

January 2009 Web COG

Blast From The Past : Originally From The TWBC Newsletter, January, 1999



Past Pedaling

By Anne Heller (A previous TWBC President)
Historical highlights of TWBC's 110 years (*now 121 years!*)



Silent Steeds of the Nineteenth Century

No, silent steed does not refer to early Wheelmen, but to their mounts.

The Tacoma cycling community in 1899 was far from silent. Early Tacoma Wheelmen were as active and vocal as today's Club Members in encouraging the building of suitable bicycle trails and paths. As reported in a July 16, 1899 article in the Daily Ledger, the Tacoma vicinity had 40 miles of "roadway suited to the silent steed of the nineteenth century." These paths were in "a condition favorable to the most delicate tire."

With 22-1/2 miles of paths in the city and an additional 14 miles of trails in the surrounding countryside, it was possible to ride in comfort from Point Defiance to Puyallup and American Lake.

Much of the credit for these paths belonged to Tacoma Wheelmen President John M. Bell, who was also a Tacoma city councilman for 12 years and a member of the Pierce County Good Roads League. Mr. Bell, along with other Wheelmen, lobbied for a bicycle license fee to pay for the construction of the paths. In 1899 licenses were issued to 4,100 cyclists. This was such a successful program Seattle, Portland, Victoria, Portland and Spokane soon adopted it.

Paths newly completed in 1899 went from S. 23rd to S. 8th on J St., and from S. 11th to N. 11th on L St. These connected with a path on N. I St., which allowed "a seven mile run from Wright Park to Point Defiance, taking one through a fine residence part of the city and past the race track and the athletic grounds. Another seven mile run is afforded by the 'water ditch' path, which takes the rider out to Lake Spanaway, American Lake, the road to Olympia and the road to Steilacoom. The Tacoma Avenue and Pacific Avenue paths carry us through the business portion of the city south to the Puyallup road. Still another carries us up and out 8th St. from Tacoma Avenue to Pine St." The race-track referred to was a horse racing track near N. 25th and Washington, near the present day site of the University of Puget Sound.

However, not all was well on the bicycle paths. Mr. Bell had a report that the condition of the Puyallup path was such that riders were "worked into a swearing mood by the incessant jarring of their nervous systems." It seems the entire path from the "Reservation school" to Puyallup was deeply rutted from cattle crossing it during the rainy season. Mr. Bell promised to call this situation to the attention of the county commissioners.

The article ends with an ominous note. "George M. Shreeder says Gormully and Jeffrey will have the automobile here next year. They will introduce them simultaneously into Tacoma, Seattle and Portland." ☹

The COG Home Page

Feb. Ride Calendar Deadline:
Tuesday, Jan 20, 2008

Feb. COG Article Deadline:
Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2008

Next Club Meeting: 6 PM,
Tuesday, February 16, 2009

Please keep Database Commander Anne updated as to any USPS/E-mail address changes. It makes her job a lot easier!

The TWBC 'Smiling Bicycle' Logo was designed by member Steve Lay, as are the majority of our Club Ride T-shirts, as well as the Club Jersey.



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Sunday & Thursday!

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December Draft Lines

By President Carol Davis



“Founded in 1888, TWBC serves "to promote and develop safe bicycling for recreation, health and alternate transportation."

This is a daunting concept when you think about it. TWBC spans 3 centuries. Think about the changes in Cycling in these three centuries. Think about how our Club adapts to new and changing needs of our Members in these three centuries.

These are exciting times for cycling! We are moving from a society that believed that the automobile is the most desirable mode of transportation to a society that recognizes that alternative transportation is imperative. Bicycling is earning respect all over the place! Numerous articles have appeared in local papers often featuring our Members. Bicycling has been featured in news spots on TV. Bicycling is respected as an important means of alternative transportation and an excellent way to improve our health. What we cyclists know is that while we transport ourselves and improve our health, we also get enormous rewards in pleasure and camaraderie.

Cycling is receiving attention from numerous government agencies that seek to promote cycling and Tacoma Wheelmen are often invited to participate, and we are recognized as the cycling experts. We (especially Bob) have written about many of these opportunities in past Newsletters.

Recently the City of Tacoma put on a “Bicycling Infrastructure” workshop for city employees and city councilmen. Bob and I also attended. Mia Burke, a consultant from Portland, put on a dynamic presentation and discussion of numerous ways that planning for bicycling can be incorporated into city development. It was gratifying to be included and exciting that our city is placing this much importance on bicycling! We look forward to being included in further designs and planning.

We will be inviting Elliot Barnett, an urban planner for the City of Tacoma to an upcoming meeting to discuss city

projects. He especially wants input from YOU!!

As we work to promote cycling in the 21st century, we are exploring ways to create affiliations with other organizations that work towards the same goals. Anita Beninger, our new Publicity Coordinator, has great ideas and energy that she is bringing to our Club.

We are also exploring new ways to communicate with our membership. This last year, we put our Newsletter on line. Dena Wessels, our Newsletter Editor, works tirelessly to create interesting publications and make sure they reach our Membership. Kris Symer, our Webmaster, is exploring ways to improve our on-line communication.

Joyce Clifford, our Special Events Director, has been working with her team to make sure our Events will be successful as usual! Much of the ground work has already been done. We would still like someone to step forward to accept the title of “Daffodil Chairman,” a position of great importance and respect in our Club.

Let us hear from you, and let us all continue to work together, moving cycling ahead in the 21st century! ☺



2009 Transportation Advocacy Day Set for Feb. 24: Save the Date!

Submitted by Kristin Kinnamon
Bicycle Alliance of Washington
Board President

Once again, the Bicycle Alliance is working with Transportation Choices Coalition, environmental and other transportation-related organizations to hold Transportation Advocacy Day in Olympia. The Feb. 24 Event will provide a great opportunity to learn the issues, meet with your legislators, and network with other advocates.

To learn more about the BAW legislative agenda for better traffic lights, driver education, construction zones and safe routes to school, visit www.bicyclealliance.org. To come down to Olympia and help get these bills passed, register for Advocacy Day at www.transportationchoices.org. ☺



Government Affairs Report

By Bob Myrick, Director of
Community and Government Affairs

Actions affecting you and your community....

Our committee met again on Tuesday, December 2 at the Taqueria Guadalajara in the Stadium District at First and Tacoma Avenue. We plan to gather there again on Tuesday, January 6 at 6 pm. It was great to have two participants who are well known, but not normally at our meeting. Several matters were discussed over a really good dinner.

1. Forever Green Annual Conference. I indicated I would be attending this third? conference and would take our display items to the meeting. At the conference, we had a great talk by Charles Montange, former chief legal counsel at National Rails to Trails Conservancy. Charles was engaged in the first "rails to trails" projects in the USA and has worked with Washington State trail groups. He is semi-retired in Edmonds. We broke into smaller groups for special subjects like Fife's efforts to provide connections between Puyallup and Tacoma, Tacoma's efforts to provide more trail and bike connections in the downtown area, Pierce County's Regional Trail Planning and the Water Trail thru the Puget Sound. After a great dinner, ForeverGreen Board members presented their proposal for an excess sales tax of 0.1 percent for trails and non-motorized amenities in Pierce County. This tax, if approved by the State Legislature and voted in by Pierce County voters, would raise almost \$10 million per year in a normal economy. The rate would be one penny on a ten-dollar purchase and it could be sold as a self-funded economic recovery plan. In my view, the proposal needs to allow for construction of bike lanes and a few critical arterial sidewalks in Tacoma.

2. Green Tacoma Partnership. Non-motorized transportation is a key part of creating a greener Tacoma. In December, the partnership worked on clearing Julia's Gulch in Northeast Tacoma. We are trying to identify a trail route coming down from the BPA Trail in Northeast Tacoma. Foothills Rails to Trails is working on route finding with us.

3. Connecting Lakewood to University Place via Chamber's Creek Canyon. A member has suggested a possible bicycle connection from the end of Phillips Road in Lakewood to Kobayashi Park in Lakewood. There are also

proposals for trails on Leach Creek and Flett Creek. We are trying to reactivate Lakewood's efforts to provide proper bike routes between Tacoma and Lakewood.

4. Downtown Commute Maps. Dave Seago is working with the City of Tacoma to develop preferred routes for getting into downtown from several outlying locations. There are two promising websites to find bike routes like these. Check out www.bikely.com and www.ridethecity.com.

5. Advocacy Records on TWBC Website. I was asked to request the Board to investigate if we could have information on our TWBC Website to include letters and information sent to various Officials regarding our advocacy and other matters over the past years.

6. Steilacoom Railroad Tracks. The town has attempted to improve the bad, bad track crossing since we had so many crashes during the recent RapSody Ride mostly due to the rainy conditions. The town only paved over the shoulder area. Ralph will pursue this matter with a member who lives in Steilacoom and hopefully, she can remind the town of the significant exposure these bad tracks cause the town and the traveling public.

7. Pierce County's New Trail Plan. Ralph planned to attend the first meeting with the consultants, staff and interested parties to review the progress on the new trail plan. The last plan was adopted over ten year's ago.

8. Newsletter Distribution to Interested Parties. Dena asked that I review our list to determine if some of our complementary newsletters could be changed to our new email format to save money and paper.

9. Transportation Lobby Day. Ralph indicated February 24 would be our lobby day in Olympia to push the Bicycle Alliance of Washington agenda to our legislators.

10. Trail Funding. Dixie Gatchell is working on three lists as part of our efforts to get significant funding for trails and other amenities. The National Rails to Trails Conservancy is asking for projects that could be funded if a Federal Recovery Plan is enacted. They are also asking for proposals in case \$50 million model grants become available to selected communities thruout the USA as part of the next Federal Transportation Bill. A \$100 million plus list has been developed to demonstrate that an excess sales tax would

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be put to good use in Pierce County.

11. Tacoma Bike. Chuck reported on the new bike shop in downtown Tacoma. It is on Puyallup Avenue just off "D" Street just north and west of Freighthouse Square. Check it out. It has a nice view of the waterway.

12. Scott Pierson Trail. TJ Nedrow from WSDOT confirmed that the trail would be temporarily closed when the State works on SR16 construction near Sprague Avenue to widen and improve the freeway. The closure would be from about Cedar/Pine Street to South 25th Street. The detour route would be on South 19th so most cyclists would be advised to ride the sidewalk as South 19th Street is a racetrack during the commute.

13. Tacoma Bike Planning Seminar. I attended a seminar put on by Diane Wiatr and the City of Tacoma. Diane brought planners from Portland, Oregon to show City staff, advocates and electeds how Portland has provided such a world class bicycle commuting system. Carol Davis also attended the all day conference which is a prelude to the City advertising for proposals to provide a new bike and pedestrian plan for Tacoma. The present 1997 plan is still great, but the Growth Management Act requires plans to be updated. Several new trail proposals and bikeway proposals have emerged since the last plan.

We hope to see you all at our annual banquet on January 31. Don't forget to wear your earmuffs, gloves and warm clothes during these cold days. I'm going to the mountains. Check out www.skimtta.org.

they were hit this way. One study showed that sidewalk-riding was twice as dangerous as road riding, and another study said it's even more dangerous than that.

How to avoid this collision:

- 1. Get a headlight.** If you're riding at night, you should absolutely use a front headlight. It's required by law, anyway.
- 2. Slow down.** Slow down enough that you're able to completely stop if necessary.
- 3. Don't ride on the sidewalk in the first place.** Crossing between sidewalks can be a fairly dangerous maneuver. If you do it on the left-hand side of the street, you risk getting slammed as per the diagram. If you do it on the right-hand side of the street, you risk getting slammed by a car behind you that's turning right. You also risk getting hit by cars pulling out of parking lots or driveways. These kinds of accidents are hard to avoid, which is a compelling reason to not ride on the sidewalk in the first place.

And another reason not to ride on the sidewalk is that you're threatening to pedestrians. Your bike is as threatening to a pedestrian as a car is threatening to you. Finally, riding on the sidewalk is illegal in some places. If you do plan on riding on sidewalks, do it slowly and EXTRA carefully, ESPECIALLY when crossing the street between two sidewalks.

Got GPS for Trails?

Submitted by Ralph Wessels

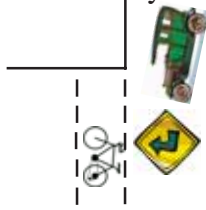
Pierce County Parks is working on their trail plan and would like to obtain GPS data for their trails. The Assessor's Office originally added trails to maps by hand and that info was provided to the Parks Department. The Parks Department would like to obtain GPS raw data for the trails. Send the trail name, your raw GPS file, date collected, and name of the collector with contact info to Heather Kaplinger at heatherk@migcom.com and cc_ralphdena@earthlink.net so the status can be updated.

Data is needed for the following trails: Cushman Power Line Trail, Foothill Trails, Key Peninsula Trail, Lakeland Hills Trail, Grandview Trail, Pacific Crest Trail, Puyallup River Walk Trail, Ruston Way / Schuster Parkway Trail, Scott Pierson Trail, Swan Creek Foot Path, White River Trail, & the Wonderland Trail.

Safe Psychling

A tip from Michael Bluejay's Website, Bicyclesafe.com

Submitted by Carol Davis






The Crosswalk Slam

You're riding on the sidewalk and cross the street at a crosswalk, and a car makes a right turn, right into you. Cars aren't expecting bikes in the crosswalk, so you have to be very careful to avoid this one. This collision is so common we've lost track of the number of people who've told us



twbc monthly event schedule












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

Day/- Day	Time	Ride Code	Dist- ance	Leader/ Contact @ (253)	Ride or Activity
01/01 Thurs	9:30 AM	2 A	30	Lonna Cain 475 - 8853	Silk Road Smoooothly. 100% paved trail w/ very few road crossings;. No hills, no unpleasantries or your money back! Smoothies or beverage of your choice in South Prairie (no host). Rain Cancels. Start: East Puyallup Trailhead. 
01/01 Thurs	10 AM	2 B	Guess	Steve & Phyllis Lay 759 - 1816	News Day Ride. Start the New Year out right & go for a bike ride. Mileage will depend on group & weather. Start: Starbucks @ 26th & Proctor.
01/04 Sun	1 PM	1 B 	21 (12) 	Carla Gramlich 879 - 0115 	Sunday New (& Old) Member's Afternoon Ride. Tour 12 miles via the Scott Pierson Trail. Add 9 more miles w/ the Narrows Bridge, the Cushman Power Trail, & stopping in Gig Harbor for coffee. Start: Skyline Park & Ride. 
01/05 Mon	9:30 AM	1 C	22 (13)	Joyce Clifford 759 - 2393	Hail, hardy & ready for coffee. Loop Pt. Defiance. Someone will stay with the slowest rider. Regroup at Ft. Nisqually, then onto Fircrest for espresso/ raspberry scones. You can shorten to 13 miles by cutting out Fircrest. Rain/Freezing Cancels. Start: Starbucks @ 26th & Proctor. 
01/06 Tues	9:30 AM	2 B	30 - 50	Call Ride Line 759 - 2800	Tues. Decide to Ride. Note later winter start time. Start: Call Ride Line or check Club Website for details.
01/06 Tues	6:00 PM	00 Meet	00 & Eat	Bob Myrick 473 - 7455	Government Affairs Meeting @ Guadalajara Taqueria in the Stadium H.S. area @ 1st & Tacoma Ave. Work on bicycle problems around Pierce County. All are invited to participate.
01/07 Weds	Trans	Atlantic	Talk	Telephone	Transatlantic telephone service began in 1927. 
01/08 Thurs	9:30 AM	2 A	30	Lonna Cain 475 - 8853	Silk Road Smoooothly. Rain Cancels. See 01/01 for Ride Details. 
01/09 Fri	Can't	Escape	From	Death or	First Income Tax, 1799. 
01/12 Mon	9:30 AM	1 C	22 (13)	Joyce Clifford 759 - 2393	Hail, hardy & ready for coffee. Rain/Freezing Cancels. See 01/05 for Ride Details. 
01/13 Tues	9:30 AM	2 B	30 - 50	Call Ride Line 759 - 2800	Tues. Decide to Ride. Note later winter start time. Start: Call Ride Line or check Club Website for details.
01/13 Tues	6 PM	00 Meet	00 & Eat	Carol Davis 380 - 8819	Board Meeting @ the Kim Ahn Restaurant across from TCC on Mildred. Guests & Club Members welcomed.



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01/14 Weds	5:30 PM	2 B	20 - 25	Knightriders - Peg & Marguerite 475 - 3625	Knightriders. Evening destination is a surprise! Co-leader Marguerite Richmond, 272 - 1254. Remember, it is getting darker earlier; please have lights & reflective gear. Start: Starbucks @ 26th & Proctor. 
01/15 Thurs	9:30 AM	2 A	30	Lonna Cain 475 - 8853	Silk Road Smoooothly. Rain Cancels. See 01/01 for Ride Details. 
01/17 Sat	8 AM	2 B	30 - 40	Steve & Phyllis Lay 759 - 1816	Pancake Breakfast Ride. Bring \$4 for a lovely breakfast in Spanaway. Start: Starbucks @ 26th & Proctor. 
01/18 Sun	1 PM	1 B	20	 Bob Myrick 473 - 7455	Family Blues Vespers Pre Ride. This ride will include an afternoon lunch/snack stop. Adults may make another stop @ Park Ave. Tavern. Vespers will follow @ 5 PM. Start: Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 901 N "J:" St.
01/19 Mon	9:30 AM	1 C	22 (13)	Joyce Clifford 759 - 2393	Hail, hardy & ready for coffee. Rain/Freezing Cancels See 01/05 for Ride Details. 
01/20 Tues	9:30 AM	2 B	30 - 50	Call Ride Line 759 - 2800	Tues. Decide to Ride. Note late winter start time. Start: Call Ride Line or check Club Website for details.
01/22 Thurs	9:30 AM	2 A	30	Lonna Cain 475 - 8853	Silk Road Smoooothly. Rain Cancels. See 01/01 for Ride Details. 
01/23 Fri	Perfect	Portion	Pie	Pieces	National Pie Day. 
01/24 Sat	Beat	Thump	Lub	Dub	First heart transplant, in 1964. 
01/26 Mon	9:30 AM	1 C	22 (13)	Joyce Clifford 759 - 2393	Hail, hardy & ready for coffee. Rain/Freezing Cancels See 01/05 for Ride Details. 
01/27 Tues	9:30 AM	2 B	30 - 50	Call Ride Line 759 - 2800	Tues. Decide to Ride. Note later winter start time. Start: Call Ride Line or check Club Website for details.
01/28 Weds	5:30 PM	2 B	20 - 25	Knightriders - Peg & Marguerite 475 - 3625	Knightriders. Evening destination is a surprise! Co-leader Marguerite Richmond, 272 - 1254. Remember, it is getting darker earlier; please have lights & reflective gear. Start: Starbucks @ 26th & Proctor. 
01/29 Thurs	9:30 AM	2 A	30	Lonna Cain 475 - 8853	Silk Road Smoooothly. Rain Cancels. See 01/01 for Ride Details. 
01/31 Sat	6 PM	00 Meet	00 & Eat	Bob Myrick 473 - 7455	TWBC Annual Banquet. Join us @ the biggest TWBC Social Event for the year! Send in the registration form in the Dec or Jan Cog by 01/26 for accurate #s please. Start: Wild West Post #91.

Casual Observations About Winter Riding

By Jim Ahrens
Safety & Education

1. Set winter weather riding parameters. I commute to work, year round, on a road bike two or three times a week. Even though I have ridden to work in temperatures as low as 24 degrees and there was no ice or snow at the time; there are three exceptions to my year round riding: no riding in temperatures below 34 degrees, ice on the roads, or snow.

2. Have a route in mind. The shortest route I would commute to work is 9 miles one way. I drive my car over slightly different roads to check routes and road conditions (like construction). But for the 9-mile route I can usually cover that distance in about the same time it takes to drive my car. So I've gotten in a habit of stretching that route out 14 to 23 miles to work (depending on the time of year), and another 23 to 33 miles on the return route. I use these miles to train for events.

3. Make you and your bike visible. It helps to be seen - I don't know about you but I want to be seen by drivers and see the road up ahead. Like many others trying to achieve this I've tried halogen generator headlights, head lights that strobe; even battery operated headlight that are supposed to last for three hours but fizzled out after forty-five minutes. The bottom line no one wants a headlight that does not last or illuminate the road ahead. This goes equally for the red flashing rear lights - if you can't remember when you last changed the batteries, drivers probably can't see the light and it's time to change them.

4. Plan ahead. A couple years back I commuted on a mountain bike with 1-1/4 road tires and that worked very well for this duty. At that time the bike had panniers to carry shoes, change of clothes and lunches and snacks to work and everything minus lunch and snacks on the trip back. That usually added eight pounds to the bike. Now once a week I drive in my car and re-supply food and clothes. I take three days of clothes and drop them off at work. I have meals and water in the refrigerator (providing fellow employees don't help themselves to it).

4a. Short-term goals. Get out and ride. Touch your bike at least every three days even if only to clean the chain

4b. Long-term goals. Get off the Couch, quit crying about how fat you are or that you're gonna lose weight before you start - Now is the time to start lighting the fire - getting

the burn to ride. You can register for the Seattle to Portland (STP) bicycle ride beginning 1 Jan 09. The Chilly Hilly is in February, Commute to Work by Bike (this is during the month of May), Tour de Blast is in June. If you don't think registering for these events will motivate you to ride - TRY IT!

5. Use Fenders! When riding with others during the winter months in Washington, PLEASE put fenders with extensions on your bike. The extension on the rear fender stops short about 1-1/2 inch off the ground and is to keep wheel spray off riders behind you (I know this does not apply to you it applies to the other rider - but unless you are Gene Smith or Joe Small and are at the front of the group, you are the other guy). You will appreciate not getting wheel spray from the rider that is two riders in front of you. Fender extension can be made of different kinds of material but I liked the non-slip rubber stair material Chuck used on his rear fender.

6. Happy Holidays...Now get out and ride!!! ☺



Renewing Members (Thank You!):

Lafe Altier, John Ernest Berry III, Steve Brown, Charles Burpee, Tom & Carol Cabe, Ernst Coumou, Robert Deehan, Douglas Dorr, Laurie Ducatt, Gary Finke, Ray & Peggy Fjetland, Ken Gunkel, Linda Higgins, Evonne Howard, Lew Jones, Joseph & Susan Krezelak, Costi Mahshi, Charles Mann, Bill Newman, Ken & Mary Neukom, Rick Block & Nancy Block-Olexick, Sharon Remagan & Family, Tom Ripley, Stan & Joan Sanders, Robin Sarnier, Gene Smith, Tony Thomas, Dawn Tecklenburg, Greg Torfin, Jan & Jim Weger, and Michael Wood.

New Members (Welcome!):

Cynthia Baller, Zola Bear, Rodney Briggs, Fritz Bushnell & Family, Sue Comis, Kathleen Edelheit, Drew Gazabat, Leon Leonard, Matthew Macniak, Jennifer McKinney, Debra Messier, Beverly & Dennis Miller, Doug Munday, Chuck Neudorf, Diane Pearson, Michel Pettigrew, James Schofield, Rick Semple & Jori Adkins, Gail Tonkin & Steve Tyson, and Eric Wuersten. ☺



TWBC BANQUET RESERVATION

Saturday, January 31, 2009

Wild West VFW Post 91, 2000 South Union Avenue

Please list the names in your party for nametags so you and others will know who you are... (please print clearly!)



Name: _____ Name: _____

Name: _____ Name: _____

Number of adults X \$20 each = \$ _____ Number of children X \$15 each = \$ _____



Total Enclosed = \$ _____



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

TWBC Banquet, PO Box 112078, Tacoma, WA 98411



Report Aggressive Driving

Submitted by Steve Brown



Here is one web site to report those aggressive drivers with an online, fill in the blanks form:

<http://www.wsp.wa.gov/traveler/aggressive.php>

Another site has information on the definitions of aggressive driving and road rage according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. It also has aggressive driving & road rage symptoms, as well as safety tips:

<http://www.wsp.wa.gov/traveler/roadrage.htm>

The second site states that the Washington State Patrol (WSP) "receives reports from citizens every day and takes these reports very seriously. The WSP relies on citizen input to place our ADAT (*Aggressive Driving Apprehension Team*) vehicles (*unmarked vehicles equipped with mobile video camera*) and establish where we place our emphasis patrols. In order (*to*) continue to do this, the WSP has established the online form and e-mail to Report Aggressive Driving (*the above form "...aggressive..."*). By doing this, we making it easier for citizens to provide direct input to WSP about the areas they feel aggressive drivers are endangering the roadways. The State Patrol will take the direct input and use it to place our vehicles in areas where they will be most effective and increase our ability to catch aggressive drivers in Washington." ☺

For TWBC Monthly Ride/Event Calendar

TERRAIN CODE CHART

- A - Mostly Flat (Interurban 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)

PACE CODE CHART

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



Tacoma Wheelmen's Bicycle Club
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Tacoma, WA 98411

E-mail Delivery

January
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Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone (optional): _____

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Please Check Those That Apply:

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Please Note: COG delivery is now electronically via E-mail, unless you indicate here for the more costly, less 'Green' delivery method through the US Postal Service.

Individual Person Membership Fee..... \$15 _____

Family Membership Fee..... \$20 _____

One-time Initiation Fee\$5 _____

Total Membership Fee(s)\$ _____



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

TWBC Membership
PO Box 112078
Tacoma, WA 98411

Check box if you do not want your USPS address, phone # or email address in the yearly membership listings.

Also...Check boxes if you are interested in volunteering for:

- Leading Bike Rides
 Events (Daffodil, PMC, Headwaters)
 Newsletter
 Club Meeting Programs
 Becoming a Club Officer

Thanks for becoming a Member of TWBC!