Bicycle Activism in Santiago, Chile - *Movimiento Furiosos Ciclistas*

**NEXT MEETING** begins at 7:30pm on October 16 at Oakland’s Rockridge Branch Library, 5366 College Ave, at Manila. Our special guest will be "Bridge Advocate Extraordinaire", Jason Meggs. Jason recently returned from an extended visit to Ecuador and will share high-quality video footage of his travels and encounters with South American bicycle advocates with us.
The East Bay Bicycle Coalition works to represent ALL bicyclists in the counties of Alameda and Contra Costa. As we again participate in Oakland’s San Antonio neighborhood’s Dia de Muertos (see notice), we wish to reach out and welcome Spanish-speaking bicyclists to join us in advocating for improved bicycle safety and access in communities that have poor bicycling conditions.

Throughout the East Bay, elected officials and government staffs responsible for transit or local streets hear from us on a regular basis. We work hard to build respect for bicyclists. Our motto, “to promote bicycling as an everyday means of transportation and recreation,” appears on hundreds of faxes and letters each year. Partly due to our tenacious efforts, riding a bicycle is socially accepted. Everyone can ride with pride!

Your concerns are important to us. Our strength is based on our members. Only by working together as a coalition do we have the power to accomplish changes to make bicycling safer and more convenient. Since our founding in 1972, we have celebrated numerous victories that most East Bay bicyclists now take for granted - primarily BART on-board access and/or secure parking.

Of course, much more needs to be done. This is especially true in neighborhoods that are diverse, multi-lingual and multi-cultural. Unfortunately, diverse communities have not traditionally had much political clout.

Our attempts to overcome the barriers to bicyclists in East Oakland, Richmond, and San Pablo have met with political opposition. Recently, Larry Reid and Ignacio de la Fuente turned down an opportunity to build a seven-mile bikeway along Foothill and Bancroft from Lake Merritt to San Leandro. They also turned their backs on International Boulevard. According to the Alameda Countywide Bicycle Plan (2001), International Blvd leads all county routes in bicycle and/or pedestrian/motor vehicle collisions. We clearly need a campaign to allow bicyclists to safely use these routes.

After a visit to Santiago, Chile, where I met members of Movimiento Furiosos Ciclistas, I am optimistic that we can succeed in our own Spanish-speaking neighborhoods. The Furiosos efforts to reduce pollution and develop sustainable transportation in the smoggy basin below the Andes were inspiring! Below, I have borrowed from their card-sized handout urging respect for bicyclists in creating a list of bicyclist’s rights that could also be used for transit passengers. Please copy and share the following:

**RIGHTS OF THE BICYCLIST**

- The bicycle is not a toy, but a non-polluting vehicle with the same rights as an automobile.
- Everyone has the same rights to the road. The California Vehicle Code says that bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as motorists.
- You and your family sometimes have the opportunity to ride bicycles (respect the bicyclist).
- Safe routes to transit stations allow bicyclists to travel great distances, especially when bikes are allowed on-board access and/or secure parking.

Los intereses de ustedes nos importan a nosotros. Nuestra fuerza esta basada en nuestros miembros. Es solamente por colaborar que tenemos el poder de efectuar los cambios que hacen al ciclismo mas seguro y conveniente. Desde nuestra fundación en 1972, hemos celebrado numerosos éxitos que ya dan por supuesto la mayoría de los ciclistas de la Bahía del Este – primariamente acceso y estacionamiento en el BART además de ciclovías en las rutas de tránsito y las pistas de múltiple uso.

Por supuesto se necesita hacer mucho mas. Esto es especialmente cierto en los barrios de las poblaciones diversas, multilingües y multi-culturales. Por desgracia estas comunidades diversas han tenido tradicionalmente poca palanca política.

Nuestros esfuerzos tenaces, el andar en bicicleta es ya aceptacion ¡todos pueden rodar con orgullo!
ciclista en Oakland del este, Richmond y San Pablo recibieron oposición política. Recientemente, Larry Reid y Ignacio de la Fuente realizaron la oportunidad de construir una ciclovía de siete millas a lo largo del Foothill y la Bancroft desde Lake Merritt hasta San Leandro. También, dieron las espaldas al Internacional Bulevar. Según la Planificación de Ciclismo de Alameda (2001), el Internacional Bulevar tiene las cifras más altas en atropellados de ciclistas y peatones con vehículos motorizados. Claramente, necesitamos una campaña que le facilite al ciclista el tránsito seguro de estas rutas.

Después de una visita a Santiago de Chile donde conocí a miembros del Movimiento de Furiosos Ciclistas, creo que podremos tener éxitos en nuestras propias comunidades de habla hispana. Los esfuerzos de los furiosos de rebajar la contaminación ambiental y desarrollar el transporte sostenible en la cuenca subAndina contaminada eran inspiradores. Más abajo, heme apropiado del volante tamaño tarjeta de ellos que encarece respecto al ciclista por crear una lista de los derechos del ciclista que también se aplicarán al pasajero del tránsito público. Favor de copiar y compartir lo siguiente:

**Derechos del Ciclista**

- La bicicleta no es juguete sino que es un vehículo no contaminador con los mismos derechos del automóvil.
- Toda persona tiene los mismos derechos a las vías públicas. El reglamento vehicular de California declara que el ciclista tiene los mismos derechos y responsabilidades que los motoristas.
- Usted y sus hijos en más de alguna oportunidad se han movilizado en bicicleta (respete al ciclista).
- Las rutas seguras a las estaciones de tránsito se le permiten al ciclista viajar distancias grandes especialmente cuando le permite a uno subir la bicicleta a bordo del tren o estacionarse con confianza.

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**SHORT REPORTS**

**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT** is considering a Measure for the March 5, 2002, ballot to fund environmental maintenance, public safety, resource protection/restoration, and public access. A public meeting was held on October 2. In other business with the EBRPD, the EBBC submitted a letter supporting the acquisition of an in-fill parcel in the Carquinez Regional Shoreline Park. Portions of two regional trails traverse the parcel.

**LAFAYETTE** - The City Council is scheduled to discuss bicyclists’ proposal to create a Lafayette Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee at their 7pm meeting on Tues, Oct 9, 2001. We expect the City Council to approve our proposal, but supportive comments to elected officials are very helpful (even after Oct 9). Opposition may come from City Engineer, Tony Coe, and/or City Traffic Planner, Leah Greenblat. Neither wants a BAC nor have a positive attitude toward bicyclists. For City Council info check www.ci.lafayette.ca.us or contact Yehuda Sherman at yehudasherman@aol.com (925) 284-5363 or Bart Carr at Bart_Carr@yahoo.com (925) 299-1664.

**LIVERMORE** – A Draft Livermore Bicycle Masterplan is nearly ready for public review. Please contact Anna Vickroy (tel: 925/373-5796) to receive meeting notices or a review copy.

**OAKLAND** - MacArthur Boulevard between Lakeshore and Park is an ideal candidate for a “road diet” with a bike lane addition. Please take a minute and drop a short email to Oakland’s Bicycle Coordinator, Kathryn Hughes, khughes@oaklandnet.com, letting her know how important it is to restripe the street with bike lanes and fewer vehicular lanes (from 4 to 2).

**PLEASANTON** – The Trails Council of Livermore Amador Valley (TCLAV) expects a battle with Parkside Homeowners, who fear that the proposed Arroyo Mocho Trail to Livermore will lower property values, decrease privacy, blah, blah, blah. The Pleasanton Community Trails Master Plan to extend the existing 3.4-mile trail (Alamo Canal to Stoneridge) has already been approved with full public review. Three under crossings are already in place. Please voice your trail support to the Parks & Recreation Commission and the City Council. For more information, please contact the TCLAV (p.7).

**STATEWIDE LEGISLATION** - California Senate Bill 10, the Safe Routes to School Bill of 2001, is on Governor Davis’s desk, after passing the state legislature thanks to the letters from supporters! $70,000,000 for pedestrian and bicycle safety projects now depends on his action. The East Span Bay Bridge bikeway appears secure. Assembly Bill 1171 (Dutra, Fremont) does not impact the bike path. Overall, the bill seeks to permanently extend the $1 toll increase.

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*traducción por Patricio Brown*
EBBC to Valet Park Bikes at Dia de los Muertos Fruitvale Festival

Observed by people of all ages, Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead or All Soul’s Day) is a traditional indigenous holiday that honors departed loved ones and celebrates the triumph of life.

Dia de los Muertos helps a community preserve its traditions, strengthens family bonds and teaches its youth the value of cultures, creativity and cooperation. Intended to promote and preserve the traditions of the area’s Spanish-speaking population, the Dia de los Muertos Fruitvale Festival also promotes tolerance and understanding by introducing other communities to the richness of our culture and traditions. The festival includes food, car show, and live entertainment from renowned artists. It also includes Art, Children’s, Altar, and Environmental Pavilions. Over 70,000 people attended last year’s festival, making it Oakland’s largest festival in 2000. We look forward to an even more exciting festival this year.

The 6th Annual Dia de los Muertos Fruitvale Festival will be held Sunday, October 28, 2001, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., on International Blvd. from Fruitvale Ave. to 40th Ave. in Oakland (map). For more information call (510) 535-6904.

The festival is BART accessible (Fruitvale station) and free bicycle valet parking is provided by the East Bay Bicycle Coalition. Volunteers are needed to help park bikes. Please call Dave Campbell at 510-540-5971 or email at dcampbel@lmi.net to sign up to park bikes.

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- Cycle Sports 3241 Grand Ave, Oakland
- Hank & Frank Bicycles 3377 Mt. Diablo, Lafayette
- Missing Link 1988 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley
- REI Coop 1338 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley
- REI Coop 1975 Diamond Blvd, Concord
- Start to Finish 37120 Fremont Blvd, Fremont
- The Pedaler 3826 San Pablo Dam Rd, El Sobrante
- Geoff Palmer http://www.bikeparking.com
- Backroads Bicycle Tours, 801 Cedar St., Berkeley
- Twofish Unlimited 510-524-2309
- Stone’s Cyclery, 2320 Santa Clara Ave, Alameda
Spanish/English Bicycle Terms

ACERA f. ........................................................... SIDEWALK
ANDAR O CAMINAR EN BICI, MANEJAR .......... TO RIDE
BICI DE MONTAÑA, TODO TERRENO m. .......... MOUNTAIN BIKE
CADENA DE RODILLOS f. ................................. CHAIN
CÁMARA f. ........................................................ INNER TUBE
CASCO m. ......................................................... HELMET
CICLOVÍA f. ........................................................ BIKEWAY
CICLISMO PARA IR AL TRABAJO ....................... BICYCLE COMMUTE
COMPARTIR EL CAMINO ................................. SHARE THE ROAD
CONDADO “U” ................................................ U-LOCK
DESCOMPONERSE ......................................... BREAKDOWN
FARO/CATAFARO (PILOTO) ......................... HEADLAMP/REFLECTOR (TAIL-LAMP)
ESTACIONAMIENTO ........................................ PARKING
GOMA DE FRENO m. ...................................... BRAKE PAD
IR A VELOCIDAD DE CRUCERO ......................... TO COAST
LLANTA (GOMA DE LLANTA) f. ........................ RIM (TIRE)
MAPA DE RUTAS m. ........................................ ROUTE MAP
PINCHAZO m. ................................................. PUNCTURE
PISTA (AUTOPISTA) f. .................................... BIKE TRAIL, PATH, COURSE (EXPRESSWAY, FREEWAY)
PLANO DE LA CIUDAD m. ............................. CITY PLAN
TALLER DE BICI m. ....................................... BICYCLE SHOP
TOMAR EL CARRIL ........................................ TO TAKE THE LANE

¡Ay Carrumba! Once again, the Chronicle has hijacked a bike rack and turned it into a newsrack. Back in May, the EBBC complained about another hijacking on MacArthur Blvd.

Oakland Public Works dealt with this rack back in May.
MINUTES of the General Meeting of Tuesday, September 18, 2001 held at the Rockridge Branch of the Oakland Public Library

CHAIR was Robert Raburn

MEMBERSHIP: Andrew Rudiak reported that we currently have 972 members, with 512 in the renewal status. Delinquent members were encouraged to renew, and keep EBBC a strong advocate for bicyclists.

SOLANO STROLL: The EBBC supported the BFBC (Bicycle Friendly Berkeley Coalition) by parking bikes at the Solano Stroll on September 16th. An estimated 100,000 people attended the event.

SR 4 BYPASS: Bruce Ohlions continues to follow closely the SR 4 bypass issue. EBBC is requesting immediate access to SR 4 bypass with replacement of the storm drains, and to reopen the east/west connection on the old Sand Creek Road severed by the construction of SR 4 bypass. The storm drains are being replaced, access is next.

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY BIKE PLAN: A draft summary of issues and options was presented by Gail Payne. The issues were generated from local meetings over the last couple of months. The report is due out in November, and will be an estimated 100 pages.

CALM: The Coalition of Advocates for Lake Merritt has a proposal to convert the 12th St Dam Route (i.e., “the world’s shortest freeway”) into Lake Merritt Blvd and improve bicycle and pedestrian access. An alternative proposal is to build a 16-story cathedral. The City of Oakland has not made any decisions yet.

AC TRANSIT: A motion was made and passed, for the EBBC to communicate to AC Transit to: 1) adopt clean air buses with low floors; 2) codify access for bikes on the buses; and 3) urge more driver education on sharing the road with bicyclists.

ALAMEDA COUNTYWIDE BICYCLE PLAN REPORT: The County Supervisors adopted The Alameda Countywide Bicycle Plan on June 28, 2001. The innovative maps depict one-mile radius “High Priority” zones for “Improved Bicycle Access” surrounding transit stations, thanks to EBBC efforts. We will urge other counties to follow suit. A copy was available to review at the meeting.

REGIONAL BIKE PLAN: There was a discussion of options for obtaining more money for bike facilities from the MTC, which is expected to spend a total of $75 billion over the next 20 years. Being able to attach a percent off the top for bike access to transit (Safe Routes to Transit), would go along way in making bicycle improvements and help the Bay Area meet air quality standards. We also seek to insure that all new and rehabilitated roads safely accommodate bicyclists. Details on the Regional Transportation Plan and meetings are available at MTC’s web site: www.mtc.ca.gov.

PRESENTATION: Digital videos were shown by EBBC member, Eric McCaughrin. They included footage from a bike tour in Italy, and two films he developed visualizing what the Bay Area might look like with high speed and light rail, and car-free neighborhoods.

NEXT MEETING will be at the Rockridge Library at 7:30 pm, on Tuesday, October 16, 2001.

Respectfully submitted by acting meeting secretary, Craig Hagelin.

BAC Calendar

Alameda County Meets as required, 1333 Broadway Suite 220, Oakland. Staff: Beth Walukas, 510-836-2560, x13, BWalukas@accma.ca.gov, www.accma.ca.gov.

BART Oct 1, Dec 3, 6 pm MTC, 101 8th Street, Oakland. Bimonthly, first Mondays. Staff: Laura Timothy, 510-464-6425; Chair Dave Favello, 925-939-9462, davevello@aol.com; - County representatives: Alameda - Raines Cohen 510-337-9427 raines@raines.com, Dan Gildea (alternate) 510-658-1390; Contra Costa – Dave Favello, Craig Hagelin 925-937-7610, chageelin@ccnet.com.

Berkeley Oct 9, Nov 13, 4-6 pm, (call to confirm date and time) 2118 Milvia St., 2nd floor, Staff: Carolyn Helmke 510-705-8131, CHelmke@ci.berkeley.ca.us; Chair: Stephen Wheeler, SWheel-
er@uclink.berkeley.edu; EBBC rep Hank Resnik, hankr@earthlink.net, 510-524-4488.

Brentwood Oct 11, Nov 8, 3:30 pm (2nd Thurs) Parks & Recreation Department 740 3rd St. Staff: Craig Bronzan, Director Parks & Rec (925) 516-5365, CBronzan@ci.brentwood.ca.us; Delta Pedalers rep Dave Stoeffler 925-634-1793, Davess@ecis.com.

California Bicycle Advisory Committee (CBAC) Oct 4, Dec 6, 10:00 - 3:00 pm Meetings held bimonthly in Sacramento at Department of Food and Agriculture Building, Conference Rm A-317, 1220 N Street. CBAC addresses bicycle issues regarding facilities, standards and legislation of statewide significance. Staff: Jim Douglas, Caltrans, 916-653-2451, Jim_Douglas@dot.ca.gov; Chair: Alan Wachtel, CABO, 650-494-1750, Wachtel@aol.com; REBAC rep: Alex Zuckermann, 510-452-1221, REBACaz@earthlink.net.

Caltrans District 4 Oct 9, 1:30 pm, 111 Grand Avenue, Oakland. Meets quarterly to review state highway projects which impact bicycle facilities. Staff: Julian Carroll, 510-286-5598, Julian_Carroll@dot.ca.gov; Chair: Doug Kimsey, MTC, 510-464-7794, dkinse@mtc.dot.ca.gov; EBBC rep Doug Faunt, 510-655-8604, Faunt@netcom.com.

Concord (Trails Advisory Group) Call for date & location or check www.ci.Concord.CA.gov, Staff: Ginger Gessner, Parks Manager, 925-671-3444, EBBC rep Kathy Tate, 925-671-7579, BikeTate@tpi.net.

Contra Costa County Meets yearly in late fall to review TDA Article 3 projects. Staff: Joe continued p. 8
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Membership Type
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☐ Shop/Club ($40)
☐ Low Income ($6)
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☐ Half ($50)
☐ Full ($100)
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Livermore. Oct 23, Nov 27, 7:00 p.m.(4th Tuesdays) City Council Chambers, 3575 Pacific Avenue, Staff: Anna Vickroy, 925-373-5796, Chair: Steve Howard, 925-455-8090.

Oakland Oct 18, Nov 15, 3rd Thursday at 3:30 pm at 250 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Suite 4314. Staff: Kathryn Hughes 510-238-6493; Chair: Ron Bishop 510-652-4677, rbishop747@aol.com.

Pittsburg Traffic & Circulation Advisory Committee Oct 4, Dec 6, 7:00 pm. Civic Center 3rd Fl, 65 Civic Avenue, Staff: Paul Reinders, PReinders@ci.Pittsburg.ca.us, 925-252-4822, Chair: Peter Carpino.

Pleasanton Spring meeting TBD. Staff: Mike Tassano, 925-931-5670

University of California at Berkeley To be scheduled. Staff: Karl Hans, KHans@uclink4.Berkeley.edu, EBBC rep: Rachel Hiatt 510-325-6665 rhiatt@uclink.berkeley.edu

Walnut Creek Oct 17, Dec 19, 7:30 pm, City Hall, 2nd Floor. Meets bimonthly, 3rd Wednesdays. Staff: Mike Vecchio, Community Development, 925-256-3529; Chair: Jeff Thomas, JWT6@pge.com, 925 945-7781.

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