



MBBC

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the club online:

www.mtbakerbikeclub.org
www.chuckanutcentury.org

and our social sites:



A toast to 2011 and to our departed friend Bob Lindquist, who originated the New Year's Day ride, and in whose memory nearly 50 people rode this year. Whether the toast is with coffee, Pepsi, or beer, the MBBC New Year's Day riders wish everyone a prosperous and safe 2011. Thanks to Mark Wheatley for again organizing and making sure no one was left behind on this ride!

This photo, as well as the others in this month's newsletter, contributed by Marc Ambers Photography

FEBRUARY'S NOT TOO EARLY TO START. *LET'S RIDE!*

The annual **MBBC President's Day ride** will start at Cornwall Park on **February 21** 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.

Bainbridge Island's Chilly Hilly is **February 27**, 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.

cascade.org/EandR/chilly

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

WEEKLY AND GROUP RIDES

— Winter wrap-up edition



Tuesday AM 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 (Winter edition: trail ride with lights): 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. From mid-Sept-Mar this is a night trail ride with lights. Gather at brewery afterward (7:30p). ridecoordinator@mtbakerbikeclub.org, 410-6431

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 LATEST FROM YOUR MBBC BOARD

The MBBC Board of Directors had its quarterly meeting on January 17, 2011. Business of interest to our members is:

- Cathie Gerlicher has stepped down from her at-large board position. Ken Giffin has agreed to fill this position.
- VP Chris Covert-Bowlds is moving out of the area and will vacate his VP position. Patti Mullin has agreed to fill the VP position.
- MBBC will continue to support *The Bike Shop* project for youth in Bellingham. If The Bike Shop can field a high school team for the Ski-to-Sea race, the MBBC will pay the team's entry fee.
- The MBBC will sponsor a team for Ski-to-Sea if it can field a "Green Team" of club members. A "Green Team" must support itself without use of any motor vehicles.
- Greg Rehm has agreed to assist the club with our social media visibility.
- We received a thank-you from Ferndale Dollars for Scholars Foundation, which manned a food stop at the Chuckanut Century and received a contribution.
- The club will put on more local club rides in 2011. The first was the New Year's Day ride, and we hope to schedule an April Fool's ride (perhaps to Lummi Island), a July 4th ride (La Conner), and an autumn trail ride. The 2010 Bill's Hills Ride will go again on June 12.
- The MBBC hopes to engage more volunteers in 2011, and will work to provide more recognition for all our volunteers.

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Development would affect popular cycling route

LAKE SAMISH RESIDENTS REQUEST ASSISTANCE FROM CYCLING COMMUNITY

Cyclists from Whatcom and Skagit counties ride the Lake Samish loop often. The route around the lake is part of cycling events such as Tour de Whatcom, Skagit Spring Classic, MS 150, the MBBC Wednesday Ride south loop, as well as individual fitness and pleasure rides for many of us.

A proposed 23-acre housing development would likely have an adverse effect on this cycling route, as well as on the existing neighborhood and the Lake Samish watershed. The Concerned Neighbors of Lake Samish organization has contacted the MBBC and asked that the following information be communicated to the cycling community. They hope that cyclists will attend a hearing on February 9, 1:30 pm at the Whatcom County Courthouse, 311 Grand Avenue.

From: Mark Herrenkohl,
Concerned Neighbors of Lake Samish
mherrenkohl@hotmail.com; 647-6980
lakesamish.org/issues/sleepy_hollow.html

Re: Sleepy Hollow Long Subdivision/Shoreline
Substantial/SEPA Appeal APPEAL01-09

The "Sleepy Hollow" Subdivision is a proposed development of 46 houses on approximately 23 acres at the junction of West Lake Samish Drive and Summerland Road. Whatcom County Planning and Development determined that *"no significant adverse environmental impacts are likely"* from this development. The Concerned Neighbors of Lake Samish formed in 1992 to oppose this development because we believe there will be significant adverse environmental impacts to Lake Samish and its surrounding rural areas.

The original hearing to appeal the County's designation was on January 20, 2004. Due to the extent of potential impacts this development would have on Lake Samish including water quality, storm water runoff and pollution, fisheries habitat and Friday Creek flow, traffic and pedestrian safety, the County Hearing Examiner could not complete the hearing and requested a continuance 3 weeks from that time.

Now, after 7 years of delay, the County, working with the developer, has completed a staff report supposedly clarifying, updating and/or resolving issues that arose during the January 2004 hearing. The County and developer have informed the Hearing Examiner that they are prepared to continue.

We have been notified that the hearing will resume on **February 9, 1:30 pm** at the Whatcom County Courthouse, 311 Grand Avenue. We would like to fill the room at the hearing with cyclists and recreational users of the lake. If we could rally a huge turnout from the cycling community it would make a big difference.

It would also be very useful to write letters in opposition. In particular, it would be useful for cyclists to express any concerns about safety.

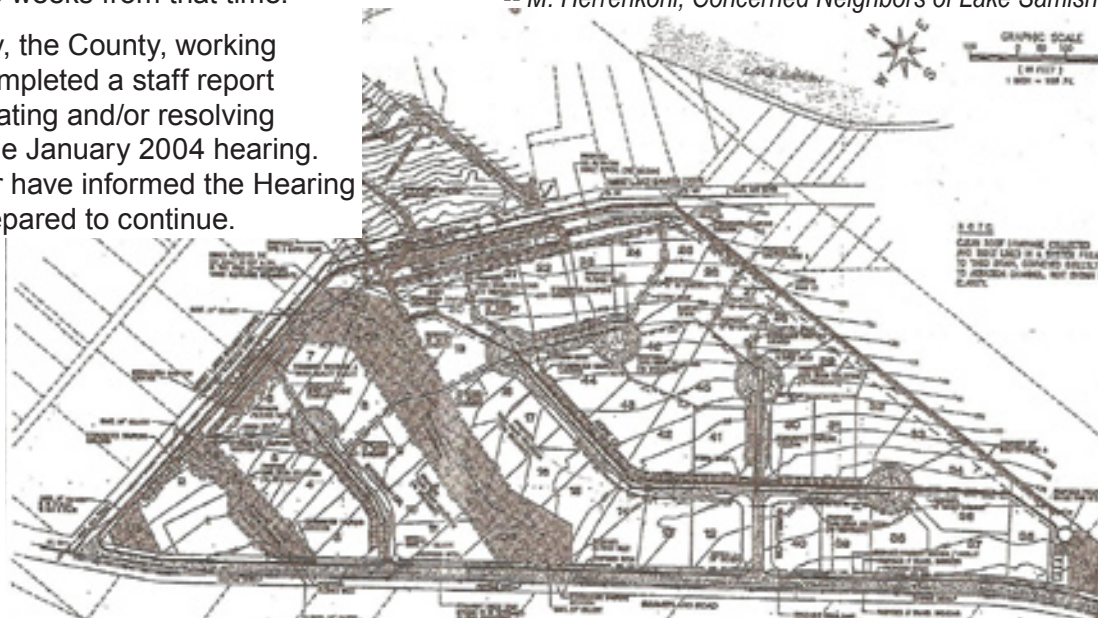
Letters *must* be received by February 8 in order to be included in the hearing record. They should be directed to:

Michael Bobbink, Hearing Examiner
c/o Whatcom County District Court
311 Grand Avenue
Bellingham, WA 98225

Other ways to contact are:
Telephone: (360) 676-6770; Fax: (360) 676-7685

We believe that this densely clustered development would be inappropriate and detrimental to the rural character and nature of this watershed. The increased traffic would be terrible, and the effect it would have on recreational users who enjoy the lake and surrounding area would be substantial.

-- M. Herrenkohl, Concerned Neighbors of Lake Samish



2011 EVENTS

BikeMonth

BikeMonth - May 1-31

100 Years of Bicycles: exhibit at Lynden Museum - May 1

Pedal with your Politician - May 14

Bike to Work and School Day - May 20

Adaptive Cycles Expo - May 21

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

Bike To Work & School Day planning meetings -

kickoff meeting February 2 then March 2, April 6, May 4;

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

Bike Travelogue Slide Shows

There are 2 more scheduled Bicycle-Touring slide shows in winter 2011.

Check everybodyBike.com/calendar.aspx for definite dates and locations of upcoming slide shows.

- **February 10:** Bicycle Netherlands
- **March 10:** Bicycle Erie Canal Trail

Ladies Night at Kulshan Cyclery: March 10, 7-9pm. Come

enjoy an evening with refreshments, prizes and shopping.

Check out the latest in women-specific products, make new riding buddies, learn how to fix a flat and find out about events and rides. 360-733-6440 Liz at Kulshan

Seattle Bike Swap: February 13

www.cascade.org/EandR/bikeswap

Seattle Bike Expo: March 12-13 The MBBC is again hosting a booth at the Seattle International Bicycle Expo, partnering with Todd Williams (Tour de Whatcom) and Charlie Heggem (Festival 542). We'll promote the Chuckanut Century plus other riding in Whatcom County. Volunteers are needed to staff the booth! www.cascade.org/EandR/expo/

Races

May 29: Ski to Sea www.skitoSEA.com

Sept 17: Bellingham Traverse bellinhamtraverse.com

Parks & Recreation Race Series

see www.trithethecookie.com

June 25: Lake Padden Triathlon

July 23: Lake Padden Duathlon

August 27: Bellingham Youth Triathlon

October 9: Runningshoes.com Duathlon

October 9: YMCA Youth Duathlon

WWU Cycling Races

see www.wwucycling.com for schedules

Classes & Training

USA Fit Bellingham is once again instructing triathlon training in preparation for the Lake Padden Triathlon on June 25.

- Training series starts: **March 30.**

usafitbellinhamtri.com

Bellingham REI Cycling maintenance classes: check the monthly calendar at www.rei.com/stores/events/65

everybodyBike Cycling safety and confidence classes: check the events calendar at everybodybike.com/calendar.aspx currently scheduled:

- **February 22 First Gear: Confidence and Comfort**, 6pm at Smart Trips Headquarters, 314 E. Champion St.



Fairhaven Fitness presents TRX suspension training starting in February. Core strength plus specific work on all the muscle groups. Read more at bellinhamtennis.com.

Trail Building

Take some time this winter to get outside, volunteer, and improve the city trails and mountain bike trails that we all enjoy. There are trail-work parties being organized by the Whatcom Independent Mountain Pedalers (WhIMPs) and by the Bellingham Parks Department.

Trail maintenance dates from WhIMPs:

February 6, February 12, February 20

March 6, March 13, March 20

April 3 & 16; May 15; June 25

above meeting times at 9:45 am or 10am. Tools supplied. Wear appropriate clothing for the weather conditions. Check the website as the dates approach for exact location and time to meet.

information: whimpsmtb.com/trailbuilding.html

Trail work dates from Bellingham Parks Dept:

February 5 - 10am Pine St. Trail

February 12 - 10am St. Clair Park

February 12 - 1:30pm Padden Lagoon

February 26 - 10am Connelly Creek Nature Area

March 5 - 9am Happy Valley Park

March 12 - 1:30pm Old Village Trail

information: Bellingham Parks & Recreation, 360-778-7105 and see directions to trailhead meeting places here:

<http://www.cob.org/documents/parks/volunteer/work-schedule.pdf>

Mt. Baker Club Activities

originally Mt Baker Hiking Club, they host bike rides during spring & summer, check schedule: mountbakerclub.org/

BIKE RIDES: MARK YOUR CALENDAR – 2011 EDITION**

It's a new year and time to start planning bicycling vacations and weekends. Use this calendar to help plan that week off, destination trip including an organized ride, or your first century ride.

** as of print time, several rides have not yet published their 2011 details. These rides will be added to this newsletter calendar in subsequent months when more is known. Also, some 2011 rides are already sold out, and they have not been listed here.

-- thanks to Doug Schoonover for compiling, as he does every year, events&dates on this calendar!

2011 RIDES – WESTERN WASHINGTON	
February rides - also see p.1 of newsletter	
21 Presidents Day Ride (Bellingham) (see p. 1)	
27 Chilly Hilly (Bainbridge Island)	
cascade.org/EandR/chilly	
March	
19 McClinchy Mile (Arlington) bikesclub.org	
April	
10 Daffodil Classic (Puyallup) twbc.org	
16 Tulip Pedal (LaConner) tulipfestival.org (see events)	
30 Tour de Lopez (Lopez Island) lopezisland.com	
May	
1 Rhody Tour (Port Townsend) ptbikes.org	
1 May Day Classic (Federal Way) maydaymetric.net	
7 Ride Around Clark County (Vancouver WA) vbc-usa.com/racc	
7 Skagit Spring Classic skagitspringclassic.org	
14 Camano Climb (Camano Island) stanwoodvelosport.com	
14 High Tide Ride (Anacortes)	
30 Seven Hills of Kirkland www.7hillskirkland.org	
June	
4 Swan Century (Sedro Woolley) swancentury.org	
4 High Tide Ride (Anacortes)	
5 Seattle Tweed Ride gomeansgo.org	
5 Peninsula Metric Century (Southworth) twbc.org	
5 Fort2Fort (Port Townsend) fort2fortride.org	
11 Flying Wheels (east side) cascade.org/EandR/flying/	
12 Bill's Hills of Bellingham (MBBC club ride)	
18 Tour de Blast (Mount St. Helens) tourdeblast.com	
25 Cannonball (Seattle to Spokane) redmondccyclingclub.org	
July	
9-10 MBBC North Cascades club ride	
9-10 Seattle to Portland/STP cascade.org/EandR/stp	
13-17 RedSpoke - Redmond to Spokane redspoke.org	
16 S2S (Seattle to Spokane) redmondccyclingclub.org	
23 Echelon Gran Fondo (Edmonds) echelongranfondo.org	
28 RAMROD (Mt. Rainier) redmondccyclingclub.org	
30 Tour de Whatcom (Bellingham) tourdewhatcom.com	
30 Seattle Century seattlecentury.com	
August	
21 Retro Ride (LaConner) Ken Rasmussen kayakfit@fidalgo.net	
27-28 RAPSody - Ride Around Puget Sound (Tacoma)	
rapsodybikeride.com	
September	
10-11 MS 150 Bike Ride (Mt. Vernon)	
11 Mt. Baker Hill Climb (Glacier) www.norkarecreation.com	
16-19 Trek Tri-Island (San Juan, Lopez, Orcas Islands) alaw.org	
18 Chuckanut Century (Bellingham) chuckanutcentury.org	
24 Tour de Whidbey (Greenbank Farm)	
25 Kitsap Color Classic cascade.org/EandR/kitsap	



SOME 2011 RIDES OF INTEREST – ELSEWHERE

This list is a sample of rides offered in Eastern Washington, neighboring states/provinces, and states further away.

March

- 12** Solvang Century (Solvang, CA) bikescor.com/solvang
- 13** Gran Fondo (Ephrata, WA) beezleyburn.com

April

May

- 15** Santa Fe Century (Santa Fe NM) santafecentury.com
- 21** Inland Empire 100 (Richland) inlandempirecentury.org
- 21** Reach the Beach (Portland, OR) reachthebeach.org
- 22** Munchenhaus Ride (Leavenworth) munchenhausbikeride.com
- 21-23** Golden Triangle Tour (BC) elbowvalleycc.org

June

- 4** Apple Century (Wenatchee) applebikeride.com
- 4** CHaFE 150 (Sand Point, ID) chafe150.org
- 5** Elephant Rock (Castle Rock CO) elephantrockride.com
- 11-17** Ride the Rockies (CO) ridetherockies.com
- 19-25** Bicycle Tour of Colorado bicycletourcolorado.com
- 25** Chelan Century Challenge (Chelan) centuryride.com
- 25** Mt. Adams Tour (Trout Lake)

July

- 17-23** TourBC (Creston BC loop) www.tourbc.net
- 23** Ride the Gorge (Hood River OR) jacksonsridethegorge.org
- 24-29** Washington Ride (SW WA) oregonbicycleride.org

August

- 7** Mt. Shasta Summit Century (CA) shastasummitcentury.com
- 19-21** Mtn Bike Oregon (Oak Ridge OR) mtbikeoregon.com

September/October

- 9/11** High Pass Challenge (Packwood) cascade.org/EandR/hpc
- 9/30-10/2** Fall Bike Festival (Winthrop) www.mvsta.com



Welcome new members!

Gregory Munson

Shirley Schaad

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

Thanks also to the 20 members who renewed their memberships in December/January!



MBBC ADMINISTRATION

Mt. Baker Bicycle Club

Board of Directors and Officers:

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

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Jennifer Longstaff--
mbbcnewsletter@mtbakerbikeclub.org

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 or TIFF format for photos, and ensure they are at least 250 ppi. Any 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.

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 bike safety education)

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Please enclose a check payable to:
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Mail to: Mt. Baker Bicycle Club
Post Office Box 2702
Bellingham, Washington 98227



BICYCLE ALLIANCE 2011 LEGISLATION FOCUSES ON SAFETY, EDUCATION

The Bicycle Alliance of Washington works year-round to identify, research and prioritize key issues for cycling that need to be addressed at the state level. The Bicycle Alliance of Washington works with a professional lobbyist in Olympia to forward that agenda - he is our eyes and ears, but bicyclists are our voice. Help support our agenda by attending **Transportation Advocacy Day on February 10** in Olympia and by contacting your legislators in support of selected bills.

The Bicycle Alliance Legislative and Statewide Issues Committee, made up of representatives of bike clubs and communities from across the state, has been working on our 2011 legislative agenda since last spring.


Priority legislation includes bills that would address:

- Traffic safety education: require that the driving schools attended by motorists who have received a traffic ticket teach curriculum for safe driving around cyclists and pedestrians. Thanks to previous legislation and work by the Bicycle Alliance, the Department of Licensing already requires the curriculum in all regular driver's education courses. The materials are funded by proceeds from *Share the Road* license plate sales.
- Mutual courtesy and safe passing: clarify the laws that define safe and courteous behavior for cyclists and motorists, including legislation governing how much space motorists should give cyclists when passing alongside them.
- Complete streets: create a grant program that gives incentives for communities that adopt a "complete streets" policy to ensure that their streets are designed and built to safely accommodate all users (pedestrians, bicyclists, people with disabilities, drivers).
- Lower speed limits: Give communities broader authority to lower speed limits to 20 miles an hour in neighborhoods with high pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Lower speed limits sharply reduce injuries and death.
- Liability: Impose reasonable limits on the liability of communities that mark bicycle routes with signage or produce bike maps. Currently, some communities don't mark or map routes at all because they fear they will be found liable for injuries suffered by cyclists who use the routes.

Several of these bills are on year two – we introduced them last year but get a second chance this time around. We also will be on the lookout to ensure that Safe Routes to Schools projects for districts around the state remain funded and that any transportation bills provide adequate funding for bicycling and walking.

Keep abreast of how our agenda is faring and how you can help by visiting our website: www.bicyclealliance.org.

-- submitted by Kristin Kinnamon, who is a member of BIKES Club of Snohomish County and lives in Marsyville, Wa.

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		February 1 Tues AM Social Ride	2 <i>Groundhog Day</i> Wed Group Ride Bike to Work Day planning meeting	3	4	5 Donut Ride Bellingham Parks trail work party
6 WhIMPs trail work party	7	8 Tues AM Social Ride	9 Wed Group Ride Lake Samish development hearing	10 Transportation Advocacy Day Bike Slide Show	11	12 Donut Ride Recumbent Ride Bellingham Parks & WhIMPs trail work parties
13 Seattle Bike Swap	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 Tues Social Ride	16 Wed Group Ride	17	18 March MBBC Newsletter Deadline	19 Donut Ride
20 WhIMPs trail work party	21 <i>President's Day</i> Presidents Day Ride	22 Tues Social Ride everybodyBike <i>First Gear</i> class	23 Wed Group Ride	24	25	26 Donut Ride Bellingham Parks trail work party
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