

Chainwheel Chatter

B.I.K.E.S. Club of Snohomish County
August 2023



Prez Sez

Four thoughts from your Prez

1. One of the big fundraising rides of the year happens in September. It's Bike MS, where about a thousand cyclists go to Mount Vernon for a weekend event and raise money for the local chapter of the MS Society. Multiple sclerosis is a nasty disease which many people have to live with. The event raises about \$2 million every year to help those with MS. There's a team called MS Eradicators riding and raising funds and there are at least five BIKES Club members on the team, including yours truly. Look for an email in your inbox in the next few weeks on how you can help. (I think you know the answer.)

2. Your Prez hasn't been riding his bike much this year and he's convinced himself that it's okay. He's looking at this year as a regroup and recoup year. He really does enjoy seeing all the club members out on their bikes enjoying the summer and posting photos. Keep posting those photos!

3. So you've been thinking about getting a new bike. Or maybe a new different kind of bike, like a cruiser or a mountain bike or a comfort bike. Well, now may be the time. There's lots of inventory in the shops and many bikes are on sale for some pretty good discounts.

4. If you want to buy an e-bike (many of those are on sale, too), please don't get a mail order bike. I know it's tempting with the really great prices online, but please give your local bike shop a chance. Your LBS sells quality bikes with warranties, will make sure you get the right size, and will service your bike if need be. Those are invaluable things which you can't always count on with a mail order bike.

Now go ride your bike.

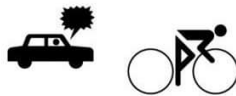
Prez Drew

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Vice Prez Sez

When someone yells at you from their car...



<p>You could yell back. But how about creative retribution?</p>	<p>Tell them their tail light is out.</p>	<p>Get a song stuck in their head.</p>	<p>Mime the sign to "call me".</p>
<p>Give the "slow clap."</p>	<p>Look confused.</p>	<p>Flash them.</p>	<p>Or just wave.</p>
<p>When people are confronted, they meet it with anger.</p>	<p>But when you meet it with the unexpected, they are forced to think.</p>	<p>Which is the meanest and nicest thing you can do.</p>	<p>Because it sticks with them all day.</p>

Ride safe, and...

Tailwinds

Vice Prez Cindy
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News You can Use....

ASK THE WRENCH

Dear Readers,

Ask the Wrench will be back next month. Enjoy your summer rides.

—RBW

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Advocacy and Infrastructure News

by Rick Proctor

New additions to our [BIKES Club](#) website [Advocacy](#) page are shown below and will include the date added. Older information and links will be revised, replaced, or removed as new information becomes available.

Everett:

City of Everett Public Works: 425-257-8800 or (link to form):
<https://www.everettwa.gov/FormCenter/Public-Works-5/Public-Works-Service-Request-45> - added 3-Jly-2023

Snohomish County:

Snohomish County Parks (for trails): parks@snoco.org - added 3-Jly-2023

Snohomish County Public Works: contact.pwrms@snoco.org (email) - added 3-Jly-2023

Snohomish County 2023 Chip Seal and Asphalt Overlay Program
<https://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/32955/Chip-Seal-and-Paving-Newsletter> - added 24-Jly-2023

Skagit County:

Skagit County Operations Division: Road Maintenance:
<https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PublicWorksRoadMaintenance/main.htm#:~:text=Road%20activity%20mainly%20revolves%20around%20the%20Chip%20Sealing,spring%20C%20after%20the%20winter%20freeze%20and%20thaw%20cycles.> - added 24-July-2023

Washington State:

[WSDOT Real-time Travel Map](#) - added 14-Jly-2023

BIKES Club Meeting.

Summer Break

BIKES Club has monthly club meetings for members on the 2nd Thursday of each month from September to May. No meetings in the summer or December.



Coming Up...

August Club rides

There will be a variety of BIKES Club rides scheduled through August on the [Calendar](#). Some rides may be posted the day before the scheduled activity. Rides can be cancelled or changed when weather conditions are forecast to be sufficiently foul as determined by the Ride Leaders and which forecasts they think may be accurate. Keep up with ride changes by subscribing to [Ride Updates](#).

[Rides Calendar >>>](#)



Ride Leader Corner

Hello Ride leaders,

Just a couple of thoughts at this time. Rides are being listed at several paces and levels of difficulty, which is great. It would be nice to have more of you who are ride leaders adding to the totals. Don't be shy.

BTW, there are a few of you who are on the Ride Leader list who haven't led a ride nor attended one of Drew's ride leader sessions yet this year.

Remember, to continue as a ride leader you need to lead three rides and/or attend a ride leader training session per year

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Ride Leader Coordinator

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New Membership options

[Membership Benefits>>>](#)

[Online Reg - Step by Step>>>](#)



Rider Miles

Top riders for July

Linari	Steve	3565
Proctor	Rick	2533
Tweedy	Christine	1941
Heydron	Paul	1458
Rivetti	Lou	1172

[How many Club miles do you have?](#)



Club meeting minutes

Catch up here to read the most recent meeting minutes. Log on to the club website to access all meeting minutes.

[Meeting Minutes >>>](#)



Sharing Wheels

Sharing Wheels News

Nonprofit partnerships make biking better

By Guest Writer Cheryl Walchli

SHARING WHEELS UPDATE:

A couple of changes during summer.

We are moving to **Minor Repair only**, during this busy summer. We can assist walk-in customers with repairs (that take 30 minutes or less) – flat tires, brake or gear adjustments, etc. Labor and parts costs apply (*or ask about our Work 4 Wheels program*).

Our do-it-yourself program is still going, meaning you can work on fixing your own bike with our tools. We can give you some advice, but *you need to know what you are doing*. We can't walk you through an entire repair (unless it is minor and you want to pay for it.)

Check the Website Home page for shop hours. With staff taking vacations, we may have changes in our usual hours of operation.

There's other activities and events going on at Sharing Wheels. Just keep an eye on the [Sharing Wheels Events Calendar](#) at sharingwheels.org.

Thanks for being a supporter!

See all the events at [Sharing Wheels Calendar](#)

[Sharing Wheels Website >>>](#)

Other Links

League of American Bicyclists

Click on the link below to read the League blog and catch up on League efforts around the country. BIKES is a member of the League of American Bicyclists and it is through the League that we purchase our club insurance.

[League of American Bicyclists>>>](#)

Adventure Cycling

Whether you like your adventures in the saddle or from the armchair, Adventure Cycling will inspire. You might also find reviews of new bikes and equipment and tips on how to enjoy or improve what you already have.

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