



# the twbc newsletter

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## welcome to our bicycle club

**Lets go Surfin', everybody's surfin' to TWBC on the web: [www.twbc.org](http://www.twbc.org).**

**The Ride Line, 253-759-2800**, is a recorded message announcing upcoming club sponsored organized rides. Riders do not have to be members to attend. Helmets *are* required.

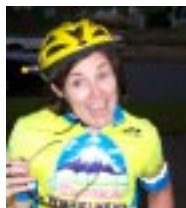
### Next Meeting is Feb 19, 2002

We start with the business part of the meeting at 7 PM at the South Park Community Center, 4851 S. Tacoma Way, in Tacoma.

The Feburary meeting entertainment will be a slide show presentation by Emily Allen and Chris King. Emily and Chris's presentation will be about the results of a bicycle parking survey conducted in Seattle. The results show that the bicycle parking ordinance does not always achieve what it hopes to. This presentation is bound to be highly interesting.

See page 10 for TWBC Banquet information. It's not too late to sign up.

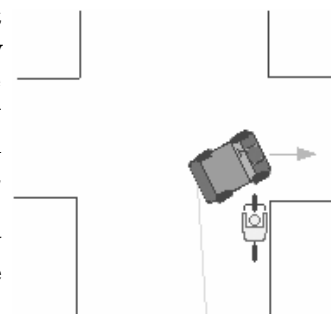
## from the president's handlebars by: TWBC President, Anne Heller



Dear Fellow TWBC Members. I am taking some time off for the holidays. I hope everyone has a safe and happy new year in 2002. Please allow me to introduce you to the Safe Cycling article that follows. Please share it with your bicycling loved ones. I'll see you at the banquet on January 26, 2002...*Thank You, Anne.*

### Collision Type #4: The Right Hook

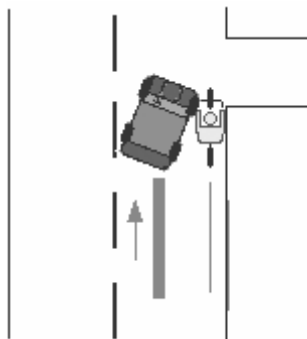
A car passes you and then tries to make a right turn directly in front of you, or right into you. They think you're not going very fast just because you're on a bicycle, so it never occurs to them that they can't pass you in time. Even if you have to slam on your brakes to avoid hitting them, they often won't feel they've done anything wrong. This kind of collision is very hard to avoid because you typically don't see it until the last second, and because there's nowhere for you to go when it happens.



#### How to avoid this collision:

1. Ride to the left. Taking up the whole lane makes it harder for drivers to pass you to cut you off or turn into you. Don't feel bad about taking the lane: if motorists didn't threaten your life by turning in front of or into you or passing you too closely, then you wouldn't have to. If the lane you're in isn't wide enough for cars to pass you safely, then you should be taking the whole lane *anyway*. Lane position is discussed in more detail below.
2. Glance in your mirror before approaching an intersection. (If you don't have a mirror, get one now.) Be sure to look in your mirror *well before* you get to the intersection. When you're actually going through an intersection, you'll need to be paying very close attention to what's in *front* of you.

### Collision Type #5: The Right Hook, Part 2



You're passing a slow-moving car (or even another bike) on the right, when it unexpectedly makes a right turn right into you, trying to get to a parking lot, driveway or side street.

#### How to avoid this collision:

1. Don't pass on the right. This collision is very easy to avoid. Just don't pass any vehicle on the right. If a car ahead of you is going only 10 mph, then you slow down, too, behind it. It will eventually start moving

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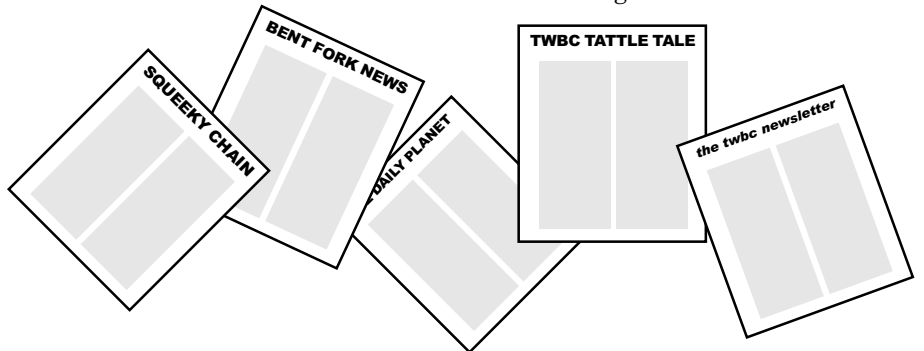


Recently while out riding in the rain... a TWBC Board member suggested to me that it would be a good idea for our club's newsletter to have a name. "We could have a contest", she suggested. "Great Cesar's Ghost!...Stop the presses!" came to mind as I thought about what my editor hero, Perry White would do in a situation like this. What would be a good name? Daily Planet? Doubtful. And if Perry rode a bike instead of smoked cigars...what would the prize be? Chain lube? Maybe.

The rules and prize will be hopefully determined at the next board meeting...but for now, submit your entries via e mail [preferred], a post card, or phone me. Info on this page, column 1.

Using the super powers of my 486 DX-33 mhz PC...I surfed the web and acquired most of the names of local bicycle clubs newsletters...thinking it would be Lex Luthor like, evil, if TWBC copied one of them.

Here's what each bike club's web site revealed to me: Seattle Bike Club- Out Spoke'n; Cascade Bike Club- Cascade Courier; Seattle's Gay and Lesbian Bike Club- Different Spokes; Redmond Cycling Club- RCC News; West Sound Cycling Club- The Free Wheeler; Skagit Bike Club- Unknown; Vancouver BC Bicycle Club- Dynamo; Olympia Capitol Bicycling Club- News; Vancouver, WA Bike Club- The Wheel Truth; Portland Wheelmen Touring Club- unknown.



So, TWBC members...send in your entries and in the next couple of months I will publish the results and the new name of the TWBC newsletter.

## RIDE CODE CHART

**Pace:**

- 1 - Easy pace, frequent stops to catch up and regroup, 9-12 m.p.h.
- 2 - Moderate pace, occasional stops to catch up and regroup, 12-15 m.p.h.
- 3 - Steady pace, limited stops, cue sheets or maps provided, 13-16 m.p.h.
- 4 - Fast pace, very limited stops, cue sheets or maps provided, 16+ m.p.h.

**Terrain:**

- A - Mostly flat (Interurban Trail)
- B - Gently Rolling, one or two steep hills
- C - Rolling, steeper hills (Kitsap Peninsula)
- D - Difficult terrain with longer, steeper hills (Vashon Island)



Maps are provided for rides over 35 miles.

Ya gotta wear  
a helmet !!!





# twbc ride calendar



call the ride line for updates 253-759-2800

Day	Date	Time	Distance	Ride Code	Leader	Call me at	Ride or Activity
Tues	Jan 1 2002	10:00	Call	Call	Steve and Phyllis Lay	759-1816	Meet at Proctor Starbuck's, N 26th-Proctor St...then decide to ride someplace for Brunch.
Tues	Jan 1 2002	10:30	27	2C	Ralph Wessels	253-857-5658	Meet in Downtown Gig Harbor at Jerisich Park to ride to Ollala to witness the Polar Bear Jump event. Heavy snow cancels.
Wed	1/2/01	6:30 pm	00	0A	Ralph Wessels	253-857-5658	TWBC Special Events Rides meeting. Meet at Univ Place Library, 35th & Bridgeport
Sat	1/5	10:30	20	2B	President Anne	253-761-0709	Meet at Proctor Starbucks, N 26th & Proctor. Ride to Freighthouse Square for lunch.
Sun	1/6	9:30	40	2C	Capt'n Carol and Roz Davis	253-857-5396	Meet at Gig Harbor Park n Ride on Kimball Drive. Ride to Trophy Lake for Lunch. <u>Rain Cancels</u>
Tues	1/8	Call	Call	Call	Call Ride Line	253-759-2800	Tuesday Morning Ride. Call Ride Line for details
Sat	1/12	10:00	20	2B	Dorian Smith	253-752-9498	Meet at Proctor Starbucks, N 26th & Proctor. Ride across the new Overpass. Lunch in South Tacoma.
Sun	1/13	8:00 am	Call	Call	Bob Myrick	253-473-7455	Meet at Roy Park n Ride to carpool. X-Country Skiing at Ashford. Bring gear and a lunch. Gear can be rented in Ashford, also. Rain in mountains will cancel.
Sun	1/13	10:00	25	2C	Rich Patrick	253-274-8657	Meet at UPS Field House parking lot, N 11th & Union. Ride to Pt Def, Oldtown, and other areas of N. Tacoma. Heavy rain cancels.
Tues	1/15	Call	Call	Call	Call Ride Line	253-759-2800	Tuesday Morning Ride. Call Ride Line for details
Sat	1/19	8:00 am	30	2B	Steve and Phyllis Lay	253-759-1816	Meet at Proctor Starbucks, N 26th & Proctor. Ride to Spanaway Senior Center for Pancake, ham n eggs breakfast. A most popular outing.
Sun	1/20	8:00 am	Call	Call	Bob Myrick	253-473-7455	Meet at Roy Park n Ride to carpool. X-Country Skiing at Ashford. Bring gear and a lunch. Gear can be rented in Ashford, also. Rain in mountains will cancel.
Sun	1/20	9:30	50	2A+C	Capt'n Carol and Roz Davis	253-857-5396	Meet at Gene Coulon Park in Renton. Ride around Lk Washington. <u>Rain Cancels</u>
Mon MLK Day	1/21	9:30 am	Decide to	Ride	Leader will be selected.	253-759-2800	Decide to Ride. Everyone shows up, then decide where to ride to.
Tues	1/22	Call	Call	Call	Call Ride Line	253-759-2800	Tuesday Morning Ride. Call Ride Line for details

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Sat	1/26	10:00	25	2B	Carla Gramlich	253-752-4038	Meet at Freighthouse Sqare, Entrance #3. First [of many] STP training rides. See Newsletter Page 5 for more details.
Sat	1/26	10:00	00	0A	Our Host Bob Myrick	253-759-2800	The long waited for TWBC Banquet. Mountaineers Clubhouse @ 2302 N 30th Street in Oldtown. Socializing at 6, Dinner at 7 PM
Sun	1/27	9:00 am	40	2A	Ralph Wessells	253-857-5658	Meet at Freighthouse Sqare, Entrance # 3. Ride to Orting for Sunday Brunch
Tues	1/29	Call	Call	Call	Call Ride Line	253-759-2800	Tuesday Morning Ride. Call Ride Line for details
Sat	Feb 2, 2002	10:00	25	2B	Linda Higgins	253-759-5480	Meet at Westgate Starbucks, N 26th & Pearl. Ride to Steilicoom, Bair Drug, for lunch.
Sat	Feb 2, 2002	10:00	25	2B	Capt'n Carol Davis	253-857-5396	Skagit River Bald Eagle Ride. TWBC, WSCC, SBC, Mountaineers, BIKES will converge in Concrete, WA. See page 6 of this newsletter for details.
Sun	Feb 3, 2002	9:00 am	25	2B	Ralph Wessells	253-857-5658	Meet at Skyline Park n Ride, 6th Ave & Skyline. Ride to Gig Harbor for Brunch. <b>Rain will Cancel</b>

## the gov'ment report by "Burrito Bob" Myrick



Our committee last met at Carlito's Burritos on Sixth Avenue on Tuesday, December 4. Our discussion focused on

the Pierce County Transportation Coalition wherein we were asked to support and lobby for their legislative position paper. The Coalition includes Audubon, Transportation Choices, the Peninsula Neighborhood Association, Friends of the Hylebos, and several other groups. Thankfully, we had a thoughtful talk about their issues and decided our club should not participate for the reasons listed below in our response to the Coalition.

We also noted that Angela Strege, Tacoma School Board Member, is interested in working with us on our non-motorized issues in Tacoma. And, we discussed my reply to Timothy Witten's proposal on Vehicular Cycling. I mentioned that we had a meeting with Jennifer Shiu, Tacoma's

Urban Planner for Transportation to discuss the Non-motorized plan and proposed bicycle network. Bob Vogel will soon be distributing the draft bicycle map for our area. Hopefully, it will be printed by February.

Our next meeting will be at a different time and location due to New Year's Day. We will meet at 5:30pm on Tuesday, January 8, across the street from Tacoma's downtown library at the Oriental restaurant. The meeting will be during the hour before our Board meeting. I hope you have had a Merry Christmas and New Year and I really hope to see you at our annual banquet.

*Editor's Note: What follows is the letter that Bob sent to the Pierce Co Transportation Coalition, Mr Bill Laborde and Mr Kirk Kirkland..*

"I met with our Government Affairs Committee tonight. We decided we should not participate in endorsing the Legislative Agenda. The reason is the basic conflict in our mission statement (The purpose of TWBC is to promote and develop safe bicycling

for recreation, health and as an alternative form of transportation). We have had problems in the past when we supported ideas or issues that were outside of our basic mission since our members have varying viewpoints on other matters.

The group decided that SR167 was not part of our mission except for lobbying for an adequate bike route thru the area. The Narrow's bridge was not part of our mission except for lobbying for bike lanes. The Cross Base Highway was the same except for lobbying for bike lanes. The Pierce Transit funding request was not part of our mission either. The group said they can see clear to supporting the 1/3 for choices proposal since it includes some non-motorized transportation.

I should have realized this might happen even though most of our membership would strongly support the Legislative Agenda. We have tried to honor our commitment to the mission statement and not offend members who have other viewpoints. I would still be available to assist you since I am a member of Audubon and Transportation Choices".



I'm stepping out of the apron for the start of the new year. I'm going to sway a bit from the "technical" end of cycling.



There's a bicycle company that I would like to give a little free advertising to. Normally I don't usually talk brand names or which is better or lighter or faster or more durable. If I find an exceptional product that I feel club members could benefit from, then I'll gladly put in a pitch. So, I know of a bicycle company that I think you would enjoy getting to know. I would venture to say that many club members are already aware of this company.

Rivendell Bicycle Works. This company is in California, near San Francisco. The owner, Grant Peterson, has spent most of his life in the bike biz. After the demise of Bridgestone, his former employer, he ventured out on his own and started Rivendell. He's been called a "retro grouch" by most of the bike industry. His company is dedicated to providing simple, durable equipment to the "life long" bicyclist. Rivendell frames are all made of lugged, brazed steel, nothing else. Their flagship model is so perfectly constructed and painted that it would make a Rolls Royce blush. Rivendell is predominately a mail order business that sells it's own line of frames, clothing and components. They also put out a newsletter to members 6 times a year.

Grant has a solid, simple philosophy about bicycles and is therefore unswayed by the high tech hype that permeates the industry. He is a strong advocate of friction shifting and doesn't sell STI or Ergo Power components. He admires the beauty and elegance of a lugged steel frame and designs his bikes to be durable, smart handlers with classy looks and perfect workmanship.

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So, why am I telling you all this? In today's bicycle world, it is very rewarding to find such a down to earth, no BS kind of company. Rivendell is truly a company that wants what's best for their customer and that's exactly what they strive to provide. The newsletter is packed with great information, entertaining stories and something for everyone, even a non-cyclist.

Rivendell has recently introduced their own line of tires. Right now there is only 2 models. One they call the "Rolly-Polly" and believe me, it's much better than the name implies. It's made for them by Panaracer and I've been using it since June. It's a wide, comfortable tire that is fast and corners great. I will never use anything else for my daily ride and I'm considering using it for my summer bike.

So, I would like to encourage you to check 'em out at:  
[www.rivendellbicycles.com](http://www.rivendellbicycles.com).

I would also like to wish all a fulfilled and prosperous new year.

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Eddy (eddyj@galaxy-7.net)

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## important news of interest

### STP Training Class It's not too early to get ready to ride STP...by Carla Gramlich



I'll bet that your friends and acquaintances that know you like to ride a bicycle have asked you, "Have you ever ridden that crazy bike ride that goes from Seattle to Portland"? Have you or your friends ever wanted to ride that crazy ride?

Well, I am starting a group for those bicyclists who would like to train for the STP (Seattle to Portland Bicycling Classic) bike ride

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which takes place July 13 & 14, 2002. The STP is a 200 mile ride which is ridden in one day or in two days. This group will be focusing on riding the STP in two days. The group could be considered a class taught by myself, a five time STP rider (one time in one day). I am hoping that we can pool all of our experiences together to give the beginning long distance cyclist the confidence and training needed to have a fun time accomplishing this classic bicycling event.

To start with, you will need a bicycle in good working condition and a properly fitting helmet. It is also important to have your bike fit you. Determination and a good attitude are a must, too. I am hoping that my experience will help other riders prepare properly and successfully complete the STP while having fun the whole time.

The first group meeting/training class will be on Tuesday at 7:00 PM, Jan 29, 2002, at the Wheelock Library. The Library is at 3722 N 26<sup>th</sup> in the Proctor neighborhood.

The first of many training rides will be held on Saturday, Jan 26 at 10:00 AM, at Freighthouse Square. Park in the Sound Transit Tacoma Dome Station West parking garage on the third floor. Walk out of the garage to Freighthouse Square, Entrance Door #3. This first pre-meeting ride will give me an opportunity to check out your helmet fit and to see if your bike is sized properly for you.

There will be many other group-training rides throughout the upcoming months until July 13.

Call Carla at 253 752 4038 for more information.



## the ride report by Capt'n Carol Davis

### Bald Eagle Ride on Skagit River Saturday, Feb 2

These Clubs will participate in this multi milage ride to view the Bald Eagles along the Skagit River: BIKES, Mountaineers, Seattle Bike Club, West Sound, and TWBC. There will be three ride options: 34 mile Liesurely/Social- lots of stops for Kodak moments. Social/Moderate with some hills and stops for pictures. And a 38+ mile Moderate/Brisk juant. Less chance to stop for pictures. Bring binoculars and your trusty camera



Take I-5 North to Burlington, Exit 230. Go East on Hiway 20 for 30 miles to Concrete. Just as you enter town on Hiway 20...you'll see Perks Espresso. Meet at 9:15 AM for coffee and then move cars to the grade school. The actual ride leaves at 10:00 AM. See SBC's website for more detail. [www.seattlebike.org/rides/upcoming\\_rides.html](http://www.seattlebike.org/rides/upcoming_rides.html)

### Spring Break:

I am planning another great spring break trip for the first week of April. Call or e-mail me for the details.

### Heaven and Hells Trip

June 22-July 7,2002. This will be a two week trip through the Wallowa and Blue Mountains of Northeast Oregon and the Nez Perce Country in Idaho. A rafting or jet boat trip on the Snake River through Hells Canyon will be included.

For more information on either of these great trips, please call or e-mail Carol Davis at 253-857-5396, [Bicyclguy@aol.com](mailto:Bicyclguy@aol.com)



Rain, Rain  
Go Away...  
Come again  
some other  
day.

## cycling gizmos By Rich Patrick

My partner, Pat, and I having been riding our tandem bike for three years and I still consider myself to be a novice captain. While learning to ride together I found out that it is very important to be able to communicate with each other. This gizmo enables us to talk back and forth with little effort while tandeming.

The TANDEM-TALK is a gizmo, a combination of intercom and hearing aid [but not a two way radio] that amplifies the voices of the cap-



tain and the stoker without interfering with one's ability to hear traffic. It eases communication between the captain and stoker in situations where there is a lot of traffic or wind noise. The captain can whisper to the stoker "shifting" or "stopping" or "stupid fool motorist" or "I forgot my wallet...I hope you have cash for lunch" and be heard immediately. We can have discrete conversations about the jersey that you are wearing while we ride and no bicyclists nearby can hear us.

There is an internal volume control lets you adjust the sound level so that road sounds are not blocked. Just slip the cushioned microphone/earphone into the ear, plug it into the amplifier box and power up. The mike/earphone is lightweight and hardly noticeable and your helmet strap will keep it in place. I run the mike/earphone cord down the inside of my jersey to the amplifier box in my jersey back pocket. My stoker simply plugs her earpiece/earpiece cord into the box in my back pocket.

There are three models of this gizmo: The Basic model described above, TANDEM-TALK FM model has an external input so that a radio or walkman type device can quietly broadcast music or the Mariners game to the headsets. The TANDEM-TALK PLUS model has the same features as the FM model *and* the ability to interconnect a two-way radio like Motorola's Family Walkie-Talkies for wireless communication to other cyclists or SAG vehicles with the same type of 2-way radio. You know...and I know that it is not a good idea to listen to music while riding your bike...but the Tandem Talk intercom has only one earphone and actually amplifies what the mike picks up and delivers those sounds to the ear phoned ear. I know a tandem captain who is slightly hard of hearing...and he says that he can hear better on his bike when using the Tandem Talk.

This gizmo seemed too expensive at \$75 bucks for the basic model...so I went to Radio Shack and priced the earphone/microphones at \$20 each, and the hearing aid amplifier probably really costs \$35 somewhere else. So the cost became more reasonable in my mind. But after using this gizmo on our tandem and realizing the value of easily talking back and forth...the cost became worth it. This gizmo can only be purchased via the Internet at [www.tandem-talk.com/Tandem-Talk/](http://www.tandem-talk.com/Tandem-Talk/)

## membership report reported by Phyllis Lay

Welcome these new Members:

James C O'Rourke Jr, Bill Dugovich, Conrad & Terry Cinq-Mars, Robert Keenan.

Welcome back to these members:

Joy Roelofz, Steve Grasser, Mike & Nancy Henderson, Susan Hardie, Fay Tong, Jan Brame, Vernon Martin, Sally McHugh, Ray & Peggy Fjetland, Gail Grill, Sue Mathews, Don, Robin, Dan, & Alex Partington, Karla Maynard

## being safe on your bike

faster. If it doesn't, pass *on the left* when it's safe to do so.

When passing cyclists on the left, announce "on your left" before you start passing, so they don't suddenly move left into you. (Of course, they're much less likely to suddenly move left without looking, where they could be hit by traffic, then to suddenly move right, into a destination.) If they're riding too far to the left for you to pass safely on the left, then announce "on your right" before passing on the right.

If a bunch of cars are stopped at a light, then you can try passing on the right *cautiously*, being prepared in case the traffic starts moving again unexpectedly, or you may suffer #3, the Red Light of Death. [Dec issue]

Note that when you're tailing a slow-moving vehicle, ride behind it, not in its blind spot immediately to the right of it. Even if you're not passing a car on the right, you could still run into it if it turns right while you're right next to it. Give yourself enough room to brake if it turns.

2. Look behind you before turning right. Here's your opportunity to avoid hitting cyclists who violate tip #1 above and try to pass you on the right. Look behind you before making a right-hand turn to make sure a bike isn't trying to pass you. (Also remember that they could be coming up from behind you on the sidewalk while you're on the street.) Even if it's the other cyclist's fault for trying to pass you on the right when you make a right turn and have them slam into you, it won't hurt any less when they hit you.

*Editor's note:* This article is from [www.bicyclesafe.com](http://www.bicyclesafe.com). Reprinted by permission from the author, Michael Bluejay. Check out the website for more information. Like Prez Anne says..."please share this information with your bicycling loved ones"... Thanks for reading this far!....

## the useless knowledge report



Did you ever wonder what the WD in WD-40 stands for? The name was lifted right out chemist Norm Larsen's laboratory notebook. Way back in 1953, he was trying to concoct an anti-corrosion formula, which worked on the basic principle of displacing water. On his 40th try, Larsen finally got it right. Hence the name WD-40. It literally means Water Displacer, 40th try.

Everyone knows that spinach is loaded in iron and makes you stronger - Just look what it has done for Popeye's career. Well, Popeye was wrong. So were all of those parents that stuffed it down their kids' throats. In reality, spinach has no more iron in it than any other vegetable. This spinach misconception dates back to the 1950's when a food analyst made an error while calculating the iron in spinach. His decimal place was off by one place, suggesting that spinach had ten times as much iron content than it really did.

Frenchman Michel Lotito has a very unusual diet. Born on June 15, 1950, he has been consuming large quantities of metal and glass since he was nine years old. To date, he has eaten supermarket carts, television sets, bicycles, [yikes!] chandeliers, razor blades, bullets, nuts and bolts, lengths of chain, phonograph records, computers, and an



entire Cessna 150 light aircraft (which took him nearly two years to consume). It seems that his body has adjusted to this unusual diet, as he eats nearly two pounds of metal every day. His technique in-

cludes lubricating his digestive tract with mineral oil, cutting the parts into bite-size pieces, and then consuming a large quantity of water while eating this junk. Most people would prefer a nice glass of wine with their dinner.

It's widely known that Alexander Graham Bell beat Elisha Gray to the patent office by a mere two hours with his application to patent the telephone. However, ten years after Bell's patent was issued, patent examiner Zenas Wilber admitted in a sworn affidavit that he had taken a \$100 bribe from Bell, had taken a loan from Bell's patent attorney, and had given Bell the complete details of Gray's caveat. Hmmm....Did this lead to divestiture in 1984?

## member declarations

**Retired guys mountain bike trip.** We would start in Tacoma, ride to Ellensburg on the John Wayne trail over Snoqualmie Pass, then ride over Colockum Pass to Wenatchee. Any retired guys out there who are interested? We will wait until the snow melts and let it get real hot to enhance our adventure. Please let me know if this trip interests you. Please call me at 253-473-7455 or email me at [BobMyrick@msn.com](mailto:BobMyrick@msn.com).

**Loaded bicycle tour from St. Louis to Tacoma.** There is a nice new book describing a Lewis and Clark Bicycle Trail that follows the pavement. Please let me know if this trip interests you or if you know the whereabouts of my book. Please call me at 253-473-7455 or email me at [BobMyrick@msn.com](mailto:BobMyrick@msn.com).

## Dirty Deeds done cheap

Downsized, former dotcom employee, TWBC member, offers to do carpenter and light remodeling work for cheap. Woodworking is my speciality. Call R. Patrick, 253.274.8657 [patrick@harbornet.com](mailto:patrick@harbornet.com)

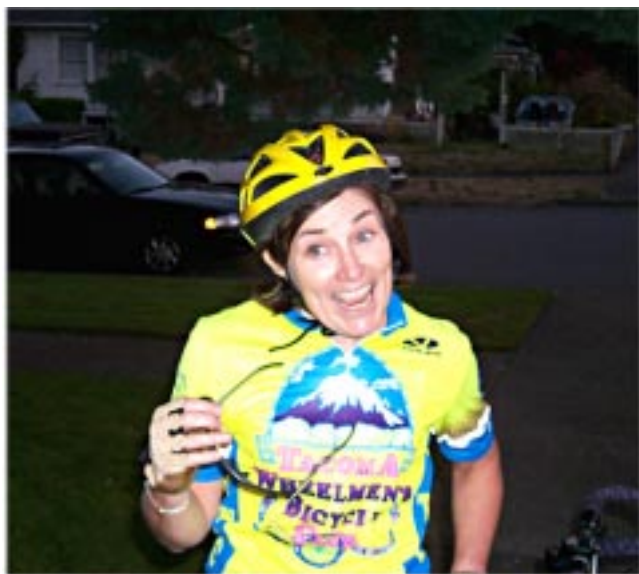




Future Cyclo-cross champion in the making. This photo was taken at the Cyclo-cross races that took place at Lincoln Park in West Seattle on Nov 25th. This young rider participated in the kid's race that preceded the real race that the big kids rode in. Bob Myrick led two other riders from Pt Def, across Vashon Island, to the park near Fautleroy Ferry Landing to view the championship on a very rainy day. We had a nice lunch at a nearby bakery/restruant. Note the Barbie Doll in the little girl's basket.



Carla Gramlich [Year 2002 STP coach...see page 5, column 2] also waits for her tour-mate's bikes to be repaired in Ellensburg at ReCycle Bicycle Repair Shop. This bike shop had chairs and couches for patrons to play chess or take a rest.



Here's President Anne near the end of a 20 miler that took riders on a "hysterical historical tour" of North Tacoma neighborhoods. Here, Anne is standing in front of a church that was dismantled brick by brick and reassembled.



Steve Brown keeps up on current events and the stock market at Alder Lake Park after he and Carla's tent was set up. This took place on the first night of the Tacoma to Spokane self contained bike tour. The next day it rained all the way from Alder Lake to Packwood.





John Vipond is at the finish of the Joint Club ride which included TWBC, WSCC, and SBC on September 16th.

This ride was 66 miles long, began and ended in North Bend, and was led by SBC's Val Lycette [who is walking away with her bike]. We rode to Snoqualmie Falls, Carnation, Duval along the Snoqualmie River and to Cherry Valley. The weather was cool, but not wet.

A nice lunch was had by all at Duval.



Greg Torfin [center], Peggy Fjetland [left], and Steve Brown checking the map near Kaposwin heading toward Alder Lake on the Tacoma to Spokane self supported tour which took place June 23 to July 1, 2001.



A scene from a sidewalk cafe in Ellensburg. Some of the Tacoma to Spokane tourists had coffee at this cafe while waiting for their bikes to be repaired at ReCycle Bicycle Repair Shop.



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**TWBC Banquet  
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The TWBC banquet will be held on **Saturday, January 26, 2002**, at the Tacoma Mountaineer's Club, 2302 North 30th Street. Each year our club sponsors a banquet to reflect on the past year's activities and accomplishments. It is a time for fellowship and a time to honor significant achievement. This fun evening will start at **6pm for socializing and dinner at 7pm.**

The banquet is traditionally the largest gathering of your fellow club members and is a time to reflect on the past year and reaffirm your interest in bicycling. We will recognize noteworthy mileages, volunteerism and accidents. There is always plenty of good food, beverages, merriment and good humor.

We welcome any help...so call Bob Myrick at 253.473.7455 for an assignment.