



the cog-nitive courier

tacoma wheelmen's bicycle club newsletter

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TWBC, originally established in 1888 & reinvigorated in 1974, is a general purpose bicycling club in Pierce County that welcomes cyclists of all skill levels for social riding. The COG is issued monthly.

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Letter to the Editor, News Tribune, Oct. 10, 2013

By John S. Selby

Board Member of Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition

TWBC Member

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Although nonmotorized trails are typically owned and operated by county parks departments and are generally thought of as recreation resources, they are also transportation corridors. They provide links between work, school, parks, shopping and businesses.

Every cyclist on an errand using a trail removes a driver from the roads. Therefore, the transportation budget should include funding for nonmotorized trails.

Nonmotorized trails will be most effective when they form a useful network between and within our communities. It has taken far too long to achieve this.

For example, the Foothills Trail Coalition has been in existence for 25 years, promoting the construction of a trail from Mount Rainier to Puget Sound at Tacoma, yet only about 21 of 52 miles of trail has been built in all that time.

We need to complete these valuable public resources so they can provide our citizens with recreation and transportation while attracting tourists who spend their money in our communities. The annual opportunity cost of not funding trails is huge. It certainly justifies devoting an appropriate proportion of our highway funds to their completion.

Added by the author at a later date:

The state Senate transportation forum met Oct. 9 in Tacoma to get public input. Here is where our readers can submit theirs online at www.senatetranspofeedbackforum.org.

*Countdown commencing for the last (for now) Web issues of the Cog-nitive Courier!
Any Newsletter Editor that would like to crank into place, I'll grease the gears for you.
Countdown begins in five, four, three, two, **one** (issue)*

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By Bob Myrick, Director of
Community and Government Affairs

*Actions affecting you
and your community*

Our committee met again on Tuesday, October 1, at the Harvester Restaurant in the Stadium District at First and Tacoma Avenues. We will not have a formal meeting in November as I will be in Arizona. The next meeting is scheduled to be on Tuesday, December 3 at 6pm. As you all know, we have over 30 governmental entities that we could be working with. So, again, please take a very personal interest in alternative transportation in your community. The planet, you and I will be better off for your efforts. Just one example of personal interest is John Ernest Berry's persistent efforts to get Puyallup to pave a short trail segment between Shaw Road and 134th Avenue East to link up to the Meeker Trailhead on the Foothills Trail. Thanks to John, the trail segment should be paved by next Spring. I now have him working on getting Sharrow markings on East Pioneer from downtown Puyallup to Shaw Road.

Our October meeting was almost entirely focused on getting up-dated by WSDOT representatives on the proposed Gateway Project (SR167 in Tacoma and SR509 in SeaTac). Steve Fuchs and T. J. Nedrow brought us up to date on the long planned projects which have now been put together in the Gateway Project to improve transportation to our major ports. TWBC Member John Selby requested the up-date as we have several possible trail segments intersecting near the SR167 segment of the Gateway Project. We wanted to make sure WSDOT was aware of our thinking so future trail spurs could be properly accommodated in the design process. SR167 will become a design build project and engineering is about 30 percent complete. There is no funding to move ahead unless our Legislature passes a major transportation measure to include building the \$1.8 billion project. The present trail is the Milton Interurban. Future segments could be the BPA trail coming down from Federal Way and the Foothills/Riverwalk Trail coming from Puyallup. There are also on-street bicycle facilities that need to be accommodated.

We also briefly discussed Steve Brown's continuing efforts to get movement on building the Cross State Trail, particularly the Beverly Bridge crossing of the Columbia River. Steve's research has shown there are now three State agencies involved in ownership and responsibility for getting the trail extended. The primary providers are the State Parks and Department of Natural Resources. However, Steve recently learned that WSDOT has some encumbrances on right of way and the bridge. This meant that State Parks was not able to obtain a State grant to deck over and possibly pave the bridge due to the encumbrance. We are thinking of asking Governor Inslee to become involved in resolving this matter.

I reported on a meeting that John Berry arranged with State Senator Bruce Dammier and Representative Hans Zieger. We also had Blake Trask from BAW at the meeting to talk about matters of State wide significance. Both Bruce and Hans said they were ready and anxious to help with funding completion of the Foothills Trail if the County Parks could ever get the whole right of way obtained.

This month Bryan Flint reported on great progress in getting Tacoma Water, the City of Tacoma and County Parks moving forward on getting the Water Pipeline Trail useable. Bryan is presently on the Public Utility Board and also is the Executive for the Tacoma Metro Parks Foundation. He has brought these groups together and also involved County Councilman Rick Talbert and City Councilman Marty Campbell in the quest for a useable trail from Tacoma to Puyallup.

In Sumner, there is about to be over a thousand feet of new trail paved. You will be able to travel from north of the Library on trail all the way to Stewart Avenue (Eight Street) and up the steep trail to Lakeland Hills. This trail includes the new bridge crossing near Sumner's golf course.

We did have some bad news hearing that the Park Board had banned mountain bike trails from being built in Wapato Hills Park due to concerns heard from the South End Neighborhood Council. Metro Parks will focus their efforts on getting the new bike park in Swan Creek Park fully functional. In the South End, efforts will be directed to a bike park at the SERA

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Center and at Oak Tree Park along the City Water Ditch Trail. I inspected the area under the Interstate 705 elevated pavement and found there could be a wonderful bike park built in the Freighthouse Square area.

On October 12, Ralph Wessels, Jane Moore and I attended the Bicycle Alliance of Washington's Legislative and Statewide Issues Committee Meeting in Seattle. Many topics were discussed that day including Statewide issues like Stormwater rules affecting bike shoulder construction, the proposed 3 foot passing rule, and the need for better rules on electric bikes. We also heard the new WSDOT Boss is an avid cyclist (Lynn Peterson) and that Governor Inslee takes people on bike rides. We also talked a long time about the proposed Transportation Revenue package and I noted it had a lot of money for specific bike projects almost 3 percent of the proposal with a lot of money contained in the rest of the package for bike projects.

At the Forever Green Trails Board meeting on October 9, I was pleased to hear that Terry Lee and Peninsula Parks District is making remarkable progress in getting the Cushman Trail extended both towards Purdy and towards the Narrows Bridge.

As you can see, we have been busy attending meetings and trying to move non-motorized transportation forward. I hope you can help in some way to let our voices be heard all over the County. Thank you. ☺

**Membership Report
by Dave Killen**



*Our Members are what
makes our Club!*

Renewing Members (Thank You!):

Robert Archer, Philip Burgess, Charles Coleman, Janet Higbee-Robinson, Lewis Jones, David Killen, Patricia Killen, Henry Retailliau, Karel Vance, Lou Vance, and Michelle Waterland.

New Members (Welcome!):

Bruce Beyerly, Bill Durbin, Carolyn Edmonds, Scott Heller, Rick Koss, Dylan Lippert, Enrique Llanas, Eda Roosna, Christie Smith, and Harris Wesh. ☺

General Club Meeting

Remember General Club Meetings go through November for 2013.

Yearly TWBC Budget vote by General Membership required in the November General Meeting.

See the Ride Calendar for information.

Next General Meeting after November 19, 2013, is February 18, 2014. ☺

☺ Your article could have been here
for Members to read! ☺

The Greater Tacoma
Community Foundation
950 Pacific Avenue, Suite 1100
Tacoma, WA 98402
www.gtcf.org

September 12, 2013

Tacoma Wheelmen's Club
PO Box 112078
Tacoma, WA 98411

Dear Tacoma Wheelmen's Club,

We are grateful for your generous contribution of \$2,500.00 to the ForeverGreen Fund of The Greater Tacoma Community Foundation. Your support makes a significant difference and helps to strengthen our community.

This June, we concluded our 32nd year of serving Pierce County. Together with our donors, we have accomplished much over the past year, including:

Providing more than \$3.5 million in life-changing grants and scholarships

Growing our assets to more than \$91 million, helping to ensure future support for our community

Providing support to help local nonprofits improve their program quality and internal systems in order to better serve their clients.

We could not have accomplished this without the partnership and support of others. If you have any questions about our work, or want to discuss your philanthropic goals, please call us at 253.383.5622 to set up a time to meet.

Sincerely,

Rose Lincoln Hamilton
President and CEO

Received: Check #3991 in the amount of \$2,500.00 received on 09/12/13. ☺

2014 TWBC Proposed Budget

⊖ Ordinary INCOME/EXPENSE

Income

A	Total Dues	\$4,500
B	Total Daffodil Classic	\$29,100
C	Total Peninsula Metric Century	\$15,000
D	Jersey Sales	\$1,000
E	Total Banquet Reservations	\$1,000
TOTAL Income		\$50,600

Expenses

G	Administration	\$320
H	Affiliations	\$200
I	Banking Expenses	\$???
J	Banquet	\$3,200
K	Bike Expo	\$600
L	Club Monthly Meetings	\$3,520
M	Daffodil Classic	\$14,500
N	Equipment and Supplies	\$1,600
O	Government and Community Affairs	\$300
P	Jerseys	\$0
Q	Ride Program	\$1,000
R	Insurance	\$1,100
S	Membership	\$260
T	Newsletter	\$0
U	Peninsula Metric Century	\$8,000
V	Postage and Administration	\$0
W	President's Discretionary Fund	\$500
X	Social Events	\$500
Y	Telephone Ride Line	\$550
Z	Club Website	\$1,500
TOTAL Expense		\$40,649

⊖ Other INCOME

Interest	\$700
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⊖ Other EXPENSE

Donations	\$21,000
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NET INCOME -\$10,349 ⊖



Saturday Rides

Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: @ 9 AM, 3 B - C, 60 - 100 miles. **Tacoma Bike Shop Ride.** Fun but challenging road ride to destinations from Gig Harbor to Bonney Lake & Dupont. **Note:** This is not a TWBC Ride, but a Tacoma Bike Shop Ride. **Start:** Tacoma Bike, 309 Puyallup Ave., Tacoma.

Monday Rides

Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25: @ 9:30 AM, 1 C, **Hail, Hardy & Ready for Coffee.** Loop Pt. Defiance. Someone will stay w/ the slowest rider. Regroup @ Ft. Nisqually., then onto Fircrest for espresso/raspberry scones. You can shorten to 13 miles by cutting out Fircrest. **Start:** Starbucks @ 26th & Proctor.

Tuesday Rides

Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26: @ 9:30 AM, 2 C, **Tuesday Decide to Ride.** Meet w/ friends & go to lunch. **Start:** to be announced. Call the Ride Line, 253 - 759 - 2800.

More Tuesday Happenings:

Nov. 12: @ 6 PM, **Board Meeting** @ the Kim Ahn Restaurant across from TCC on Mildred. Guests & Club Members welcomed.

Nov. 19: @ 6 PM, **General Club Meeting @ New Location.** Yearly Budget Vote + Spain Trip Presentation. **Start:** @ Wildside Wine, located at 608A S Oxford St, Tacoma, WA 98465.

Wednesday Rides

Nov. 6, 20: @ 9 AM, 2 B, **Ride to Dupont** for coffee via Steilacoom for a nice workout. **Start:** Skyline Park & Ride (6th & Skyline).

Nov 13, 27: @ 9:30 AM, 3 C, **Ride the Chehalis Western Trial.** Rain in Tacoma Cancels. Ride from Chambers Creek Trailhead to Tenino to stop & buy lunch. **Start:** Trailhead in Lacy, past Josephine Ct SE & 14th Ave S.

Thursday Rides

Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28: @ 9:30 AM, 2 - 3 A or 2 - 3 D, **Foothills Trail or Victor Falls.** Ride to S. Prairie via Foothills Trail. Paved trail w/ very few road crossings. Beverage of your choice in S. Prairie (no host). Or, for a challenging 1000 ft of climbing, go over Victor Falls. **Start:** East Puyallup Trailhead, 13900 - 80th St E, Puyallup.

For TWBC Monthly Ride/Event Calendar

RIDE CODE CHART, TERRAIN

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)

RIDE CODE CHART, PACE

Pace Code Examples: 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, 13-16mph.
4 - Fast pace, very limited stops, cue sheets or maps provided, 16+ mph.

In Memory of
Mary Dahl-Smith
1956 - 2013



Mary, 56, began her new life on 17 October 2013. She was born in Grand Junction, Colorado on 4 December 1956, daughter of Margaret (Peggy) and Wilbur Dahl. Mary was a very lively and active community member. Whenever possible she would join organizations with the desire to do more than just simply be a member. She was an active member of the Tacoma Wheelman's Bicycle Club and a very active member of the Women's Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Of the latter Mary rose to the position of department president of the state of Washington. Mary was very patriotic and would not hesitate to welcome and help anyone who served the public or the nation. She was always very supportive of those in the military and their families as well as police officers and firemen. She has touched many, helped many and she will be greatly missed.

Her love for the Denver Broncos, country, friends, and family especially grandchildren is unmistakable as well as her love for handheld games.

Her parents; her brother, Buddy Dahl; her sisters, Bobby Fermo, Marilyn McClaskey, and Kathy Lowry preceded her in death.

She is survived by her husband, Charles Smith; her sister Frani Kerr and her husband Gene; her brothers James Dahl and his wife Kim; Allan Dahl and his wife Tammy; her sons, Daniel Dahl and his wife Sharlina, Jeremy Smith and his wife Injoo, Christopher Smith and his wife Heather, Justin Smith; her daughters, Christina Adams, Michele Flores and her husband Steven, Jennifer Smith; her aunt and uncle, Kathy and Emmet Silins; numerous nieces and nephews and her grandchildren, Devin Dahl, Alexander Dahl, Frederick Smith, Ethan Smith, Kimberly Taylor, Kaden Schleif, Isabelle Flores, Nikita Flores, Gabriel Flores and one pending name to be determined.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, 25 October 2013, at 12 noon at Christ Church Parish located on 310 N. K in Tacoma, WA with a reception to follow at 2 PM at the M/A Wild West VFW Post #91 VFW Post hall located on 2000 Union Ave. in Tacoma, WA. Of her favorite activities cooking was the most loved by her and all those who enjoyed her meals. Therefore, the reception will be a potluck consisting of many of her favorite foods. Mary's Facebook account will be set up as a memorial with an opportunity for others to donate to the ALS Associations.

Committal will be at the Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent, WA at a later date. ☹

Mary was Secretary for the TWBC from October of 2005 to June of 2007. She and her husband, Corkey, were the PMC Ride Chairs in 2006 and 2007. Mary also worked on the 2008 PMC. ☹

The COG Home

TWBC Ride Line : 253 - 759 - 2800
Updated Sunday & Thursday!

The 'Smiling Bicycle' Logo, the Club Jersey
& a majority of Club Ride T-shirts were
(are) designed by Member Steve Lay.



Dec. Ride Calendar Deadline:
Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2013

Dec. COG Article Deadline:
Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2013

Next Club Meeting: 6 PM
Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2014

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Daniel Jones & friends

PENINSULA METRIC (2013): JUNE 2

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Daniel Jones & friends

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(2014): Aug. 23 & 24

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(2012): March 10 & 11

bikebooth@twbc.org

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ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC:

(2010): Sept. 26 (?)

--Unfilled @ this time--

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Advertisement Requirements: TWBC Members may place ads in the COG for free that are directly related to bicycling. All ads must be accompanied with contact information (i.e., name, address, phone number, email) of the person submitting the ad.

Local bicycle shops that offer a discount of at least ten percent (10%) to TWBC Members may place ads or flyers in the COG for free. "Local" is defined as within the Puget Sound area. Each bicycle shop may place up to two ads for free in a calendar year.

Non-members, agencies, businesses and bicycle shops that do not offer discounts of at least ten percent (10%) to TWBC Members will be charged for placing ads in the COG. Payment for the ad must be received prior to inclusion into the COG. The fee shall not be less than \$10 for a 1-line text ad and will be a minimum of \$50 for quarter page ads or more. The Newsletter Editor will determine an appropriate fee based upon the size and complexity of the ad. All ads are subject to editing and space limitations as deemed appropriate or necessary by the Newsletter Editor. ☺



November
2013

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mail to:

Please Note: The COG is now available electronically via the Club Website only, as there is not an elected Editor to produce a USPS issue.



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<p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City, State: _____</p> <p>Home Phone: _____</p> <p>Work Phone (optional): _____</p> <p>E-mail: _____ @ _____ (all info. is for Club use only; please print clearly!)</p> <p>Please Check Those That Apply: <input type="checkbox"/> New Member <input type="checkbox"/> Renew <input type="checkbox"/> Addr Chg</p> <p>Please Note: <i>COG</i> delivery is now electronically via E-mail, as there is not an elected Editor to produce a USPS issue.</p> <p>Individual Person Membership Fee \$15 _____</p> <p>Or, Family Membership Fee \$20 _____</p> <p>One-time Initiation Fee \$5 _____</p> <p>Total Membership Fee(s) \$ _____</p>	<p>Send this form and a check for the total \$ amount to:</p> <p>TWBC Membership PO Box 112078 Tacoma, WA 98411</p> <p>Check the following boxes if you are interested in volunteering for:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Leading Bike Rides <input type="checkbox"/> Events (Daffodil, PMC) <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter <input type="checkbox"/> Club Meeting Programs <input type="checkbox"/> Becoming a Club Officer</p> <p>Thanks for becoming a Member of TWBC!</p>