

Anne Heller Wins!

Eight TWBC North End residents attended the North End Neighborhood Council meeting and election on Nov 18 to show support for our own Anne Heller, Past President of our club. Anne received the most votes of any of the candidates- about 102. Anne is excited to be on the council and will represent our club's interests to the council.



TWBC Christmas Party

Joyce Clifford will be hosting TWBC members into her home again for her annual Christmas get together. This favorite social event is on Saturday, Dec 14. Starting at 5:00 PM- Steve and Phyllis Lay will lead a ride around the neighborhood to view the season's yard art- Christmas lights. The pot-luck dinner (you probably ought to bring something tasty to share) will start after the ride. For those riders who do not want to ride their bikes before the dinner...please show up at 6:00 PM This event is at 3811 N Madison, in North Tacoma. Phone: 759-2393.

Got Pancakes?



Steve Brown does...so he has decided to have the pancake breakfast, with doughnuts, after all.

The 10th annual pancake breakfast is planned for 9:30AM on Sunday, Dec 8th with a 20 mile code 2B ride at 10:30AM. Come and eat or ride ... or do the full monty! Both events start at 3218 N. 28th St. in north Tacoma (take N. 30th St. up from Old Town, then left on Alder St. at the blinking yellow light) Call Steve Brown 253.752.4038 for more information.



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TWBC Banquet in January

Mark your calanders for Sat, Jan 25, starting at 6 pm. This is (IMHO) the best social event of the year for TWBC members. See Bob Myrick's article on page 7.

Thank You, TWBC

The club received Thank You letters from the Foothills Rails-To-Trails Coalition and the Clover Park Kiwanas. TWBC made donations to these organizations to promote bicycling in our community.

**Next Club Meeting:
Tues, Feb 18, 2003
Suprise Guest!**

About the Meetings...

Meetings are held at the South Park Community Center, 4851 S. Tacoma Way, in Tacoma at 7 PM. The business (old business, new business, reports, etc) part of the meeting comes first... then after a short break of food and socializing...the entertainment.

Please attend. All members or interested parties are welcome. No meetings in July, Aug, Dec, and January.

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the view of the bicycle club... from the president's handlebars



**Ralph Wessels
TWBC
President**

In the November issue of *Bicycling* magazine, TWBC's **Daffodil Classic** was recognized as the best ride in the Tacoma area. *Bicycling* magazine also notified its readers to not miss the Headwaters Century. At the new store opening ceremony in Tacoma, Dennis Madsen, REI CEO, recognized TWBC in its role of promoting outdoor recreation. At the recent Bicycle Alliance of Washington auction attended by 287 bicycle advocacy supporters, Barb Culp, the Executive Director for the BAW, announced to the attendees that the best food on any of the Washington rides were on the Tacoma Wheelmen's rides. Barb has also shared her perspective with me several times on the strength of our organization and the many things we do so well.

Do you see a common theme here? I do. A lot of people outside of TWBC think we are a great bicycle club for a variety of reasons. And I know they are right. Thanks to all of you who bring your talents and enthusiasm to TWBC and make it such a great organization!

There are a number of events coming up in the near future. We will have a Holiday party on Dec 15th. The Banquet will be in January. There are still a lot of rides throughout the fall and winter. You will probably find a few X-country ski trips too. So don't hibernate till spring comes, enjoy the fun now!

There are a few positions open with the club as VP Tim noted in last month's newsletter. The Secretary position has been filled. That leaves the Director of Special Events, Equipment Manager, and Publicity as still vacant. Please contact me or another Board member if you are interested.

Ride Safely,

Ralph

Introducing TWBC's Acting Secretary

By Ralph Wessels

There are those who hit the ground running and those who hit the ground. Well, Sandy Byrd, TWBC's Acting Secretary has done both. Sandy joined TWBC at the November general meeting and expressed her interest in becoming Secretary. She has been appointed by the Board as acting Secretary until she can be confirmed at the next general meeting in February.

Last January, Sandy became enthused on bicycling and started riding her Cannondale hybrid. After several months of building up her endurance and skills, she rode the 20-mile loop on the Daffodil Classic. The loop was a bit shorter than her training rides at the time so completion was never a ques-

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Timothy Payne
TWBC
Vice President

ITEM: TWBC buys two tables at the Bicycle Alliance of Washington Annual Auction.

If you were not one of the lucky ones to have joined us and just over 300 of our closest bicycling friends for this annual event, be sure to but it on your calendar for next year. You really should not miss it. This year's event was a grand time. TWBC had twenty people show up for the event and were one of the better represented bicycle clubs in attendance. Interestingly, there were clubs from all over the state. It really was a Washington alliance. In introducing the club we were identified as providing the best food at rest stops of any club in the state. Now that is high praise, indeed.

Anyway, my wife Diana and I went together and had a wonderful time. The beer and wine were free (well not really, we paid for it in the tickets,

but at least it did not cost us anymore). I'll let the wine drinkers speak for the wine, but the beer was exquisite. The auction items were as many and varied as were the people in attendance. Several people landed what they considered to be real treasures. No, I was not immune. I bought some really nice Continental mountain bike tires and a "Starter Kit" for a cross country ride. At a club meeting next spring, if you attend, you will be partial beneficiaries of this "buy" as one of the items in the kit is a presentation by two people who rode their recumbent tandem across the US.

A fellow cyclist landed a real find, a pair of extremely lightweight track rims. No, there were no hubs or spokes, just the rims. I asked him if had a bike to go with the rims and he said, "No, but now I can get one!"

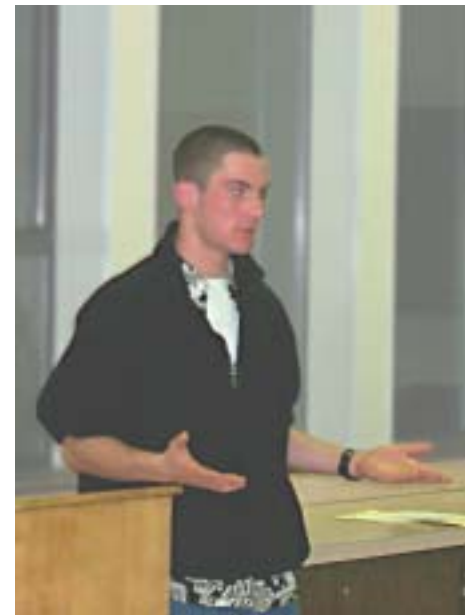
The auction had two parts, a silent auction and a live auction. The live auction was great fun. Watching people spend their money to support a cause you believe in can be great entertainment. The prices people were willing to pay for some items were symbols of either the amount of alcohol consumed, their dedication to cycling, or both. The one that just blew me away was a dinner cruise for six on Dennis Madsen's sailboat. Mr. Madsen is the CEO of REI. The dinner cruise sold for \$2000. Must be one heckuva sailboat!

One of our club members bought a bicycle that once belonged to Susie Stevens, the past Executive Director of the BAW who was tragically killed last March (Announced that evening: there will be a memorial ride on Friday, March 21, 2003 to commemorate Susie's contribution to cycling. Watch for details in upcoming editions of the newsletter.). The cycle was a very nice Airborne TI bike, a "Carpe Diem." The bike was so nice in fact, it rested at its new home for only a night before some low-lifes tried to purloin it, fortunately unsuccessfully, in a Safeway parking lot. Unbelievable.

ITEM: Action Sport Cycling (ASC) Junior Racing Team makes itself known at TWBC meeting.

It was a real pleasure to have Jerry Cutright, co-founder, and Aaron Renner, junior cyclist, present the newest junior cycle racing association to our club at November's meeting. From their mission statement "The ASC Racing Junior Development Program is designed to introduce young people to the sport of

cycling." And that is exactly what they do. Aaron spent some time talking about his introduction to racing through which he displayed obvious enthusiasm for the sport of cycle racing. He was once labeled "The Huffy Boy" because he showed up at the Mason Lake Road Race Series with a mid-seventies Huffy to compete. Aaron, through his involvement with ASC, has gained experience, far superior equipment and coaching to help him on his way to the podium in several area races. Aaron had the desire and the dream,



Young Aaron enthusiastically explains his involvement in cyclocross racing at the TWBC meeting on Nov 19.

he needed help to turn his desire to skill, preparation and knowledge and his dreams to reality.

The team participates in mountain, road and cyclocross racing. For those of you who do not know, this is cyclocross season (www.Bicyclepaper.com is one source of information regarding upcoming events). Cyclocross can be a very exciting race for spectators due to the relative compactness of the course.

Jerry has a dream, as well. He believes that cycling could be a club or

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I need your help. I think it would be safe to say that every Wheeler reading this has done a tour or century or some sort of ride that required you to carry a cue sheet. There's the quandary. How do you carry your map?

The first century I did, I just stuffed it in my pocket. Not good. Too much fumbling. Of course, today's modern "century" ride is normally riddled with pavement markers that guide you like the "Schwartz." I guess my big dilemma is when I'm doing a tour.

The first long tour I took I got tired of digging out my route map from a pocket. If it were raining (did I say if?) my directions would become a soggy mess. I got smart (smart for me anyway, more like desperation) and took a clothes pin (I carry them on tours with string for a clothes line) and taped it to my bar stem. I then folded my day's route as small as I could get it and stuffed it into a sandwich bag. I stuck it into the clothes pin and it worked! Well, unless I went down hill. Like cards in the spokes. Talk about a racket. The wind would catch that thing and make it flap like Hummingbird wings. I would have to tear it off and stuff it back in my pocket, again.

I dumped the clothes pin on my next tour and used a "chip clip." You know, one of those big plastic clamps you put on your open bag of Fritos. I zip tied it to my bar stem. I, once again, enclosed my cue sheet in a plastic bag. That worked better but it still flapped around and having it mounted on my stem was too far back to just "glance" at.

I got serious the next year. I was going to be prepared. I started with a coat hanger. Now, doesn't that sound serious? I shaped it into a sort of oblong diamond about 6 inches point to point. I took the 2 ends and rolled them around a screw driver shaft to make a sort of eyelet. I bent them together so the 2 holes were on top of each other. Next, I got a rubber covered hose clamp. It's the kind that is like a "C" clamp that is most commonly used under the hood of your car to attach hoses to the fire wall or fender well. I spread it around my handlebars put my coat hanger diamond eyelet between the 2 ends of the clamp, ran a bolt through the whole jobber do and tightened it down. It was pretty stable at that point. So, to give you a sort of mental picture, my bars had this diamond shape coat hanger sticking out at a 90 degree angle to the top of my handlebar. I folded up a sheet of paper in quarters and used a small metal clip, like the ones in an office that hold an eighth inch stack of paper together, to hold my sheet at the top of the diamond. I was proud. This was going to work. I even tested it on my commute to work. It was looking good. There was one little detail I overlooked. My commute isn't 60 to 100 miles a day over chip seal and various other types of road surfaces. Even though the coat hanger diamond was the best answer yet, it too failed miserably.

Back into the pocket went my map. I'm planning on touring again this summer, maybe even with fellow clubbers. I need an answer and I need time to thoroughly test it. When I watch the racers on the tube they have a little index size card they pull out of their pocket. That may be the answer if I got my cues sheets in advance and typed them up on my own set of cards. I could even tape it to my stem and because of it's size, that may work. I have had a handlebar bag with the map case attached and that works great. The problem there is that I hate handlebar bags and my shifters don't allow enough room to mount one and I won't give up my shifters.

So help me out please!!! I want to know what you do to handle your cue sheets. Send your ideas to The Cog and maybe Richard can print them up under the heading of "Solve Eddy's Problem." I must know before next spring so I can be sure to have that little irritating detail worked out before my next adventure in circular freedom.

Eddy (eddyJ@galaxy-7.net)

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tion. Another cyclist's warning of, "Watch out for the hill!", did not shake her confidence on the return route. Not one to shy from a mere negative gradient of extended duration with curves of varying radii (this was written by an engineer, could you tell?), she flew down the hill and enjoyed it. As she puts it, "I am not a wuss!"

Since the Daffodil, Sandy has obtained more bike gear and upgraded to a 27-speed, Cannondale road bike, much lighter than the hybrid. Her training regimen includes Tacoma's steep hills. She has ridden the Two-County Double Metric, Peninsula Metric, and Kitsap Fall Color Classic. She plans to ride the 2003 STP and will be raising funds for a women's shelter and Fred Hutchison.

The nasty railroad tracks in Steilacoom temporarily derailed Sandy's riding when she went down and broke her elbow from the impact. Although not fully recovered, she has been back in the saddle since September.

Sandy is a Tacoma native and she and her husband expect to be grandparents of twin boys around Valentine's Day. Sandy notes that she has lost three dress sizes since she started riding this year and "it has been a whole lot of fun."





twbc monthly event schedule

call the ride line for the latest additions and corrections...253-759-2800

Day	Date	Time	Distance	Ride Code	Leader	Call me at	Ride or Activity
Sun	12/1	10 AM	0	0	Bob Myrick	253-473-7455	Work Party to clear the trail down Chamber's Creek Rd. Bring brush clearing tools, gloves, litter bags. Meet at S 64th and Chambers Cr Rd.
Wed	12/4	6:30 to 8:30	0	0	Ralph Wessels	253-879-0115	Rides Meeting=free food. Meet at University Place Library at 36th @ Bridgeport Way.
Sat	12/7	9:30 AM	15	1A	Bill Newman	253-503-1327	Meet at Fort Steilacoom Park. Ride to Barnes and Nobel at Lakewood TownCenter
Sat	12/7	9:25 or 10 AM	40	2B	Carol & Roz Davis	253-857-5396	Meet at Southworth for 9:25 boat or 10 AM at Lincoln Park in West Seattle. Ride to Hales Brewery for Lunch in Ballard. Yah, sure, yabetcha.
Sun	12/8	9:30	20	2B	Steve Brown	253-752-4038	Annual Pancake Feed and 20 mile ride. Meet at Steve's house at 3218 N 28th in N Tac for pancakes and ride at about 10:30 AM
Tues	12/10	Call	Call	Call	Call Ride Line	253-759-2800	Tuesday Morning Ride. Call Ride Line for details
Weds	12/11	6:00 PM	20 to 30	2B	Joyce Clifford & Peg Winsewski	759-2393 475-3625	Wednesday Knight Riders- ..Meet at Proctor Starbucks: N26th and N Proctor, Tacoma. Your bike must have lights.
Sat	12/14	5:00 or 6 pm	20	2A or B	Joyce Clifford	759-2393	TWBC Christmas Party. Christmas light ride starts at 5, non riders show up at 6 pm. See article in this newsletter for details.
Sun	12/15	10 AM	37	2C	Carol and Roz	253-8575396	Meet at Hi-way 302 and 118th to ride the Belfair-Allyn Loop. Call for directions.
Tues	12/17	Call	Call	Call	Call Ride Line	253-759-2800	Tuesday Morning Ride. Call Ride Line for details
Weds	12/18	6:00 PM	20 to 30	2B	Joyce Clifford & Peg Winsewski	759-2393 475-3625	Wednesday Knight Riders- ..Meet at Proctor Starbucks: N26th and N Proctor, Tacoma. Your bike must have lights.
Sat	12/21	10 AM	20	1A	Carla Gramlich cgramlich@att.-com	253-879-0115	Ride the Centennial Trail. Meet at Maple St and Pine Ave in Snohomish. Lunch and shopping after the ride! What a deal. See www.co.snohomish.wa.us/parks/centennial.htm
Sat	12/21	8:00 AM	25 to 35	2B	Steve and Phyllis Lay	253-759-1816	Ride to Spanaway for breakfast - \$3, at the Senior Center. Meet at Proctor Starbucks, N 26@ Proctor in N Tacoma.
Sun	12/22	10 AM	67 km	2A	Louie Boitano	253-922-1168	Louie's BD Ride. Meet at Sumner Library to ride to [possibly] Foody Goody's in Renton
Tues	12/24	Call	Call	Call	Call Ride Line	253-759-2800	Tuesday Morning HO HO Ride. on Xmas Eve...call Ride Line to make sure
Sat	12/28	10AM	20	1A	Carla Gramlich cgramlich@att.-com	253-879-0115	Cedar River Trail. Meet at Gene Coulon Park in Renton Go Left after entering park-park car near restrooms. Flat paved trail. See: www.metrokc.gov/parks/trails/trails/cedar.htm
Sun	12/29	10 AM	15	2B	Anne Heller, Past Prez	253-761-0709	Ride to Freight House Sq via Pt Defiance. Meet at Starbucks- N 26@ Proctor



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Weds	1/1/03	6:00 PM	20 to 30	2B	Joyce Clifford & Peg Winsewski	759-2393 475-3625	Wednesday Knight Riders- ..Meet at Proctor Starbucks: N26th and N Proctor, Tacoma. Your bike must have lights.
Weds	1/1/03	10:30 AM	17 to 25 mi	2B	Ralph Wessels	C	Polar Bear Jump Ride. Meet at Jerisich Park in DT GigHarbor. Ride to Olalla-Land to watch people jump in ice water. West Sound bike club will join up with TWBC.
Weds	1/1/03	10:00 AM	35+	2B	Bob Myrick	253-473-7455	Tour de Tacoma with Bob. Start at McDonalds at S 112 @ Pacific for this trek.
Weds	1/1/03	10:00 AM	20-30	2B	Steve and Phyllis Lay	253-759-1816	RAT: Ride Around Town to have brunch at an undisclosed location. Start at Starbucks at N26th @ Proctor in N Tacoma

RIDE CODE CHART

Pace Code: Average mph on flat surface:

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

Terrain Code examples:

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



We would like you to come out and ride with us... but you have to wear a helmet!

TWBC Banquet is January 25, 2003

Reserve your seat soon... as seating is limited.



On your Left: Carol Davis' Ride Leader Training Group- Nov 23rd.

Looks like VP Tim, Phyllis, Capt'n Carol, Steve Lay, Connie, PPrez Anne, Jim, Steve Brown, Roz, and Carla. Molly, the new president-elect, from Seattle Bike Club joined us, also.

Photo by Jimmy Olson



Carol Davis
twbc
touring captain

Think about how painful it is to get out of shape and then try to get back in shape!! Don't get too far-gone this season. We have a full calendar to keep you in shape all year!

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Pancakes and bike riding start at 3218 N. 28th St in north Tacoma (Take N. 30th St. up from Old Town, then left on Alder St. at the blinking yellow light)

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After the ride we will have the potluck dinner. For those who don't want to ride... the arrival time will be 6:00 PM. Joyce's address is 3811 N. Madison. Phone: 759-2393.

I will be leading a couple of overnight rides during my winter vacation. Stay tuned to the ride line for the definite

dates and plans. I will schedule them at the last minute depending on the weather. If you are interested call me: 857-5396.

Remember, rain could cancel any ride. Check with the ride leader if the weather is questionable. Some rain is palatable to some people; some is not!

TWBC Banquet in January by Bob Myrick

Each year our club sponsors an annual banquet to reflect on the past year's activities and accomplishments. It is a time for fellowship and to honor significant achievements. You are cordially invited to attend this highly subsidized event.

The banquet will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2003, at the Tacoma Mountaineer's Club, 2302 North 30th Street(Old Town Tacoma).

This fun, evening event starts at 6pm for socializing with dinner at 7pm. Dean Allen's Catering will be serving the dinner. As many of you know, they do a great job. This will be the sixth year for Dean Allen's team. Your cost for the event is only \$14 for adults and \$10 for children.

Look in this newsletter for the 2003 Banquet Reservation Form. Mail your reservations to TWBC, Banquet, PO Box 112078, Tacoma, WA, 98411.

Dress at the banquet ranges from your old cycling clothes to your best evening wear. The banquet is a time to reflect on the past year and reaffirm your interest in bicycling. We recognize noteworthy mileages, volunteerism, and accidents. There is always good food, beverages, merriment, and good humor. Sometimes, it's the only time of year when the Code 2 riders meet the Code 3 and 4 riders or when the Tuesday riders meet with the weekend cyclists and hard core commuters.

The banquet is traditionally the largest gathering of fellow club members. We have to limit attendance to about 88 people due to the size of the club house. Please send your ride logs to Carol Davis, Touring Captain, so that we can recognize your accomplishments. If you have good slides, photos or digital images from the past year, please contact Steve Lay for slides and Richard Patrick for photos and digital images. Then, we can prepare another great picture show for your enjoyment. The club is trying to buy a digital projector before the banquet so that we can join the modern era of visual entertainment.

As always, we welcome any help, especially since I will be in New Zealand thinking about you. Anne Heller has graciously volunteered to coordinate this event. Our new Vice-President, Tim Payne, will be the master of ceremonies. Steve Brown will be providing refreshments and some lite snacks for the social hour. These people are great company, so come out early and help them set-up the place. Please call Anne or me if you would like to help.



It's Linda Walter as Friskie Cat at Steve and Phyllis Lay's annual Halloween ride. More Halloween photos next month



Bob Myrick
TWBC Director of
Community and
Government
Affairs

I attended a Smart Growth coalition meeting this month to provide the Rails-to-Trails coalition views about Smart Growth. Chuck Morrison went to a City of Fife meeting with County representatives to encourage Fife to accept grant funds for a trail thru the area. The Tacoma Mobility Task Force report and recommendations have been presented to the City Council. Anne Heller attended the noon meeting. The report still calls for more bike lane striping thruout the City.

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As I reported in October, you can ride the Foothills Trail from the end of the pavement out to a place we call the "Dairy Crossing", which is about a mile from South Prairie. A mountain bike and high top shoes will get you all the way to South Prairie. I've been out working on the trail and am happy to report that you can walk from Lower Burnett to Wilkeson now, about five miles, I think. Bring your high tops, walk across our big, tall bridge and turn right just past the bridge. You may have noticed that the National Park Service is planning to extend Mt. Rainier Park down the Carbon River. They will be very near the Carbon River trail we are building upstream from the town of Carbonado.

I have decided to sponsor a work party on Sunday, December 1 at 10am to concentrate on building a trail down Chamber's Creek road and looking over the railroad tracks. We will meet at South 64th and Chamber's Creek road. Bring your blackberry shears, gloves and litter bags. The trail is sitting next to the retaining wall and below the roadway. There are excellent views of Chamber's Creek along the trail.

After our December and January meetings, we will skip two months and then meet again on April Fool's Day.

Hello Everyone. I'm back from walking 200 miles across England on the Wainright Route from St. Bee's Bay to Robin Hood's Bay. TWBC member Tom Barocan and I joined Wayne Martin and Sue Gygax(waynesue.com) from Lake Chelan for the long walk across Northern England. My feet still hurt, plantar fasciitis?

The next Official Government Affairs Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, December 3, at 7pm. We will meet at the Guadalajara Taqueria in the Stadium neighborhood at 1st and Tacoma Avenue. Mark your calendar for Tuesday, January 7 and I will meet you there again.

I have continued to receive calls regarding the railroad tracks in Steilacoom at the old ABITIBI Corporation Paper Plant. We will continue to ask that the tracks be filled. Several members have found another track hazard on the Sound Transit streetcar tracks just east of Freighthouse Square. We will inform Sound Transit of this hazard.

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team sport in many of our secondary schools and why not? All it will take is a corps of willing students, coaching and sponsorship of a few cyclists who share Jerry's dream. ASC has been in touch with Metro Parks regarding their youth recreation program and is looking at the possibility of offering cycling as part of the program. Jerry encouraged us to get involved and participate in this exciting venture. I must agree that the sport of cycling needs more youth involvement to stay on stable footing. Besides, as Jerry noted, it is a great way to help some of our youth unplug their "X-boxes" and get involved in something that is healthy and active, potentially for a lifetime.

ASC is a non-profit organization that has begun to pick up some sponsorships. If you are interested supporting or getting involved or have a youth (all ages up to 18) interested in cycle racing give Jerry a call at (253) 373-0675 or drop him an e-mail at jerry@actionsportcycling.com. He will be happy to hear from you.

That's Bunk!
From the COG Editor's Cubicle



So, last Saturday, the 23rd, I rode out to Touring Capt'n Carol Davis' Tete a Tete Ride Leader Training event. About 15 riders showed up.

There was even a rider from the Seattle Bike Club, newly elected president- Molly. Another rider- other than Carol- led the group around mostly the UP neighborhoods. Every two miles or-so Carol would stop the group and she would encourage the riders to ask questions or share their experiences when this or that could or would happen. For instance: A story was shared about a rider who apparently had Alzheimer's disease and would get lost. Anyway... it was quite interesting for

TWBC BANQUET RESERVATION FORM

Please list the names in your party for name tags so you and others will know who you are...

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____



Number of children _____ X \$10 each = \$ _____

Number of adults _____ X \$14 each = \$ _____

Total = \$ _____

Send this form and a check for the total \$ amount to:

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Tacoma, WA 98411

The TWBC banquet will be held on **Saturday, January 25, 2003**, 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 Anne Heller @ 253-761-0709 for an assignment.



Cut out and send in with your check! Act now... seating is limited for this well attended event.

me to attend. If Carol has this event again (I'm sure that she will)... I encourage all interested members to come out and attend.

After the ride we all had lunch together. I was curious what avid cyclists would like to have as Christmas gifts. My favorite gadget guy is Roz Davis... so I asked him what the top 5 items on his list, if Carol's checkbook had a million bucks in it. Roz says:

- GPS with map software
- Digital camera- Kodak 4050, 4.0 megapixel
- Titanium shaft SPD pedals
- Chris King hubs and bottom bracket
- 9-speed upgrade for his recumbent bike
- MSR water filter



Then, VP Tim chimes in these neat-o items:

- Topo 4.0 mapping software (your editor has this... and it's pretty neat-o)
 - Rudy Project Kerosene Sunglasses with prescription insert
 - Look PP396 pedals
 - Sidi Genius 4 bike shoes
- But wait! There's more: Continental Grand Prix 3000 all season bike tires

Speaking of Christmas gifts... the other day I was reminiscing about how I got into bicycling. I received my first bike for Christmas when I was about 7 years old. It was a JC Higgins- it came from Sears and Roebuck's. Until I was old enough to drive...every Saturday and every Sunday I'd run (actually bike) away from home. Go out and explore the great Columbia Basin. Hang out with the bums in the railroad yard, ride and look at the new cars at dealerships, and ride out in the desert and throw

rocks at bottles or abandoned Quonset hut windows. I'd ride and ride and ride... but I had to be home by 6 for dinner or I was in trouble and would have my bike taken away. As Archie Bunker says, "Those were the days".



There he goes... making his break-away from the home front. Where to today? The junk yard? Maybe the river? The railroad bridge? Lots o' choices.



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