

Chainwheel Chatter

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





Prez Sez

Other Bike Clubs and An Unexpected Bike Museum

Many of you know that there are a couple of other recreational cycling clubs in the North Puget Sound, very similar to BIKES Club in size and scope - Skagit Bicycle Club and Mount Baker Bicycle Club. These two clubs also put on significant regional bike rides similar to McClinchy Camano Classic Century (just not as good in my humble opinion).

Recently, your Prez and a few other BIKES Club officers met with these two clubs to get to know each other, share ideas, and discuss how we can work together in the coming year, promoting each other's rides for example.

By working with other clubs and sharing ideas, we continue to promote safe and fun recreational cycling in the North Puget Sound area, and thereby making Snohomish County a better place to live.

If you're ever driving on Highway 20 through Illinois, stop in Elizabeth (pop. 761), just east of Galena, IL. There is a bicycle museum in Elizabeth and it's open only a few hours on Saturday. There are over 300 bikes on display on two floors and it looks like it'd be a wonderful place to spend a bit of time. Unfortunately, I was going through on a weekday so it was closed.

The next time you're going through Elizabeth on your way to or from Chicago (Highway 20 is much more pleasant than I-90 by the way), visit the museum. And be sure to stop in Galena for a spell and learn some President Grant history in his historically preserved home town.





Keep on pedalin',
Prez Drew
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Vice Prez Sez



Happy Holidays

Ride safe, and...

Tailwinds

Vice Prez Cindy
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News You can Use....

The RBW has taken the month off. If you have a topic you would like me to cover sent me an e-mail.

Road Bike Wrench

drew@roadbikewrench.com

BIKES Club Meeting. No meeting for the month of December

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...

December Club rides

There will be a variety of BIKES Club rides scheduled through December 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,

Ride leaders, thanks for listing/leading rides. December days are likely to be chilly, and watching for frosty or icy roads and trails is a concern. Perhaps consider listing a shorter ride, with a later start time.

Have fun, and Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays

Dan Scott,

Ride Leader Coordinator

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New Membership options

[Membership Benefits>>>](#)

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



Rider Miles

Top riders for November

Linari	Steve	5540
Proctor	Rick	3703
Tweedy	Christine	3229
Rivetti	Lou	1893
Heydron	Paul	1761

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



Club meeting minutes

We did not have a meeting for the month of October. The link below is for the September meeting.

Log on to the club website to access all meeting minutes

[Meeting Minutes >>>](#)



Sharing Wheels

Sharing Wheels News

Nonprofit partnerships make biking better

By Kristin Kinnamon

Share Your Support of the Bike Shop

Winter is a slow time at the shop, but it's our most important season for raising money. Our goal for Giving Tuesday through the year-end is to raise \$15,000 for Sharing Wheels.

Set your own fundraising goal and tell your friends and family why you love Sharing Wheels. Then share our fundraiser on Facebook or Instagram, or just send your friends a link to our [Donations page](#).

Make a Bike Wheel Wreath

Sunday, Dec. 3 at Sharing Wheels

Join us for an afternoon of holiday wreath-making from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, December 3 at the shop.

Crafting materials such as ribbon, glue and greenery will be provided.

Optional: You may donate your wreath to our Velo Art auction on Dec. 7.

Cost is \$10 per wreath. Children under 16 are welcome if accompanied by an adult.

[Space is limited, so register early.](#)

Holiday Open House Dec. 7

Join us at the Sharing Wheels shop for our annual open house, Velo Art Show and silent auction. [Nothing Bundt Cake](#) in Mill Creek has donated desserts, and we'll also have hot drinks and light appetizers.

The event is from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. We'll share a review of 2023 accomplishments at 5:30 p.m.

[RSVP on the Calendar](#)

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.

[Adventure Cycling >>>](#)



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