

Chainwheel Chatter

B.I.K.E.S. Club of Snohomish County
April 2023



Prez Sez

Prez Sez ... Two Things

Because I'm Kind, Everyone Smiles!

Oh, you thought I was just being modest. No, that's what B.I.K.E.S. *could* stand for, but it doesn't. That is not the winner of the "What Could B.I.K.E.S. Stand For?" Contest announced last month. You all, the club members, will shortly get the chance to pick the winner. There were so many good entries that within the next week I will send out a poll of the best entries and you all will get to vote and pick the winner.

ALSO ...

Speaking of voting, **Club elections are coming up**. Now's your chance to "throw the bums out!" The nominating committee (Cindy Proctor, Dan Scott, and Viv B.) are hard at work contacting members to fill a couple of board of directors positions.

Here's how the process works:

April all-member club meeting: Nominations for all positions will be presented by the nominating committee. Nominations will also be taken from the floor. You may nominate yourself or someone else for any position.

May all-member club meeting: Voting will take place for all board positions.

If you care how your club is run and you care who sets policy, then you can do one of three things.

- 1) Contact someone on the nominating committee and say you want to fill a board role.
- 2) Show up at the April meeting and nominate someone, or yourself for that matter.
- 3) Show up at the May meeting and vote!

Until then, keep on pedalin',

Prez Drew

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Vice Prez Sez

New Map Feature on RideWithGPS

This month I'll just take a minute to mention the new Club Routes Map feature on RideWithGPS. You are probably aware that the club has its own page on RideWithGPS that lists our events, club members, a library of our routes and more. If you haven't checked it out, you can get there by logging into RWGPS, and you will see the link with club logo on the lower left of your homepage. RWGPS has added a new map that shows the club rides – very cool! Click on the "Route Map View" menu link at the top of the RWGPS home page, and it shows our area with routes highlighted. It shows counts of the routes at each starting point, which range from 2 in Monroe to 91 at (no surprise) the MC sports park. As a bonus, the Heatmaps selection at the top right of the map now has a "Organization Routes Heatmap" which highlights all of the roads for the club routes. Have a look and enjoy making use of this new tool for planning your future rides.

Keep riding and be safe!

Vice Prez Jim
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ASK THE WRENCH

I'll Be Watching You

Dear RBW, (Road Bike Wrench)

I don't know what to do. Every time my bestest homie goes out on a bike ride, I get real worried that they will get into a spot of bother and won't be able to get home in time for tea. You know, like, when they, you know, like end up in a ditch somewhere, cuz like "ditch happens". My bestest homie always says to me, "Like don't you worry your little hairs off. Nothin'll happen. I promise!" Needless to say, their promises are like, well, I just don't have time to get into that right now. So let's just say I still worry.

Help me RBW, you're my only hope!

Signed,

Worried in Wichita

Dear Worried,

Really?!? You're not from Wichita! I can tell because you don't speak like you're from Wichita. Wichitians don't know what a spot of bother is, not to mention having chippy tea.

No matter - here's what you do. Your homie likes tech stuff, right? You can get them a nice little cycling computer or nifty smartphone app or tech gadget which can keep you informed about their ride (commoners would say you'll be tracking their every movement but that sounds a bit big brotherish so we won't use the vernacular).

So you get them a really trick tech thingie and you score big points! But then when they're not looking, you set it up so you are "informed" about their ride on a regular basis, or "notified" if they do in fact end up in a ditch.

There are lots of options out there, but here are a few.

(Disclaimer: there may be some satire in one of the options - reader beware.)

- Wahoo GPS computers have Live Tracking so you could look up on a map anytime and see where they've been and where they are at any moment.
- Garmin GPS computers have a similar LiveTrack feature. They also have Incident Detection, so if said ditch happens, a notification is sent to you with the location of said ditch.
- Specialized helmets (everybody needs a new helmet every few years anyway) come with a crash detector gadget called ANGI which works through the Specialized Ride app, similar to Garmin's Incident Detection.

- Road ID has a smartphone GPS app which includes Accident Sensing.
- Many smartphones have basic location services, such as the Find My app on iPhones.
- Starbucks has an app which will alert you if your homie orders a high calorie pastry or anything with three shots or a breve. With a subscription to Starbucks Anonymous, you can have a Starbucks Anonymous Team member (there's one in every store disguised as a normal looking barista) provide instant intervention services for your homie.

So be a hero - get them a new cycling computer or helmet. And then you can focus your baseline worry condition in another direction.

You're welcome.

—RBW

Road Bike Wrench (Prez Drew)

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McClinchy Mile: volunteers, training

Volunteers are still needed for our club's annual McClinchy Mile Camano Climb event on Sunday, April 30. We especially need SAG drivers - people with a vehicle that can carry bikes, who help riders with flat tires and other issues on their designated section of a route loop. The club can reimburse you for mileage, plus all volunteers can bike the event for free, and enjoy a meal at SAAL Brewing.* See all the open volunteer shifts by signing in to the club website (using this email) and viewing the [Volunteer Spreadsheet](#).

Not sure what your volunteer job is all about?

Volunteer Training April 12 or 13: The BIKES Club meeting in Everett on April 13 will be an in-person training for McClinchy volunteers. The same training will be offered via Zoom on April 12. *Training is highly recommended / practically required* so all volunteers can get an overview of the event and how your role fits into the big picture.

Other volunteer help: See the Calendar to signup for Event Outreach at Machias and Route Painting. **Paint rides** are tentatively scheduled for April 18 and 20, weather dependent.

***Volunteers Ride Free:** Members who officially volunteer for a 3 hour shift can ride the event for free - but please [register as usual for a club ride](#). Volunteers also qualify for free appetizers at SAAL Brewing after your shift or ride.

April BIKES Club Meeting.

New Time 6:30pm

The next BIKES Club meeting is set for **6:30 PM**, April 13, 2023 at the Snohomish County PUD Building. 2030 California St. Everett, WA 98201

Online Zoom meetings.

[Prez Drew](#) will send out a separate notice with the information to join Zoom. Members wanting to attend online, watch your email.

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.

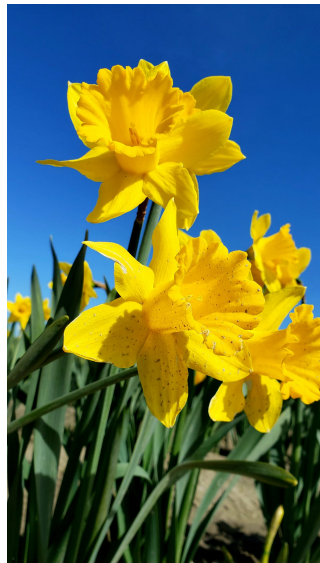


Coming Up...

April Club rides

There will be a variety of BIKES Club rides scheduled through April 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](#).

[Rides Calendar >>>](#)



Ride Leader Corner

Ride leaders,

First of all I want to cheer the several club ride leaders who have been posting and leading rides through the winter. **Thank you.**

Now that it's spring I'd like to encourage all our ride leaders to list some rides. If you need a little push;

We have a library of routes on the club RWGPS page.

You might contact another ride leader and ask if they could recommend a route.

Having trouble? Forgot how to use the template? I can help or list it for you- just send me the ride information.

If you have questions, send me a text.

As always, thanks for listing rides.

Dan Scott,

Ride Leader Coordinator

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[Online Registration Process for Ride Leaders >>>](#)

New Membership options

[Membership Benefits>>>](#)

[Online Reg - Step by Step>>>](#)



Rider Miles

Top riders for March

Linari	Steve	934
Proctor	Rick	617
Tweedy	Christine	574
Warren	Wayne	444
Heydron	Paul	404

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 >>>](#)

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.



Sharing Wheels

Sharing Wheels News

Nonprofit partnerships make biking better

By Kristin Kinnamon, Sharing Wheels board president

PUD Electric Block Party

Sharing Wheels will be participating April 22 in the PUD Electric Block Party.

Interested in participating contact bikenbus@gmail.com

<https://driveelectricearthday.org/event?eventid=3633>

Learn about volunteering

Want to spend a few hours a week at Sharing Wheels, or maybe help once a month at a mobile bike repair clinic out in the community? Sharing Wheels is seeking volunteers for our busy spring and summer seasons.

Learn about volunteer opportunities during our monthly Zoom orientation. The next session is 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 19.

To register and receive the link, email Executive Director Christy Cowley ccowley@sharingwheels.org

See all the events at [Sharing Wheels Calendar](#)

[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 it is through the League that 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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