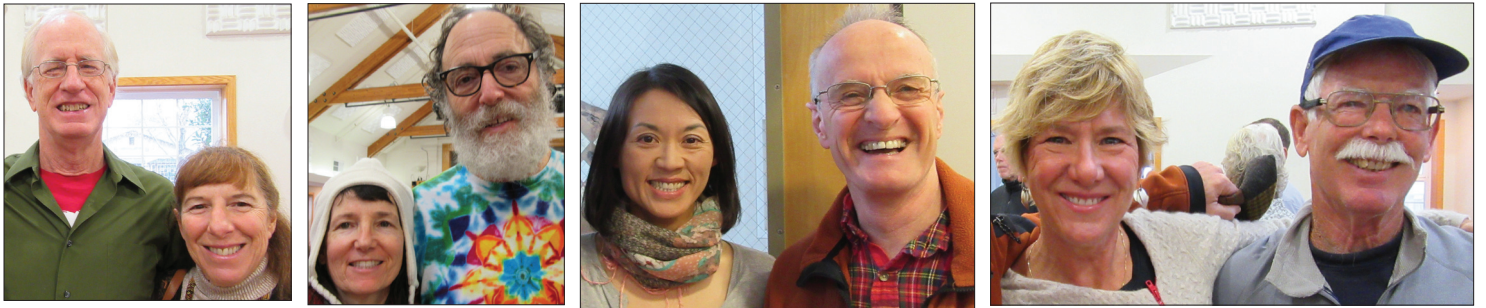
- The Surface Transportation Board, a federal agency, governs rail freight traffic, protecting shippers who may not want to use trucks in lieu of rail; it would need to approve abandonment of the rail line;
- Railroad ties containing hazardous materials would be expensive to dispose of;
- Santa Cruz County Health Services may require a permit to remove the tracks;
- Soil analysis would be necessary if tracks are removed;
- Lawsuits may result if tracks are removed;
- Removal of tracks may require a permit from the California Coastal Commission;

About 20 citizens, almost all in favor of rail with trail, spoke, emphasizing the need to begin rail trail construction immediately. RTC Commissioner John Leopold, speaking about Measure D, called its passage a great, new beginning. "If you had told me a few years ago that transportation would bring about a united community, I would have laughed" he said. Leopold gave special praise to RTC planner Karena Pushnik as well as Dondero for working diligently during the campaign. He also praised campaign organizers Mark Alado and Jasper Hall. Measure D was among seven (out of 15) transportation measures approved by California voters.

Felton Community Hall provides setting for annual festivities



Top row, left to right: Host and Hostess Mike Heckel and Isabelle Magnin, Tom Mattison, Leonard Foreman, Steve Williams, Teri Ruegg and Peggy Seltz



Second row, left to right: Jim and Janet Starr, Kersha Durham and Shalom Compost, Sandra Lee and Toby Ferguson and Regina Faulkner and Ric Eiserling



Third row, left to right: Dave Dominguez, Janet Rose, Richard Bedal, Tina Ensign, Vita Pritchard, Paula Bradley, Frank Pritchard, Grace Voss and Pat Lawson



Fourth row, left to right: Ron and Ana Olson, Petronella van Dam and Bill McBride, John and Joan Moore and Linda Leum. Bottom row, left to right: Alex Miller, Jim Denton and Roger Kern, Francis and Julie Kuo and Larry and Violet Poretz



Frightful weather doesn't detract from holiday party spirit



Top row, left to right: Leo Jed, Lilly Ann Popken and Marilyn Marzell, Kathy Frank, Jeanni and David Kadotani and Jack and Judy Johnson



Second row, left to right: Joyce Rollins, Jackie Rall and Jan Foreman, Muriel and Michael Huddick, JT Hart and Bart Coddington



Third row, left to right: Barbara Meyer and Irish Meusel, Gerry and Julie Rooney, Catherine vanRhee and Cari Gomar and Bruce Dau



Fourth row: Debbie Texeira, Tony Rall and Linda O'Heron, Chris Boman and Paula Barsamian, Eric Scholar and Jo Gonda. Bottom row: Howard and Karen Burman, Rod and Tina Armer and Howard Unkeles, Alan Eklof and Susan Burford



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: Ralph Edwards at rhedwardsiii@gmail.com. "Lite" rides are offered in conjunction with the regular Tuesday rides for a less strenuous, generally shorter ride. New D rides on Mondays and Thursdays begin from various locations. (See schedule on page 7).

Saturday, January 7th

A Ride: Lockheed Gate; 9 a.m. start at Gateway Plaza; 50 mi/4460'...Ron Olson...408-218-3189

B Ride: UCSC/SV/Harbor; 9 a.m. start at CCC; 43 mi/2980'...Larry Tierney...831-251-8199

C Ride: Hazel Dell/Gizdich; Start at 10 a.m. at Anne Saldo School 30.4 mi/1151'...Petronella van Dam...831 454-6010

Saturday, January 14

A/B Ride: TBA; check SCCCC Rides Calendar...Dennis Harvey...650-576-7932

C Ride: Sunset Beach; 10 a.m. start at Nisene; 27.6 mi/1790'...J.T. Hart (831)...234-7726

Saturday, January 21

A/B Ride: Hazel Dell/Mt. Madonna; 9 a.m. start at Nisene; 60 miles/4500' or 52 miles/3200'...

Chris Boman...831-475-5902

C Ride: Pebble Beach; 10 a.m. start at Starbucks, Sand City; 33.9mi/1310'

Teri Ruegg ...831-334-7097

Saturday, January 28

A/BC Ride: 10 a.m. start on Paul Sweet Road after CCE breakfast...A/B route TBA...Ric Eiserling...831-475-5397;

C route from same location; Seaclyff/Day Valley; 24.6mi/1351'...Skippy Givens...831-535-2659

Saturday, February 4

A/B Ride: TBA; check SCCCC Rides Calendar...A's...

Isabelle Magnin...831-325-2712; B's...Catherine vanRhee...408-219-8626

C Ride: Chesbro/Uvas; 10 a.m. start at Gilroy Sports Park; 34.2mi/1177'...Bill McBride...831-239-6081

Saturday, February 11

A Ride: Fremont Peak from Kirby Park; 9 a.m. start; 68 miles/5800';

B Ride: Pebble Beach: check SCCCC Rides Calendar...Skippy Givens...831-332-2977

C Ride: Lover's Point; 10 a.m. start at Pezzini's; 33.4mi/1141'...J.T. Hart (831) 234-7726

Saturday, February 18

A/B Ride: Tour the Monterey Area; 10 a.m. start at The Barnyard (Carmel Valley and Hwy 1); Check SCCCC Rides Calendar ...Bruce Dau...831-234-5177

C Ride: San Juan Bautista; 10 a.m. start. at Aromas School; 27.9mi/1448'...Joe Kelly...831234-1977

Saturday, February 25

A Ride: Eureka Canyon, Mt. Bachi; 9 a.m. start from Nisene, Aptos; 57.6 mi/6014'...Ron Olson...408-218-3189

B Ride: Pebble Beach via 17-Mile Drive 10 a.m. start at Pezzini's; 49.3 mi/2107'...Francis/Julie Kuo...831-588-8056

C Ride: San Andreas/Larkin Valley; 10 a.m. start at Seascape Village; 26.7mi/973'...

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

Saturday, March 4

A/B Ride: Fort Ord; 9 a.m. start at Pezzini's; A ride 52mi/4000'; B ride 32mi/1300'...Ric Eiserling...831-475-5397

C Ride: Fort Ord; 10 a.m. start at Pezzini's; 32.3mi/1331'...J.T. Hart...831-234-7726

A thank you to Epicenter Bike Shop

Epicenter Cycles at the entrance to Nisene Marks Park in Aptos is now open at 9:30 a.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, to coincide with the start of SCCCC's group rides. Bicyclists needing a last-minute item like a spare tube or patch kit are encouraged to shop there. Free snacks are available to club riders at the start.

Thanks Epicenter!

All C/D rides start at 10 a.m.; contact Chris Zemny at 408–892-5585

Monday, January 2

C Ride: Watsonville to Sunset Beach from Ann Soldo School; 32 miles/806'

Thursday, January 5

C/D Ride: Corralitos to Valencia and Cox; start at Corralitos Market; 20 miles/1054'

Monday, January 9

C/D Ride: Glen Canyon/Glenwood; start at Gateway; 24 miles/1747'...Ralph Edwards...408–892–5575

Thursday, January 12

C/D Ride: From parking lot at Fort Ord Dunes State Park to Pacific Grove; 20.1 miles/805'

Monday, January 16

C Ride: Aromas to Watsonville; start at Aromas School; 33 miles/1200'

Thursday, January 19

C/D Ride: Laurel Glen; start at Nob Hill, Capitola; 22 miles/1175'

Monday, January 23

C Ride: Watsonville to Sunset State Beach; start at Ann Soldo School; 32 miles/806'

Thursday, January 26

C/D Ride: Coyote Creek; start at south ranger station to Coyote Creek Trail
30 miles/724'

Monday, January 30

C/D Ride: Pezzini's to Monterey; start at Pezzini's; 33.4 miles/1141' or 28.6 miles/1014'

Thursday, February 2

C/D Ride: Meet at Epicenter in Aptos for ride to Sunset State Beach; 25 miles/1225'

Monday, February 6

C Ride: Tour of Watsonville; meet at Corralitos Market; 33.2 miles/1244'

Thursday, February 9

C/D Ride: Davenport Ride; meet at corner of Western Drive and Mission St.; 23.5 miles/1281'

Monday, February 13

C Ride: Strawberry Fruit/Vegetable Ride; meet at Ann Soldo School; 34.6 miles/1113'

Thursday, February 16

C Ride: Scott's Valley Double Loop; meet at Gateway Plaza; 22.5 miles/1700'; Ralph Edwards... 408–892–5575

Monday, February 20

C Ride: Seascape Margarita Ride; meet by Seascape Village; 31.8 miles/1247'

Thursday, February 23

C/D Ride: Ft. Ord to Asilomar; meet at Fort Old Dunes State Park parking lot; 27 miles/1023'

Monday, February 27

C Ride: Specialized Ride; meet at Vineyard Blvd/Concord Circle, Morgan Hill; 24.6 miles/714'

Thank you Nov/Dec ride leaders!

Jack Johnson (2), Judy Marsalis, Debby Joyce, Lilly Ann Popken, Joyce Rollins, Marilyn Marzell, Richard Bedal, Pete Pearson, Michael Harrison, Jim Denton, Skippy Givens (4), Bruce Dau (4), Ric Eiserling, Larry Tierney (3), Lisa Beaudreau, Jack Johnson (2), Jeff Totten, Marilyn Marzell, Chris Boman, Barbara Moore, Richard Burton, Francis and Julie Kuo, Paula Bradley (2), David and Jeanni Kadotani, Catherine vanRhee, JT Hart, Isabelle Magnin, Doug Gotelli, Peter Jones, Joe Kelly, Ron Olson, Petronella van Dam and Chris Zemny (17)

New Year's bicycling resolutions

Jackie Rall: Oil my chain more than twice a year! **Stephen Svete:** I resolve to explore at least a small portion of Japan on a bicycle next April. **Ron Olson:** For 2017 my goal (again) is to ride 5,000 miles! (This year I reached 2,500 miles.) **Joe Carabba:** A wise cyclist once said your number of annual miles should equal the cost of your bike. For me that is a goal of 3,500 miles in 2017! **Chris Zemny:** I resolve to ride 3,000 miles again in 2017, and complete a 75-mile ride. **Jack Johnson:** I plan a 75-mile bike ride in April to celebrate my 75th birthday. **Kathy Smyth:** Become good enough to ride with the B group; riding Sea Otter Classic and Strawberry Fields; working up to Ragbrai 2018!

Bike Santa Cruz County gives lifetime achievement awards



Bicycle activists extraordinaire are, left to right, Micah Posner, Berri Michel, Cory Caletti, Piet Canin and Ron Goodman

In celebration of its 25th anniversary, Bike Santa Cruz County (formerly People Power) recognized five outstanding members with a lifetime achievement award at its annual dinner Dec. 4 at the Food Lounge. More than 100 people attended the event, which honored Micah Posner, Cory Caletti, Berri Michel, Piet Canin and Ron Goodman for bicycle advocacy. Presiding over the ceremony was new BSCC Executive Director Janneke Strauss. County Supervisor John Leopold presented BSCC with a plaque citing its numerous contributions to bicycle activism.

Posner, a city council member, lead the

effort to install the Beach Street buffered bike lane by the Boardwalk and directed People Power “at a time when bicyclists were considered inferior.”

Caletti, the Regional Transportation Commission’s senior planner for the rail trail, leveraged a partnership between the RTC and the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County to extend the North Coast section of the trail two more miles to Davenport beyond its original terminus, a \$1 million agreement. She has been instrumental in establishing a close working relationship between the RTC and BSCC.

Berri Michel, owner of The Bike Trip,

worked for 10 years to establish the Soquel Avenue bike lane from Ocean Avenue to Seabright. With her help, bike rodeos became bike clubs at local schools, resulting in today’s “Bike Shop in the Schools,” an ROP class at seven high schools. More than 100 middle school students in Watsonville participate in the “Earn a Bike” program, thanks to Michel. The Bike Shop in Schools program, with its established curriculum, will go nation-wide this year.

Piet Canin, vice president of Ecology Action, heads the Bike to Work/School Day in May and October, an effort started 29 years ago by his sister KT when she attended UCSC. This effort attracts 16,000 bicyclists with its free breakfast locations across the county. Canin also directed Friends of the Rail Trail in a successful effort to pass Measure D, a sales tax measure which garnered 67.7% of the popular vote. Passage of Measure D means \$85 million in funding for the rail trail. Under his guidance, Ecology Action hosted 76 bike rodeos at schools in 2016.

Ron Goodman, a former People Power executive director, is responsible for bike racks on metro buses as well as the city’s policy of requiring bike parking facilities for new commercial developments. This year he turned over the lucrative sponsorship of Run by the Sea to BSCC. Goodman also worked with New Leaf Market on placement of the rail trail’s Westside segment, which will be built this year.

The lifetime achievement awards, designed to resemble bicycle components, were the brainchild of Alex Yasbek and Chris Holcomb.

Santa Cruz County Supervisor John Leopold recognized BSCC for 25 years of advocacy for sustainable transportation. According to Leopold, “It takes a great deal of activism to encourage people to ride their bikes.”

—Glide A. Long

Janneke Strause directs Bike Santa Cruz County

Bicycling has been a big part of Janneke Strause’s life. Growing up, Janneke, 27, rode her bike on world class paths in The Netherlands, her mother’s home country. Today in Sacramento, Janneke’s father, a retired environmental engineer, works in policy analysis for SABA or Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates. All this adds up to a concern for the safety of local bike riders. As the new executive director of Bike Santa Cruz County, Janneke says she will turn these concerns into public improvements, like an enhanced bike lane going the full length of Soquel.

Janneke was hired last May as BSCC’s first-ever events and membership director, and immediately went to work organizing both Run by the Sea in August and October’s Open Streets. She also married her boyfriend Brendon in August. The couple met as students at UCSC, where Janneke graduated in 2011 with a degree in politics and philosophy. Talk about a hectic month!

Today Janneke says she is familiar with the city’s roads, having commuted by bike to UCSC classes and now to BSCC headquarters downtown from Live Oak. Her long-range goal is to encourage more bicycling infrastructure so that more people feel safer while bicycling in Santa Cruz.



Janneke Strause receives proclamation for Bike Santa Cruz County’s 25 years of activism from County Supervisor John Leopold. In her spare time, Janneke is the goalie for a Santa Cruz area championship women’s soccer league team, the Toros.

Student writes letter of appreciation to Bike Smart program

(Editor's note: Bike Smart, sponsored by Ecology Action, teaches students how to ride their bikes safely through classroom presentations and by teaching how to ride safety courses set up on school grounds. Here is what one student, out of more than 2,500 wrote of her Bike Smart experience.)

Dear Bike Smart, Thank you for your help. I really needed your help. Thanks to all of you my dreams came true of riding a bike. I miss your passion. You all opened my heart to a smart, helpful and fun thing to do. My family is proud of me. I am going to spend less time in my boring room watching TV. I am going to be strong and full of excitement. You make me feel confident. From, Berenice

Berenice is one of 2,574 elementary and middle school students who learned bike safety skills last year through Bike Smart, a program sponsored by Ecology Action under the directorship of Kira Ticus. Bike



Four 5th grade boys complete Bike Smart program at Loya Elementary School in Salinas.

Smart rodeos take place on school grounds all year, with students practicing hand signals and other safety skills as they ride bikes on 'obstacle courses'. Adult volunteers worked 310 hours last year assisting as safety monitors.

As a result of their Bike Smart training,

72% of students, like Berenice, said they will ride more often, while 88% said they would ride more safely. Almost all (95%) of the students rate the rodeos as Great/Good.

Bike Smart relies on volunteers. To help out, contact kticus@ecoact.org. To donate to the program, go to <http://ecoactbike.org/>

Ohana bike ride raises \$27,000 for breast cancer patient care

The U'ilani Fund raised \$27,000 for breast cancer from its annual Ohana Bike Ride last October, thanks to its director Janet Fogel (photo) and her superb group of volunteers, along with 87 fund-raising bike riders. Special thanks to Bill McBride for supplying necessary equipment from SCCCC's storage facility, which received a \$100 contribution from the

Marianne to talk on osteoporosis

Marianne Benforado LAc, a licensed acupuncturist, will speak on osteoporosis at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 25 at Way of Life, 1220 41st Ave., Capitola. She will explain how Chinese medicine can help bicyclists build strong bones.



suffering from breast cancer.

group. At least 15 volunteers, mostly bike club members, helped with registration, rest stops, lunch and the post-ride meal at the Seymour Marine Lab. The U'ilani Fund improves the quality of life for women



Janice Taylor and daughters Julia and Olivia (at left) plus friends staff the Misou Soup Stop at Ohana Ride.

Electric bikes riding a wave of popularity

Whether commuting to school or work, or just riding for fun, electric bikes are making an impact in Santa Cruz.

Left photo, Harriet Wrye and Jim Wheeler on their new Santana tandem bike powered by BionX battery.

Right photo, Theresia Rogerson of County Health Services, drops her son Eli off at school before riding to work in Santa Cruz from her home near Felton two days a week on a Yuba Mondo Cargo Bike. She says she appreciates the battery boost on the return trip. Current eBikes at 131 Front Street offers a 10% discount to SCCCC members. Call 831-621-2309.



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 daily–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 daily 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

Cycle Works
1420 Mission St.
316-7671
Monday–Friday 10AM–6PM
Saturday–Sunday 9AM–6PM

Bike Station
(New Location)
3555 Clares St., Capitola 95010
831-226-5050
Monday–Friday–11AM–6PM
Saturday–10AM–5PM
Sunday–Appointment only

Scotts Valley Cycloport
245 Mount Hermon Road
Scotts Valley
440-9070
Tuesday–Thursday–10AM–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

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
Monday–Friday 10AM–7PM; Weekend 9AM–6PM

Current eBikes
131 Front Street, Suite D
831-621-2309
831-588-0936 (cell)
www.currentebikes.com

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JOIN AND RENEW ONLINE at www.santa cruz cycling.org/club

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.**

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|------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| 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

January-February, 2017

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 Club Ride GP | 4 | 5 Clean your bike | 6 | 7 Club Ride |
| 8 Go for a bike ride! | 9 | 10 Club Ride NMP | 11 SCCCC Board 6 p.m | 12 | 13 Sign up to lead a ride! | 14 Club Ride |
| 15 | 16 | 17 Club Ride GP | 18 Cycling for Starters begins | 19 | 20 | 21 Club Ride |
| 22 | 23 | 24 Club Ride NMP | 25 Cycling for Starters | 26 SCCCC 7 p.m. Simpkins Swim Center | 27 Go for a bike ride! | 28 Club Ride |
| 29 | 30 Ride Safely! | 31 Club Ride Leader's choice | 1 Cycling for Starters | 2 SCCCC Board 6 p.m | 3 | 4 Club Ride |
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| 19 | 20 Go for a bike ride! | 21 Club Ride GP | 22 | 23 Volunteer to lead a ride | 24 | 25 Club Ride |
| 26 | 27 | 28 Club Ride NMP | | | GP is Gateway Plaza | NMP is Nisene Marks Park |

Santa Cruz County Cycling Club Membership Card
www.santacruzcountycycling.org (Valid only with member's mailing label.)



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