



MBBC

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the club online:

mtbakerbikeclub.org
chuckanutclassic.org
and our social sites:



Special Event: Website and RideWithGPS Training Friday, December 15

Take advantage of our member-driven MBBC website. Post your own rides and events, read and contribute to conversations on the online bulletin board/forum, and learn to use MBBC's new club-member subscription to RideWithGPS. Friday December 15, 6-8 pm.

Details on page 5.

Lighted Neighborhoods Ride: Wednesday, December 20

Let's spread some cheer together on two wheels, listen to holiday tunes and view some great yard lights in some of Bellingham's neighborhoods. Gather at 5:45, December 20, at Habitat parking lot, Ohio & Cornwall.

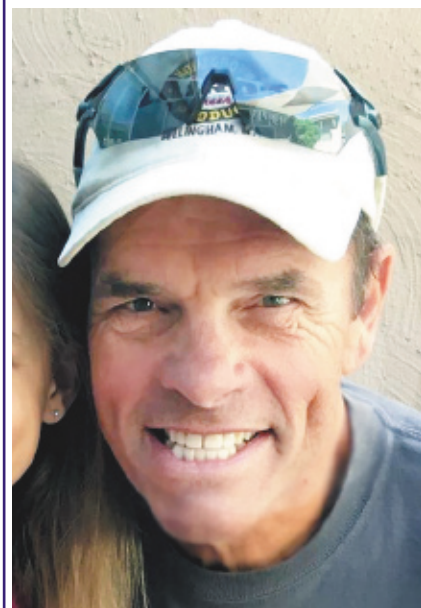
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New Year's Day Ride: Monday, January 1, 2018

Pedal in the new year, Monday January 1st 2018. Meet 10am, depart before 10:30am from Fairhaven Park for the Old Edison Inn for lunch. **Details on page 3.**

MBBC Annual Members' Reception: Sunday, January 21, 2018

Join your MBBC Board for the annual start-the-new-year members' meeting and reception on Sunday, January 21, 2018 from 5-8 pm. **Details on page 7.**



TRAGIC NEWS: MBBC LOSES FRIEND, MEMBER, ADVOCATE

MBBC member **Jack Roger Laird** passed away in Thermal, California on December 8, 2017. He was returning from a group ride when a 20-year-old car driver blew through a stop sign and hit him. Jack died at the scene of grave injuries.

He was born in Bellingham on September 24, 1949 and lived in Bellingham and in Thousand Palms, California.

A memorial service will be held at 558 Sterling Drive on Saturday December 16th at 2:00 pm.

A longer obituary is written up on the MBBC website home page and on Jack's Facebook page:

facebook.com/jack.laird.10



WEEKLY AND GROUP RIDES: WINTER EDITION

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. Those who ride slower than 16 mph, be ready to ride by 8:15 am (winter start time) Faster groups leave every 5 minutes thereafter.



For weekly updates: jmhauter@comcast.net

Tuesday Ferndale Social Ride: starts from Pioneer Park in Ferndale, 30-40 miles, 13-16 mph route varies. Start time 9am (switches back to 10am start in September). To check time and other info: Bob Parker rmp-4724@hotmail.com or 360-671-6910

Wednesday Group Workout Ride: Meet 5:45pm, leave 6pm from parking lot across from Boundary Bay Brewery on Railroad Ave. We're riding on trails over winter. Bring a trail-ready bike (CX or mountain bikes) and lights. Check with ride leaders on Wednesdays with questions about the overwinter rides on local trails. Info: t.ryan.2009@gmail.com

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, 7:30am winter-season start time. 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. Everyone welcome, including single riders and electric-assist bikes. Leisurely-paced 14 mile intown course begins at Kulshan Cycles. Weather-dependent. Robert Parker at rmp-4724@hotmail.com or 360-671-6910

Lighted Neighborhoods Ride: Wednesday December 20, 5:45 pm

Let's spread some cheer together on two wheels, listen to holiday tunes and view some great decorative yard lights in some of Bellingham's neighborhoods. It's time for the annual leisurely ride through holiday neighborhoods!

Put some lights on, decorate yourself and your bike (battery-powered festive lights are available at Big Lots among other places), bundle up and be jolly with the MBBC!



We'll meet on Wednesday, December 20 at the Habitat parking lot at the corner of Ohio and Cornwall at 5:45 pm and leave at 6pm. Dina Soda is creating a new route for us this year, but we'll still see some old favorite spots.

Gather after the ride for a beer and dinner at the Wander Brewery at approx 7:30 pm.

Questions? Dina Soda, treasurer@mtbakerbikeclub.org

EVENTS TO WRAP UP 2017

Classes & Training

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

Bellingham Training & Tennis Club (formerly Fairhaven Fitness): The winter sessions of the Cycle Moles and Healthy Knees classes begin January 2, in the all new *RIDE* cycle studio. Spring classes begin February 27 and April 24. There is room in the following classes (check with the club to verify times and offerings):

- Healthy Knees Level 1, Tue & Thu, 8:30-9:15am
- Healthy Knees Level 1, Tue & Thu, 4:30-5:15pm
- Healthy Knees Level 2, Tue & Thu, 9:30-10:30am
- Cycle Moles Level 1, Mon & Wed, 7-8am
- Cycle Moles Level 2, Tue & Thu, 6:45-8:15pm

Drop-in classes are 10 for \$150 when space allows. See BeTrainingTennis.com or 360.733.5050

WINTER CYCLE
Winter Session 2018: 1/2- 2/24
HEALTHY KNEES
CYCLE MOLES
Also offering
DROP IN CLASSES
360.733.5050 BeTrainingTennis.com



Races

Cascade Cross Series is finishing out its 2017-2018 schedule. Come on out and cheer for Hilary! Details at CascadeCross.com

- **December 2:** Lutherwood
- **January 13, 2018:** Bandit Cross

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Gatherings, Rides Events

December 15 - MBBC Website Training. Details page 5.

December 20 - Lighted Neighborhoods Ride. Light up your bike and join a leisurely ride to view the best holiday lights around the city! Assuming the roads aren't an ice sheet like last year, we will ride! See details on page 2.

January 1, 2018 - New Year's Day Ride. Start your year off with a ride! See details below on this page!

January 21, 2018 - annual MBBC members' reception mark your calendar and join the club for our annual membership-renewal and pizza/beer party. See p. 7.

City of Bellingham Parks Trail Work Parties
cob.org/gov/public/volunteer/parks/pages/schedule.aspx

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**SMART
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New Year's Day Ride: Monday January 1 2018, 10am



Pedal in the new year, Monday January 1st 2018. Meet 10am, depart before 10:30am from Fairhaven Park for the Old Edison Inn where owners John and Lynn will be expecting us. We can park our bicycles in the beer garden and enjoy the warmth inside. Friends and family are also invited to join us at the Old Edison Inn for lunch at about 11:30am, even if they don't ride. theoldedison.com

No one will be left behind on this group ride.

We pedal 13.8 miles along Chuckanut Drive. Return the same way or via Colony Road and Lake Samish, or even Bow Hill Road to start your year off steep!

Each year this ride attracts a large group of participants, regardless of the weather. Start your year off with the MBBC. Questions? MarkWheatley@msn.com (Mark will be here for the holidays - greet Mark and hear about Panama!)

THIS IS NUMBER 100!

This is Jennifer's one-hundredth MBBC newsletter.

Wow—it's hard to believe the first newsletter I posted was in February 2008 - nearly 10 years ago.

This is my last newsletter. Several years ago, I made the commitment to publish 100 newsletters and this one is it.

Editing the MBBC newsletter has been a great way to

- get involved with the local community,
- find out about bike events locally and regionally (and even nationally),
- meet local bike advocates: I've met many local business people such as bike shop owners, magazine publishers, newspaper journalists, fitness club employees, Bellingham Tourism, members of the police, county and city government, members of other bike clubs, and I've gotten to know our own club members more than if I hadn't been writing the newsletter.
- learn publishing tools (I can use in Adobe InDesign at a highly proficient level, as well as some casual proficiency in Photoshop and Illustrator). I've taken advantage of this to get several freelance publishing jobs over the years.

The MBBC is still seeking its next newsletter editor.

Going forward, the club is considering making the newsletter a quarterly publication, which will make it less time-consuming to produce.

The club currently has 50 members who receive a paper newsletter in the mail, while our other 200+ members choose to read it online. We also distribute printed copies to many of the bike shops in Bellingham. The next editor can decide whether to continue producing a printed as well as an online version; it can also possibly turn into online-only. The next editor can make those decisions with input from the MBBC Board of Directors.

The archive of the past 13 years' newsletters is available on the MBBC website. Click on the *News* tab in the menu column on the left side of the home page.

Anyone who's interested can contact MBBC president Hilary Higgins (bikebeham@gmail.com), and anyone considering the position can contact me if you have questions (news@mtbakerbikeclub.org).

- Jennifer Longstaff, (soon to be former) newsletter editor

A New Membership Benefit

MBBC NOW HAS A *RIDE WITH GPS* ACCOUNT FOR CLUB MEMBERS

Ride With GPS is an online route planning tool that's been used for years by the MBBC to create our local route maps. We've had a personal account that a few ride leaders have shared, but we wanted to make the tools available to all our members for planning their own routes any time.

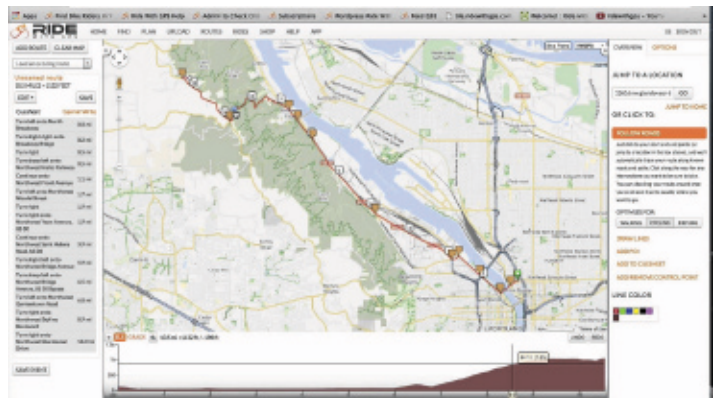
So, the club has just purchased a club account which any MBBC member can join.

Some of the things you can do with Ride With GPS:

- Create routes using the point-and-click Google Maps interface. You can create a route for anywhere in the world! Plan your next cycling vacation, figure out a commute route to work, or create a local route to share with friends for your next group ride.
- Routes will show elevation, mileage, and automatically create cue sheets.
- Add points of interest, customize cues and colors, and plan for multi-modal trips. Make your routes as informative and accurate as you need them to be.
- Export routes in a number of formats, including format to download to your Garmin or other GPS-navigation device.
- Create printable routes with maps and cues to pass out at the group ride.
- Look up shared existing routes created by Gran Fondo planners and other ride organizers.

To get your own invitation and sign up, contact Doug Schoonover who will email you the URL (web page link) with instructions to get started. doug.schoonover@gmail.com

The MBBC is having a Website instruction class on December 15, and a portion of the class will include an introduction to using Ride With GPS. See details on page 5 and sign up for the class if you'd like to jump start your Ride With GPS use.





Hilary's *Project 529* Success Story

If you have not done so already, please register all your bikes with Project 529. It's a community-based bike registration and recovery service that helps people/police recover stolen bikes.

Bellingham Police offered the 529-registration service last fall, and will offer it again in the spring. You can also register your bikes online at **project529.com**. You enter all the info on your bike – type, color, most importantly the serial number, and photos. It is a nationwide directory, so if your bike is stolen and the police recover it, they can enter the serial number in the database and if it is flagged stolen, they can then easily track down the owner. You can purchase a Project 529 sticker that identifies your bike as being in the system. Bellingham PD provides these stickers as part of their registration service.

And: the system works!!

As some of you may know, several weeks ago my mountain bike was stolen out of our bike shed in broad daylight when we were home. It was the day before I had planned a group birthday ride up on Galbraith. So I was pretty upset, to say the least. I immediately reported it to BPD as stolen, I gave the officer the serial number and, luckily, I had registered it with Project 529. So I went on the website and flagged it as stolen. BPD told me they'd let me know if anything turned up.

The next morning, two hours before my planned ride, Officer Knutsen appeared at my house ***with my recovered mountain bike!*** Less than 24 hours after it had been stolen. It had been found by a Skagit deputy down in Skagit Valley. The deputy entered the serial number in the 529 database and up it popped as stolen. He contacted BPD and Officer Knutsen picked it up and delivered it to my door! If I hadn't had it registered, the bike may have sat in storage in Skagit Valley for weeks or months. Police departments don't have the capacity to cross check in other counties. Normally, the incident is only recorded in the local reporting system. Project 529 takes it nationwide. Also, the first thing bike thieves do is take the stolen bikes out of county, so the chances of recovering it in the county are pretty slim. Go to **project529.com** and register your bikes today!

- Hilary Higgins, MBBC President, and Project 529 believer

MBBC WEBSITE AND RIDEWITHGPS TRAINING CLASS: DECEMBER 15, 6-8 PM

The MBBC has been using our Club Express-powered website for a year now, and it has a number of member-driven features, including the ability for club members to enter information, schedule events, and communicate with other members. At this time, however, the member-interactive features haven't been used even close to their potential. A possibility is that the site seems too technical and confusing for people to figure it out. Therefore, we will be having an instruction session for those wishing to learn more about the website and to start using it more.

We will also spend a bit of time talking about how to set up routes using RideWithGPS, for those who would like to use the MBBC Club Membership to figure out bike routes for your own or for group rides. (see RideWithGPS article on previous page.)

Class starts at 6pm at the Cordata Food Co-Op community "Roots" room, on Friday evening, December 15th. If you have a laptop you would like to bring so to follow along, that's fine (assuming we can get Internet there). But a laptop isn't needed; there will be handouts and we'll demo the site and how to use the features up on the screen.

The first 90 minutes is for all members. We'll go over how to set up your profile, join groups based on rides, add to the calendar, add to discussion forums, and get started with Ride With GPS. The last 30 minutes will include more advanced information for those who would like to become administrators and help manage the website.

If you have questions, and/or if you would like to come to the class, please contact Jennifer (news@mtbakerbikeclub.org) to let me know you'll be there, so I can make sure to print out enough handouts for everyone!

MBBC ADMINISTRATION

Mount Baker Bicycle Club Board of Directors and Officers:

Hilary Higgins - President
John Okan - Vice President
Jennifer Longstaff - Secretary/Membership
Dina Soda -Treasurer
Dave Dardano, Bill McCourt, Tim Ryan, Carol Spano
- at large

Project leaders:

Chuckanut Classic: John Okan and committee
Chuckanut Classic marketing: Trent Vigor
Volunteer Coordinator: Carol Spano
Ride Leader Coordinator: Dave Dardano
Website Maintenance: Jennifer Longstaff
Graphic Design: Tim Ryan
Bike to Work Day Stations: Mary Cole (Everson),
Ian McCurdy (Bellingham)



Club Bike Jerseys

The official MBBC bike jersey is available in two styles: a colorful (1) short-sleeved 3/4 zip, available in men's and women's club cut sizes (2) long-sleeved full zip thermal in men's and women's race cut. Jerseys may be ordered directly from Voler.com. voler.com/browse/collections/details/li/MtBakerBicycleClub. MBBC members: discount code available on website Member Center: see *Member Offers* menu item.

Contacts:

Information-- bikebeham@gmail.com
Chuckanut Classic -- chuckanut@mtbakerbikeclub.org
Newsletter -- news@mtbakerbikeclub.org
Volunteering -- volunteers@mtbakerbikeclub.org

Contribute to the MBBC newsletter *(note that until the MBBC has a new editor, submissions are on hold)* submission guidelines:

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 (news@mtbakerbikeclub.org) 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, HTML, MS Word, PDF. 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.

individual and corporate membership forms may be downloaded from: mtbakerbikeclub.org/membership

MBBC Membership Form for 2018

☐ 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(s): _____
(An associate member is 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:

- | | | |
|--|--|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Ride Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chuckanut Classic | <input type="checkbox"/> Bike to Work and School Day | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Website Calendar | <input type="checkbox"/> Website Administration | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | |

Membership type:

Individual: \$20 _____
Family/Associate: \$30 _____
Additional Donation: _____
(donations support community bicycling programs)
Total enclosed: \$ _____

Please enclose a check payable to:
Mt. Baker Bicycle Club

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

MBBC memberships are valid January-December of each year. Renewals due every January.

Our annual January club meeting:

MBBC ANNUAL MEMBERS' RECEPTION

Sunday, January 21, 2018; 5-8pm; 709 Orchard Pl, Bellingham (Orchard Drive Jeckyl & Hyde restaurant)

Join your MBBC Board for the annual *start-the-new-year* members' meeting and reception, **Sunday January 21, 2018**. This year's reception will again be held at the Jeckyl & Hyde restaurant at 709 Orchard Pl (jhdeli.com, corner of Orchard Drive, off Meridian). Arrive between 5 and 6 pm for food, beverages, and to meet other club members. (Be sure to arrive before 6pm so you don't miss out on the food!)

Members' Reception activities include:

- **Membership renewal party:** MBBC memberships are calendar-year based, so everyone's renewals are due in January. (If you joined the club for the first time after September 2017, your membership is good through 2018.) Some have renewed already. For others, a reminder email will go out in January. Your first drink of the evening is complimentary when you renew. Either renew at the door or verify that you're up to date and pick up your drink ticket!
- **Pizza Dinner** compliments of the MBBC.
- **Bike Gear & Clothing Swap:** Bring your extra bottle cages, components, saddles, jerseys, and other miscellanea that's cluttering up your bike closet, put it on the hand-me-down table for others who can use it. Left over gear will be donated to The Hub.
- **New Members Invitation:** Know anyone who's thinking of joining the club? Invite them to the reception where they'll meet our fun and friendly members, can hear about plans for 2018, and can sign up and start the year as a MBBC member.



Welcome, new members

Doug Cole

Katharine Engh

David Wilson

Elaine Wilson

We're glad to have you in the MBBC!



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MBBC's Signature Ride coming again in 2018!

August 26, 2018


chuckanutclassic.org

Supported road rides
plus a guided family-fun route.

Mark your Calendar!



formerly the Chuckanut Century

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