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Hello BAC Members,

Welcome to our BAC Monthly Update. On the first business day of each month we'll be sending you the latest BAC news.

Board Member Election 2017 Jan 2nd – Feb 14th 2017.

Our Board Member election is under way! You should have recently received an email with a link to vote. With the end of the term for two of our board members approaching, Dan Harrison and Pat Engstrom, we will have two vacant board positions to be filled in 2017. The candidates are listed below. You will need to have renewed your membership prior to January 2, 2017 in order to vote. If you haven't voted already please take the time to vote.

Kate Gordon (Bend, OR) Kate joined BAC in 2008. Before then, she was likely to be found cruising Alaska waters with her family. When her husband passed away, Kate traded the sailboat for a touring bicycle. Since then, she has participated in over a dozen domestic and international BAC rides. A life-long learner, the history of the club's founding and evolution piqued Kate's interest. She was a participant on the 2014 BAC Huff and Puffer's Ride Again, which retraced Dr. Clifford Graves' (founder of BAC's predecessor's organization) initial ride over 50 years ago. Also in 2014, newly retired from her position as Associate Dean of Libraries at the University of Alaska Anchorage, Kate moved to Oregon. Kate's administrative, computer, and research skills were honed as a University Administrator but built upon her prior experience as Computer Systems Librarian for the Anchorage Public Library, and Corporate Librarian for Sikorsky Helicopter Corporation. Now Kate enjoys having time to read, and cycling with her local bicycle club, the Bend Bellas. She is currently reading as much as possible about Albania where she will be coordinating a BAC trip in 2018.

Bill Sbarra (Woodland, CA) Bill has been a BAC member since January, 2015 and has participated in five tours in the United States, Italy and Spain, both as a rider and as a support person. Several more are currently on his calendar. He has been active in his local cycling club as a member, ride and tour leader and board member. Bill retired in August, 2009 from his career as a real property appraiser and currently volunteers for two non profit organizations in his community. He is the proud grandfather of twin girls, now 3 ½ years old. He believes in 'giving back' and looks forward to being part of the leadership of the BAC as it moves forward providing wonderful cycling tours around the globe.

BAC Annual Meeting of Members aand Meet the BAC Board Social Hour in Indian Rocks Beach, FL, Thursday February 23rd, 2017!! Any BAC members in the Indian Rocks Beach, FL area are invited to the Annual General Meeting of the Members at 3:30pm followed by a Social Gathering at 4:30pm to meet your Board of Directors Thur. Feb 23rd 2017 at Holiday Inn Harbourside 401 2nd St Indian Rocks Beach, Florida 33785. (Hemingway Room). Please RSVP by Feb 1st to Nancy Bohnett at the BAC Office office@bicycleadventureclub.org if you would like to join us for the annual meeting and happy hour.

New Members We are pleased to welcome these new BAC Members who have joined us in Nov 2016. If they live near you give them a call.

Ken and Liz Kuntz, Houston, TX
Gary Schaps, Fremont, CA
Marcy Jacobs, Portland, OR
Steven Honda, Moraga, CA
Dennis Crovella, Fremont, CA
Helayn Storch, Littleton, CO
S Ashley Thompson, Glastonbury, CT
Jackie Grabbert, Woodland Park, CO
Ron Buckly, Santa Monica, CA
Champe Burnley, Richmond, VA
Lark Elliott, Charlotte, NC
John Zebatto, Gainesville, VA
Stacy Birk-Risheim, Olympia, WA
Jeremy and Elizabeth Collie, Jamestown, RI
Gaye Swanson and Mark Brumbaugh, Morristown, NJ
Charles and Joan Feerick, Fairfax Station, VA
Carolyn Monteith, Mandeville, LA
Glenn and Barb Rudolph, Allen, TX
Julie Schatz, San Jose, CA
Evelyne Harvey, Reno, NV
Alvin Croll, Montreal, QC
Samuel Watson, Hartsville, SC
Lyn Little, Corte Madera, CA
Dave Thomson and Diane Cahalan, Colorado Springs, CO
Christi Horton, Portland, OR
James McKinley, Richland, WA
Ken Popken, Clive, IA

VIEW FROM THE CHAIR (Dan Harrison)

January 1, 2017

Looking back on 2016, it has been a busy year for BAC. We now have over 2300 members. BAC provided 29 domestic and 32 international tours for its members. We had several first time ride leaders and of course many returning ride leaders. BAC filled one board vacancy and placed two members in nomination for next year's board. We also welcomed a new photo editor for our website home page.

Last month the new credit card tour payment process was implemented. As a result, a new ride leader agreement was instituted and we updated: the release of liability (ROL) form, the Budget Worksheet & Final Accounting (BWFA) form and the Ride Leader Guidelines. As part of the roll out of the new credit card tour payment system we held several Ride Leader teleconferences

last summer. The ride leaders participating in the teleconferences provided valuable insight and comments on the proposed system. It was a pleasure for the board to have the opportunity to meet with our ride leaders on this important project.

As mentioned above, the Ride Leader Guidelines were updated in December. I think you will find the revised Guidelines easier to read and a source of good information on leading and participating in a successful tour. I want to thank all of the board members involved for their efforts in producing the revised guidelines. All of the above documents can be found on the BAC website under the “DOCs” tab.

Some new procedures were implemented in 2016. These include the credit card tour payments, the Ride Leader Agreement, contracts between our ride leaders and Commercially Assisted Tour (CAT) operators and updated procedures for reviewing and posting of CAT proof of general liability insurance.

In October, BAC once again held a Ride Leader Seminar with 30 participants. Already we have six new Ride Leaders posting tours as a result of the seminar.

I want to thank our volunteer ride leaders, volunteer van drivers, volunteer board members, our office manager, Nancy Bohnett, and our website developer Greg Corwin for their support throughout the year. And a thank you to our members who provide volunteer support to our ride leaders and to our club throughout the year.

BAC is a unique club, and it is the volunteers who continue to make it successful. I am looking forward to another great year for the Bicycle Adventure Club. Happy touring to all of our members.

Tip of the Month

Looking to find out about upcoming BAC tours? Check the BAC website home page for “Approved Rides” and “New Ride Previews”. Remember that “Approved Rides” are posted the first business day of the month and you can sign-up starting at Noon ET for newly approved rides. Prior to the first business day of the month you can check out “New Ride Previews” for any newly approved tour that will be posted the following month. Using the preview feature will allow you to review upcoming tours early. This will enable you to make an informed decision about signing-up once the tour is officially posted. Ride Leaders are encouraged to submit tours early in the month so they can be approved and placed in the preview section well before the first of the month.

TOURS (Marty Fink)

- 1. New Rides Posted.** You can now sign-up for the following rides approved recently and announced in “New Ride Previews” on the BAC website homepage.

Northern Idaho Panhandle Aug 4-14, 2017. Ride Directors: Ron & Shari Scheiblaue
Starting Location: Spokane, WA. Finish Location: Spokane, WA. Ride Rating: 2C!

A Taste of France’s Central Massif Sept 13-28, 2017. Ride Directors: Marnie Easley &
Woody Sherwood. Starting Location: Toulouse, France. Finish Location: Toulouse,
France. Ride Rating: 2B!

Exploring the Scenic Wonders of Northern California Oct 9-18, 2017. Ride Directors:
Mabel Plesse & Becky McVittie. Starting Location: Tiburon, CA. Finish Location:
Tiburon, CA. Ride Rating: 2B!

Southern California’s Coast Ride Nov 11-18, 2017. Ride Directors: Carol Day and
Warner Griswold. Start Location: Oceanside, CA. Finish Location: Oceanside, CA. Ride
Rating: 2B.

2. Rides with Space Available

- New Zealand North Island Rural Roads and Towns Feb 27, 2017 - Mar 13, 2017 3C [Space available for a couple and a single female or single male to share room.](#)
- Late Spring in the Loire Valley May 13, 2017 - May 26, 2017 1A
- Spring in Tuscany 2017 May 24, 2017 - Jun 3, 2017 2B [Space available for single female to share room.](#)
- NorthWest Corner Ride Jul 9, 2017 - Jul 21, 2017 2B
- Minnesota Northwoods, Lakes & Trails 2017 Jul 16, 2017 - Jul 30, 2017 2D [Space available for single female to share room.](#)
- Durango Fandango 2017 Jul 30, 2017 - Aug 5, 2017 2B [Space available for single male to share room.](#)
- Roaring Fork Valley Ramble Aug 14, 2017 - Aug 24, 2017 2A
- Total Eclipse of KY Aug 18, 2017 - Aug 26, 2017 2B
- A Slice of Paradise in Colorado Aug 27, 2017 - Sep 1, 2017 2B
- Northern Ireland: Belfast to Belfast Aug 27, 2017 - Sep 9, 2017 2B
- Scenic Byways of Eastern Idaho Sep 8, 2017 - Sep 17, 2017 2B
- Bend and Central Oregon Sep 17, 2017 - Sep 27, 2017 2B
- Appalachian Blue Ridge 2017 Sep 26, 2017 - Oct 6, 2017 4B
- GAP and C&O Trail Ride 2017 Sep 30, 2017 - Oct 11, 2017 1C
- Jerusalem, Israel to Petra, Jordan & BACK II Nov 30, 2017 - Dec 17, 2017 4C
- Grand Tour of Vietnam—2018 Jan 10, 2018 - Jan 29, 2018 1B
- Salzburg Double Loop - Seven Lakes Aug 23, 2018 - Sep 9, 2018 2B
- Munich to Venice via Cortina Italy Sep 10, 2018 - Sep 24, 2018 2B
- Croatia: Trieste to Dubrovnik! Dalmatian Coast Islands Sep 23, 2018 - Oct 7, 2018 3B

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We will be welcoming in two new board members at our annual board meeting at the end of this month in Indian Rocks Beach, Florida: Kate Gordon and Bill Sbarra as well as Clarice Sackett who was appointed to fill Harold Ashby's space. I thank each of you for offering your time and talents to serve as a board member for BAC!

Along with the new incoming members, we will also be saying goodbye to two of our current board members who will be completing their four-year terms on the BAC board in February. These two board members are Pat Engstrom and Chairman Dan Harrison. They have both been a pleasure to work with and invaluable to our club in SO MANY ways. Thank you both immensely for your service to BAC!!

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Thank you to all who already voted, we did meet our quorum of votes needed!

New Members We are pleased to welcome these new BAC Members who have joined us in Nov 2016. If they live near you give them a call.

Lemoine Peart and Timothy Mendiola, Burbank, OH

Patricia Baumert, Roseville, CA

Robert Gore, Glen Allen, VA

Ed Linton, Montpelier, VT

Katie Walwyn, Eugene, OR

Bert and Kate Bunnell, Salt Lake City, UT

Norbert and Karen Broda, Edmonton, AB

Pamela Austin, Seattle, WA

Catherine Herron-Mathews, Louisville, CO

Mark Copher, Honor, MI

AndraMelissa Grill, Reno, NV

David Manwaring, Frisco, CO
David and Carol Sindelar, Kansas City, MO
Regena Field, La Jolla, CA
Doug Stone, Columbus, OH
Ingrid Hillhouse and Pea Pagett, Kailua Kona, HI
Jamie and Anne Slee, Milton Keynes, Bucks ,
Rolf Groepper, Peterborough, ON

VIEW FROM THE CHAIR (Dan Harrison)

February 1, 2017

Four years ago I joined the BAC. Serving on the board allows one to learn more about the Bicycle Adventure Club and its legacy of more than 30 years - over 50 years when you include the predecessor club, the International Bicycle Touring Society.

There are many things that make this all-volunteer club special and unique. This includes our Ride Leaders leading over 50 tours annually for our members. We also depend on volunteers who support the club in such roles as photo editor, co-leader, van driver, and members supporting ride leaders before, after and during a tour. BAC is fortunate to have many members who have served on the board of directors and who continue to actively support the club.

The BAC is an amazing club. As a board member, I learned a lot from our long-time Office Manager Nancy Bohnett, previous board chairs Rick Hill and Graham Fleming, and of course the talent and volunteer spirit of all of our board members over the past four years. I also met many outstanding ride leaders who do so much for BAC and who encourage and develop new ride leaders as well. One of my favorite tasks as a board member was participating in the annual Ride Leader Seminar. Board members do a lot of work to provide a successful seminar each year. The response from the membership has been very good.

Our legacy started over 50 years ago, with Dr. Clifford Graves leading a group of friends on self-supported bicycle trips in the USA and Europe. We continue to be unique in that our ride participants are self-sufficient, seldom require extra support and can enjoy the adventure of touring by bicycle with a group of friends or soon to be friends. Yes, there are some rules, but they exist primarily to ensure that BAC delivers high quality tours consistent with our mission and values in a fair, transparent and cost-efficient manner. Most importantly we are a group of volunteers leading rides for our members who, one day, will give back by volunteering themselves.

Outgoing board member, Pat Engstrom has served and supported BAC on many projects and teams including: development of the current BAC club jersey; serving as tour reviewer; developing the best practices and mission statement; serving as board secretary for three years; serving as website coordinator for one year; participating on the new credit card collection team;

presenting at the Ride Leader Seminars; and many everyday tasks as a board member. When you meet Pat on a BAC tour be sure to thank him for his service to the club.

I want to welcome Karen Hass as our new Board Chair. Karen starts the next day following the Annual General Meeting with two days of intensive board meetings on February 24th and 25th. Karen is a dedicated volunteer, ride leader and BAC member. Karen will continue to improve BAC and build on its legacy, mission and best practices.

If you are in Indian Rocks Beach, Florida on Thursday February 23, 2017, you are welcome to join us for the Annual General Meeting at 3:30 pm at the Holiday Inn Harbourside. This short meeting will be followed by a Happy Hour for BAC members. Contact the BAC office if you plan to attend.

Tip of the Month

Ride Leaders: After you propose a tour on the BAC website using the BAC Ride Proposal form on the BAC website, go to the left side of the ride description web page, and under “Ride Management” use the “Ride Leader Docs” link to upload the items listed below.

1. Budget Worksheet & Final Accounting Form (BWFA)
2. Ride Leader’s Agreement
3. Agreement Between Commercial Tour Company and Ride Leader (For commercially supported tours only)
4. Insurance Documents (For commercially supported tours only)

Uploading these items with the ride proposal will allow the BAC tours review committee to start the review process promptly.

More information can be found in the Ride Leader Guidelines starting on page 16.

TOURS (Marty Fink)

2. **New Rides Posted.** You can now sign-up for the following rides approved recently and announced in “New Ride Previews” on the BAC website homepage.

Thailand’s Royal Road South; Bangkok to Phuket Jan 19-Feb 2, 2018. Ride Coordinator: Cynthia Lyons in conjunction with Spice Roads. Start Location: Bangkok. Finish Location: Phuket. Ride Rating: 3C.

Cycling Paradise Road; Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore Feb 3-17, 2018. Ride Coordinator: Cynthia Lyons in conjunction with Spice Roads. Start Location: Krabi, Thailand. Finish Location: Singapore. Ride Rating: 2D.

Southern Coastal Portugal Apr 22-May 4, 2018. Ride Coordinator: Alexandra Wagner in conjunction with Easy Rider Tours. Start Location: Grandola, Portugal. Finish Location: Tavira, Portugal. Ride Rating: 3B!

Northern Tier Cross Country – Seattle to Boston June 9-Aug 9, 2017. Ride Director Rich Gallo. Start Location: Seattle, WA. Finish Location: Boston, MA. Ride Rating: 2C!

Ireland: Southwestern Peninsulas 2018 July 8-21, 2018. Ride Coordinator: George Ellis in conjunction with Iron Donkey Tours. Start Location: Killarney, Ireland. Finish Location: Tralee, Ireland. Ride Rating: 2B!

Mongolia-Cycling the Final Frontier July 15-29, 2018. Ride Coordinator: Tom Ryan in conjunction with Spice Roads. Start Location: Ulaantbataar, Mongolia. Finish Location: Ulaantbataar, Mongolia. Ride Rating: 2B.

Epic Ireland; Mizen to Malin Aug 19-Sept 8, 2018. Ride Director: Tom Ryan in conjunction with Iron Donkey Bicycle Tours. Start Location: Cork, Ireland. Finish Location: Derry, Northern Ireland. Ride Rating: 2B!

Cooperstown 2018 Oct 5-12, 2018. Ride Directors: Ida & Jim Nystrom. Start Location: Cooperstown, NY. Finish Location: Cooperstown, NY. Ride Rating: 2B

2. Rides with Space Available

- Paso Robles Ramble Feb 19, 2017 - Feb 25, 2017 3B
- New Zealand North Island Rural Roads and Towns Feb 27, 2017 - Mar 13, 2017 3C
- Glacier/Waterton Loop - From Missoula to Fernie Jun 30, 2017 - Jul 18, 2017 2C [Space available for a single male to share room.](#)
- Durango Fandango 2017 Jul 30, 2017 - Aug 5, 2017 2B [Space available for a single male to share room.](#)
- Northern Idaho Panhandle Aug 4, 2017 - Aug 14, 2017 2C
- Total Eclipse of KY Aug 18, 2017 - Aug 26, 2017 2B [Space available for single female to share room and space for couples!](#)
- A Slice of Paradise in Colorado Aug 27, 2017 - Sep 1, 2017 2B
- Appalachian Blue Ridge 2017 Sep 26, 2017 - Oct 6, 2017 4B
- Puglia (Italy) - Land of History, Scenery, Beaches Oct 7, 2017 - Oct 20, 2017 1B
- Exploring the Scenic Wonders of Northern California Oct 9, 2017 - Oct 18, 2017 2B
- Horsing Around the Virginia Blue Ridge Foothills Oct 15, 2017 - Oct 23, 2017 2B
- Taiwan: The Beautiful Island II Nov 1, 2017 - Nov 16, 2017 3C

- Southern California's Coast Ride Nov 11, 2017 - Nov 18, 2017 2B [Space available for a single male to share room.](#)
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From Warner Griswold Jan 30, 2017: For all BAC members who have smart phones, and wish to view their ride maps online, here is a suggestion.

- 1) Download the Pocket Earth App on your smart phone - It is free
- 2) Open up the BAC website on your smart phone
- 3) On the left hand side in blue, select "My Rides"
- 4) Scroll down and select the BAC ride in which you are a participant
- 5) On the left hand side in blue, selected "Ride Leader Docs"
- 6) Then under "GPS data" select the ride which you wish to view. Once you have selected the ride, you will be prompted with this question, "Open in Pocket Earth. Select the prompt.
- 7) Your next choice is "Import" or "Delete" - Select "Import". You will receive the following comment,

"Pocket Earth has successfully imported this data into your Favorites list. Would you like to see it now? Select View if you do". Once you select view, the map of the ride will appear.

Besides viewing the map, what is really nice is you can expand or contract the map on your smart phone, plus the map provides contours and you'll never need to use paper maps again.

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Ride Leader Seminar October 2017, Davis, CA! Have you ever considered leading your own bike tour for the BAC? If the answer is either “yes” or “maybe”, then we would like to invite you to attend this year’s Ride Leader Seminar in Davis, CA. Exact dates have not been determined yet, but looking like mid to late October 2017. You will have the opportunity to get all the best ideas from experienced trip leaders. We will be announcing the date soon so check back in the next monthly update for this.

Annual General Meeting for Members: The Annual General Meeting for BAC members was held on February 23rd, 2017 in Indian Rocks Beach, Florida. We had a great turnout from BAC members from all over the country! The meeting was followed by a happy hour and we thank everyone who made the effort to attend. . BAC’s Financial Statements for 2016 which were approved at the meeting are available in the General Documents section under the “Docs” tab on the website.

New Members We are pleased to welcome these new BAC Members who have joined us in Feb 2017. If they live near you give them a call.

Nancy Fenton and Mark Clevey, Ann Arbor, MI
John Phipps, Nipomo, CA
Steven and Vickie Greenzang, Brookline, MA
Bill Kiess, Sun City West, AZ
Bridgette DeShields, Santa Rosa, CA
Steven Clare, Helensburgh, NSW
John Wallick, Holland, MA
Brian Farrant, Christchurch,
William Watson, Reno, NV
Betsy Folkerth, Gunnison, CO
Bruce Ramstad and Michaela Guiney, San Jose, CA
Beverly Tangvik, Charlestown, MA
Terry Nguyen, Tenafly, NJ
Nancy Wellman, Pinecrest, FL
Elisabeth Brownell, Taos Ski Valley, NM
Gerald and Sheilagh Fillion, Cambridge, ON
Barbara Clark, Santa Fe, NM
Robert Thompson, Sacramento, CA
Angela and Greg Knecht, Monticello, FL
John Tatum, Ann Arbor, MI

Jim Paulsen, Victoria, MN
Marjory and Mark Morford, Portland, OR

VIEW FROM THE CHAIR (Karen Hass)

I'm honored to have been selected to serve as board chair for the Bicycle Adventure Club, and happy to announce the election of Kate Gordon and Bill Sbarra as our newest board members. Kate will serve as Web Coordinator and Bill will serve as Vice Treasurer. Our incumbent board members are Elizabeth Buckingham (Treasurer), Clarice Sackett (Secretary), George Ellis (Lead Tour Reviewer), and Marty Fink (Ride Seminar Director). We all look forward to serving BAC's 2400 members and outstanding Ride Leaders in the coming year!

I also want to thank outgoing BAC board members Dan Harrison and Pat Engstrom for serving on the BAC board for four years. Dan served as chair for the last two years. Under Dan's leadership, BAC continued to grow in members, rides and ride leaders; implemented the popular New Ride Preview feature on the website; and moved from check payment for tours to credit card payments. Pat was the BAC web coordinator this past year, and Secretary the previous two years. Pat was instrumental in moving the club to credit card payments, and selection of the design for the current BAC jersey.

The 2017 cycling season is already underway with the first 6 BAC tours in Sri Lanka, New Zealand, Hawaii, Florida and California already completed! I hope that many of you are riding or cross-training in anticipation of an upcoming BAC ride. There are still 2017 and 2018 tours with space available, and even if a ride you're interested in is full, you may get lucky and be able to join the ride if you sign up and get on the wait list.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to give a big THANK YOU to our Ride Leaders for leading so many wonderful rides for BAC. Without you, there would be no BAC!

Tip of the Month: Having trouble getting on a BAC ride? Throughout the month, check the "New Ride Previews" section on the left side of the "Home" and "Rides" pages of the BAC website. Although new rides don't open for registration until 9am Pacific Time on the 1st business day of each month, as soon as a ride has been approved by the BAC board it's listed in "New Ride Previews." Just click on the ride name and the full ride description is available. If you decide you really want to join a ride, be ready at your computer at 9am PT to sign up! If you see a ride you want to join that's full, you can still click the blue bar in the ride description to ask to participate. You'll be added to the ride waitlist and you might just get a call from the ride leader telling you that space has suddenly opened up!

TOURS (George Ellis)

- 3. New Rides Posted.** You can now sign-up for the following rides approved recently and announced in "New Ride Previews" on the BAC website homepage.

Another Week in Sunny Palm Springs Feb 24-Mar 4, 2018. Ride Directors: Linda & Gerry Taunton. Start Location: Palm Springs, CA. Finish Location: Palm Springs, CA. Ride Rating: 1B.

2. Rides with Space Available

- Azores Bike & Hike: Climbs and Trails of São Miguel Jul 2, 2017 - Jul 11, 2017 2A [Space just opened up for a solo or 2 people.](#)
- Durango Fandango 2017 Jul 30, 2017 - Aug 5, 2017 2B
- Madagascar-Cycling the 8th Continent Jul 31, 2017 - Aug 14, 2017 2B [Space available for a single male to share room.](#)
- Northern Idaho Panhandle Aug 4, 2017 - Aug 14, 2017 2C
- Total Eclipse of KY Aug 18, 2017 - Aug 26, 2017 2B
- A Slice of Paradise in Colorado Aug 27, 2017 - Sep 1, 2017 2B
- Nova Scotia: South Shore, Kejimikujik, & Annapolis Valley Sep 10, 2017 - Sep 22, 2017 2B [Space just opened up for 2 people.](#)
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Louis Blanco, Summit, NJ

Pamela Harlow and Richard Ritter, Kailua Kona, HI

DiCostanzo Lawrence and Barbara DiCostanzo, Albany, CA

Susan and Don Freeman, Atlanta, GA

Richard and Donna Matthews, Los Gatos, CA

Densie Morey, Atascadero, CA

Hal Sandick and Barbara Roberman, Durham, NC

Judy and Dan Dorr, Glenview, IL

Barbara and Gary Eiler, Madison, WI

Cynthia Bertozzi, Providence, RI

Brenda Butler, Virginia Beach, VA

Virginia Villasenor, Cupertino, CA

Carol Moorehead, Sisters, OR

Kurt Krueger, Keauhou, HI

Claudia Collins, Walnut Creek, CA

Joseph Skala, Chicago, IL

Rupert Smith, Ruskin, FL

Rebecca Knecht, Santa Barbara, CA

Wendy Edmunds, Santa Barbara, CA

Kevin Matkoski, Baldwinsville, NY

Jean and Larry Peterson, Edwards, CO

Arthur Bloch and Cynthia Morin, Oakland, CA

VIEW FROM THE CHAIR (Karen Hass)

We have a bumper crop of newly approved tours opening up for registration today! If you'd like to ride in a BAC tour in 2018, perhaps you'll find one of them to your liking.

2018 BAC Officer & Committee Assignments – At the recent 2-day board meeting in Indian Rocks Beach, FL, we agreed to the following officer and committee assignments.

BAC Board Officers & Positions

Karen Hass – Chair

Clarice Sackett – Secretary

Elizabeth Buckingham – Treasurer

Bill Sbarra – Vice Treasurer

George Ellis – Lead Tour Reviewer

Kate Gordon – Website Manager

Marty Fink – Vice Chair, Ride Leader Seminar Director

Committee Assignments

Tour Review Committee – George (Chair), Marty, Elizabeth, Clarice

Ride Leader Seminar Committee – Marty (Director), Bill (Co-Leader), Karen, Clarice

BWFA Automation Committee – Elizabeth (Chair), Kate, Bill

Singles Committee – Clarice (Chair), George, Bill

Member Survey Committee – Marty (Chair), Elizabeth

The full meeting minutes from the annual board meeting are posted in “Docs” on the BAC web site at the bottom of the page – “Minutes from the Annual Board of Directors Meeting Feb 2017.pdf”. Topics the board discussed include reviving the ride leader mentorship program, improving support to single members, improving communications between the board and our ride leaders, and how best to ensure that the mission and traditions of BAC are adhered to for all rides. The meeting minutes from the Annual General Meeting (which about a dozen BAC members attended, including former BAC board chair Mike Gengler!) are also posted in the same area.

Tip of the Month: Wondering how to improve your chances of getting on a BAC tour?

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APRIL E-NEWS (Marty Fink)

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Sbarra. Start Location: Davis, CA Finish Location: Davis, CA. Ride Rating 1A.

Solvang Winter Break 2017 Feb 11-17, 2018. Ride Directors: George Ellis & Dianne

Olsen. Start Location: Solvang, CA. Finish Location: Solvang, CA. Ride Rating: 2B.

2018 Paso Robles Ramble Feb 18-24, 2018. Ride Director: Wil Gorrie. Start Location: Paso Robles, CA. Finish Location: Paso Robles, CA. Ride Rating: 3B.

The Golden Isles of George and the Okefenokee Swamp Feb 25-Mar 8, 2018. Ride Directors: Marita and Dennis Moberg. Start Location: Savanna, Georgia. Finish Location: Savanna, Georgia. Ride Rating: 1B!

CA Coast: San Francisco to Santa Barbara Apr 13-24, 2018. Ride Directors: Lucy & Randy Glover. Start Location: Oakland, CA. Finish Location: Oakland, CA. Ride Rating: 2B!

Crete, A Greek Adventure 2018 Apr 23-May 3, 2018 Ride Director: Robert Deering & Betsy Folkerth. Start Location: Kissamos, Greece. Finish Location: Kissamos, Greece. Ride Rating: 2B!

Spring in Provence May 3-18, 2018. Ride Directors: Randy & Lucy Glover. Start Location: Avignon, France. Finish Location: Avignon, France. Ride Rating: 1A!

Camino del Santiago May 11-25, 2018. Ride Coordinator: Albert Balingit in conjunction with Iberocycle. Start Location: Pamplona. Finish Location: Santiago. Ride Rating: 3B!

Western Swiss Lakes, Bernese, Oberland Lac d'Annecy May 27-June 11, 2018. Ride Directors: Lucy & Randy Glover. Start Location: Geneva, Switzerland. Finish Location: Geneva, Switzerland. Ride Rating: 2B!

Neolithic Scotland: The Northern Isles June 9-23, 2018. Ride Coordinator: Jane Maxwell in conjunction with Iron Donkey Bicycle Tours. Start Location: Aberdeen, Scotland. Finish Location: Aberdeen, Scotland. Ride Rating: 1A.

Ireland the West 2018 July 22-Aug 4, 2018. Ride Coordinator: George Ellis in conjunction with Iron Donkey Bicycle Tours. Start Location: Ennis, Ireland. Finish Location: Westport, Ireland. Ride Rating: 2B!

Secrets of Hokkaido Sep 1-14, 2018. Ride Coordinator: Albert Balingit in conjunction with Cycling Japan. Start Location: Abashiri, Japan. Finish Location: Rishiri, Japan. Ride Rating: 2C!

Girona's Mountains and Costa Brava Sep 20-30, 2018. Ride Directors: Marty & Marisa Fink: Start Location: Barcelona, Spain. Finish Location: Serinya, Spain. Ride Rating: 3B!

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- * Appalachian Blue Ridge 2017 Sep 26, 2017 - Oct 6, 2017 4B
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Verne Gilbert, former BAC member and dedicated physician, was hit and killed February 21st while biking his usual trail and crossing a road near his home in Oak Ridge, TN. Verne and Jeannette's very first BAC trip was in 1997 to Corsica, where Jeannette was born. The Gilberts went on to enjoy more than 15 BAC tours over the next 12 years. Jeannette has expressed her gratitude for the exceptional camaraderie and friendships that kept them riding with BAC for many more years. Verne was 85. (Lucy Glover)

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MAY 2017

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Diane and Fred Glover, Boulder, CO
Tracey Berry, Roseburg, OR
Andrea Kavouklis and Dan Moss, Georgetown, CO
Roxan Kraft, Houston, TX
Tim Turpin, Camarillo, CA
Ramona Turner, Windsor, CA
Anthony Geller, Albuquerque, NM
Gregory and Cecilia Laufer, Park City, UT
Bill and Jen Woyski, Anacortes, WA
Robert and Robert Presson, Boulder, CO
David Sekeres, Rifle, CO
Deanne King, Kerrville, TX
Julia Lapp, Ithaca, NY
Sandee and Chuck Peterson, Fountain Hills, AZ
Peggy and Peggy Shaw, Edmonds, WA
Nancy Thomas and Dale Gordon, Portland, OR
Jeffery Williams, Scottsdale, AZ
Robert Philipson, Oakland, CA
Frances and Frances Cottingham-kelly, Boulder, CO
Bob Simon, Santa Barbara, CA
Dianne Appleby, Kelowna, BC
Robisch Elena, Tucson, AZ

VIEW FROM THE CHAIR (Karen Hass)

I hope that wherever you are, decent riding weather has arrived, or will shortly, so that you can get out for a ride and start getting ready for an upcoming BAC tour!

In case you haven't had time to read the minutes from the 2017 BAC Board retreat (posted in "Docs" on the BAC website), these are some of the decisions that came out of our meetings:

- **Volunteers** – We all very much value our member Ride Leader volunteers and our photo website volunteer (thanks, Bruce Nelson!). If you're not interested in leading rides but would like to lend your time and talent to benefit BAC, contact Nancy Bohnett (office@bicyleadventureclub.org or 858.715.9510). Perhaps you'd like to help update some of our documentation, help with testing web enhancements, participate in a committee focused on a specific BAC issue?

- **Singles** – The board will convene a committee this summer to consider actions we can take to make it easier for single members to connect with other singles who might be interested in sharing accommodations when they sign up for a tour.
- **Ride Leader Teleconferences** – Look for an announcement in the July update for a teleconference in August. If you have an idea for a topic, let us know.
- **Directed International Tours** – Focus on ways to increase the number of Ride Leader directed international rides.
- **Ride Leader Mentoring program** – If you're an experienced BAC Ride Leader and are willing to mentor new ride leaders, let us know! The board will be resurrecting the dormant ride leader mentorship program.
- **Ride Coordinator Responsibility** – BAC expects all club tours to be planned and run by the BAC Ride Leader, regardless of whether the tour is directed or has commercial tour company support. The current Ride Leader agreement, signed when a BAC ride is proposed, will be expanded to clearly state BAC expectations that the Ride Leader, not the tour company, will be present, involved, and in charge all the way through a BAC tour. During the tour review process, the Tour Review committee will ensure that the member leading the tour understands their leadership role.

The board also discussed our vision for BAC for the next five years. The consensus was to remain focused on maintaining BAC as a non-profit volunteer-run bicycle-touring club for serious cyclists. From its inception, BAC has been always been a club where friends lead friends on rides, and the BAC board whole-heartedly agreed that should continue to be the club's focus for the foreseeable future.

Tip of the Month: Release of Liability signatures! When you sign yourself and your co-member up for a tour and *generously* pay the BAC ride registration fee and deposit for both of you, your co-member still must sign the Release of Liability before being moved to the participant list for the tour. The co-member should login to their account on the BAC website where they'll see a link that will take them to a page where they can electronically sign the Release of Liability.

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Tucson Sunshine and Saguaros Spring 2018 Mar 3-10, 2018. Ride Directors: Sharon Reed and Bill Sbarra. Start Location: Tucson, AZ. Finish Location: Tucson, AZ. Ride Rating: 2B.

Green Roads of Tuscany 2018 May 4-19, 2018. Ride Directors: Julie & Tom Leever. Start Location: Florence, Italy. Finish Location: Florence, Italy. Ride Rating: 3A!

Mallorca 2018 – A Cycling Gem May 12-26, 2018. Ride Director: Nelson Diaz. Start Location: Palma Mallorca, Spain. Finish Location: Palma Mallorca, Spain. Ride Rating: 2B!

Piedmont N – S 2018 May 20-June 1, 2018. Ride Directors: Tom & Julie Leever. Start Location: Milan, Italy. Finish Location: Milan, Italy. Ride Rating: 3A!

Tuscany in the Spring 2018 My 20-30, 2018. Ride Director: George Hall. Start Location: Donoratico, Italy. Finish Location: Donoratico, Italy. Ride Rating: 2B.

Canary Islands 2018 – Volcanos, Beaches and Mountains June 1-16, 2018. Ride Coordinator: Nelson Diaz in conjunction with Iberocycle. Start Location: Lanzarote, Spain. Finish Location: Lanzarote, Spain. Ride Rating: 3A!

Girona's Mountains and Costa Brava – section 2 Sept 30-Oct 10, 2018. Ride Directors: Marty and Marissa Fink. Start Location: Barcelona, Spain. Finish Location: Girona, Spain. Ride Rating: 3B!

Hawaii 2019 – Circumnavigate The Big Island #1 Jan 5-19, 2018. Ride Director: Warner Griswold. Start Location: Kona, HI. Finish Location: Kona, HI. Ride Rating: 2B!

Hawaii 2019 – Circumnavigate The Big Island #2 Jan 22-Feb 4, 2018. Ride Director: Warner Griswold. Start Location: Kona, HI. Finish Location: Kona, HI. Ride Rating: 2B!

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Jim Peterson, Steamboat Springs, CO
Dan Grove, Reston, VA
Elizabeth Kimball, Waltham, MA
Nancy and Steve Stalker, Walnut Creek, CA
Malcolm Fraser and Sandra MacLeod, Boulder, CO
Vicki Nielsen, San Diego, CA
Patrick Dominick, Jackson, WY
Carol Johnson, Los Altos Hills, CA
David Moorefield, Manitou Springs, CO
Chrysa and Richard Niewald, Owensville, MO
John Falconer and Kay Rice, Boulder, CO
Mac Clark, Santa Rosa Beach, FL
Amy MacNaughton and Lonnie Whetstone, Edmonds, WA
Randy and Sharon Moody, Kerrville, TX
Mary Brown and John Tomasini, Steamboat Springs, CO
Robert Bolgar, Goldens Bridge, NY
Renee Moorefield, Manitou Springs, CO
Lori Haney, Goleta, CA

VIEW FROM THE CHAIR (Karen Hass)

June is upon us and by the months end roughly a quarter of our members will have been on a BAC ride in 2017. May and June are several of BAC's busiest tour months: this year 17 tours started in May, or are about to start in June. If you're about to depart for a BAC tour, re-read the Ride Description, any emails you received from the Ride Leader in the months leading up to the trip, and any documents in "Ride Leader Docs" on the ride description page. One complaint the BAC board often hears from Ride Leaders is that members don't read the entire ride description or other communications sent to tour participants – don't be that member! Arrive for the tour knowing what to expect, both in terms of the riding conditions, and with all the clothing and

equipment you'll need to have a good time, regardless of the weather. Remember, unless you're on a fixed base tour, we ride rain or shine, so bring your rain gear!

Please remember that BAC Ride Leaders are volunteers, and that successful tours depend on participants providing much of their own support. Participants are expected to come to the ride well trained, in good health and ready to accomplish the required daily riding using well-maintained bicycles. All participants should accept responsibility for a safe and enjoyable tour. While on the ride, support your Ride Leader with offers to help with various tasks such as happy hour preparation and cleanup. Please do not interfere with the ride by inviting non-participants onto any portion of the ride or tour. Keep the Ride Leader informed of any special request you may have, and respect the Ride Leader's decisions.

Tip of the Month: Whether you're a Ride Leader of a directed or commercially assisted tour, there's a wealth of information and assistance in the BAC Ride Leader Guidelines document on how to lead a tour in the BAC tradition. The guidelines will lead you through planning your tour, completing the proposal, the board's review and approval process, and your responsibilities before, during, and after the tour. Both first time and experienced Ride Leaders will find the guidelines to be a valuable tool in leading a successful tour. You can find the most current version of the BAC Ride Leader Guidelines on the BAC website under the "Docs" link in the section labeled "For Ride Directors and Coordinators."

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Sardinia-Medieval Towns May 6-18, 2018. Ride Directors: Arleen Sakamoto & Rosa Katz. Start Location: Palau Sardinia. Finish Location: Cagliari Sardinia. Ride Rating: 3B!

Roaring Fork Valley Ramble Aug 6-16, 2018. Ride Directors: Bob & Anne Smith. Start Location: Glenwood Springs, CO. Finish Location: Glenwood Springs, CO. Ride Rating: 2A!

Autumn in the Eastern Townships Sept 23-29, 2018 Ride Directors: Elizabeth Buckingham & John Stephenson. Start Location: Sutton, Quebec. Finish Location: Sutton, Quebec. Ride Rating: 2B!

2. Rides with Space Available

- Portugal: Douro and Minho Wine Country Jun 17, 2017 - Jun 30, 2017 3A [Space available for a single female to share room.](#)
- Islands in the Pacific Northwest Jun 25, 2017 - Jul 7, 2017 2B [Space available for a single male to share room.](#)
- Madagascar-Cycling the 8th Continent Jul 31, 2017 - Aug 14, 2017 2B [Space available for a single female to share room.](#)
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- Northern Idaho Panhandle Aug 4, 2017 - Aug 14, 2017 2C
- Total Eclipse of KY Aug 18, 2017 - Aug 26, 2017 2B
- Bend and Central Oregon Sep 17, 2017 - Sep 27, 2017 2B [Space for couple or single male to share room.](#)
- Appalachian Blue Ridge 2017 Sep 26, 2017 - Oct 6, 2017 4B
- Jerusalem, Israel to Petra, Jordan & BACK II Nov 30, 2017 - Dec 17, 2017 4C [Space available for a single female to share room.](#)
- Grand Tour of Vietnam—2018 Jan 10, 2018 - Jan 29, 2018 1B
- Cycling Paradise Road; Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore Feb 3, 2018 - Feb 17, 2018 2D
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Don Smith, one of the most beloved BAC leaders, passed away April 26, 2017, just 2 days after his 92nd birthday . He began leading rides for BAC in 1993 in some of the most beautiful areas of the West: Canadian Rockies, Yellowstone, "Colorful Parks", Montana. In fact, he scouted portions of the route for his 2003 Lewis and Clark ride alone and self-contained at the age of 78! Whenever his name was mentioned in a group of BAC members, there was always a collective sigh of affection and recollections of a wonderful man and a memorable ride. Don led 19 BAC trips, with his last to Yellowstone in 2010. Here is a link to his obituary: <http://obituaries.tbrnews.com/obituaries/tbrnews/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=185340605>

Long time BAC member David Cooley, age 86, of Hammond IN, passed away on Tuesday, May 2nd. David joined BAC in 1996 and went on nearly a dozen or more rides all over Europe and the U.S. David practiced veterinary medicine in the Calume, IL region for 35 years. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Suzanne (Johnson) Cooley & his three children.

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Dale Simon, Iowa City, IA
Cynthia Dutro and Franklin Perry, Redwood City, CA
Kathryn McCabe, Toronto, ON
Brittany Phelps, Crested Butte, CO
Amy Tucker, Kamloops, BC
Brandy and Michael Schuyler, Corvallis, OR
Kirk Peddicord, Oregon City, OR
Tina Keegan, Gardnerville, NV
Steve and Emily Curray, Lakewood, CO
Robbie Sweetser, Asheville, NC
patricia rosenberg, Hamden, CT
Connie Styrwoll, Santa Barbara, CA
Jan and Roy West, San Martin, CA
Jon Fowkes, Redwood City, CA
Janaki Wilkinson, Santa Barbara, CA
Michele DeCant, Santa Barbara, CA
Claire Wing, Oakland, CA
Ken Kurtz, Lafayette, CA
Kevin Lyles, Virginia Beach, VA
Michael and Nancy Grimes, Englewood, FL
Michael D'Angelo, Montville, NJ
Dorothy Wilson and Charlie Windisch, Jericho, VT
DAVID BUTLER, Miramar Beach, FL
Deborah and Tim Ellis, Saratoga, CA
Linda and Linda Ringsrud, Saratoga, CA
Katja and John Stokley, Longmont, CO
Jenny and Jim Shank, Hooversville, PA

VIEW FROM THE CHAIR (Karen Hass)

Have you ever asked the question “Why doesn’t BAC lead a ride in _____?” (Fill in the blank with the name of a state or country.) Or perhaps your question is “Why doesn’t BAC have more 1A rides?” The one sure way to go on the BAC ride you’ve been dreaming about is to lead that ride! To become a BAC ride leader:

- You must be a BAC member

- You must have been on at least 1 BAC ride
- You must have internet access

When you submit your proposal to lead your first BAC ride, other things the BAC board may take into consideration when deciding whether to approve your ride include: the number and variety of BAC rides you've been on, whether you've attended the BAC Ride Leader Seminar, willingness to work with a BAC ride leadership mentor, familiarity with the BAC Ride Leader Guidelines (available on the BAC website via the "Docs" link), and any non-BAC ride leading or bicycling event planning experience you have.

Contact the BAC office (858-715-9510 PT, or email office@bicycleadventureclub.org) if you'd like to talk to a member of the BAC Tours Committee about YOUR idea for a BAC ride!

Tip of the Month: How do you decide if a BAC ride is right for you? If a ride title has grabbed your interest, first and foremost, carefully read the Ride Description! The Ride Leader provides a lot of important information in the description that tells you what to expect on the ride. Check the ride rating to be sure that the average daily distance and climbing are consistent with the range you're accustomed to and will enjoy. You can use the BAC website's search function to find previous BAC rides led by the same Ride Leader or in the same geographic area. For tours that occurred in 2012 or later, you can check the ride survey results to get an idea of what members thought of the tour. Many tours also have a "Tripper Report" which is a review written by one of the participants – look for it on the Ride Description page. If you have any questions after carefully reading the Ride Description, you should email the ride leader by clicking on their name at the top of the Ride Description.

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Flowers in the Hills April 1-9, 2018. Ride Directors: Becky & Charlie Hettinger.
Start Location: Fredericksburg Texas. Finish Location: Fredericksburg Texas. Ride Rating: 2B.

Tuscany on the Med 2018!!! Sept 5-15, 2018. Ride Directors: Stephen and Linda Kiel.
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- GAP and C&O Trail Ride 2017 Sep 30, 2017 - Oct 11, 2017 1C [Space available for a single female to share room.](#)
- Grand Tour of Vietnam—2018 Jan 10, 2018 - Jan 29, 2018 1B [Space available for a single male to share room.](#)
- Thailand's Royal Road South; Bangkok to Phuket Jan 19, 2018 - Feb 2, 2018 3C
- Cycling Paradise Road; Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore Feb 3, 2018 - Feb 17, 2018 2D
- Another Week in Sunny Palm Springs! Feb 24, 2018 - Mar 4, 2018 1B
- Tucson Sunshine and Saguaro Spring 2018 Mar 3, 2018 - Mar 10, 2018 2B
- Arizona Spring Training Mar 19, 2018 - Mar 27, 2018 1B
- Southern Coastal Portugal Apr 22, 2018 - May 4, 2018 3B
- Green Roads of Tuscany 2018 May 4, 2018 - May 19, 2018 3A
- Camino De Santiago May 11, 2018 - May 25, 2018 3B
- Mallorca 2018 - A Cycling Gem May 12, 2018 - May 26, 2018 2B
- Tuscany in the Spring 2018 May 20, 2018 - May 30, 2018 2B
- Canary Islands 2018 - Volcanos, Beaches and Mountains Jun 1, 2018 - Jun 16, 2018 3A
- Neolithic Scotland: The Northern Isles Jun 9, 2018 - Jun 23, 2018 1A
- Ireland: Southwestern Peninsulas 2018 Jul 8, 2018 - Jul 21, 2018 2B [Space available for a single female to share room.](#)
- Roaring Fork Valley Ramble Aug 6, 2018 - Aug 16, 2018 2A
- Epic Ireland: Mizen to Malin Aug 19, 2018 - Sep 8, 2018 2B
- Munich to Venice via Cortina Italy Sep 10, 2018 - Sep 24, 2018 2B
- Autumn in the Eastern Townships Sep 23, 2018 - Sep 29, 2018 2B
- Hawaii 2019 - Circumnavigate The Big Island #2 Jan 22, 2019 - Feb 4, 2019 2B

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We received word from members BJ & John Harvey that member Henry Livingston of Dallas Texas passed away on June 3rd. He is survived by his wife, member Debbie Livingston.

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AUG 2017

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New Members We are pleased to welcome these new BAC Members who have joined us in July 2017. If they live near you give them a call.

Steve Brown, Springfield, VA
Dan DeBardleben and Christine Paterson, San Francisco, CA
Marie and Lawrence Kennedy, Massapequa Park, NY
Glen Grant, Fairfield, CA
Sheng Du and Yun-Hua Chiang, San Diego, CA
Charles and Kathleen Payne, Oceanside, CA
Gerri Donato and Dennis Tsai, San Francisco, CA
John and Lee Vermeulen, kitty hawk, NC
Joanna Tsai and Mark Hamilton, Brooklyn, NY
Tom and Margaret Gate, Conron, CA
Mary Kelly and Greg Spear, Oak Park, IL
Donna and Jim Bennett, Houston, TX
Jane Hodgkins, Redwood City, CA
Arielle and Ron Dykes, Spokane, WA
Richard and MaryAnn Hillman, Cheyenne, WY
HueiMei Chiang, San Jose, CA
James Knecht, Santa Barbara, CA
Stinson Eddie, Arlington, TX
Dean Newman, California, MD
Sherri Gorelick and Robert Navarino, Great Barrington, MA
Jayne and Craig Applin, Palmer, AK
Lea and John Emory, Richmond, VA
Yartz Frank and Linda Yartz, Port Charlotte, FL
Brian Howell, London, ON
Cynthia Dean, San Francisco, CA
Dave Morrow and Marla Hendricks, Waco, TX
Mike Prestosh, Enola, PA
Pamela Fuller and Benita Fuentes, Midlothian, VA
Scott Slaymaker, north bend, WA

VIEW FROM THE CHAIR (Karen Hass)

With just over a third of all 2017 BAC tours starting within the next 2 – 6 weeks, what better time than now to review final preparations for going on a multi-day cycling trip? For maximum fun on a BAC tour, be sure your mind, body, and bike are ready for the upcoming adventure! *Do*

you have a spirit of enthusiasm and tolerance for an occasional change of plans? Although most days may be on smooth, lightly trafficked roads, you may also need to endure a detour down a rough road due to unexpected construction. *Will you be ready to ride the distance each day of the tour to the next destination?* Ideally you'll have started training at least 3 months prior to the ride so you'll be happy and comfortable riding at the tour's difficulty level. Most BAC tours have van support for luggage transport and emergencies, but remember that the van is not a "SAG" wagon for riders who are tired or don't want to ride in the rain. *Is your bike in good shape?* Arrival on the tour with a well-maintained bike is critical. You need to be prepared with the tools and knowledge necessary to make basic on-the-road repairs – like changing a flat tire – yourself. *Have you thoroughly familiarized yourself with all of the tour information the Ride Leader has provided?* Be sure you've read the ride description start to finish, as well as any materials the Ride Leader has posted in "Ride Leader Docs" for the tour, or sent you via email. There may be specific items you'll need to bring on the tour that aren't on your "standard" bike tour packing list – e.g., headlights and taillights for tunnels, NPS pass, etc. Once you're well prepared for your BAC tour, GO HAVE FUN!

Tip of the Month: If you're a member who rides as a single on tours (either all the time, or occasionally), you can contact Nancy Bohnett in the BAC office and ask her to add you to the **BAC Singles Roster**. The information Nancy will need includes your name, email address, phone, and preferred BAC ride rating level(s). You can contact Nancy anytime for the most current copy of the BAC Singles Roster.

TOURS (George Ellis)

- 7. New Rides Posted.** You can now sign-up for the following rides approved recently and announced in "New Ride Previews" on the BAC website homepage.

No new rides at this time, check back next month

2. Rides with Space Available

- Pacific Coast Ramble 2017 Sep 7, 2017 - Sep 27, 2017 3C [Space available for a single female to share room.](#)
- Bend and Central Oregon Sep 17, 2017 - Sep 27, 2017 2B [Two spaces just opened up.](#)
- Appalachian Blue Ridge 2017 Sep 26, 2017 - Oct 6, 2017 4B
- GAP and C&O Trail Ride 2017 Sep 30, 2017 - Oct 11, 2017 1C [3 Spaces available, 1 female and 1 couple/roommates](#)
- Grand Tour of Vietnam—2018 Jan 10, 2018 - Jan 29, 2018 1B [Space available for a single male to share room.](#)
- Thailand's Royal Road South; Bangkok to Phuket Jan 19, 2018 - Feb 2, 2018 3C
- Another Week in Sunny Palm Springs! Feb 24, 2018 - Mar 4, 2018 1B
- Tucson Sunshine and Saguaro Spring 2018 Mar 3, 2018 - Mar 10, 2018 2B
- Flowers in the Hills Apr 1, 2018 - Apr 9, 2018 2B
- Southern Coastal Portugal Apr 22, 2018 - May 4, 2018 3B
- Camino De Santiago May 11, 2018 - May 25, 2018 3B

- Tuscany in the Spring 2018 May 20, 2018 - May 30, 2018 2B
- Canary Islands 2018 - Volcanos, Beaches and Mountains Jun 1-16, 2018 3A
- Neolithic Scotland: The Northern Isles Jun 9, 2018 - Jun 23, 2018 1A
- Ireland: Southwestern Peninsulas 2018 Jul 8, 2018 - Jul 21, 2018 2B [Space available for a single female to share room.](#)
- Roaring Fork Valley Ramble Aug 6, 2018 - Aug 16, 2018 2A
- Salzburg Double Loop - Seven Lakes Aug 23, 2018 - Sep 9, 2018 2B [Space available for a single male to share room.](#)
- Tuscany on the Med 2018!!! Sep 5, 2018 - Sep 15, 2018 2B
- Autumn in the Eastern Townships Sep 23, 2018 - Sep 29, 2018 2B

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A note to BAC members from Dan Harrison;

Many of us enjoy the National Parks in the USA and many of us are seniors over age 62. If you are considering purchasing a lifetime Senior Pass, the price is increasing from \$10 to \$80 on August 28, 2017.

You can still buy the pass for \$10 prior to August 28, 2017. Purchase the “America the Beautiful – The National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Senior Pass” at any federal recreation site, including national parks, that charges an entrance fee. You may also order a pass online for an additional \$10 processing fee.

I just ordered one online and wanted to let BAC members know about the price increase deadline this month. The pass can be used on several BAC trips in the USA.

Links to the National Park Service site about the Senior Pass and the online ordering site are listed below.

<https://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/senior-pass-changes.htm>

<https://store.usgs.gov/senior-pass>

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Barney Eredia, Aptos, CA
Bill and Kathlene Bracken, MUNDELEIN, IL
Matt Sugerman, Martinez, CA
Cynthia Enlow and Elsie Antrim, Clark, CO
Don Harris, Clancy, MT
Judy Cochran, Seattle, WA
yen chan, redwood city, CA
Nicole Essellier, Santa Barbara, CA
Janet Robinson, Helena, MT
Mark Harman, Sacramento, CA
Carol Feagles, Larkspur, CA
Mauro Carvalho, Santa Barbara, CA
Katherine Wagner, Berkeley, CA
Judy Behrens, Dobbs Ferry, NY
Robyn Dimizio, Goleta, CA
Woody Swan, Arlington, MA
Aleda Kresge, Frisco, CO
Gary Thabet, Glen Allen, VA
Sue Agranoff, Durango, CO
Don Fujino, San Leandro, CA
Sue Bennett, Cotati, CA
Karen Peters, Vancouver, BC
Carolyn and Thomas Sullivan, Winthrop, WA

VIEW FROM THE CHAIR (Karen Hass)

THANK YOU to all BAC members who've led, or will lead, a ride for BAC in 2017, and to the co-leaders and van drivers who are part of their leadership teams. For 2017, the club will have 61 tours, thanks to 87 volunteer BAC members. Without them, as well as our members who've led tours in previous years or will lead them in upcoming years, there'd be no BAC!

When you have an opportunity, please thank the following members for helping lead rides for BAC this year: *Carol Anderson, Harold Ashby, Albert Balingit, Jacquie Duerr, Ann Barten, David Batten, Jan Brunneske, Sue Bunten, Peter Burpee, Cathy Cloutier, Greg Compestine, Kathleen Corrigan, Greg Corwin, Carol Day, Robert Deering, Judy DeSantis, Bruce Dewey, Marilyn Dewey, Nelson Diaz, David Docter, Marnie Easley, Woody Sherwood, Jasmin Elliott, George Ellis, Dianne Olsen, Kathryn Engle, Pat*

Engstrom, Pam Engstrom, Marty Fink, Marisa Fink, Richard Gallo, Thomas Glendinning, Lucy Glover, Randy Glover, Loretta Goetsch, Wil Gorrie, John Gradwell, Warner Griswold, George Hall, Karen Hass, Lori Henley, Becky Hettinger, Rick Hill, Jane Holahan, Cheryl Houston, Roger Hoyer, Tony Moy, Ken Keeler, Jim Kervick, Stephen Kiel, Linda Kiel, Vicki LaBella, Julie Leever, Tom Leever, Scott Malcolm, Jeff Messerschmidt, Marita Moberg, Robert Netteland, Bo Newsom, George Raney, Dianne Rappaport, Marnie Rawles, Steven Roberts, Peggy Rossman, Thomas Rossman, Tom Ryan, Ben Satterwhite, Ron Scheiblauber, Shari Scheiblauber, Josh Shade, David Smith, Sue Smith, Bob Smith, Ann Smith, Syd Smoot, Yvonne Starkey, Birgit Stefani, Dorothy Stock, Don Symes, Gerry Taunton, Linda Taunton, Alexandra Wagner, Steve Wesson, Alma Worthington, Ron Youngash, Rita Zeidner, and Harold Datz.

Anti-Harassment Statement. The BAC Board of Directors recently drafted an anti-harassment statement that will be added to the website home page in the membership section.

BAC supports the concepts of tolerance, fairness, and acceptance of all members regardless of gender, ethnicity, religion, sexual preference or any other personal characteristics. BAC expects all members to treat each other with respect, kindness and compassion, and to behave in a safe manner while on a ride. BAC does not accept harassment of any kind from any member, and can revoke membership for unacceptable behavior.

Tip of the Month: All BAC ride descriptions include a “Cancellation Policy” section that includes encouragement to purchase [trip cancellation insurance](#). If you need to cancel from a BAC tour and no one signs up to take your place, you may lose all, or a significant portion, of the money you’ve paid. Even if replaced you’ll incur some non-recoverable cancellation costs. Be sure you carefully read the cancellation policy for a tour you’re considering before you sign up.

There are lots of sources online for information on trip cancellation insurance, although many are commercial sites that will try to sell you their products. Here are a couple that board members have found to be relatively unbiased with lots of useful information:

<http://www.travelinsurancereview.net/coverages/trip-cancellation/>

<https://www.squaremouth.com/>

<https://www.ricksteves.com/travel-tips/trip-planning/travel-insurance>

TOURS (George Ellis)

- 8. New Rides Posted.** You can now sign-up for the following rides approved recently and announced in “New Ride Previews” on the BAC website homepage.

Brooklyn Roads: NYC in Spring & The Five Boro Bike Tour May 2-7, 2018 Ride Directors: Tom & Cynthia Lyon. Start Location: Brooklyn, NYC. Finish Location: Brooklyn, NYC. Ride Rating: 1B

Dia de los Muertos in Oaxaca Sept 30-Nov 11, 2018. Ride Coordinator: Sam Nuckols in conjunction with Ecocolors. Start Location: Oaxaca, Mexico. Finish Location: Oaxaca, Mexico. Ride Rating: 3A!

The Coast of Maine Sept 10-24, 2018. Ride Director: Julie & Tom Leever. Start Location: Portsmouth, NH Finish Location: Portsmouth, NH. Ride Rating: 3B!

The Berkshires Sept 25-Oct 6, 2018. Ride Directors: Tom & Julie Leever. Start Location: Windsor Locks, CT. Finish Location: Windsor Locks, CT. Ride Rating: 2B!

Black Hills of South Dakota June 8-22, 2019. Ride Director: John McCoy & Linda Steward. Start Location: Rapid City, South Dakota. Finish Location: Rapid City, South Dakota. Ride Rating: 3B!

2. Rides with Space Available

- Blue Wall of the Carolinas 2017 Oct 8, 2017 - Oct 20, 2017 3B
- Grand Tour of Vietnam—2018 Jan 10, 2018 - Jan 29, 2018 1B [Space available for a single male to share room.](#)
- Thailand's Royal Road South; Bangkok to Phuket Jan 19, 2018 - Feb 2, 2018 3C
- Another Week in Sunny Palm Springs! Feb 24, 2018 - Mar 4, 2018 1B [Space available for a single female to share room.](#)
- Tucson Sunshine and Saguaro Spring 2018 Mar 3, 2018 - Mar 10, 2018 2B
- Flowers in the Hills Apr 1, 2018 - Apr 9, 2018 2B [Space available for a single female to share room.](#)
- Camino De Santiago May 11, 2018 - May 25, 2018 3B
- Tuscany in the Spring 2018 May 20, 2018 - May 30, 2018 2B [Space available for a single male to share room and one double room left.](#)
- Canary Islands 2018 - Volcanos, Beaches and Mountains Jun 1, 2018 - Jun 16, 2018 3A
- Neolithic Scotland: The Northern Isles Jun 9, 2018 - Jun 23, 2018 1A
- Ireland: Southwestern Peninsulas 2018 Jul 8, 2018 - Jul 21, 2018 2B [Space available for a single female to share room.](#)
- Roaring Fork Valley Ramble Aug 6, 2018 - Aug 16, 2018 2A
- Salzburg Double Loop - Seven Lakes Aug 23, 2018 - Sep 9, 2018 2B [Space available for a single male to share room.](#)
- Cooperstown 2018 Oct 5, 2018 - Oct 12, 2018 2B

ROOMATE WANTED!

Roaring Fork Valley Ramble Aug 6-16, 2018 Female roommate wanted. If interested contact Yvonne Starkey yvonneraestarkey@gmail.com

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Patrick DiVita, Ventura, CA
Barbara Silva, Livermore, CA
Vincent Juliano and Patricia Robak, Boulder, CO
Catherine and John Veilleux, Santa Fe, NM
Loie Sauer and Dan Goldfield, Sebastopol, CA
Tonya McNabb and Bob Mendel, Houston, TX
Gay Larsen and Kate McCurdy, Santa Barbara, CA
Dana Laudenbach and Dale Jacobson, Minneapolis, MN
Val Naisbitt, Granite Bay, CA
Kris Fransen and Paul Plein, Olympia, WA
Patricia and Michael Strubel, Salem, OR
Daniel Swords, Mandeville, LA
Kathy and Dennis DeLucio, San Clemente, CA
Lien Little, Houston, TX
Anne and Gary Graver, Sebastopol, CA
Conrad Steeneck, Mendham, NJ
David Rodgers and Carol Schatz, Takoma Park, MD
Glenn Kirby, Hayward, CA
Gary Smith, Fremont, CA
Nancy Byrnes, Durham, NC
Carlyn Poole, Raleigh, NC
Jane Saxton, Nanaimo, BC
Marianne Hallet, Davis, CA
Ronald and Elizabeth Zell, Ashland, OR
Jean Jacob, Cordova, TN
Lynn Swanson, West Hartford, CT

BAC BOARD NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the BAC Board of Directors from the general membership are being accepted through October 31, 2017. One vacancy needs to be filled—the term for Marty Fink is coming to an end. To qualify, the candidate must be a member for at least two years, and preferably have lead or co-led at least one ride, and be committed to continuing the BAC mission and values (available via the "Docs" link on the BAC web site).

Service on the Board is four years. Candidates must be willing to commit to participating in a monthly board meeting teleconference, attending the annual meeting in San Diego, March 15-18,

2018, and spending an average of 10-25 hours a month (depending on the position they would fill on the board) on BAC board business. If you or someone you know would like to serve on the Board, please send an email to office@bicycleadventureclub.org to receive a Board Nomination Questionnaire. If you are proposing someone other than yourself, please check with that person first. Feel free to call or email me if you have any questions.

VIEW FROM THE CHAIR (Karen Hass)

After leading nearly 30 rides for BAC, Jane Holahan has decided it's time to retire from leading rides. She'd like to thank BAC and all the members over the years who trusted her to plan their bike vacations in France, many of whom became friends. Jane would also like to thank Pure Adventures for their support of her rides in the Loire Valley, Brittany and Normandy regions of France, and Gilbert Jean who co-directed her rides in the Midi Pyrenees and was, she says, "the brains" behind those rides. BAC would like to thank Jane for being such a wonderful and prolific ride leader for the club, and exemplifying the spirit of "friends leading friends on rides." She plans to continue riding and has at least one BAC ride in her future, where she says she looks forward to "enjoying the talents of other BAC leaders."

Ride Leader Forum Teleconference – Mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 12th, 7-8:30pm ET! If you have an idea, concern, or issue you'd like addressed, please call or email Karen Hass (571-205-5797, karenbikes2@gmail.com). Look for more information in the November BAC update.

Tip of the Month: If you've thought about leading a BAC tour but aren't sure where to start, we have some ways to assist:

1. Consider "Orphaned Rides": These are tours previously led by members who don't plan to lead them again. The BAC office has routes, hotel lists, etc., for "orphaned rides" in the US, Canada, and abroad. Consider resurrecting an "orphaned ride" or using one as a starting point for planning your own tour. Contact Nancy in the BAC office (office@bicycleadventureclub.org) for more information about "orphaned rides."
2. Work with a Tour Mentor: There are a dozen or so seasoned BAC ride leaders who are willing to work with new tour leaders. Contact Nancy in the BAC office (office@bicycleadventureclub.org) for ride mentor contact information.
3. Attend a Ride Leader Seminar: Every year BAC has a seminar to teach members how to lead tours, usually in late October, early November. We rotate the location of the seminar around the US. Although this year's seminar, October 28-29 in Davis, CA, is already full, we often have last minute cancellations. If you join the wait list (<https://www.bicycleadventureclub.org/html/rides/?action=ride&rideid=1168> and login) you may get a call asking if you're interested in attending. If not this year, look for an announcement in the BAC monthly update next summer for the 2018 Ride Leader Seminar.

4. Contact the BAC Tours Review Committee: Members of the BAC Tours Review Committee are available to help you with your tour proposal. Contact George Ellis (bacgeorgeellis@gmail.com) for assistance.
5. Review the BAC Ride Leader Guidelines: The most current version is always available via the “Docs” link just beneath the banner on the BAC website (<https://www.bicycleadventureclub.org/html/public/?action=support>). The guidelines are in the section titled “For Ride Directors and Coordinators.” Pages 3 – 9 of the guidelines walk you through all the things you need to consider when planning your tour. Pages 13 – 18 cover the steps for submitting your tour proposal.

TOURS (George Ellis)

9. **New Rides Posted.** You can now sign-up for the following rides approved recently and announced in “New Ride Previews” on the BAC website homepage.

Durango Fandango Aug 19-25, 2018. Ride Directors: Thomas & Peggy Rossman. Start Location: Durango, CO. Finish Location: Durango, CO. Ride Rating: 2B

Turin to the Sea and Back-Seeking the Perfect Cappuccino Sept 19-Oct 3, 2018. Ride Directors: Marnie Easley and Woody Sherwood. Start Location: Caselle Torinese, Italy. Finish Location: Caselle Torinese, Italy. Ride Rating: 3B!

Bend and Central Oregon Sept 23-Oct 3, 2018. Ride Directors: Loretta Goetsch and Yvonne Starkey. Start Location: Bend, OR. Finish Location: Bend, OR. Ride Rating: 2B!

Rivers and Natural Bridges of KY & OH Oct 12-21, 2018. Ride Director: Greg Corwin. Start Location: Bellevue, KY. Finish Location: Bellevue, KY. Ride Rating: 2B!

2. Rides with Space Available

- Camino De Santiago May 11-25 2018 3B! [There is space for a male willing to share a room.](#)
- Cooperstown 2018 Oct 5, 2018 - Oct 12, 2018 2B
- Southern California's Coast Ride Nov 11, 2017 - Nov 18, 2017 2B
- Grand Tour of Vietnam—2018 Jan 10, 2018 - Jan 29, 2018 1B
- Thailand's Royal Road South; Bangkok to Phuket Jan 19-Feb 2 2018 [Space available for a single female to share room](#)
- 2018 Paso Robles Ramble Feb 18-24, 2018
- Another Week in Sunny Palm Springs! Feb 24-Mar 4, 2018 [Space available for a single female to share room and also space for one couple!](#)
- Tucson Sunshine and Saguaro Spring 2018 Mar 3, 2018 - Mar 10, 2018 2B
- Brooklyn Roads: NYC in Spring & The Five Boro Bike Tour May 2-7 2018. [Space available for a single female to share room](#)

- Canary Islands 2018 - Volcanos, Beaches and Mountains Jun 1, 2018 - Jun 16, 2018 3A
- Roaring Fork Valley Ramble Aug 6, 2018 - Aug 16, 2018 2A [Space available for a single female to share room](#)
- Dia De Los Muertos in Oaxaca Oct 30, 2018 - Nov 11, 2018 3A [Space available for a single male to share room](#)

ROOMATE WANTED!

Roaring Fork Valley Ramble Aug 6-16, 2018 Female roommate wanted. If interested contact Yvonne Starkey yvonneraestarkey@gmail.com

ARE YOU INTERESTED:

Eastern Galicia and Roztocze Poland May, June or Sept. 2018 The ride begins and ends in Krakow with a bus ride to the cycling start/end points. The 12-day tour takes you through an area in south-east Poland bordering Ukraine. Although primarily Catholic at this time, there are a number of historic Orthodox churches and now unused Jewish synagogues. There are architectural highlights such as Zamosc, a Renaissance town in the middle of Rostocze National Park. The distances between the lodgings can sometimes add up to 42 mile over very flat farm terrain. The longer distances are compensated for by staying an extra night in the same hotel (in Sieniawa, Horyniec and Zwierzyniec). The timing will be late May/June or September 2018. The tour will be supported and arranged by Bird Travel. If interested contact Richard Patnoe rpatoe@gmail.com

Bogotá to Cartagena, Columbia Nov 15-Dec 6 2017. The trip will be self-contained, making accommodation stays a day or two out, using booking.com. The trip will be eating out locally and no camping. I have a tentative route planned which I can send. If interested in joining me email, Michael Kahn mlkpied@comcast.net
Note, this is not a BAC ride, just a member who is doing this ride next month and looking for anyone interested in going with him.

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Craig McGuigan, Victoria, BC
Howard Wong, Sacramento, CA
Steve Bower, Calgary, AB
Leo Hartung, san jose, CA
Ann Brickley, Wethersfield, CT
Karen Kaiser, Concord, CA
Sally Chapman, Medford, MA
Stanton Moll and Rosa Meehan, Anchorage, AK
Alex Anderson, Auckland 0630,
Paul and Michelle Kobrin, Newbury Park, CA
Dennis Geoghan and Ray Messier, Brooklyn, NY
Kathie Smith and William Graf, Chuluota, FL
Walt and Kathy Campbell, Porter, TX
Gretchen and Lyle Sorensen, Seattle, WA
Pat Brogan and James Mason, Clayton, CA
Becky Brady, Redmond, WA
David Olausen, Anacortes, WA
Peggy Halwachs, Seattle, WA
Thomas Ettinger and Jill LaRue, Cashmere, WA
Joseph Smith, La Mesa, CA
Carol and Dick Bourne, Davis, CA
Falma Cullinane, Challis, ID
Rick and Lisa Johnson, Green Valley, AZ
Bonnie Evoy, Ottawa, ON
Denise Kelly, Oakland, CA
John Mott, Sacramento, CA
Lisa Siegert-Free and Nate Free, Avon, CO
Curt Simmons, Santa Cruz, CA
Manny and Marsha Menendez, Berwyn, PA
Melissa Magee and Ralph Rutledge, Stanley, NC
Laurie Decoteau, Frisco, CO
Valerie Yates, Boulder, CO
David Predeger, Anchorage, AK
Janet Linden, Farmington, CT

VIEW FROM THE CHAIR (Karen Hass)

BAC just completed another successful Ride Leader Seminar in Davis, California October 27th -- 30th with 34 BAC members who are interested in becoming ride leaders. Marty Fink organized the seminar, and Bill Sbarra, Clarice Sackett, Elizabeth Buckingham, George Ellis, Kate Gordon, and I presented a chronological approach to leading BAC tours, and covered all aspects of planning and running a tour in the USA as well as international locations. Bill Sbarra (who lives in nearby Woodland, CA) was our “boots on the ground” and did a great job of managing all the logistics for the weekend, especially the Happy Hour at the Bicycle Hall of Fame! Participants asked lots of good questions, had great ideas to share with the class, and several are already planning new BAC tours! *If you'd like to become a BAC Ride Leader but couldn't make this year's seminar, the next one will be in the late fall of 2018, location yet to be determined – look for an announcement in a future BAC monthly update.*

Ride Leader Forum Teleconference: Mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 12th, 7-8:30pm ET! If you've led a BAC tour in the last 5 years, or have an approved tour on the schedule for 2017-2019, you'll receive an email with the teleconference agenda and dial-in number prior within the next several weeks. If you have a suggested topic for this or a future Ride Leader Forum, please send it to me (karenbikes2@gmail.com).

Tip of the Month: With rare exception, BAC requires ride leaders to provide participants with detailed cue sheets, even when GPS files are available. Technology is great but can fail in the middle of a ride. GPS units and smart phones can bounce off your bike and be run over by a car, or the batteries can run out of juice. Even if your primary navigation tool when riding is an electronic navigation tool, be sure you also bring a good cue sheet and/or map with you on rides in unfamiliar territory.

Cue sheets should always include enough detail to minimize the chances of getting lost on the ride. Ride leaders should check them over carefully during final scouting, being certain that all turns are correctly labeled “right” or “left,” that distances are accurate, and that they don't include non-essential and/or confusing information. I like to review cue sheets against a good map (paper or electronic) the night before a ride to be sure all of the instructions are accurate and make sense.

TOURS (George Ellis)

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Bike Me to the Moon/Western Ohio May 12-19, 2018. Ride Director: Donald Brumbaugh. Start Location: Dayton, Ohio. Finish Location: Dayton, Ohio. Ride Rating: 1B

Beaches of Southern California Nov 4-18, 2018. Ride Directors: Sue Bunten & John McCoy. Start Location: Costa Mesa, CA. Finish Location: Costa Mesa, CA. Ride Rating: 2B!

Australia's Seven Peaks and More Dec 3-15, 2018. Ride Directors: Richard Oddy & Alex Anderson. Start Location: Melbourne, Australia. Finish Location: Melbourne, Australia. Ride Rating: 4C!

Patagonia, a Chile & Argentina Adventure Jan 6-20, 2019. Ride Director: Robert Deering in conjunction with Red Spokes Adventure Tours. Start Location: Puerto Montt, Chile. Finish Location: Temuco, Chile. Ride Rating: 3B!

2. Rides with Space Available

- Southern California's Coast Ride Nov 11, 2017 - Nov 18, 2017 2B [2 Spaces Just Opened Up, Act Fast!!](#)
- Grand Tour of Vietnam, Jan 10-29, 2018 [Space for female to share a room](#)
- Thailand's Royal Road South; Bangkok to Phuket Jan 19, 2018 - Feb 2, 2018 3C [Space available for a single female to share room](#)
- Sardinia-Medieval Towns May 6, 2018 - May 18, 2018 3B
- Canary Islands 2018 - Volcanos, Beaches and Mountains Jun 1, 2018 - Jun 16, 2018 2A
- Northern Tier Cross Country - Seattle to Boston Jun 9, 2018 - Aug 9, 2018 2C
- Durango Fandango Aug 19, 2018 - Aug 25, 2018 2B
- Turin to the Sea and Back-Seeking the Perfect Cappuccino Sep 19, 2018 - Oct 3, 2018 3B
- Rivers and Natural Bridges of KY & OH Oct 12, 2018 - Oct 21, 2018 2B
- Dia De Los Muertos in Oaxaca Oct 30, 2018 - Nov 11, 2018 3^a [Space available for a single male to share room](#)

ARE YOU INTERESTED:

Are you interested in a one week fixed base ride in Maui, Hawaii tentatively in November 2019? Based in Kihei with ride options to Lahaina, Kapalua, the West Maui Mountains including Iao Valley. Rides may also include your chosen amount of climbing in Haleakala National Park and the East Coast town of Paia, home of Charleys Restaurant and Saloon. If interested contact me, John McCoy johndmccoy1@gmail.com Thanks.

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Hello BAC Members,

Welcome to our BAC Monthly Update. On the first business day of each month we'll be sending you the latest BAC news.

Board Member Election 2018 Jan 3rd – Feb 14th 2018.

On Jan. 3rd 2018 you will receive an email with a link to vote. With the end of the term for one board member approaching, Marty Fink, we will have one vacant board positions to be filled in 2018. The candidate is listed below. You will need to have renewed your membership prior to January 3rd 2018 in order to vote.

Brenda Cole (Fredericksburg, TX). She has been a member of BAC since 1998 and has participated in over 60 BAC rides in the US, England, France, Italy, Spain and New Zealand. She has also acted as co-director on 12 rides. She and her husband, John, have lead bike tours for their tandem club in England, Ireland, Italy and Nova Scotia and been on the committee to plan 2 tandem rally weekends where 100 or more teams participated. When not biking Brenda can be found in the kitchen preparing gourmet meals, hiking, gardening and reading. Brenda spent the last 20 years of her career working at Mobil Oil Corporation (now ExxonMobil), holding positions in accounting and financial analysis. She is excited to have the opportunity to give back to BAC by becoming a member of the Board of Directors and believes her excellent organization and problem solving skills will be useful to the Board and the club.

VIEW FROM THE CHAIR (Karen Hass)

Board Changes. In early November Bill Sbarra resigned from the Board. During his time on the Board, Bill served as Vice Treasurer and co-director of the well-received 2017 Ride Leader Seminar. I'd like to thank Bill for his service and accomplishments this past year. If you meet Bill on a future BAC tour, be sure to thank him for his service. I'd also like to welcome Carol Anderson back to the board. Carol has agreed to serve out the remaining 15 months of Bill's term. As many of you know, Carol previously served on the Board from 2012-2015.

BAC Ride Leader Forum: On Tuesday, December 12th, 7pm EST, we'll have an open discussion and Q&A for ride leaders. If you've lead a BAC tour in the past 3 years or are leading a currently approved Tour, you should have received an invitation with more details in late November. If you didn't and would like to participate, contact the BAC Office (office@bicycleadventureclub.org).

SAFETY! Thank you to member Gail Husson who has volunteered to provide periodic cycling safety articles for the BAC Monthly Update! Look for her first article in this issue.

BAC Annual General Meeting. If you'll be on the San Diego area on March 15th, I hope you'll join us for the 2018 BAC Annual General Meeting, followed by a Member Happy Hour. Look for details in the January and February BAC Monthly Update.

Solo Supplement Payments. Effective with tours opening for registration January 1st, all solo supplement payments will be sent to the BAC Office rather than the tour's Ride Leader. Checks should be made out to "BAC" with a notation of the tour name included on the check. For rides that are currently open for registration, solo supplements must still be sent to the Ride Leader per the instructions in the ride description.

Tip of the Month: Here's a tip provided by one of our ride leaders to help fellow ride leaders avoid unhappy participants on their tours. Phone all prospective participants you don't know to find out if they seem suitable for your ride, and to give them a chance to ask you questions. The first thing you might want to ask is "Did you read the complete ride description?" Do they have recent bicycle touring experience that's comparable to your tour? Will they be comfortable with the tour's level of difficulty for multiple days in a row? Do they have any dietary restrictions? Are they willing and able to change a flat tire? Ride in the rain? Wind? Heat? At the end of the conversation you may both agree that the member would be happier going on a different ride, but more often than not, you'll both be excited about the upcoming adventure you'll be sharing!

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11. New Rides Posted. You can now sign-up for the following rides approved recently and announced in "New Ride Previews" on the BAC website homepage.

Greetings from Asbury Park, NJ Sept 23-30, 2018. Ride Director: Jim Kervick.
Start Location: Ocean Grove, NJ. Finish: Location Ocean Grove, NJ. Ride Rating: 1B.

White Villages of Andalusia Oct 4-18, 2018. Ride Coordinator: Clarice Sackett in conjunction with Iberocycle. Start Location: Granada, Spain. Finish Location: Malaga, Spain. Ride Rating: 3B!

Jerusalem to Petra, Jordan and Back 2018 Nov 29-Dec 16, 2018. Ride Coordinator: Eileen Vergino in conjunction with Gordon Active. Start Location: Jerusalem, Israel. Finish Location: Jerusalem Israel. Ride Rating: 4B!

Island Hopping in Bohol, Philippines Jan 13-25, 2019 Ride Coordinator: Albert Balingit in conjunction with Spice Roads. Start Location: Cebu, Philippines. Finish Location: Cebu, Philippines. Ride Rating: 2B!

National Parks of Southern Utah May 19-June 1, 2019 Ride Directors: John McCoy and Marty Fink. Start Location: Cedar City, Utah. Finish Location: Cedar City, Utah. Ride Rating: 3C!

Croatia Island Tour Sept 15-Oct 4, 2019. Ride Coordinator: Warner Griswold in conjunction with Sitnica. Start Location: Trieste, Italy. Finish Location: Dubrovnik, Croatia. Ride Rating: 3B!

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- Turin to the Sea and Back-Seeking the Perfect Cappuccino Sep 19, 2018 - Oct 3, 2018 3B
- Girona's Mountains and Costa Brava - section 2 Sep 30, 2018 - Oct 10, 2018 3B
- Rivers and Natural Bridges of KY & OH Oct 12, 2018 - Oct 21, 2018 2B [Space available for a single female to share room](#)
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ARE YOU INTERESTED:

Corsica, France June 2019! My husband Josh Shade and I are contemplating taking over Randy and Lucy Glover's Corsica trip. We are looking at June 2019. We would be following their routes, and using most of their hotels. If there is any interest in Corsica for June 2019 please contact me (Rosa Katz) as soon as possible. rosakatz@gmail.com

Materials for Leading a BAC Tour in Southern France Available !! Graeme Thomson (Australia) has assembled cue sheets, daily mileage and elevation gains, gotten quotes from hotels, and has drafted a ride description for a tour starting in Toulouse, traveling to Bordeaux, then back to Toulouse. He is offering these materials, and to serve as consultant, to a BAC Ride Leader who might wish to lead this tour. Please contact Graeme (gjtvvet@bigpond.com) for more information.

Australia: 7 Peaks and More ([Are you considering this newly posted ride but think it's too hard? We have the perfect solution!](#)) A transfer service provided by Bus a Bike will now be available on days 6 and 7, from Bright to Omeo and return. (The mid-size bus is modern and comfortable). These two days have the greatest daily elevation gain and include the longest daily distance. There will be two or three drop off /pick up points or you may prefer not to cycle at all these days. No one will be left out on the road without the Ride Leader ascertaining that they are happy to be there. (The Ride Leader or assistant will also ride at the rear of the group). By cycling certain sections you would still qualify for the 7 Peaks passport stamp. The additional cost for this service, whether used for just a few miles or the entire two days become non cycling days, is as under. Please specify at the time of booking if you would like to avail yourself of this service.

COST: US\$215 p.p. for 6 cyclists for the two days US\$161 for 8 cyclists US\$129 for 10 cyclists US\$107 for 12 cyclists.

This will make the tour dramatically less strenuous! If you do not use this service you will not incur the additional charge. If interested contact Richard Oddy richard.colnago72@gmail.com

Taiwan and New Zealand ... Tom Ryan has led both the Taiwan and New Zealand South Island Road tour twice and would be willing to hand them off to another BAC ride leader or leaders who'd like to lead them. Tom says that the 'best' time to repeat Taiwan would be early November, and for New Zealand's South Island, early April (away from the Chinese New Year). If you're interested, email Tom at Tomryan132@aol.com. The 'best' dates for Taiwan are early Nov. 2018 and for New Zealand late March, early April 2019

BAC Tandem Riders. My wife Anne and I have been riding tandem for over 30 years. We joined the BAC about 15 years ago and only once have we not been on a tandem. At first we would be the only tandem on a trip. On our most recent trip there were three tandems and two couples who ride tandems but were on singles. Tandems seem to have become more prevalent within the club. I'm in the process of putting together an email distribution list of BAC tandems. Anne and I have been in discussion with several BAC teams about the possibility of proposing a shorter regional trip focusing on tandems to gauge interest in this concept.

If you would like to be added to this list, please send your names and email addresses to Bob Smith at Bob@WeTandem.com. Once I've compiled the list I'll send everyone an introductory email welcoming you to the BAC Tandem Community. Note that this community will be supported and maintained by me, not by BAC.

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Jim Abel, long time BAC member, sadly died on November 13, 2017.

He was a great ride leader. His 5 day Wisconsin Hills tour was perhaps the best fixed base ride ever; he provided a menu of 20+ rides of varying lengths and difficulty. Other favorites included a Door County ride with its great restaurants, and his two Arizona rides -- they all were masterpieces. Tirelessly he would scout each route again and again, always looking for possible ways to make the tour more interesting, more safe, more cycleable.

Jim served a term as Board Member. During part of that time he also was BAC's only tour coordinator; in that position he was the one who first systematized the tour coordination function. Jim was always kind and helpful. He was a model tour leader, a model cyclist, a model human being. BAC friends will miss him.

Submitted by Graham Fleming.

Fran Lally, Long time BAC member Fran Lally died November 6th at age 92. Always ready to roll, Fran travelled the world with BAC, often accompanying the Russaks and the Gersons so someone else could read the cue sheets! She will forever be remembered for her unconventional bike attire and ready smile. Her daughter, current BAC member Sheila Coe credits Fran with getting she and husband Dean into bike touring with BAC in 2000. Submitted by Sheila Coe.

Safety Tips for Winter Riding- Gail Husson

Now that winter is almost upon us, with shorter daylight hours and more chance for inclement weather, it may be helpful to remind ourselves about a few safety tips.

- Beware of rough pavement surfaces- When the sun is lower on the horizon, you may experience more instances of “dappled light” as it comes through the trees. Consider slowing down a bit in these areas, as it may be difficult to see rough spots in the pavement. Winter rain, snow and ice may also contribute to more cracks in the pavement or nasty potholes. Also, be aware of loose gravel and sand on the roads after storms, and remember that painted lines on the roads can become slippery when wet. Also be aware of “black ice” which may occur in shaded portions of the road.
- Remain visible - Wear brightly colored clothing in lower light conditions and consider using blinking headlights and taillights during the day. I recently learned that one of the best ways to increase visibility is to wear bright or fluorescent socks which take advantage of the pedaling motion. It is recommended to always carry a headlight in your bag or on your handlebars in case you find yourself out on the road once darkness rolls in. When riding at night, make sure your bike’s reflectors are clean and unobstructed. Also, make sure your clothing is bright and highly visible, preferably with reflective material. Reflective vests can easily be worn over your cycling jacket. Most effective is a LED vest which contains lights within the vest itself.
- Dress sensibly for cold weather riding making sure to pay attention to hands and feet. Some suggest carrying disposable heat packs to be used in shoes or gloves.

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