



MBBC

More Bicycling = Better Community!

Mount Baker Bicycle Club Newsletter, Vol 22, No 1, February 2013

Updates from the MBBC President

WE'RE OFF AND RUNNING INTO 2013

The club accomplished a lot in 2012.

- A new club jersey was designed, manufactured and is now being worn by many of us.
- The club began a library of cycling-related material for members to borrow, and the library continues to grow as members contribute more items.
- The club acquired two hard shell bike travel cases, now available for members to check out when they need to box bikes for travel.
- The Bill's Hills Ride continued for its third year, attracting a larger contingent (though I would like some more women to join me)!
- The club provided bicycle escorts for the Bellingham Marathon and Half-Marathon and will continue to provide this service for the race in 2013.
- The MBBC donated 200 bike helmets to low-income children for Bike Month back in May.

We have plans for 2013, with the biggest new event being our **Ride Leader Certification Program**. We've been trying to get this started for a few years, and have been stalled due to lack of funding from community grants. But this year the board decided to just draw from our club funds to finance the Ride Leader Training. It is a club goal to get more people certified to lead rides, which should translate into more rides of varying levels, so that more people will get on their bikes and ride together within our community.

We will hold our first Ride Leader Certification training on March 21st from 6-9 pm. More details will be included in the March newsletter as well as on our Yahoo ListServ. Everyone is encouraged to participate, and to think about what kinds of rides you would like to see added (and that you'd like to lead) to our club schedule.

We will be prominently involved with everybodyBike's "Love Your Ride" celebration on February 10th. everybodyBike is working to have raffle prizes donated, and the MBBC will be the raffle beneficiary. Monies we receive from the raffle will allow us to again contribute bike helmets and gear to low-income children for Bike to Work and School Day. We hope you'll attend the celebration (see p. 3) and join the MBBC volunteers who will be there helping with the Bike Fashion Show and selling raffle tickets!

The club has some money in our Bob Lindquist Memorial Fund and we've discussed using it to purchase bike racks for a Bellingham school. With the talent in our club, we may have people who can volunteer some installation and labor help to stretch our money into providing more racks.

And we've been discussing a re-start of the old DUMB ride ("Down and Up Mt Baker"), perhaps in collaboration with a local bike shop. We hope for the roads to be open to Artist Point by August so we can plan the ride then!

We look forward to a great year and hope to see you at our events and on the road. Ride Safe and Often!

- Marie Kimball, MBBC President



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facebook.com/
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sports.groups.
yahoo.com/group/
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WEEKLY AND GROUP RIDES

- WINTER EDITION



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Sunday Edison Social Ride starts from Edison Elementary School parking lot. 30-40 miles, 10-14 mph, route varies. 10 am start time. For additional info: Alfred Arkley arkley@comcast.net or 360-527-8638

Sunday Rabbit Ride: 32mi road ride, South on Chuckanut, back via Colony and Lake Samish. All welcome; come prepared to push yourself. Pace varies by individual. Small similarly-paced groups leave from Fairhaven Bike & Ski beginning at 8:30am (winter start time). Faster riders leave between 8:45-9:00. Leader John Hauter is getting a knee replacement in early December but insists the ride will go on overwinter without him! info: 733-4433.

Tuesday Ferndale Social Ride: starts from Pioneer Park in Ferndale, 30-40 miles, 13-16 mph route varies. Usually 10am start time in winter. To check time and other info: Bob Parker rmp-4724@hotmail.com or 360-671-6910

Wednesday Group Workout Ride: Race/Training Pace, 30 mile distance, meet at 5:45 pm, leave at 6pm from Boundary Bay Brewery at Railroad Avenue. Ride separates into fast and very fast groups. In the winter this is a trail ride with lights. Gather at brewery afterward (7:30p). 360-410-6431 info (Doug)

Thursday South Social Ride starts from Edison Elementary School parking lot. 30-40 miles, 10-14 mph, route varies. 10 am start time. Info: Alfred Arkley: arkley@comcast.net or 360-527-8638

Saturday Donut Ride: 24 – 45 miles, race pace, departs from Kulshan Cycles, 7:30 am Oct thru Feb and 7 am March thru Sept. Goes to Ferndale and return, or if you wish continue to Birch Bay and return. Every week of the year!!

Saturday Recumbent Ride: Second Saturday of the month at 10 am. 14 mile intown course begins at Kulshan Cycles. Sporadic depending on weather. Info: Robert Parker at rmp-4724@hotmail.com or 360-671-6910



The annual **MBBC President's Day ride** will start at Cornwall Park on **February 18** at 10am. We will meet by the shelters near the Cornwall entrance at 10am, with the ride leaving at 10:15am. If it's a nice day we will ride to Lynden and back. If the weather is not so nice, we will do a round trip to Ferndale. There will, of course, be a coffee-shop stop at the turnaround point. Mileage will be 25 or 50 miles, depending on the route. Pace will be moderate to brisk, and snow or ice will cancel. Marc Ambers will lead the ride, with Ken and Marie acting as backup.



Bainbridge Island's Chilly Hilly is **February 24**, and this ride lives up to its name with February weather and 2,675 ft of climbing. The ride supports 10 local Bainbridge charities, includes cider and baked goods along the way, and ends with a chili feed. (*Chili Hilly!* Get it?)

shop.cascade.org/content/events/chilly-hilly

MBBC cyclists will meet and carpool down to the early-morning ferry ride start. Watch the club's Yahoo Listserv for carpooling details closer to the event date: sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/MtBakerBicycleClub



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LOVE YOUR RIDE

A CELEBRATION OF WINTER BICYCLING

Traveling on Two Wheels this Winter?

Let us say 'thank you' at a special party just for you!

When darkness falls, temperatures drop and the roadways glisten with rain, the joys of fair weather bicycling stay with you, even under all those layers. We love that you Love Your Ride.

To show our appreciation for your pedaling through all seasons, join us for catered treats and chances to win great prizes with a benefit raffle and a bicycle fashion show featuring PNW gear. Your raffle ticket will help Mt. Baker Bicycle Club get bike safety supplies to deserving kids. Friends are welcome—especially those you think might warm up to winter bicycling!

bike parade
catered treats & cash bar
bike fashion show
amazing raffle prizes

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10
DEPOT MARKET SQUARE, RAILROAD AVE.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2013 AT THE DEPOT MARKET SQUARE, RAILROAD AVENUE

4:00pm: All-ages Bike Parade 5pm: Reception, delicious food + drink, plus great raffle prizes 6pm: Fashion Show & Prize drawing

For more information contact everybodyBIKE.com or call 671-BIKE

A Bike Valentine Party that says "Thanks!" for bicycling through the winter months. When darkness falls, temperatures drop, and the roadways glisten with rain, the joys of bicycling stay with you, even under all those layers. We love that you Love Your Ride. To show our appreciation, let us spoil you with delicious treats, entertainment, a raffle benefiting the Mount Baker Bicycle Club, and a fun fashion show that will appeal to fashionistas and cyclists alike! Models will ride the catwalk in fashionable and functional clothing and bicycles, presenting the best of the Cycle Chic lifestyle, where the bicycle is not just a toy used for fun and fitness, but a convenient and stylish mode of transportation.

Schedule of Events on Sunday, February 10, 2013. All events at the Depot Market Square on Railroad.

- 4:00 PM- Lighted Bike Parade. Light your bike and go for an easy, family-friendly group ride around town!
- 5:00 PM- Reception featuring free massages, free catered snacks, a raffle benefiting the MBBC, a cash bar, and more!
- 6:15 PM- Bicycle Fashion Show!
- 6:45 PM- Raffle Drawing



Raffle Sponsors:

Support the Mount Baker Bicycle Club (that's us!) and purchase raffle tickets to win sweet prizes from Alchemy Goods, Nau Clothing, Traitor Cycles, RockiNoggins, Planet Bike, Detours, Cycle Dog, Ibex Clothing, Chainspirations, TiGr Locks, Swift Industries, Contour, Honey Salon, and more! **The MBBC will use the funds raised to purchase helmets and safety equipment for low-income kids, in our annual support of Bike Month and Bike to Work/School Day.**

Fashion Show Partners:

4 Starrs, Damsel, Sojourn, NuU Muu, Red Boots Design, Black Market, Backcountry Essentials, Texture, Intertwined Designs, Babecycle, Telaio Clothing, and Ibex Clothing! Models from the community will ride bikes from Donkelope, Fairhaven Bike and Ski, Traitor Cycles, Kulshan Cycles, Fanatik Bike Shop, Earl's Bike Shop, The Hub Community Bike Shop, and Kona.

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2013 EVENTS

Classes & Training

Bike Month

National Bike Month - May 1-31

National Bike Challenge - May 1 - Sept 30

Bike Month kickoff reception - TBD

Procession of the Species parade - May 4

Bike to Work and School Day - May 17

Adaptive Cycles Expo - TBD

watch for more Bike Month events to be announced in May.

Bike to Work & School Day Planning Meetings - first Thursday of every month. Kickoff meeting February 7, then subsequent meetings **March 7, April 4, & May 2**.

6-8 pm Council of Gov'ts Office, 314 E Champion St.

Volunteer to help make this year's Bike Day the best ever!

information: Mary Anderson or Ellen Barton 671-BIKE or

info@everybodyBIKE.com

Gatherings

Love Your Ride - A Celebration of Winter Cycling February 10, 4-8 pm see p. 3. everybodyBike.com/events

Bike Travelogue Slide Shows

There are 2 more scheduled Bicycle-Touring slide shows in winter 2013; 7pm at Whatcom Middle School, 810 Halleck

- **February 20:** Bellingham to Boston and More.

- **March 20:** Western Canada

everybodyBike.com/events

Seattle Bike Swap: February 10, 9am - 2pm cascade.org
Seattle Center Exhibition Hall, 225 Mercer St. Seattle, 98109
The Seattle Bike Swap, now in its 17th year, is a bike bargain hunter's paradise with up to 100 vendors under the same roof! Expect great deals on new and used bike-related goods, from complete bikes to small parts.

Seattle Bike Expo: March 9-10 cascade.org
Smith Cove Cruise Terminal, 9-6 Sat; 10-4 Sun
The largest consumer bicycle show in the US, 250 exhibitor booths w exhibits of bikes, gear, travel, health and fitness. Presentations & features include museum-quality special exhibits; learn-to-ride instruction and games; performances showcasing world-class athletes, coaches, and speakers. **The MBBC will be hosting a booth and will need volunteers to staff it.** Contact Doug: ridecoordinator@mtbakerbikeclub.org or 410-6431.

Pedaler's Fair (Seattle): April 20-21 pedalersfair.com

Bellingham Bike Swaps: May 18, August 31 thebikeshop1.org

Trail Days - led by WhIMPs and the Bellingham Parks Dept. schedules at: whimpsmtb.org/trail-days/ and 360-778-7105 (Bellingham Parks) or cob.org/documents/parks/volunteer/work-schedule.pdf

MBBC Ride Leader Certification Class - March 21, 6-9pm - Location TBD: either REI or CoOp.

Train to be a certified MBBC Ride Leader. This will allow you to propose group rides, set them up, understand leader responsibilities, and therefore shape future club rides to include adventures geared toward things you're interested in adding to the club's agenda. More details will be forthcoming in March.

Tandem 101 - June 15 in Seattle. The Evergreen Tandem Club offers this workshop every year to introduce tandeming to those who are curious about giving it a try. And this year, with the Northwest Tandem Rally coming to Bellingham in July, this might be your year to try out a tandem! Bob Snead, 425-283-9697 t101@evergreentandemclub.org; evergreentandemclub.org

Bellingham REI Cycling maintenance classes: check the monthly calendar at rei.com/stores/bellingham.html.

Cycle Moles Indoor Training - Spring "Moles" sessions start **March 4th** and will get you ready for Ski to Sea! Contact Fairhaven Fitness: bellinghamtennis.com or 360-733-5050

everybodyBike Cycling safety and confidence classes: check the classes list at everybodybike.com/classes/

Races

May 26: Ski to Sea skitosea.com

June 29: Bellingham Kids' Traverse
recreationnorthwest.org/bellingham-kids-traverse

TBD: Padden Mountain Pedal

Sept 21: Bellingham Traverse
recreationnorthwest.org/bellingham-traverse

Parks & Recreation Race Series

see www.cob.org/services/recreation/races/

June 22: Lake Padden Triathlon

July 20: Lake Padden Duathlon

August 10: Bellingham Youth Triathlon

October 13: Kicks Mountain Bike Duathlon

October 13: YMCA Youth Duathlon



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BIKE RIDES: MARK YOUR CALENDAR – 2013 EDITION

2013 Rides - Nearby

February

24 Chilly Hilly (Bainbridge Island) cascade.org

March

2 Mussels in the Kettles (Coupeville) whidbeybicycleclub.org

16 McClinchy Mile (Arlington) bikesclub.org/

April

20 Tulip Pedal (La Conner) lovelaconner.com/events

27 Tour de Lopez (Lopez Island) lopezisland.com/tourdelopez.htm

May (watch for beginning of Summer Rides series)

4 Camano Climb (Camano Island) arlingtonvelosport.com

11 Skagit Spring Classic (Burlington) skagitspringclassic.org/

18 Haul Ash Tour de Brew (Woodinville) redhook.com/calendar

27 Seven Hills of Kirkland (Kirkland WA) 7hillskirkland.com/

June

1 High Tide Ride (Anacortes)
ministrysync.com/event/website/home/?e=5062

8 Flying Wheels (Redmond) cascade.org

9 Bill's Hills of Bellingham - MBBC Club Ride - mtbakerbikeclub.org

29 World Bicycle Relief Red-Bell 100 (Redmond to Bellingham)
shop.cascade.org/content/red-bell-100

29 Emerald City Lights Ride (Kent) emeraldcitylightsbikeride.org

July

3-7 Northwest Tandem Rally 2013 (Bellingham) nwtr.org/2013

13-14 Seattle to Portland cascade.org

17-21 RedSpoke (Redmond to Spokane) redspoke.org

25 Ride Around Mount Rainier in One Day - RAMROD
redmondcyclyclingclub.org/

27 Tour de Whatcom (Bellingham) tourdewhatcom.com

27-28 ALS Doubleday Ride (Mount Vernon)
webwa.alsa.org/site/PageNavigator/WA_Bike_homepage.html

August

3-10 Ride Around Washington (Republic WA) cascade.org

4 Ride the Hurricane (Port Angeles)
portangeles.org/ride-the-hurricane.html

10 O'Donnell's Tour de Poker (Everett)
bicyclepokerrun.com/odonnells

16-17 RSVP 1 (Seattle to Vancouver BC) cascade.org * sold out

17-18 RSVP 2 (Seattle to Vancouver BC) cascade.org

18 Retro Ride & Concours d'Elegance (La Conner)
kayakfit@fidalgo.net

25 (tentative) Woods to Woods Coffee Classic
(Bellingham, Lynden, Ferndale) everybodyBike.com

September

2 Perimeter Ride of Seattle (PROS) cyclistsofgreaterseattle.org

7-8 MS 150 Bike Ride (Mt Vernon) bikewas.nationalmssociety.org

8 Mt Baker Hill Climb (Glacier) norka.us

14 Passport to Pain (P2P) (Vashon Island) vashoncrew.com/p2p/

15 Chuckanut Century (Bellingham) chuckanutcentury.org

21 Tour de Whidbey (Oak Harbor)
whidbeygen.org/wgh-foundation/tour-de-whidbey

22 Tour de Victoria (Victoria BC) tourdevictoria.com

29 Kitsap Color Classic (Kingston) cascade.org

Check back every month as new rides are added and dates are finalized!

2013 Rides - A bit further away - but worth the trip!

March

10 Gran Fondo (Ephrata) rideviciouscycle.com/

April

14 Daffodil Classic (Orting) twbc.org/

20-21 Wenatchee Sampler (Wenatchee) redmondcyclyclingclub.org

May

4 Ride around Clark County (Vancouver WA) vbc-usa.com/racc

5 May Day Metric (Federal Way) maydaymetric.net

11 Tour de Cure (Redmond) main.diabetes.org/seattletourdecure

11 Inland Empire Century (Richland) inlandempirecentury.org/

11 Living the Dream Ride (Snohomish) livingthedreamride.org/

18 Reach the Beach (Portland, OR) reachthebeach.org/

18-20 Golden Triangle Tour (Castle Mt Junction, BC)
elbowvalleycc.org/events/details.asp?eventid=1500

19 Your Canyon For A Day Bike Tour (Yakima River Canyon)
crimestoppersyakco.org/custom.aspx?p=2

June

1 Apple Century (Wenatchee) applebikeride.com/

2 Peninsula Metric Century (Southworth, Gig Harbor) twbc.org/

15 I Made The Grade (Clarkston - ride the Lewiston Grade!)
prideofclarkston.com/#!__i-made-the-grade

22 Chelan Century Challenge (Chelan) centuryride.com

22 Cycle de Vine (Chelan) cyclevine.com

22 Cannonball (Seattle to Spokane) redmondcyclyclingclub.org

23 2- County Double Metric (Tumwater) capitalbicycleclub.org

29 Mt. Adams Country Bicycle Tour (Trout Lake)
troutlakewashington.com/business/events-2/mt-adams-bicycle-tour/

30 Tour de Pierce (Puyallup) piercecountywa.org/parks

July

6 S2S (Seattle to Spokane) redmondcyclyclingclub.org/S2S/S2S.html

13-14 Triple Bypass (Evergreen CO) teamevergreen.org/triple

19 - 21 Mountain Bike Oregon(part 1) mtbikeoregon.com/

20 CHaFE 150 (Sandpoint ID) chafe150.org/

27 Ride the Gorge (Hood River OR) jacksonsridethethegorge.org/

August

3 Eight Lakes Leg Aches (Spokane) lcsnw.org/8lakesride

4 Mt. Shasta Century (Mt Shasta CA) shastasummitcentury.com/

16-18 Mountain Bike Oregon(part 2) mtbikeoregon.com/

24-25 Ride Around Puget Sound (Tacoma) rapsodybikeride.com/

25 Bainbridge Summer Challenge (Winslow WA)
summerchallengeride.org

September

1 - Great Northwest Fall Tour (Newport WA) gnwft.homestead.com

7 Tour de Lab Puppy or Big Dog (Portland OR) tourdelab.com

8 High Pass Challenge (Packwood) cascade.org

15 Cycle the WAVE (Issaquah) cyclethewave.com

29 Kitsap Color Classic (Kingston) cascade.org

October

5 - Manastash Metric Century/Half (Ellensburg) drier-ride.org

5-7 - Fall Bike Festival (Winthrop) mvsta.com/



Welcome new members!

Amanda Hart
 Lindsay Hart
 Linnie Hart
 Ron Hart
 Rebecca Krueger
 Carter Maden
 Dave Pauley
 Greg Rust
 Lyann Rust
 Joe Wiederhold
 Terry Wiederhold

We're so glad to have you in the MBBC!

MBBC ADMINISTRATION

Mount Baker Bicycle Club

Board of Directors and Officers:

Marie Kimball - President; Patti Mullin - Vice President;
 Scott Dorough - Secretary; [open position] - Treasurer;
 Marc Ambers - Ride Coordinator;
 Doug Schoonover - Event Coordinator
 Ken Giffin, Bill McCourt, Eric Stromerson -- at large

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Contribute to the newsletter: submission guidelines:

Contributions of articles, editorials, photographs, and artwork are welcome for inclusion in the newsletter. Anything related to bicycling will be considered; please discuss ideas with the editor in advance to reserve newsletter space or if you have questions. Final materials are due the last Friday before the last full week of every month, though earlier submissions are appreciated. Text can be submitted in any common format, for example: plain text, RTF, HTML, MS Word, etc. Please use JPG, PNG, or TIFF format for photos, and ensure they are at least 250 ppi. Articles may be edited for grammar, spelling, and space considerations.

Please notify the MBBC of upcoming cycling events for inclusion in the events list/calendar. Provide details plus contact information.

Classified ads are a MBBC member privilege and are printed as space is available.

Email the newsletter editor:
 mbbcnewsletter@mtbakerbikeclub.org, or drop a note to
 Editor, MBBC Newsletter; PO Box 2702; Bellingham WA 98227



MBBC Membership Form

also available at: www.mtbakerbikeclub.org/files/membershipform.pdf

☐ New Member ☐ Renewing Member ☐ This is a change of address

Last name: _____ First name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Postal Code: _____

E-mail: _____

Contact telephone number: _____

Associate member: _____

(An associate member is any person living at the same address as the individual member)

I would like to receive my newsletter by (choose one): ☐ printed & mailed, or ☐ on-line

Would you like to help? Volunteers are our most valuable resource.

Please check any of the boxes that appeal to you and we will be in touch:

- ☐ Ride Leader ☐ Newsletter ☐ Board Member
☐ Bike to Work and School Day ☐ Chuckanut Century
☐ Special Events ☐ Website Maintenance ☐ Education
☐ I can provide discounts on _____

Membership type:

Individual: \$15 _____
 Family/Associate: \$25 _____
 Additional Donation: _____
 (donations support community bicycling programs)
Total enclosed: \$ _____

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Mail to: Mt. Baker Bicycle Club
 attention: membership
 Post Office Box 2702
 Bellingham, Washington 98227



THE BIKE SHOP

update from Matt Velguth

Has it really been 3 years?

The Bike Shop is getting a new skin. Steel siding, provided by grants from The Dudley Foundation and Bellingham Bay Rotary, has worked its way around the exterior providing a respectable outside to match a formidable inside. You can imagine my feelings when I pulled into the parking lot on a Saturday morning in December to find graffiti running the 42 foot length of the Shop's front. I calmed myself down and called the police only to find out that one of our teen riders had already called. This same boy then arrived and volunteered to bike to Home Depot and pick up cleaning supplies. Six teens in all helped scrub off the graffiti, one making the unsolicited comment: "Hey, it's our Shop too!" Graffiti is a routine risk when working in troubled neighborhoods, but six teens teaming up to take it down is a rare and wonderful thing. The new siding escaped undamaged and I actually felt that we gained something for the experience.

2012 was a great year of growth for the Shop. Our ride miles nearly doubled largely due to both the growing activity of our older riders and to more riders than in previous years.

Community involvement at our twice-a-year Bike Swaps also grew, translating into more funding.

We are looking for your old larger size (9 on up) clipless shoes and another two sets of rollers. If you have gear you would like to donate, please contact Matt at thebikeshop1@gmail.com.

The 2013 Bike Swaps will be held on May 18 and August 31st.

2012 Best Bellingham Cocoa



The Koi Cafe won The Bike Shop's 2012 award for Best Cocoa. Voting by the kids after extensive sampling of cocoa around town on their weekly rides.

Cycle Moles Spin-Raiser event on January 20th raised \$1000 for The Bike Shop. Thanks to Robin and Fairhaven Fitness.



Outgoing and Incoming WhIMPs Presidents:
Mark Peterson and Matt Durand

AFTER 20 YEARS -

TORCH IS PASSED AT WHIMPS

At the recent WhIMPs Executive Board retreat, the club worked on its plans for the coming year, with a big change in the works. 20-year President **Mark Peterson** decided it was time to pass the torch, "the same torch that WhIMPs founder Jim Sullivan lit and passed to me nearly 20 years ago."



Matt Durand, WhIMPs Vice President, has been a trusted confidant, friend and is a proven capable leader. With "a tremendous amount of respect and complete confidence," Mark proudly nominated Matt to serve as the new President. Thankfully, he accepted and with unanimous agreement the Executive

Board concurred and a new chapter for the WMBC has begun. Please join Mark and the WhIMPs Board in welcoming Matt to a very important new role.

Mark will continue as a Board Member of the WMBC in a reduced role. As he steps aside, he says: "I would like to extend my utmost gratitude to the organization and volunteers for your support. I will be forever grateful and proud of what we accomplished together over the past 20 years. It is a humbling experience to have been trusted with the opportunity to provide leadership during some of the most crucial times in the evolution of mountain biking in our community. I could go on for pages of all the things I would like to say and the memories I'd like to share.

"But, instead I'll keep it short and to the point and what I really want to convey is: *Thank you and I hope to see you on the trails!*"

<http://whimpsmtb.org/>

Did You Send This?

A torn and empty envelope appeared in the MBBC post office box in December. Here is all that we can read: the address to the club and part of the return. If you recognize the handwriting and can identify the sender of this letter, please contact us! Meanwhile, we apologize if you sent something we should have responded to!



Will return in 2013 with your favorite 2012 rides and more!!

Watch for schedule in April!

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
					February 1	2 Donut Ride BHamParks Trail Work
3 Rabbit Ride Edison Social Ride	4	5 Ferndale social ride	6 Wed Group Trail Ride	7 Edison Social Ride Bike Day Planning Meeting - Kickoff	8	9 Donut Ride Recumbent Ride BHamParks Trail Work
10 Rabbit Ride Edison Social Ride WhIMPs Trail Day Seattle Bike Swap Love Your Ride!	11	12 Ferndale social ride	13 Wed Group Trail Ride	14 <i>Valentine's</i> Edison Social Ride	15 MBBC March Newsletter Deadline	16 Donut Ride BHamParks Trail Work
17 Rabbit Ride Edison Social Ride	18 <i>President's Day</i> ride	19 Ferndale social ride	20 Wed Group Ride Travelog Slide Show	21 Edison Social Ride	22	23 Donut Ride WhIMPs Trail Day BHamParks Trail Work
24 Rabbit Ride Edison Social Ride Chilly Hilly	25	26 Ferndale social ride	27 Wed Group Trail Ride	28 Edison Social Ride	March 1	2 Donut Ride



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