

Chainwheel Chatter

B.I.K.E.S. Club of Snohomish County
October 2021



Prez Sez

October BIKES Club Activities

Bike riding in October around here provides a bonus of fall colors as the leaves change with the season and fall to the ground. The crunchy sound of leaves under bike tires is also a unique seasonal experience.

There will be a variety of BIKES Club rides scheduled through October on the [Calendar](#). Some rides may be posted the day before the scheduled activity. Rides can be cancelled or changed when weather conditions are forecast to be sufficiently foul as determined by the Ride Leaders and which forecasts they think may be accurate. Keep up with ride changes by subscribing to [Ride Updates](#).

Stay well and have a great ride!

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Coffeeneuring Challenge 2021 Starts October 18th

If you are looking for another reason to go ride your bike, *Coffeeneuring* is way of adding a coffee stop on a bike ride and earning non-BIKES Club recognition during the colorful autumn season. Even though *Coffeeneuring* is not an official BIKES Club activity, for several years some BIKES Club rides have been built around the easy to follow rules for *Coffeeneuring*. The link below will take you to the *Chasing Mailboxes* website for more info. You can also ask other BIKES Club riders with *Coffeeneuring* experience.

[Read More >>>](#)



Coming Up...

October Club rides

There are a variety of BIKES Club rides scheduled in October. Additional rides may be posted during the month and some the day before scheduled activity.

All rides are posted on the Calendar and you must register online. We no longer have paper sign-in sheets.

Keep up with ride adds and changes by subscribing to [Ride Updates](#).

Note: Rides can be cancelled or changed when weather conditions are forecast to be sufficiently foul. Check the ride updates and the calendar for possible changes

[Rides Calendar >>>](#)

UPDATE:Second Groups for Listed Ride

If a listed ride has filled a qualified ride leader can form a second ride group. NOTE: at the September club meeting it was decided that second ride groups must start a half hour before or after the original posted ride. This is in response to the Covid upsurge and to avoid the inevitable merging of groups that has occurred.

Note to Ride Leader

After you list and register for your ride, don't forget to designate yourself as ride leader on your ride. This is explained on the online posting process on the website. Contact Dan Scott ride leader coordinator if you're having trouble with this or have other ride posting questions.

Next BIKES Club Meeting

BIKES Club has monthly club meetings for members on the 2nd Thursday of each month from September to May. No meetings in the summer or December.

The next BIKES Club meeting is set for 7 PM October 14th, 2021 and will be online using Zoom due to the persistent COVID-19 situation. BIKES Club members will be e-mailed the agenda and meeting details.



News You Can Use...

New Hub Tech

Bicycling is usually a lot of fun for those of us who like to ride bikes, especially when the weather is nice. But when it comes to bike maintenance and repairs, the enthusiasm wanes for some of us.

[Read More >>>](#)

Does Technology make Cycling Better?

For nearly a century, the basic bicycle design was fairly stable with the double diamond design. The bikes looked pretty similar to today's bicycles with two equal-sized wheels and a riding position unchanged. There have been many incremental changes over the years, such as lighter steels in the frame, better metallurgy for the components, and refinement of the drivetrain with more gears.

[Read More>>>](#)

Crossword Puzzle fun

During the September BIKES club meeting our VP Drew came up with a Bicycle Movie crossword puzzle. Everyone had a good time testing their movie knowledge, so try it yourself.

[Link to the Puzzle](#)

Interested in becoming Ride Leader?

Are you interested in becoming a BIKES club ride leader? Lots of help is available. A good place to start is by reading the Ride leader guidelines section under the Members only part of the club website. Then contact Dan Scott.

[Follow the Link >>>](#)

COVID-19 persists

[Temporary Precautions for BIKES Club Ride During the COVID-19 Crisis.](#)

Max Group Sizes

Ride groups may now have 12 riders or less as determined by the Ride Leader. The number includes the Ride Leader. The ride posting and registration page should indicate the maximum number of riders for the ride

[Online Reg - Tips for Ride Leaders >>>](#)

[Online Reg - Tips for Everyone >>>](#)



Rider Miles

[How many Club miles do you have?](#)



Club meeting minutes

Catch up here to read the most recent meeting minutes. Log on to the club website to access all meeting minutes.

[Meeting Minutes >>>](#)



Sharing Wheels Update

Make Art Out of Bike Parts

Last year local artists and creative amateurs used excess bike parts from Sharing Wheels to create beautiful and whimsical artwork. Then people voted for their favorite piece, and the art was auctioned off to raise over \$500 for Sharing Wheels Community Bike Shop. Let's do that again!

We hope to have many entries from families and biking friends this year. Registration is open Sept. 1-30. Participants can select from a variety of new and used bike parts at Sharing Wheels the first week of October. Art submissions are due in mid-November.

Prize winners will get \$50 gift certificates from local businesses, plus all participants who submit art will be entered in a drawing to win \$200 credit at Sharing Wheels.

Learn more at sharingwheels.org/classes/art

Christmas House

Holiday Bike Program kicks-off Oct. 5

Sharing Wheels Community Bike Shop needs your help to fix kids bikes for the holidays. The goal is to get 100 bikes donated, cleaned and ready for the low income families served by Christmas House. Sharing Wheels has given more than 1,500 bikes to the Everett nonprofit over the past 20 years.

[Sharing Wheels Christmas House >>>](#)

[Sharing Wheels Website >>>](#)

Other Links

League of American Bicyclists

Click on the link below to read the League blog and catch up on League efforts around the country. BIKES is a member of the League of American Bicyclists and through the League we purchase our club insurance

[League of American Bicyclists>>>](#)

Adventure Cycling

Whether you like your adventures in the saddle or from the armchair, Adventure Cycling will inspire. You might also find reviews of new bikes and equipment and tips on how to enjoy or improve what you already have.

[Adventure Cycling >>>](#)



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