

# Chainwheel Chatter

B.I.K.E.S.

Your Snohomish County Cycling Club

## From the President

I hope everyone enjoyed a Happy Christmas and a safe and fun entry into 2011. 2010 was a busy year for BIKES. We started with a fun and successful weekend at Bike Expo followed by a 750+ attendance at the McClinchy Mile and wrapped up December with a well-attended holiday party. Even with increased operation costs McClinchy proceeds allowed the club to award more than \$5,000 in grants to bike-minded community organizations, host a summer picnic and holiday party for members and guests, hold cash in reserve for the next couple McClinchy Miles in case of snow or other unspeakable weather conditions and fund daily club expenses.

In addition to racking up club miles throughout the year members joined Red-Spoke, RAPSody, STP, RSVP, RAW, the inaugural Mukilteo Classic and a few rode McClinchy (some were bicycle SAGs). Many of us volunteered at RAPSody, The Mukilteo Classic, the WSDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project, the Everett Public Schools Health and Wellness Fair and probably many other places that I don't know about. And one lucky member, John Carlin, went to Europe and rode Bike Switzerland!

I want to thank Warren Bare for again hosting BIKES' annual holiday party at his community club house. It's a casual venue that allows us to share good food with friends and celebrate another year of cycling. And this year we need to give special thanks to the dish washing crew, headed by Terri Snodgrass, who cleaned the kitchen before heading home.

My 2011 bike events aren't yet lined up but I'm sure the calendar will fill. See you on a ride soon.

Pedals Up,

Debby Grant

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**Next meeting**  
**January 13 - 7pm**

Snohomish County Pud Bldg  
2320 California Ave, Everett

We're making changes to the McClinchy routes. Come find out what's brewing.

Social hour & no-host dinner  
before the meeting at 5:30pm:

Scuttlebutt Brewing Co  
1524 West Marine View Drive  
Everett



## Volunteer Corner

BIKES is still seeking volunteer(s) to assist with managing the club's membership database. We will soon be fully migrated to a new website hosted by Wild Apricot and the membership management system will allow us to share tasks. This is a job that doesn't require meeting attendance. If you're computer savvy and can spare about an hour a month, think about stepping up for this job.

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**Frequent Rider Club - Miles thru mid-December**

The Frequent Rider Miles program is a fun benefit for BIKES Club members. Ride 100 miles or 500 miles or 1000 miles, or more, on club-sponsored rides and earn a reward. Miles are tracked from BIKES Club rides as reported by ride leaders. **Ride Leaders:** When reporting a ride please remember that a ride is eligible for club miles when 1) the ride is listed in the newsletter and on the Rides web page, even if only the ride leader participates or 2) the ride is listed on the Ride Change web page and the ride leader and one other person from a different address participate. When reporting please include your name, name of ride, ride date, number of miles, names of participants, member status. Ride miles must be reported separately by ride date.

Warren	Bare	90
Dan	Scott	66
Wendell	Hultman	59
Genade	Osowiecki	54
Mike	Dahlstrom	47
Bill	Lutterloh	31
Bill	Weber	24
Paul	Linari	24
Tom	Weber	24
Bob	Nyberg	23
Evelyn	Rayburn	19

**Ride Coordinators**

Ride leaders - send your ride listings to the "leadaride" address. The email automatically forwards to the current month's coordinator.  
January: Kristin Kinnamon  
[leadaride@bikesclub.org](mailto:leadaride@bikesclub.org)

**Ride Guide**

<b>Pace</b>		<b>Terrain</b>	
Leisure	Under 10 MPH	A	Mostly flat / Norman Rd
Social	10-14 MPH	B	Rolling Terrain / McClinchy
Moderate	14-16 MPH	C	Rolling steeper hills / Kitsap Peninsula
Brisk	16-18 MPH	D	Difficult Terrain / Whidbey Island
Strenuous	Over 18 MPH	E	Very Difficult / RAMROD

## Monthly Ride Calendar

\*Monday, January 3 & 10: \*Sammamish River Trail (paved). Start time 2:30 PM, Social pace, A terrain, 19 miles,. Start in Bothell at Sammamish River Park on the southwest corner of 102nd Avenue NE (overpass) & Sammamish River. Go south over the 102nd overpass and turn at the first right into the park gravel parking lot (with chickens). This time of year it is a good idea to bring a headlight and tail light. Rain or ice cancels and then we can go for coffee. Ride Leader Bill Lutterloh. Phone 360.668.9554. Email LutterlohB@GMail.com <mailto:LutterlohB@GMail.com>. Cell afternoon of ride is 425.870.6418.

\*Monday, January 17, 24 & 31: \*Centennial Trail (asphalt paved). Start at the south (Snohomish) end of trail at the northeast corner of Maple & Pine. Start time 2:30 PM, Social pace A terrain, 9 to 22 miles as group decides. Rain or ice cancels and then maybe we can go for coffee. Good idea to bring a head and tail light this time of year. Ride Leader Bill Lutterloh. Phone 360.668.9554. Email LutterlohB@GMail.com

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### **Advocacy Corner (courtesy Bicycle Alliance) Kristin Kinnamon**

The Bicycle Alliance of Washington (BAW) works year-round to identify, research and prioritize key issues for cycling that need to be addressed at the state level. BAW works with a professional lobbyist in Olympia to forward that agenda- he is our eyes and ears, but bicyclists are our voice. Help support our agenda by attending Transportation Advocacy Day on Feb. 10 in Olympia and by contacting your legislators in support of selected bills. The Bicycle Alliance Legislative and Statewide Issues Committee, made up of representatives of bike clubs and communities from across the state, has been working on our 2011 legislative agenda since last spring. Priority legislation includes bills that would address:

**Traffic Safety Education:** require that driving schools attended by motorists who have received a traffic ticket teach curriculum for safe driving around cyclists and pedestrians. Thanks to previous legislation and work by BAW, the Department of Licensing already requires the curriculum in all regular driver's education courses. The materials are funded by proceeds from Share the Road license plate sales.

**Mutual courtesy and safe passing:** clarify the laws that define safe and courteous behavior for cyclists and motorists, including legislation governing how much space motorists should give cyclists when passing alongside them.

**Complete streets:** create a grant program that gives incentives for communities that adopt a "complete streets" policy to ensure that their streets are designed and built to safely accommodate all users (pedestrians, bicyclists, people with disabilities and drivers).

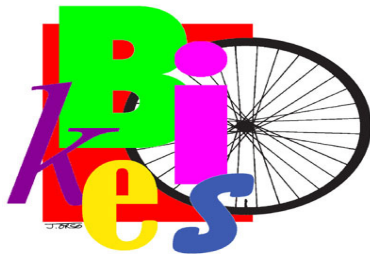
**Lower speed limits:** Give communities broader authority to lower speed limits to 20 miles per hour in neighborhoods with high bicycle and pedestrian traffic. Lower speed limits sharply reduce injuries and deaths.

**Liability:** Impose reasonable limits on the liability of communities that mark bicycle routes with signage or produce bike maps. Currently, some communities don't mark or map routes at all because they fear they will be found liable for injuries suffered by cyclists who use the routes.

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

[www.bikesclub.org](http://www.bikesclub.org)

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### **New Members – Welcome**

Jeff Stewart & Beth Dewey

### **Renewing Members – Thanks**

Robin Schwartz  
Bill Lutterloh  
Allyson Welsh  
Ronald & Shannon Porter  
Peter Pisani  
Debbie Kawamoto  
Clarence Elstad  
Bob Nyberg

In addition to its main priorities, BAW will support legislation sponsored by the Cascade Bicycle Club to better protect vulnerable road users such as cyclists and pedestrians, and other bills that support cycling and safety. Keep abreast of how our agenda is faring and how you can help by visiting our web site, "[www.bicyclealliance.org](http://www.bicyclealliance.org)".

### **Cycling News**

From Westsound Cycling Club: Bicycle Tour of Colorado

Are you ready for a great challenge this early summer? Is so there are now 10 of us that are registered for this year's Bicycle Tour of Colorado. This has been a great event and we are looking for at least two more club members, club member family members, or friends that would like to ride with us. The more the merrier. It is from June 19<sup>th</sup> beginning and ending in Central City, Colorado and will end after 463 miles of the most beautiful scenery around on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Contact Scott Park at [Scott@heatingwithquality.com](mailto:Scott@heatingwithquality.com) or call him at 360-620-3180.

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### **B.I.K.E.S. Membership** **PO Box 5242, Everett, WA 98206**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Dues \$15 Annual (individual)**

**\$20 Annual (family)**

**Member Benefits:** Club rides, Frequent Rider Club, monthly newsletter, social and advocacy activities, low-cost bike box and trailer rental, 10% discount at local bike shops with your member card.