



# MBBC

**More Bicycling = Better Community!**

**Mount Baker Bicycle Club Newsletter, Volume 19 Number 1, Feb 2010**

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Record number of riders for the annual New Year's Day ride to Edison, despite gusty 50 mph winds. *photo: Mark Wheatley*

**Happy New Year from the MBBC**

**Surprisingly warm January starts 2010 with great riding!**

**T**he New Year's Day ridership broke the record in 2010! Over 30 cyclists on the ride, and 40 people for lunch at the Old Edison Inn. Weather was blustery (50 mph wind gusts!) but warm and not rainy. The south wind continued throughout the day, so the initial headwind changed to a welcomed tailwind on the way home!

-- Mark Wheatley

Thanks to all who attended the ride, and a special thanks to Mark Wheatley who organized everything and prepared the Old Edison Inn for the arrival of 40 cyclists *en masse!*

-- Marie Kimball

**A** number of MBBC members rode the Stinky Spoke (Stinky Weather Poker Run) in Woodinville on January 16.

The 16.5 mile mostly off-road course is non-technical, but has some fun bits of mostly level single track, some short hills and rollers, and a fun, short, steep descent near the end.

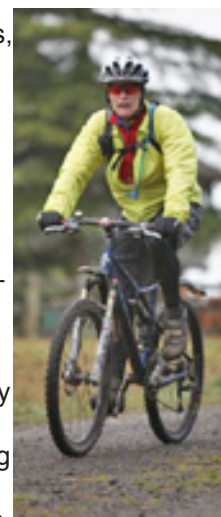
The course could be ridden by most skill levels and we saw everything

from downhillers to families with trail-a-bikes enjoying the ride.

The finish-line party was loud, but fun. The swag, including a nice fleece cap, pounder beer glass, and free beer was great. The choice of the outdoor BBQ or the indoor restaurant was welcome.

It's a fun event in the depths of winter with lots going for it. Forget the poker part and enjoy the ride and party. If you're looking for a mid-winter event next year, I'd recommend it.

-- Greg Rehm



*photo: Mark Wheatley*

## WEEKLY AND GROUP RIDES

— Winter Edition *(spring is on the way! have faith!!)*



**Tuesday Social Ride:** starts from Pioneer Park in Ferndale, 30-40 miles, 13-16 mph route varies. 10am start time in winter, 9am in better weather. To check start time and for other info: Robert Parker at [rmp-4724@hotmail.com](mailto: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. From Oct-Mar this is a night trail ride with lights. Re-group at brewery afterward (7:30 pm). Contact: [ridecoordinator@mtbakerbikeclub.org](mailto: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](mailto:rmp-4724@hotmail.com) or 360-671-6910

**everybodyBikeCommunity Rides:** Check [www.everybodyBike.com/calendar.aspx](http://www.everybodyBike.com/calendar.aspx) for listings



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### MBBC'S ANNUAL PRESIDENTS' DAY RIDE:

The annual MBBC President's Day ride will start at Cornwall Park on February 15 at 10am. We will meet by the shelters, near the Cornwall entrance at 10am, with the ride leaving at 10:15am. If we have a decent day we will ride to Lynden and back. If the weather is not so nice, we will do a round trip to Ferndale. 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 *(I will be leading the ride)*



*The last donut ride of 2009* was made extra-special by the addition of actual donuts! And hot cider on a cold day. photo: Shawn Lucke

## EVENTS COMING UP:

### ***Bike Expo March 13-14***

The MBBC is again hosting a booth at the Group Health Seattle International Bicycle Expo, partnering this year with Todd Williams (Tour de Whatcom) and Charlie Heggem (Festival 542). We'll promote the Chuckanut Century plus other riding in Whatcom County. Volunteers will be needed to staff the booth! [www.cascade.org/EandR/expo](http://www.cascade.org/EandR/expo)

### ***MBBC Presidents' Day Ride (left column) February 15***

The MBBC's new ride coordinator Marc Ambers will lead this year's President's Day ride, see details on the lower left corner of this page!

### ***everybodyBike Presidents' Day Ride February 15***

Riders who prefer a more leisurely pace on Presidents' Day can join everybodyBike for a 6-18 mile loop at 10-12 mph. Starts at Elizabeth Park at 10am. information: Mary Anderson 671-BIKE or [mary@everybodybike.com](mailto:mary@everybodybike.com)

### ***Eric's Orcas Ride February 21***

Eric Stromerson is organizing an Orcas Island ride (including a climb up Mt Constitution) on Sunday, Feb 21. We'll catch an early ferry out of Anacortes - probably the 8:35am ferry. Contact Eric for details on when to meet up and head out of Bellingham: [ericbs63@aol.com](mailto:ericbs63@aol.com)

### ***Chilly Hilly February 28***

This ride lives up to its name with February weather and 2,675 ft of climbing. [www.cascade.org/EandR/chilly](http://www.cascade.org/EandR/chilly)

everybody  **BIKE**



## THANK YOU, ELLEN BARTON, FOR YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CLUB!

Whether she's leading a recreational group ride, working at a Chuckanut Century rest stop, hauling dog food on her bike trailer, working on programs for Whatcom Smart Trips and everybodyBIKE, or serving on various transportation committees with the city and county, Ellen Barton is first and foremost an advocate for bicycling in our community.

The Mount Baker Bicycle Club has been fortunate to have Ellen serve as its president since 2001. Under Ellen's leadership, bicycling has grown in Whatcom County, our membership has increased, and thanks to Ellen's diligent work generating transportation-related grants, the club's budget has increased such that more cycling programs can be taken on.

After nine years, Ellen has stepped down from the MBBC presidency and board, but she leaves the club in good working order and with a great legacy. We will always honor everything Ellen has done for the MBBC and for cycling in Whatcom County.



Ellen is still a member of our club and a friend, and the MBBC will still be collaborating with her via her position with Smart Trips, everybodyBIKE, the Whatcom Council of Governments and the county's bicycle-pedestrian committees.

Now that Ellen is freed up from the busy role of MBBC President, she is beginning to occupy some of her newfound spare time with singing. Last year she auditioned for and was subsequently invited to join both the Bellingham Chamber Chorale and the Whatcom Chorale. You'll be able to see and hear Ellen in several choral concerts coming up this spring. And we're sure that she will be using her bike for transportation to her rehearsals and concerts!

We appreciate all your hard work on the MBBC's behalf, Ellen, and wish you the best of luck in all your future endeavors. We'll be seeing you out on the road!



photo: Mark Wheatley



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# 2010 EVENTS – TOO MANY TO FIT!

## BikeMonth

BikeMonth - May 1-31

Pedal with your Politician - May 15

**Bike to Work and School Day - May 21**

**Bike To Work & School Day planning meetings - kickoff meeting February 3 then March 3, April 7, May 5;** 6:30-8:30 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](mailto:info@everybodyBIKE.com)

## Gatherings

**RideOn! Bicycle Travelogue Series** 6-7:45 pm,  
Bellingham (Sehome Village) REI. \$2 donation suggested.  
**February 25:** *Family Friendly Bicycling Vacation in the Olympic Peninsula and San Juan Islands* by Laural Ringer, plus *Seattle to San Francisco by Bike* by Chris Covert-Bowlds.  
**March 26:** *Cycling over the North Cascades* by Megan Artz, plus *Cycling Switzerland* by Darrell Sofield.

**Ladies Night at Kulshan Cyclery:** **March 18**, 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

**Seattle Bike Swap:** February 27  
[www.cascade.org/EandR/bikeswap](http://www.cascade.org/EandR/bikeswap)

**Seattle Bike Expo:** March 13-14  
[www.cascade.org/EandR/expo/](http://www.cascade.org/EandR/expo/)

## Races

**May 30:** Ski to Sea [www.skitosea.com](http://www.skitosea.com)

**Sept 18:** Bellingham Traverse [bellinghamtraverse.com](http://bellinghamtraverse.com)

### **Parks & Recreation Race Series**

see [www.trithecookie.com](http://www.trithecookie.com)

**June 26:** Lake Padden Triathlon

**July 24:** Lake Padden Duathlon

**August 14:** Bellingham Youth Triathlon

**October 10:** Runningshoes.com Duathlon

**October 11:** YMCA Youth Duathlon

### **WWU Cycling Races**

see [www.wwucycling.com](http://www.wwucycling.com) for schedules

### **Indie series will be in Bellingham July 18**

see full schedule at: [www.indieseries.com](http://www.indieseries.com)

and also check the blog: [wmbctrails.blogspot.com](http://wmbctrails.blogspot.com)  
(preliminary schedule up on the Blog's January 17th entry)

## Classes & Training

**USA Fit Bellingham** is once again instructing triathlon training in preparation for the Lake Padden Triathlon on June 26.

- Meet the coaches: **February 20** at 2004 James Street.

- Training series starts: **March 31**.

[www.usafitbellinghamtri.com](http://www.usafitbellinghamtri.com)

**Bellingham REI** Cycling maintenance classes: check the monthly calendar at [www.rei.com/stores/events/65](http://www.rei.com/stores/events/65)

**everybodyBike** Cycling safety and confidence classes: check the events calendar at [everybodybike.com/calendar.aspx](http://everybodybike.com/calendar.aspx) currently scheduled:

- **February 22** and **March 24** *First Gear: Confidence and Comfort*, 6pm at Bellingham REI

## 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), the Bellingham REI, and by the Bellingham Parks Department.

### **Trail maintenance dates from WhIMPs:**

**February 7, February 20, February 21**

**March 7, March 14, March 21**

**April 4 & 17**

**May 2 & 9**

above meeting times all at 10am. Tools supplied. Wear appropriate clothing for the weather conditions. Check the website as the dates approach for exact location to meet.

*information:* [www.whimpsmtb.com/trailbuilding.html](http://www.whimpsmtb.com/trailbuilding.html)

**Sehome Hill trail building** work party, sponsored by Bellingham REI. **February 27** 8:30am-11:30pm; 12:30pm-3:30pm. Lunch will be provided for anyone working on both shifts. Register for one or both shifts via email ([pakenne@rei.com](mailto:pakenne@rei.com)) or at Bellingham REI customer service 360 647 8955.

### **Trail work dates from Bellingham Parks Dept:**

**February 6** - 10am Crooked Path

**February 20** - 10am Padden Creek Trail @ 6th

**March 6** - 10am Old Village Trail

**March 6** - 9am Red Tail Reach

**March 6** - 1pm Maritime Heritage Park

**March 13** - 9am Connelly Creek

**March 13, 20, & 27** - 9am Squalicum Creek Nursery

**March 20** - 1pm Boulevard Park

**March 27** - 9am Connelly Creek

*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 have bike rides during spring & summer, check schedule: [www.mountbakerclub.org/](http://www.mountbakerclub.org/)

# BIKE RIDES: MARK YOUR CALENDAR – 2010 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.

\*\* at print time, several rides had not yet published their 2010 dates. These rides will be added to this newsletter calendar in subsequent months when their dates are known.

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

## 2010 RIDES – WESTERN WASHINGTON

### February

- 15** Presidents Day Rides (Bellingham) (see p. 2)  
**21** Eric's Orcas Ride (Anacortes-Orcas) (see p. 2)  
**21** Seattle Tweed Ride  
[gomeansgo.org/2010/01/15/seattle-tweed-ride/](http://gomeansgo.org/2010/01/15/seattle-tweed-ride/)  
**28** Chilly Hilly (Bainbridge Island)  
[www.cascade.org/EandR/chilly](http://www.cascade.org/EandR/chilly)

### March

- 20** McClinchy Mile (Arlington)  
[www.bikesclub.org/html/mcclinchy/mcclinchy.htm](http://www.bikesclub.org/html/mcclinchy/mcclinchy.htm)

### April

- 17** Tulip Pedal (LaConner)  
[www.tulipfestival.org](http://www.tulipfestival.org) (see events)  
**18** Daffodil Classic (Puyallup) [www.twbc.org/events/](http://www.twbc.org/events/)  
**24** Tour de Lopez (Lopez Island)  
[www.lopezisland.com/tourdelopez.htm](http://www.lopezisland.com/tourdelopez.htm)

### May

- 1** Camano Climb (Camano Island)  
**1** RACC: Ride Around Clark County (Vancouver WA)  
[www.vancouverbicycleclub.com](http://www.vancouverbicycleclub.com)  
**2** Rhody Tour (Port Townsend)  
[www.ptbikes.org/index.php?page=rhodytour](http://www.ptbikes.org/index.php?page=rhodytour)  
**8** Skagit Spring Classic [www.skagitbicycleclub.org](http://www.skagitbicycleclub.org)  
**31** Seven Hills of Kirkland [www.7hillskirkland.org](http://www.7hillskirkland.org)

### June

- 6** Peninsula Metric Century (Southworth)  
[www.twbc.org/events/peninsula](http://www.twbc.org/events/peninsula)  
**6** Fort2Fort (Port Townsend) [fort2fortride.org](http://fort2fortride.org)  
**12** Flying Wheels (east side) [www.cascade.org/EandR/flying/](http://www.cascade.org/EandR/flying/)  
**19** Tour de Blast (Mount St. Helens) [www.tourdeblast.com](http://www.tourdeblast.com)

### July

- 11-31** Big Ride Washington (statewide loop) [bigride.org](http://bigride.org)  
**14-18** RedSpoke - Redmond to Spokane [www.redspoke.org](http://www.redspoke.org)  
**17-18** Seattle to Portland/STP [www.cascade.org/EandR/stp](http://www.cascade.org/EandR/stp)  
**29** RAMROD - Ride Around Mt. Rainier One Day  
[www.redmondcyclingclub.org](http://www.redmondcyclingclub.org)  
**31** Tour de Whatcom (Bellingham) [www.tourdewhatcom.com](http://www.tourdewhatcom.com)  
**31** Seattle Century [www.seattlecentury.com](http://www.seattlecentury.com)

### August

- 7** Bike to Battle Cancer (Bellingham) [biketobattlecancer.org](http://biketobattlecancer.org)  
**28** Retro Ride (LaConner) Ken Rasmussen [kayakfit@fidalgo.net](mailto:kayakfit@fidalgo.net)  
**28-29** RAPSody - Ride Around Puget Sound (Tacoma)  
[www.rapsodybikeride.com](http://www.rapsodybikeride.com)  
**29** Summits of Bothell [www.summits-of-bothell.org](http://www.summits-of-bothell.org)

### September

- 11-12** MS 150 Bike Ride (Mt. Vernon)  
**12** Mt. Baker Hill Climb (Glacier) [www.norkarecreation.com](http://www.norkarecreation.com)  
**11-13** Trek Tri-Island (San Juan, Lopez, Orcas Islands) [alaw.org](http://alaw.org)  
**19** Chuckanut Century (Bellingham) [mtbakerbicycleclub.org](http://mtbakerbicycleclub.org)  
**25** Tour de Whidbey (Oak Harbor) [tinyurl.com/5zw9zv](http://tinyurl.com/5zw9zv)  
**26** Kitsap Color Classic [www.cascade.org/EandR/kitsap](http://www.cascade.org/EandR/kitsap)



## SOME 2010 RIDES OF INTEREST – ELSEWHERE

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

### March

- 13** Solvang Century (Solvang, CA)  
[www.bikescor.com/solvang](http://www.bikescor.com/solvang)

### April

### May

- 15** Reach the Beach (Portland, OR) [www.reachthebeach.org](http://www.reachthebeach.org)  
**16** Santa Fe Century (Santa Fe NM) [www.santafecentury.com](http://www.santafecentury.com)  
**22** Munchenhaus Ride (Leavenworth) [munchenhausbikeride.com](http://munchenhausbikeride.com)  
**22-24** Golden Triangle Tour (Castle Mt. Junction BC)  
[www.elbowvalleycc.org](http://www.elbowvalleycc.org)

### June

- 5** Apple Century (Wenatchee) [www.applebikeride.com](http://www.applebikeride.com)  
**6** Elephant Rock (Castle Rock CO) [elephantrockride.com](http://elephantrockride.com)  
**12** CHaFE 150 (Sand Point, ID) [www.chafe150.org](http://www.chafe150.org)  
**12-19** Ride the Rockies (CO) [www.ridetherockies.com](http://www.ridetherockies.com)  
**20-26** Bicycle Tour of Colorado  
[www.bicycletourcolorado.com](http://www.bicycletourcolorado.com)  
**26** Chelan Century Challenge (Chelan) [www.centuryride.com](http://www.centuryride.com)

### July

- 10** Death Ride (Markleeville CA) [www.deathride.com](http://www.deathride.com)  
**11-17** TourBC (Creston BC loop) [www.tourbc.net](http://www.tourbc.net)

### August

- 1** Mt. Shasta Summit Century (CA)  
[www.shastasummitcentury.com](http://www.shastasummitcentury.com)  
**20-22** Mountain Bike Oregon (Oak Ridge OR)  
[mtbikeoregon.com](http://mtbikeoregon.com)

### September

- 12** High Pass Challenge (Packwood)  
[www.cascade.org/EandR/hpc](http://www.cascade.org/EandR/hpc)  
**18-19** Tour des Lacs (Spokane)  
[roundaround.com/TourDesLacs/TourDesLacs.php](http://roundaround.com/TourDesLacs/TourDesLacs.php)

### October

- 1-3** Fall Bike Festival (Winthrop) [www.mvsta.com](http://www.mvsta.com)





# MBBC: We're Much More Than a Club!

**Recreation** – Mt. Baker Bicycle Club hosts weekly, monthly and a variety of annual recreation rides for members and guests throughout the year. Rides are oriented to all levels of ability including beginners, social riders, commuters, touring and high level race training. Check the newsletter for current rides and come along as our guest!

**Education** – Bicycling safely is a learned skill. The Club offers courses in partnership with the Bellingham Parks Department. We work with local groups to host bike skills rodeos at annual community fairs. Funds raised by club activities help support training of more teachers, training bicycle skills to kids means a lifetime of safer roads.

Encouraging bicycling is an important part of the Club's education work. Our annual Bike to Work and School Day promotion has helped hundreds of commuters "Be part of the solution" launching careers of folks bicycling to work or cycling their kids to school.

**Trails** – In partnership with Whatcom TrailNet and the Whatcom Independent Mountain Pedalers, the Club helps advocate for development of a complete trail and mountain bike network throughout Whatcom County. The Club works with Bellingham Walks to improve the system of walking paths connecting communities both in cities and rural areas so that our children have safe routes to get to school.

**Race Training** – Weekly club rides offer new and seasoned high-level riders the chance to improve team riding skills. In partnership with the Ken Meyer Memorial Foundation, the Club hosts annual Criterium Bike Race events. Whether training for professional-class races or for endurance events or tours, these weekly training rides give Club members the extra edge to compete and win.

## **Mt. Baker Bicycle Club vision:**

Residents and visitors of all ability levels enjoy frequent and safe cycling throughout the Whatcom County region.

**Our Mission:** Encouraging and assisting everyone to experience safe and healthy cycling for recreation, transportation, or racing on roadways and trails in and around Whatcom County.

## **Mt. Baker Bicycle Club goals:**

1. Increase the number of people bicycling regularly
  - conducting and supporting recreational and educational bicycle events and rides
  - helping all types of people enjoy bicycling
2. Encourage safe and enjoyable bicycling
  - educate the public on safe bicycling skills and sharing the road
  - communicate issues of interest to bicyclists

3. Advise decision makers on facilities and policies that maintain or improve safe bicycling conditions on roadways and trails
4. Promote bikes as environmentally friendly transportation
  - partnering to reduce environmental damage of transportation

## **Mt. Baker Bicycle Club Board of Directors and Officers:**

Marie Kimball - President; Chris Covert-Bowlds - Vice President;  
Scott Dorrough - Secretary; Tiffany Holmgren - Treasurer;  
Marc Ambers - Ride Coordinator; Doug Schoonover - Event Coordinator  
Cathie Gerlicher, Bill McCourt, Eric Stromerson -- members at large

## **Contacts:**

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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

☐ 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 can be any person living at the same address as the individual member)

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Bellingham, Washington 98227

# THE MBBC IN 2010: NEW BOARD, NEW PLANS

The MBBC presents its new board for 2010: Marie Kimball has been promoted from VP to President, with Chris Covert-Bowlds filling in as our new VP. We owe Scott Dorough and Tiffany Holmgren thanks for agreeing to become secretary and treasurer, taking on these administrative aspects of the club. Marc Ambers is our new ride coordinator, with Doug Schoonover taking a new role of events coordinator. Cathie Gerlicher has stepped down from the treasurer position, but we appreciate her willingness to stay on as a board member at large. Other members at large are Bill McCourt and Eric Stromerson.

The board's plans for 2010 include: a ride leader program, additional group rides aimed at those of different abilities, cultivation of a youth-oriented safe-cycling program, and the support of other community programs such as Bike Month, SmartTrips, and everybodyBike safety education.

We are actively seeking local sponsorship and grants to support our programs. The club is also in need of in-kind sponsors who can provide the following items or give us discounts for these items:

- A print shop with a large format printer to print large documents (such as 2' x 3' large posters).

## A LOOK BACK: MY RECOLLECTION OF OUR CLUB'S HISTORY

Most recreational clubs originate due to the interests of a "few locals" who are pursuing their recreational passions. They are looking for like-minded or equally inspired individuals to "play outside" with. And so to this day the Mount Baker Bicycle Club is still bringing riders together that same way in Whatcom County. Here is just a brief history as I have been able to piece it together recently.

A handful of people (David Fayram, Paul Barkley, Tim Wahl, Brandon Henry, Bob Lemon) got together and set up some bylaws so that they could form a local bicycle club in 1977, mainly to do some longer rides together, more like bicycle touring.

They chose the name *Mount Baker Bicycle Club* and set up club meetings, designed a club jersey (which was originally made out of yellow wool with green MBBC letters sewn on the front and back), elected club officers, and then developed a newsletter to announce rides. They produced the club's first century ride that same year, named it the *Chuckanut Century*, and awarded ride patches to cyclists who participated.

By the early 1980's a number of local cyclists and club members (Ken Meyer, Bill Day, Paul Barkley, David Fayram, Joe Boyd, Barbara Rappaport and Dean Kahn) got involved in bicycle racing so the club helped organize a



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race that took place in Fairhaven each year. This local club helped developed some extremely strong racers both in the men's and women's divisions who placed well in standings and points in the state championships each year.

During the 1990's, club dynamics began to change such that racing was not the only focus for the club as it developed a stronger Chuckanut Century ride and the trails systems also began to develop in Bellingham. More people were getting involved in mountain biking, bicycle touring, and long distance recreational rides so the club was being pulled in many directions. By 1999 the people who had been the workhorses, for example: Mark Steinberg, Bob Lemon and Alex Brede, needed a break. Bob Lindquist

stepped up to keep aspects of the club (such as the newsletter) running.

In 2001 with the Mount Baker Bicycle Club and the Chuckanut Century in hiatus for a couple years, Ellen Barton took on the role as President. She worked at recruiting volunteers and board members and I have

become involved as a volunteer with the club leadership and worked with Ellen since 2002.

Today we have a new board and set of officers, and membership that exceeds 150. The club provides ride training and advocacy to riders of all levels, a visible cycling presence in the community via membership on city and state boards, and raises funds for Whatcom Hospice annually with the fall century ride (still called the Chuckanut Century). I feel that the Mount Baker Bicycle Club will have a great deal to offer this community for years to come.

-- Marie Kimball



***Welcome new members!***

Lynelle Brode

Leslie & Jane DeBrock

Ella & Ken Eastham

Bill Evans

Steven & Joan Gaasland-Smith

Janiece & Dennis Reilly

Trent Vigor

David Weisenhorn

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

- A storage unit. Club supplies are currently spread amongst several members' homes, and a central location is needed. We only need a small space, and don't require that it is heated. It must be dry, and easily accessible.

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<b>2010</b>	<b>February 1</b>	<b>2</b> <i>Groundhog Day</i> Tues Social Ride	<b>3</b> Wed Group Ride BtW&SD Planning	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Donut Ride Bellingham Parks trail building
<b>7</b> WhIMPs trail maintenance party	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Tues Social Ride	<b>10</b> Wed Group Ride	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Donut Ride Recumbent Ride
<b>14</b> <i>Valentine's Day</i>	<b>15</b> <i>President's Day</i> MBBC Pres Day Ride everybodyBike Ride	<b>16</b> Tues Social Ride	<b>17</b> Wed Group Ride	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> March MBBC Newsletter Deadline	<b>20</b> Donut Ride WhIMPs Freeride Trail maint party Bellingham Parks trail building
<b>21</b> Eric's Orcas ride Seattle Tweed Ride WhIMPs trail maintenance party	<b>22</b> everybodyBike First Gear class	<b>23</b> Tues Social Ride	<b>24</b> Wed Group Ride	<b>25</b> Cycling travelogue slideshow at REI	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Donut Ride Seattle Bike Swap REI Sehome Hill trail building
<b>28</b> Chilly Hilly ride	<b>March 1</b>	<b>2</b> Tues Social Ride	<b>3</b> Wed Group Ride BtW&SD Planning	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Donut Ride Bellingham Parks trail building



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