

Eagle Cycling Club

Tour of Napa Valley Issue

Smiles at the Tour of Napa



The Eagle Cycling Club

provides local cyclists with a variety of riding experiences. Our members can be seen on the road, in the hills, on tandems, and pulling kids along in trailers.

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Cover Photo: Whiskey Creek Rest Stop by Kelly Pepper

Pictures and articles for the newsletter are welcome! Please submit them to anothergarcia@gmail.com before the end of the month.



Next Meeting, Monday September 10th at 7pm, 19 Hahnemann Lane

Stop by at 6:30 for some social time!

Message from the President

New Meeting Location! During the football season we will be meeting at Kelly's house, 19 Hahnemann Lane. 6:30 mixer and meeting from 7:00 - 8:00. This is to avoid the conflict of Monday Night Football while keeping the meetings on the second Monday of each month.

About the Tour:

Mark Twain once quipped to a reporter "The reports of my death are greatly exaggerated." A rumor was going around that he had died. He wanted to let them he was still alive.

We can say the same about the Tour of the Napa Valley. It's alive!!! As I came over the crest of the parking lot in my rental truck yesterday afternoon (coming back from Pope Valley), the scene unfolding was astounding. The colorful tents surrounding the picnic grounds, and the throngs of people interacting, looked like a fair or festival was happening. High energy music was playing, the DJ was stoking up the crowd, our guests seemed happy and were having fun. Eagles members were having fun too.. lots of smiles, joking and sharing stories about their day. I even saw a couple of Eagles dancing together!

Guests were shopping with vendors and biting their nails for the results of the Silent Auction. There truly was "a party going on right here." It's hard to remember the January member meeting where we discussed possibly ending this event, and putting it out of it's misery once and for all. Very glad you decided to give it one more try.

Under the creative leadership of Linda McFeeley and the tremendous response from volunteers (old and new) plus new partners from outside the club, the TNV lives on.

The final numbers for revenue and ridership should be impressive, and will certainly buck the trend for cycling events this year.

When something is dying, you throw everything you can think of at it to resuscitate the patient. Survival is at stake. Linda and her team did just

that, and it worked. Her entrepreneurial strategy of trying new things, observe the results and fine tune for the future paid off big time.

Linda provided the creative leadership but you provided the energy, muscle, persistence, sweat, experience and everything else it takes for a volunteer event to succeed. Enjoy your success.

Chris Lougee, President.

Tour of Napa Photos

We had another successful Tour of Napa Valley thanks to all of the great people that came out to volunteer, and ride. A big thank you to Linda McFeely and the rest of the club members who helped organize this ride. It takes a small village to put on our event, but it is worth it when you see all of the smiling faces of our riders.



**Whiskey Creek
Rest Stop—Photos
by Kelly Pepper**



Some of the great volunteers at Whiskey Creek



Some good looking shirt this year!



Prepping at the lunch stop.

Pictures from Nichelini Rest Stop by Nancy Tracy



Music provided by Rebecca K & Howard B.



Andre G. repairing bicycles on the fly!

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Family Winery





Left: The Pastcan's round up riders gear to be dropped off at the Start.



It is a full time job keeping riders hydrated!

Tour of Napa Social Media

If you are on Facebook or Instagram please follow/like the TNV pages. If you see a post, like and share the post. This is how we will spread the word about our great event.

Tour of Napa Valley on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TourofNapaValley/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/tourofnapaValley/>

From the Tour of Napa Valley Instagram page:





Our fearless leader Linda!



Ride Schedule

This schedule tries to capture all regular rides happening in or around Napa, regardless of who leads or sponsors them. Not all of the rides on the schedule are led or sponsored by the Eagle Cycling Club.

Eagle Cycling Club rides are rated by the pace, terrain, and mileage range as follows:

Pace: (1) Easy (8-12-MPH) (2) Moderate (12-15 MPH) (3) fast (16+ MPH)

Terrain: (A) Mostly flat (B) Rolling (C) Some hills (D) Hilly (E) Mountains

For example, a ride described as 1/A/15-25 would be a ride at an easy (1) pace, on a mostly flat (A) course, for 15-25 miles. A ride described as 2/C-D/40-60 would be a ride at a moderate (2) pace, on a course with hills (C) that might be steep or sustained (D), for 40-60 miles. For a full description of the ratings, download the [Ride Classifications Document](#).

Eagle Cycling Club Rides

Saturdays

9:00 a.m. Variable route

Variable route with a monthly set rotation. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at Browns Valley Market, 3263 Browns Valley Rd. For more info contact Doug Pettie at [415-747-6965](tel:415-747-6965) or dap1000000@aol.com.

1st Sat: Carneros Loop, 2-B-25

2nd Sat: Avenues Loop, 2-B-30

3rd Sat: Dry Creek Rd, 2-C/D-25/45

4th Sat: Dead End Ride, 2-B/C/D-20/45

5th Sat: Special Ride outside Napa, 2-C/D-40/60 (carpool from the market)



Sundays

9:00 a.m. Variable route, 2/C-E/30-60.

Now the only ECC Sunday ride. Variable route. May be significant climbing. Meet at Bicycle Works, 3335 Solano Avenue. No drop policy, frequent regrouping. Actual ride time varies with ride mileage. For more information contact Jim Fitch/Genny Fox [707-226-5038](tel:707-226-5038).

Tuesdays

9:00 a.m. Variable route, 3/A-E/40-50

Meet in the parking lot by the Ranch Market at the corner of Wine Country Ave and Solano Ave at 9:00 a.m. The ride will be 40-50 miles at an average speed of 18-21 mph.

For more information contact Ron Lemos at [707-294-2796](tel:707-294-2796).

Wednesdays

9:00 a.m. SHARP! Carneros loop, 1-2/B/20.

A leisurely two hour ride in the Carneros district. No drop policy. We regroup regularly, and usually takes a group photo at the “Pigs 4 Sale” sign. Meet at Dwight Murray Plaza, at the infamous missing clock tower, on First between Main and Coombs. Refreshments at the Model Bakery afterwards. Rain cancels. For more information, call Bob Hillhouse at 707-253-7000 or 707-252-1246.

5:00 p.m. Mt. Veeder loop, 2-3/D/20.

The classic clockwise Mt. Veeder loop. Meet at the corner of Browns Valley Road and Redwood Road. Go over Mt. Veeder and return via Dry Creek Road. Optional return with the 6:00 p.m. counter-clockwise ride. No leader.

6:00 p.m. Variable Route, 2/D/20-25.

Usually a counter-clockwise Mt. Veeder loop, going out on Dry Creek Rd., and returning on Redwood Rd. Meet at Bicycle Works, **3367 Solano Avenue**. Bring lights in the winter. During the winter and on rainy days, we will go on a less hilly ride (usually a Carneros loop). This is a no drop ride, for all levels. For more information, contact Dave Pruett at Bicycle Works, 707-253-7000.

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As always, ride safely, and happy cycling!

Fridays

8:30 a.m. Bike Friday, 1-2/A/10

Bike Friday is an easy, mostly flat ride to Yountville via Solano Avenue. There is a yak stop at the structure at the end of Solano Avenue in Yountville. Alternate routes are planned impromptu from there. Some ride up-valley, some return via Solano Avenue to Napa for coffee at Panera. The up-valley groups tend to ride a bit faster. Occasionally, a group will ride up to Hennessey and do the Lower Chiles Valley loop. Rain cancels. For more information, contact Doug Cleveland at 707-252-3985, or velobruin@att.net.

Link to [Eagle Cycling Club Ride Calendar](#)

Ever wanted to lead a ride of your own? Now you can! We are always looking for more ride leaders, particularly for slower-paced family fun rides. For more info on scheduling a new ride, contact Doug Pettie at dap1000000@aol.com.

Note from the editor:

I can use help with the newsletter, between teaching and a lack of content submitted from the club I can't put the newsletter together each month. If you are interested in helping gather content or submitting your own please email me at:
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