

February 2003 Predictions Issue



Ralph Wessels
TWBC
President

I was recently asked if I had any predictions for 2003. Not having a crystal ball or the ability to read tea leaves, I will nonetheless be bold and predict that 2003 will be another great year for TWBC and for riding your bike. I am already seeing my prediction come true. There have been a number of new riders on our winter rides along with new ride leaders. So all of us have an opportunity to increase our chain of bike friends and learn new routes by participating. Be sure to join in the fun.

I have heard that a number of TWBC members who have set their goal on riding 2000 miles this year. With the good riding weather we have been having, I predict they will all surpass their goal.

I predict that our month club meetings will have excellent programs and food, as they have in the past. Just a reminder, the monthly meetings begin again in February and are held on the third Tuesday of the month.

I predict that our three rides, the Daffodil Classic to be held on April 13, the Peninsula Metric to be held on June 1, and the Headwaters Century to be held on September 7 will all have sunny weather and great turnouts. If you would like to help make these rides be successful, please contact one of our Ride Directors. The coordination meetings for the rides are held the second Monday of the month (2/10, 3/10, 4/14, and 5/12) at the main Tacoma Library starting at 6:30 PM. There will be refreshments and snacks. Please come and volunteer.

I predict TWBC will continue to be effective in supporting bicycle programs and bicycle advocacy in Pierce County. Our contributions and collective voice do not go unnoticed.

I predict our remaining vacant positions of Director of Special Events, and Club Publicity will soon be filled. Please contact me or another Board member if you are interested.

And lastly, I predict you will have 15% more fun in 2003 by riding your bike more often.

Ride Safely,

Ralph

Bike Expo is Feb 28 to Mar 3. Money off coupon inside.

McClinchy Mile Ride is Saturday, Mar 15 in Monroe.

TWBC's Daffodil Classic Ride is Sunday, April 13.

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Hey Readers... Visit your club's website:
www.twbc.org
 Check it out!

Hey Riders... Use this handy chart to decypher the ride code listed on the Monthly Ride/Event Calendar on page 5....

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, cus 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)



Come to the Monthly Meeting!

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.



**Next Club Meeting:
 Tues, Feb 18, 2003
 Carol and Roz Davis'
 Amazing Tales**

club officers and volunteers

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Timothy Payne
TWBC
Vice President

WORK: A Four-letter-word.

There I am, sitting at my desk on Tuesday, January 7, 2003. Just one day back from a delightful, but very wet and very windy New Year's trip to Copalis Beach. I must confess the weather and the flooding was so bad that my bike never left the rack. I thought about future rides and warm summer days. My family was grateful for more of my time than otherwise would have been available so that made the trip worthwhile. I also managed to get in some of those wonderful walks on the beach with the sea raging. I broke in my new toy, TOPO 4.0 and planned some new rides. Anyway, I was feeling good about being at work and relaxed from the weekend in spite of my bicycle odometer for 2003 still reading zeroes.

Before continuing, I should tell you that I really do enjoy my job. I look forward to going to work almost every day. That fact, however, does not stop me from absolutely ranting about how much time it takes out of my life. (Yes, I get over it and back to reality). So there I am, the weather, unlike the previous several days, was beautiful. Sun was out, few clouds, warm. I am inside. At my desk. At WORK. Somewhere about mid-morning I receive an e-mail from the American Lung Association of Washington announcing the

2003 Big Ride Across America, Seattle to Washington, DC, 3300 miles, 48 days, June 23 through August 9, fully supported (see www.ALAW.org for more information). This is something I would really like to do. So I look up my leave balance — 100 hours, 12 days, by summer it will be about 20 days, that's a few days short. Maybe I could take a leave without pay? Maybe my doctor would prescribe a sabbatical to relieve my stress and I could use some of my more than half-year of accumulated sick leave? NOT! Maybe I could just quit. It is WORK that gets in my way! Then how do I pay the mortgage? What about my family? What about TWBC? What about, how would I? That would never work, I couldn't..... I argued with myself for the next few minutes when I finally decided that this year was not the year. Perhaps a future year (ALAW is really big on repeating successes) Obviously, I am not a big risk-taker. Somewhat disconsolately I delete the e-mail and my dream of making it across America on a bike, at least for this year. In the meantime, the 2003 odometer is still at zero.

WORK. By late morning I was just beginning to rise above the blue funk I had talked myself into with my daydream of riding across America. After all it was a beautiful day, I should just go home and ride. I should, but I have WORK to do. There was a crash outside my window. Not an altogether unusual event as my office window overlooks a busy intersection in Lakewood. Two cars, people seem to be more seriously hurt than normal. Fortunately for them a police car was sitting at the intersection when the accident occurred. Back to WORK. But every once in a while I would glance up to check on the progress of the people involved. That was a mistake. As I look up, here comes Bob Myrick and a merry band of TWBC riders out on the Tuesday morning ride. WHAT am I doing at WORK!! My odometer is still at zero! I should be out riding with Bob! Looks like they are having fun. WORK! WORK! WORK!! It just is not fair (do you feel sorry for me yet? I figure by now someone is

wrapping me a box of crackers to go along with my wine!).

A little while later one of my office partners and I take off to go to an early lunch. As we get a few blocks from the building, there are two of the riders fixing a flat alongside the road. Ha! Serves them right for being able to ride while I have to WORK. Not only that, but they had the gall to ride right past my window, in my full view. I'll bet they even made sure I was watching before they rode past! Although that feeling did not last too many blocks before I was feeling some empathy for their situation. Wasn't too many rides ago I suffered through three flats. Still had fun, but a flat is a flat. But MY odometer is still at zero.

For the rest of the day I stewed about cycling and time and how unfair it seemed that some people have all the time in the world to cycle. Green with envy I was. Finally, on my way home for the day I consoled myself. I will ride this year, 4000 miles is my goal. I do have time to ride. I could even ride more if I was just a little more dedicated (that can also be a code word for crazy). Whether I want them all the time or not, I have chosen to have other responsibilities, including WORK! Yes, it is a four-letter-word, but so is BIKE! OUCH!

I finally resolve — Ride when there is time and make time to ride! To the pavement! By the way, my odometer, as of January 24, is no longer at zero. Not as far ahead as I would like, but not zero. I feel better! See you on the road!!

Roz and Carol to Tell All! With Pictures, Too!

Want to know more? Want to see more? You will have to come to the February meeting to get all the exotic details! That is February 18, 7:00 pm, at the South Park Community Center. Our very own Carol and Roz Davis will amaze and entertain us with stories and pictures of their wide array of bicycle travels over the past year. Find out how Carol learned Cajun and how Roz found a new purpose for ratttraps! Be there. You will not want to miss it!



Bob Myrick
TWBC Director of
Community and
Government
Affairs

Hello Everyone. I hope the banquet went well. I should be in New Zealand by now. The next government affairs meeting will be April 3 at 7pm at the Guadalajara Taqueria in the Stadium neighborhood at 1st and Tacoma Avenue. Mark your calendar. Another TWBC member, Ed Littleton, has decided to go on the bicycle portion of the trip. The bike part is about 1700 miles. Check it out on www.waynesue.com.

I contacted the Mayor of Steilacoom and thanked him for prompting the town to install the rubberized compound in the dangerous tracks at the old ABITIBI paper mill. You should still be careful out there because the joint filler has shrunk a bit and the slight dip might still throw you down on the pavement. I also called the University Place Public Works Department about the limbs and glass on the shoulder going up Chamber's Creek Road. They cleaned it up immediately. Great job UP. By the way, the trail overlooking the water and parallel to Grandview has been completed for almost a mile in length. Check it out if you are in the area. There is a steady stream of pedestrians and cyclists on the new trail.

I also finally contacted the North 30th Street neighborhood group that advocates a new streetscape on North 30th

to calm the traffic. I explained to them that TWBC is still in favor of bike lanes on the street especially since the temporary lane marking reduced speeds on the street.

There have been several articles in the newspaper recently regarding the lack of open space in designated urban growth areas. I contacted the paper and the City to explain that the proposed City Water Ditch Trail and the Puyallup River Trail would provide open space if the City ever got around to building the projects. They are sitting on important grant monies and haven't produced any product. We also noted that open space with dirt trails above Schuster Parkway has been blocked off by the City with chain link fence. This action was to discourage homeless people from camping in the jungle up there. We think the City could have done better for the open space and the homeless people.

Anne Heller-Seago and I are still attending Tacoma's Mobility Task Force meetings and advocating for more bicycle facilities. We are also participating in the re-write of the City's Non-motorized Transportation Plan. I have met with City staff to review the status of the water ditch trail and the river trail.

On a really, really positive note, it appears that a beer a day is really, really good for your health. And, the New Belgium Brewing Company, makers of Fat Tire Ale, donated \$1000 to the Foothills Rails to Trail group. The gift was un-solicited. Fat Tire reserves \$1 per barrel to donate to worthy causes across the U.S. Sooo, I hope you can figure out that Fat Tire is good for your health and good for your trail. Enjoy.



**Carol
Davis**
twbc
touring captain

Hello TWBC readers... I am offering these organized tours for your bicycling enjoyment this year. Check them out... and let me know if you are interested.

WILD "FLOWERS" IN THE TEXAS HILLS
March 29-April 5

A new legend is about to be created as the Wild "Flowers" head for the legendary Texas hills, land of the Alamo, legendary bluebonnets, dramatic landscapes, quaint European-settled towns, and land of Lance Armstrong.

If you haven't heard yet, the Texas Hill Country is famous for fantastic cycling. We will stay in Bed & Breakfasts and motels. We will carry light panniers for four of the days, and three days will be day trips. Call, 857-5396 or E-mail, bicyclguy@aol.com, for more information. The best airfares are obtained early, you know. Bikes fly "free" on Frontier Airlines with a League of American Cyclists membership.

The spring break trips are traditionally all women. We do not discriminate against men. However, men, consider if you can live with the appellation of "Flower". Do you have access to a floral jersey? So, interested men, what services can you offer?

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twbc monthly event schedule

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

Day	Date	Time	Dist- ance	Ride Code	Leader	Call me at	Ride or Activity
Tues	2/4	Call	Call	Call	Call Ride Line	253-759-2800	Tuesday Morning Ride. Call Ride Line for details
Weds	1/8	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	2/8	9:30 AM	20 or 40	2B	Ralph Wessels	253-879-7455	Meet at Orting City Park. Two loops to ride: South Prarie and Kapowsin. Lunch in Orting between loops.
Sun	2/9	1:00 PM	25	2B	Connie Reitzeig	253-460-1533	Meet at 40th @ Bridgeport Starbucks for Connie's Sunday Spin.
Mon	2/10	6:30 PM	00	00	Ralph Wessels	253-879-7455	Special Events Meeting... Meet at Main Library, Tac Ave @ 12th St.
Tues	2/11	Call	Call	Call	Call Ride Line	253-759-2800	Tuesday Morning Ride. Call Ride Line for details
Tues	2/11	6:30 PM	00	00	Ralph Wessels	253-879-7455	Board Meeting at Kim Ahn Restaurant
Weds	2/12	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	2/15	11 AM	20	2A	Sandy Byrd	253-474-6721	Meet at Lincoln High School, S 37th @ G St. Ride to Spanaway Park
Sat	2/15	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	2/16	10 AM	25	2B	Anne Seago	253-761-0709	Ride to Freighthouse Sq for lunch. Meet at Skyline Park n Ride, W 6th @ Skyline.
Sun	2/16	11 AM	35	2A	Carla A Gramlich	253-879-0115	Meet at GasWorks Park in Seattle. Ride the Burke-Gillman Trail. Nice N Flat.
Mond- ay	2/17	9 AM	50	2B	Carol and Roz	253-857-5396	Lucky Govm'nt workers day off. Meet at Purdy P & R. Ride the Belfair-Allyn Loop.
Mond- ay	2/17	some- time	??	XC- Ski	Bob and Koko	253-756-9984	Time and location TBD. Call Ride Line for more details.
Tues	2/18	Call	Call	Call	Call Ride Line	253-759-2800	Tuesday Morning Ride. Call Ride Line for details
Tues	2/18	Call	Call	Call	Call Ride Line	253-759-2800	First TWBC Club meeting of 2003. See pg 2 for location, time, etc.



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Sat	2/22	9 AM	60	2C	VP Tim Payne	360-871-4478	Meet at Gig Harbor Park n Ride. Ride with the Veep. Bad Rain or Snow cancels.
Sun	2/23	1:00 PM	25	2B	Connie Reitzeig	253-460-1533	Meet at 40th @ Bridgeport Starbucks for Connie's Sunday Spin.
Tues	2/25	Call	Call	Call	Call Ride Line	253-759-2800	Tuesday Morning Ride. Call Ride Line for details
Weds	2/26	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.
Fri-Sun	2/28-3/2	xx	xx	xx	Cascade Bike Club		Bike Expo in Seattle. See add in this newsletter for details and coupon.
Sun	3/2	check	25	2A	Carol and Roz	253-857-5396	Meet at Southworth Ferry to ride to Bike Expo. Better call Carol for more detail.
Sat	3/8	check ride line	45	2C	Carol and Roz	253-857-5396	Meet at Pt Defiance Ferry. Vashon-Gig Harbor loop. Must cross Narrows Bridge. Call Carol for details.
Mon	3/10	6:30 PM	00	00	Ralph Wessels	253-879-7455	Special Events Meeting... Meet at Main Library, Tac Ave @ 12th St.
Sat	3/15	9 AM	40-50	2B	VP Tim Payne	360-871-4478	Meet at Sumner Library. Ride to Black Diamond Bakery.

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CALIFORNIA DREAM CRUISE July 19-August 3

Sail down the coast of California (on your bike) with the wind at your back from San Francisco to the Mexican border. Numerous legendary spots will be visited along the way including Monterey, Carmel, Big Sur, the Hearst Castle, Ventura, Santa Monica, to name a few. The itinerary is designed to allow for either train or plane travel (or bike travel) to and from the beginning and end of this trip. Accommodations will be mostly camping at California State Parks with a few motels in key spots. We are planning to have a SAG vehicle with participants taking

turns driving unless someone comes forth who would like to drive the SAG for us. A smaller, self-supported group may be riding bikes to San Francisco, going through the Willamette Valley and cutting over to the coast around Ashland. If you are interested in either leg of this journey contact Carol Davis, 857-5396, or e-mail, bicycleguy@aol.com.

August 1st-3rd, Fri, Sat & Sun, Weekend in Vancouver

Join with Seattle Bike Club members for a weekend in Vancouver, B.C. If you are interested in going you may want to plan ahead and take off

Friday and have 3 days in Vancouver. Others can still join us on Friday night and have two full days in Vancouver on Saturday and Sunday. Friday is mainly a travel day so there will be no planned activities.

Day 2 – Saturday

Rise and shine and meet outside Gage Towers at 8am for a quick 10 mile (16 km) ride along the bay to downtown Vancouver. Eat breakfast at 9am on Robson Street, the Bread Garden (*Robson & Bute*). (Those not staying at UBC go directly to the Bread Garden.) At 10am, take seabus to the North Shore. Riders will take loops to Ambleside Park,

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Horseshoe Bay or Horseshoe Bay/ Cypress Bowl, depending on skill level. North Shore ride distances between 15 to 45 miles (25 to 75 km) depending on route. Return to downtown for an evening ride around Stanley Park or a quick return ride to your room to get ready for dinner and evening activities.

Day 3 – Sunday

Check out of rooms and meet outside Gage Tower by 8am. Travel by car to the Town & Country Inn for a **lovely** ride along the coastal plains near the US/Canadian Border. Riders will take either the Ladner/ Tsawwassen Loop 24 miles (40 km) or the Ladner/Point Roberts Loop 40 miles (67 km) depending upon skill level. With enough demand we will also add a leisure level loop of 15 miles (25 km) to Ladner Harbor Park and Westham Island Bird Sanctuary. *All loops will start at 10am from the Town & Country Inn parking lot.* SEE SBC WEBSITE for more details: www.seattlebicycle.com/rides/touring.html



Lance Armstrong, Mr Yellow Jersey, sometimes rides his bike in Texas...which is were Carol Davis will lead you to.

That's Bunk!

From the COG Editor's Cubicle



Got predictions? Yup, you bet. One of the neat-o things here at the COG cubicle is the electronic Magic 8 Ball, a prototype from Tyco Toys of 15 or so years ago. I can shake it up... and the Genie voice will tell me, "Yes, No, Maybe, We'll See, Definitely Yes, No-Never", and so on. I've asked the 8 Ball thousands of questions, got 10's of thousands of answers and came up with this bunk. So, to keep with the February Cog tradition... I got predictions:

In the summer of 2003, a Hollywood movie production company will make a blockbuster film in Gig Harbor... and more than 25 TWBC riders will be hired as 'extras' for a scene that is shot over and over and over again.

A crop circle will mysteriously appear in Vice Prez Tim's shag carpet.

Carol Davis' women's springtime Texas bicycle tour will encounter Lance Armstrong out on a training ride. The women [it's not quite clear just how] will have lunch with Mr. Armstrong at a small town café. When this takes place... those wildflowers from Tacoma will be in full bloom. Just wait and see!

A new record in "missing time" will be set by the reappearance of Jimmy Hoffa, who was abducted by aliens in 1975. His 24-year record will be short lived- lasting only until the return of Amelia Earhart, missing since 1937.

The TWBC Cog's newsletter, Richard Patrick- aka Perry White will step down from his volunteer position to make room for his successor.

The presence of El Nino will give rise to a new weather pattern that will enhance bicycling in the Northwest. Less rain and higher temperatures will prevail.

A beast of enormous size and ancient of days will emerge from Lake Tapps on Sunday, April 13. Bicycle riders participating in the Annual Daffodil Classic Buckley Loop will be immensely entertained while eating bagels with peanut butter at the Lake Tapps rest stop.

The long-awaited landing of an alien space ship on the White House [that would be President Ralph's white house] will finally take place, where space ship will first be approached by one of Prez Ralph's dogs. By universal tradition, the dog will automatically become earth's ambassador to the Galactic Federation and have earth's highest-ranking entity.

Oooops... almost forgot the scuttlebutt stuff: Two or more TWBC members will elope to be married. One of those couples will be considered "very unlikely". People will say of the other couple, "I knew it all along".





Seattle International Bicycle Expo

A Cascade Bicycle Club Event

Presented by NewsRadio 710 KIRO

Seahawks Exhibition Center
across from Safeco Field

Feb 28 - Mar 2, 2003

Admission \$7

Friday 4pm - 9pm
Saturday 10am - 7pm
Sunday 10am - 5pm

\$5 age 6-15, Under 6 free
Visit both Expo and
the Golf Show for \$12

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- Meet the designers of your favorite gear
- Great deals on new gear
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- Win a trip to New Zealand by PedalTours and Down Under Answers
- World Champion trials rider Jeff Lenosky, by Giant Bicycles
- Travel the Lewis & Clark trail with the Corps of ReDiscovery from Santa Barbara Middle School
- Get on the road with Willie Weir
- Mayhem and misadventure with Joe Kurmaskie, the Metal Cowboy
- Nutrition and Training Workshops
- Building a bike - fit, frame, wheels

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Readers... this chart is part of Carol Davis' Ride Report. These TWBC members were recognized at the Annual Banquet awards ceremony on January 25. Good Job to all on the list. And as Prez Ralph predicts on page one, "There's a lot of good riding to do this year."

Club Rider	Miles	Jim DeYoung	881
Bob Myrick	6421	Bob Vogel	843
Linda Walter	3468	Dena Wessells	786
Ralph Wessells	3194	Greg Torfin	707
Louie Boitano	2812	Phil Lux	700
Diane Koch	2708	Joy Roelofsz	248
Peggy Fjetland	2604	Bill Newman	37
Carol Davis	2599	Commuter Rider	Miles
Steve Lay	2433	Steve Lay	5198
Phyllis Lay	2381	Louie Boitano	3899
Jan Brame	2318	Phyllis Lay	3823
Rich Patrick	2193	Roz Davis	2315
Joyce Clifford	2124	Phil Lux	2261
Tony Thomas	2072	Carol Davis	2220
Carla Gramlich	2015	Carla Gramlich	1580
Debbie Romaine	2004	Bob Vogel	1523
Roz Davis	2003	Debbie Hushagen	1046
Tim Payne	1681	Tim Payne	852
Debbie Hushagen	1541	Bob Myrick	789
Steve Brown	1367	Debbie Romaine	657
Noe Hagens	1303	Greg Torfin	643
Dorian Smith	1143	Dorian Smith	501
Mike Doyle	1034	Bill Newman	206
Ray Fjetland	1025		



TWBC Banquet- A Good Time
By Perry White

The Annual TWBC banquet, held on Jan 25th at the Tacoma Mountaineers Hall, was a good time for the 90 people who attended. All experienced good beverages, food, and camaraderie. Vice Prez Tim Payne, who threw out last year's host- Bob Myrick's material over his shoulder, came up with his own laughable and enjoyable entertainment. Prez Ralph introduced some special guests who have helped our club be successful. Cathy Hall from the Port Orchard Chamber of Commerce- who organizes the Port Orchard rest-stop on the PMC ride (she also makes the gorp), Jim Couch from Spoke & Sprocket Bike Shop, and Steve Gann (hopefully spelled correctly) from Velocity Mobile Bicycle Repair.

A group of women riders, who attended Carol Davis' Bayou Bike Ride, (Spring of 2002) performed a song they actually composed while riding in Louisiana. On the stage an electric piano and a couple of string instruments accompanied them. It was a big hit.

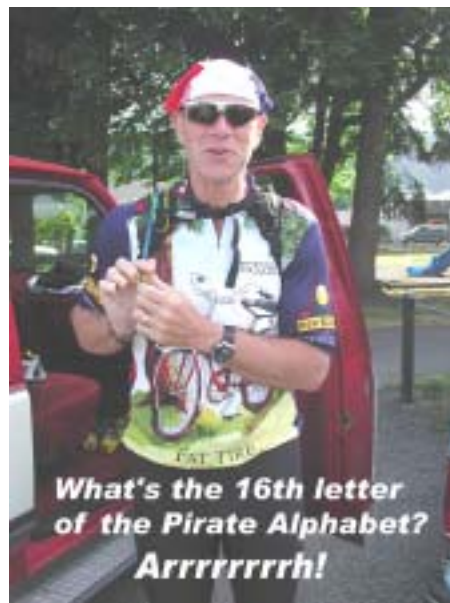
Prez Ralph, VP Tim, and Touring Capt'n Carol handed out mileage accomplishment awards, ride leader awards, and officer and volunteer position appreciation plaques. Robert Deham regretfully accepted the [not so] coveted "Over the Bars" award- not his first time- from last year's award winner, John Vipond. Some very nice framed photos were given away in the door prize raffle.

The evening ended with the traditional slide show, but with new technology- digital images projected by the Mountaineer's computer and digital projector. Good laughs were had from the captions on the photo images. "Thanks" to Stan Engle of the Mountaineers for loaning the projector... and thanks to the digital photographers who submitted photos- especially Rich Walter.

Hey...the photo to the right is of Linda and Rich Walter. Thanks, Rich!

A small sample of the 230 digital images presented at the banquet.

Carla wins the "Mayor's Choice" Award... presented by the First Lady of Roy, Mrs Mayor



Perry White
 says.....

Thanks for viewing the Slide Show.

Send your 2003 digital images to the newsletter for the next banquet's slide show.



New TWBC Members:

Damian Doubreau, Byron Hicks, Robert Taub, Jill Priest, and Scott Ruffner.

Renewed Memberships:

Karen Hertzog, Tony Thomas, Mark Horst, Mike Hassur, Jim Hurlbut, Ed & Angie Littleton, Steve Grasser, Janice Jensen, Michael J Wood, Larry Flatness, Wayne Vanderpol, John B Lea, Kate Oliver; Phillip, Helen & Gary Burgess; Linda Higgins, Joyce Marcel, Dan Austad, and Steve & Phyllis Lay.

Member Declarations

Cannondale R600 in Excellent condition, Shimano 105 SC Components, Handmade Aluminum Frame. Size 58 fits: 5'10-6'1. Paid \$1600, asking \$600 OBO
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