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Fatality One Year Ago

Hundreds Ride in Memory of Ed Weiss

Family, friends and bicyclists from throughout the East Bay participated in a memorial to Ed Weiss on July 29. One year ago, a speeding ninja-style racing motorcycle crossed the double-yellow line on Skyline Boulevard and killed the avid cyclist. No charges have been filed.

The Friday, July 27, editions of *The Montclarion* and *The Piedmonter* newspapers contain a substantial investigative report, "One Year Later." They identified the motorcyclist as Thomas Michael Rores who "said he blacked out and when he awoke, he was being treated by emergency officials." The July 28 *Oakland Tribune* reports a denial from an Alameda County District Attorney prosecutor that the motorcyclist received special treatment because of family ties to law enforcement.

Earlier, a March 25 article in *The Montclarion* reported that reckless behavior had returned to Skyline in 2007. Skyline neighbors and recreational bicyclists can attest to the route being transformed into a motor racetrack every weekend when traffic enforcement is absent. Even during the recent memorial event, a ninja rider made threatening gestures in front of hundreds of assembled bicyclists and Council Member Jean Quan before he was heard blasting down the road.

According to Ed's brother, Rick Schiller, who addressed the bicyclists assembled for the memorial ride, "there is a big difference between a Harley rider, or most motorcyclists, and those who ride ninja racing machines on public roads—ninja riders seek to test the performance of motorcycles capable of reaching speeds in excess of 150 mph."

In response to the district attorney's inaction, Ed's family and friends, Skyline neighbors, and bicyclists have identified at least four necessary steps:

Justice – Without penalties for reckless driving, we can be certain that the dangerous speeding will continue unabated. Ed's family and the EBBC have consistently sought to have charges filed and a fair judgment rendered in a court of law.

Enforcement – When the cat's away, the mice will play. During the weekends,

there are very few patrols and the ninja motorcyclists know it. Immediately following Ed's crash last July, Oakland's motorcycle traffic officers made a concentrated effort to cite speeding and lane violations on Skyline Boulevard. That effort, unfortunately, could not be sustained and speeding has returned. Another complication: the Skyline Regional Bikeway extends through multiple jurisdictions. The lack of enforcement during weekends is endemic throughout the scenic urban periphery favored by cyclists for fitness rides. As a result, the recreational habitat for bicycling is shrinking and rural residents are under siege from motorcycle and sports car racing activity.

"Can we get multiple jurisdictions—including both county sheriffs, the CHP, the East Bay Regional Park District, and local police departments—to pool their resources and create a roving squad for weekend traffic enforcement on rural and scenic roads?"

We must face the twin realities of a) very limited police budgets for traffic enforcement, and b) close monitoring of scheduled traffic patrols by the very groups they seek to enforce. The schedule for recent Alameda County sheriff patrols on Palomares Road was well known to ninja racers, who either waited until the patrols ended or just met elsewhere. Effective traffic patrols need to utilize an element of surprise in order to not simply shift the problem briefly from one road to another.

Traffic Calming – Engineering measures like speed bumps (the so-called "sleeping police officers") that slow urban speeders, are not applicable on rural roads.

Nevertheless, neighborhood groups on Skyline Boulevard have identified some engineering solutions that hold promise. One idea is a traffic circle on the broad Skyline Boulevard intersection with Pinehurst Road and Shepherd Canyon Road.

Enhanced Awareness of Bicyclists – The City of Oakland has recently posted new "Share the Road" signs along Skyline Boulevard. New green bike route signs have also started to appear and may soon replace faded or missing Regional Bikeway signs.

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The flower-bedecked Ed Weiss Memorial Ghost Bike at the July 29, 2007, memorial ride. Weiss died one year ago while riding on Skyline.

NEXT MEETING

August 21, 7:30 PM

EBBC's next General Membership Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 21, at Oakland's Rockridge Branch Library, 5366 College Avenue (at Manila). Bicycles are welcome inside.

The agenda will include reports on legislation we support, including the cornerstone Complete Streets Act, AB 1358. Other topics will include: Concord and Alameda base reuse plans, restrictions on retrofitted bike-accessible BART cars, stolen bike recovery and theft prevention, and upcoming Valet Bike Parking events (Oakland Art & Soul, Solano Avenue Stroll, Out & About Rockridge). Please see "Short Reports" (p. 3) for event info and review "legislation" at www.ebbc.org.

At 8:30 p.m., staff from the Alameda County Sheriff's Department and County Counsel will address the proposed Bicycle Event Ordinance, along with our own legal experts (see accompanying article, p. 8). Don't miss this opportunity for dialog between bike race and club ride organizers and Alameda County officials.

Ed Weiss Memorial

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Such signs certainly let visitors know to expect bicycle traffic and educate bicyclists and motorists alike. The Skyline Regional Bikeway was originally designated in the 1970s through a collaborative effort by the City of Oakland, the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD), and BART. The signed bikeway connects Rockridge BART with Skyline Boulevard.

One of the most visionary proposals, to create an Ed Weiss Memorial Park on Skyline, appears on Skyline resident Bennett Hall's Web site:

www.businessimagegroup.com/skyline/traffic.html.

Bennett proposes a park to be located at the intersection of Skyline and Pinehurst, where it would serve as a meeting place and rest stop for cyclists as well as a reminder of Ed's tragic death.

With an EBRPD extension bond measure slated to appear on the November 2008 ballot, now is the ideal time to lobby for a memorial park to be included in the long-range expenditure plan which is now being compiled.

Draft EBBC Statement on Redeveloping Concord Naval Weapons Station

Here is the EBBC's current draft position statement on redeveloping the Concord Naval Weapons Station. Please contact Steve Ardrey (sacyclepath@yahoo.com; 925-681-2808) or Bruce "Ole" Ohlson (925-439-5848; BruceOleOhlson@hotmail.com) with your ideas and suggestions on the statement or to help EBBC with the CNWS redevelopment project.

A sustainable Concord Naval Weapons Station Redevelopment should offer existing and future Concord residents transportation options that are healthy and reduce greenhouse emissions. The plans must include both internal and external connections via an on-street bikeway network of bike lanes and bike boulevards.

Off-road multiple-use paths, while welcome, especially for connecting cul-de-sac neighborhoods, are costly to build and maintain, and can only meet a portion of the non-motorized transportation needs.

Prioritization of bicycle and pedestrian projects should acknowledge existing programs like Safe Routes to Transit, Safe Routes to Schools, and connections to the Delta Trails network.

Justice Is a Fitting Memorial – Write the Alameda County DA

If you live in Alameda County, you can help ensure that Ed Weiss's case is prosecuted by Alameda County: write Alameda County DA Tom Orloff and tell him how prosecution of the Weiss case can make Alameda County streets and roads safer for bicycling. Please mail or fax your brief and sincere comments to Orloff at the address below, and urge other Alameda County residents—especially your friends and members of bicycling clubs—to do the same:

The Honorable Thomas J. Orloff
District Attorney
Alameda County
1225 Fallon St. Suite 900
Oakland CA 94612
FAX: 510-271-5157

The EBBC's letter to the District Attorney urging prosecution for the death of Ed Weiss noted that "On June 27, 1993, 40-year old Mills College professor Kim Korner was killed while riding a bicycle that was struck at Skyline & Joaquin Miller by a speeding 19-year-old motorcyclist driving on a just-suspended license. It continues to disturb me that no charges were filed in that case despite the fact that Mr. Korner, like Ed Weiss, was victimized, and his death occurred through no fault of his own riding behavior."



The Skyline Regional Bikeway starts from College Avenue at Chabot Road, one block from the Rockridge BART station (above, left). New route signs (above, right) have recently been posted along the Skyline Regional Bikeway, replacing faded and often missing older signs.

SHORT REPORTS

Is This Your Stolen Bike? – Rarely does this topic represent good news. Three East Bay bicyclists recently recovered their stolen bikes thanks, in part, to the circulation of descriptions or photos on either an ebbc.org blog or the EBBC-Talk forum. EBBC member Heath Maddox recognized his wife's stolen bike within hours of a photo being posted by Scott Ward. Scott had bought the bike from its unlikely rider and contacted us because of the EBBC stickers on the frame. Hmm...perhaps we can create an on-going program to help members to combat theft? We will discuss options at our August 21 meeting. In the meantime, you can review a few tips to deter thefts or recover a stolen bike posted under "Combat Bike Theft" at www.ebbc.org/?q=node/767.

More Street Skills Classes – Thanks to the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) funding of our grant application, the EBBC will once again offer the popular "Street Skills" classes starting this fall. Our bike safety classes throughout Alameda County, part of the recent May "Bike Month" activities, garnered lots of attention from seasoned bike commuters and novices alike. Over the next two years, EBBC's certified instructors will conduct six series of free safety classes to teach urban cyclists how to drive a bike safely in traffic. October and November dates, with multiple location options, for the first series of four-hour classroom sessions and the optional six-hour on-road course will soon be announced on www.ebbc.org. You can sign up via email (dcampbel@lmi.net) or at the Berkeley BikeStation (510-548-7433).

Estuary Crossing – The Bay Conservation and Development Commission's Design Review Board will review the Alameda Landing project on Monday, September 10, at 6:30 p.m. Alameda Landing, which is across the estuary from Jack London Square, entails re-use of the 94-acre former US Navy's Fleet Industrial Supply Center (FISC). It is critical that BikeAlameda's estuary crossing proposals be fully addressed in the final BCDC permit for the project. The meeting is in the BCDC Conference Room, 50 California Street, 26th Floor, SF. For more information, please visit www.bikealameda.org.

Oakland Art & Soul – Over last year's Labor Day weekend festivities, the EBBC's free valet bike parking (VBP) corral overflowed. This year's Art & Soul will be open 11 am to 6 p.m. on Sept 1, 2,

and 3, with an expanded VBP corral at the 14th and Broadway entry gate providing free bike parking. The festival encompasses 10 city blocks at Frank Ogawa Plaza and the City Center. Daily adult admission is \$10.00 at the door. For a complete listing of headliners and activities visit www.ArtandSoulOakland.com.

Solano Avenue Stroll – The tremendous reception that Albany bicyclists received at "Greening Albany" on June 3 points to even greater than usual participation of bicyclists in this year's Solano Avenue Stroll. This year's theme is "Going Green—It's Easy." On Sunday, September 9, mile-long Solano Avenue in Berkeley and Albany turns into the Bay Area's biggest block party, drawing more than 250,000 festival attendees. The EBBC's free and secure valet bike parking at Wells Fargo Bank near Colusa attracts plenty of attention from strollers. To sweeten the pot, a generous donor has contributed a top-end Dahon folding bike that the EBBC will raffle to new members.

EBBC Hiring for VBP – With valet bike parking (VBP) becoming *de rigueur* for successful large public gatherings in the East Bay, the EBBC has been overwhelmed with requests to provide free VBP corrals. We received ten requests for VBP services for events scheduled from late July through September—many on conflicting dates. Our small crew of paid staff and more bountiful volunteers (we hope you're listening and marking your calendars), along with our limited existing VBP racks, cannot meet the demand this year. (A new VBP enterprise may help in 2008.) For now, to meet contractual obligations with the Oakland Art & Soul Festival (Sept 1-3) and the Out and About Rockridge Street Fair (slated to close College Avenue on Sunday, September 30) we want to hire a VBP Site Supervisor. The four days of labor will pay between \$14 and \$18.50 per hour, depending on qualifications. Please contact Robert Raburn at 510-530-3444 to apply.

Hayward – The City of Hayward is starting a planning process for the former I-238 right-of-way that will not be built. Part of it could be used for a ped/bike way from Castro Valley to South Hayward BART. Would EBBC support this? I assume so. I will be implying EBBC support when I help guide city staff and consultants on a tour of the route. EBBC should also weigh in at an upcoming public workshop, probably in September.

Richmond – Councilmember Tom Butt reports meeting with Caltrans, ABAG,

Chevron, TRAC, US Coast Guard (USCG), East Bay Regional Park District, BCDC, the State Lands Commission, and EBBC on July 16 to discuss developing a pedestrian/bicycle path from Point Richmond to Point Molate (currently accessible for bicyclists via freeway shoulder (see: April 2007 *rideOn*). Both Chevron and the USCG expressed their interest that any path alignment should take into consideration their concerns regarding security. Chevron agreed to fund an update to a previous path alignment study that will look at possible locations for this connecting path, including these security issues. ABAG representatives also indicated that they could make grant funds available to fund a portion of this study.

Bay Trail Grants – Bay Trail staff are preparing for the first of two new \$3 million grant allocation rounds funded by the California Coastal Conservancy. Your community's priority projects to close gaps in the Bay Trail need to be planned and in a ready-to-build stage to score highly. Please contact Lee Huo, Bay Trail Planner for Alameda and Contra Costa counties (leeh@abag.ca.gov; 510-464-7915). The EBBC has promoted the Bay Trail since its inception in 1988 when then-Senator Bill Lockyer (Hayward) proposed to establish a 500-mile path around the bay. For more on the Bay Trail visit <http://baytrail.abag.ca.gov>.

Pittsburg – In Bruce "Ole" Ohlson's words, "Pittsburg's bicycle community loves the new bike lanes on Harbor Street." However, some of Pittsburg's drivers seem to not have a clue. A few motorists have suddenly elected to illegally park just beyond the northbound bike lane approaching Leland Road, forcing bicyclists to swerve into traffic. Ole has written to City officials requesting that the curb be painted red between the two existing No Parking signs.

Safe Routes to Schools – The Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S) Alameda County Partnership has been awarded funding from the Caltrans SR2S Grant program. Over the next two years we look forward to starting new programs, training, and activities at 50 schools in Alameda County. This is a huge expansion of the successful pilot program that TALC ran in two Oakland schools during the past school year. The Partnership, spearheaded by TALC, includes the Alameda County Public Health Department and Cycles of Change. To manage the new partnership, TALC hired Nora Cody. To learn more, visit: www.transcoalition.org/cr2s.

Will State Transportation Policies Reflect Climate Change?

The California Transportation Commission only reviews its regional transportation plan (RTP) guidelines about once every decade. The guidelines impact many billions of dollars worth of transportation projects. In the big picture, due to climate change, the earth is shaking underneath the feet of the transportation community.

The EBBC recently joined numerous other groups in sending comments to the chief transportation planners in the State Department of Transportation. Here are excerpts from Robert Raburn's August 2 comments on the state's Draft 2007 RTP guidelines:

Our comments today are focused on improving the safe and convenient travel of California's most vulnerable roadway users, people who walk or bicycle. Currently, pedestrians and bicyclists constitute 20% of the state's traffic-related fatalities, yet current laws and policies are inadequate for their protection and for the promotion of these healthy, clean modes.

While the RTP guidelines do currently partially address issues pertaining to walking and bicycling, we request that the following changes be made:

- In section 3.12, add *transportation advocates representing people who walk or bicycle* to those groups with whom consultation and coordination is expected;
- In section 3.19, add *protection and enhancement of access for people walking or bicycling* to those items needing consideration under the Highways, Local Streets and Roads section;
- In section 3.23, add *inclusion of a complete streets policy to better integrate access, safety and convenience for people who walk or bicycle into the planning, design, construction and reconstruction of all transportation infrastructure* to those bicycle and pedestrian issues that should be discussed;
- In section 3.23, add *inclusion of a comprehensive Safe Routes to School Plan* to those bicycle and pedestrian issues that should be discussed;
- In section 3.28, add *1) decrease in vehicle miles traveled and 2) increase in short auto trips converted to walking or bicycling* to the list of performance measures;

- As for the Checklist, please add *non-motorized* to the list of communities with whom the RTP is expected to consult and coordinate under question 2 of the RTP guidelines.

MTC Approves Round 2 SR2T Project Winners

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission approved several Safe Routes to Transit (SR2T) projects recommended by TALC and EBBC on July 25. Below are the Contra Costa and Alameda County projects funded in the second SR2T cycle, thanks to the Regional Measure 2 Program (one dollar of your bridge tolls). The full list is online at: www.transcoalition.org. The EBBC and TALC will coordinate three more grant cycles.

Here are the projects in our local area:

Bailey Road Transit Access Capital Improvement Project

City of Pittsburg \$650,000

This funds bike/ped improvements along Bailey Road between Highway 4 and Leland Ave., including crossing improvements where the Delta De Anze Trail BART entrance.

Electronic Bicycle Locker Gap Closure Project

BART \$200,000

For more e-lockers at the Concord, Lafayette, Orinda, Richmond, Pittsburg/Baypoint, and Dublin/Pleasanton BART Stations. (BART requested more than twice this amount; the final locker/station distribution is to be determined.)

Bay Fair BART Station Area Improvement Plan

BART/City of San Leandro \$100,000

A new bike/ped access and safety plan is in the works for this poorly-designed BART station and its connection with the Bay Fair Mall.

Contra Costa Centre/Pleasant Hill BART Shortcut Path and Wayfinding Project

Contra Costa Co./BART \$300,000

A new bike/ped connector path will provide access to the Pleasant Hill BART Station from Bancroft Road along BART's right-of-way.

Richmond/Ohlone Greenway Gap Closure—Class I Access to Transit Plan

Richmond/El Cerrito \$200,000

These two cities will coordinate a study to improve the San Pablo Avenue bike/ped crossing of the Richmond Greenway/Ohlone Trail.

Safe Routes to Ed Roberts Campus/Ashby BART

City of Berkeley/BART \$325,000

A variety of bike/ped improvements are planned for the area around the new Ed Roberts Campus at Ashby BART, including bike channels for proposed new stairways leading down from Adeline Street.

EBBC MEMBERS GET DISCOUNTS AT THESE MEMBER SHOPS

- Alameda Bicycle, 1522 Park Street, Alameda (*20th anniversary this year*)
- **Bay Area Bikes**, 2424 Webster Street, Oakland (*new location*)
- **Bent Spoke**, 6124 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland (*new shop*)
- Bicycle Garage, 4673 Thornton Avenue, Fremont
- Bikes 4 Life, 1344 Sunset Drive, Antioch
- Cal Bicycles, 2053 First Street, Livermore
- California Pedaler, 495 Hartz Avenue, Danville
- Castro Cyclery, 20515 Stanton Avenue, Castro Valley
- Cycle City, 1433 High Street, Alameda
- Cycle Sports, 3530 Grand Avenue, Oakland
- Danville Bike, 115 Hartz Avenue, Danville
- Dublin Cyclery, 7001 Dublin Boulevard, Dublin
- Hank & Frank Bicycles, 3377 Mount Diablo Boulevard, Lafayette
- Hank & Frank Bicycles, 6030 College Avenue, Oakland
- Left Coast Cyclery, 2928 Domingo Avenue, Berkeley
- Livermore Cyclery, 7214 San Ramon Boulevard, Dublin
- Livermore Cyclery, 2752 First Street, Livermore
- Mike's Bikes, 2133 University Avenue, Berkeley
- Mike's Bikes, 1150 Contra Costa Boulevard, Pleasant Hill
- Missing Link, 1988 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley
- Montano Velo, 4266 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland
- The Pedaler, 3826 San Pablo Dam Road, El Sobrante
- Pegasus Bicycle Works, 439 Railroad Avenue, Danville
- **Pioneer Bike Shop**, 11 Rio Vista Avenue, Oakland (*new shop*)
- Pleasant Hill Cyclery, 1100-C Contra Costa Boulevard, Pleasant Hill
- Real Bicycles, 3506-B Old Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton
- Robinson Wheelworks, 1235 MacArthur Boulevard, San Leandro
- San Leandro Cyclery, 471 East 14th Street, San Leandro
- Schwinn City, 814 A Street, Antioch
- Sharp Bicycle, 969 Moraga Road, Lafayette
- Solano Avenue Cyclery, 1554 Solano Avenue, Albany
- Stone's Cyclery, 2320 Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda
- **Tip Top Bike Shop**, 4800-A Telegraph Avenue, Oakland (*new shop*)
- **Velo Sport**, 1615 University Avenue, Berkeley (*new location*)
- **wheelgirl**, 1714 Fourth Street, Store C, Berkeley (*new shop*)
- Wheels of Justice Cyclery, 2024 Mountain Boulevard, Oakland
- Witts Bicycle Shop, 22125 Mission Boulevard, Hayward

Present your valid EBBC membership card (clip mailing label on back cover) to obtain discounts at participating retailers. **The newsletter mailing label must indicate "Current" membership to qualify.** Discount varies 5-25% on parts, bikes, and/or accessories depending on level of participation by retailer. Visit www.ebbc.org for details.

BAC Calendar

Compiled by John Ruzek

Alameda County August 9, Sept. 13, 5:30 p.m. 426 17th Street, Suite 100, Oakland. Refer to www.acta2002.com/meetings.html for info. **Staff:** Rochelle Wheeler (510-267-6121, RWheeler@actia2022.com).

Albany Traffic & Safety Committee August 23, Sept. 27, 7:00 p.m. City Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Avenue. **Staff:** Aleneida Andrino (510-528-5759, AChavez@albanyca.org). **EBBC Rep:** Committee member Nick Pilch, nicky@mindspring.com.

BART August 6, October 1, 6 p.m. MTC, 101 8th Street, Oakland. Bimonthly, first Mondays. **Staff:** Laura Timothy (510-464-6446); **Co-chairs:** Joe Carroll (Joe-the7thCarroll@lmi.ne), Dave Favello (925-939-9462, DaveVelo@mac.com). **EBBC County Reps:** Alameda—Eric McCaughrin (EMcCaughrin@yahoo.com); Contra Costa—Dave Favello, Craig Hagelin (925-937-7610, Chagelin@astound.net).

Berkeley Transportation Commission August 16, Sept. 27, 7 p.m. North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue. **Staff:** Phil Hillier (510-981-7010, PHillier@ci.berkeley.ca.us). **Chair:** Sarah Syed (510-827-7483, ssyed@sonic.net). **EBBC Rep:** Eric McCaughrin (510-652-9968, emccaughrin@yahoo.com).

Brentwood Sept. 27, Oct. 11, 4 p.m. Engineering Department, 120 Oak Street. **Staff:** Steve Kersevan (925-516-5420, SKersevan@ci.brentwood.ca.us). **Chair:** **EBBC Rep:** David Stoeffler, dstoeffler@sbcglobal.net.

California Bicycle Advisory Committee (CBAC) August 9, Oct. 11, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Bimonthly meetings at Department of Transportation, Conference Room 2116, 1120 N Street, Sacramento. CBAC addresses bicycle issues regarding Caltrans facilities, standards and legislation of statewide significance. **Staff:** Ken McGuire, Caltrans (916-653-2750, Ken_McGuire@dot.ca.gov); **Chair:** Alan Wachtel, CABO (650-494-1750, Wachtel@aol.com); **BABC rep:** Deb Hubsmith (415-454-7430, dehub@igc.org).

Caltrans District 4 Oct 17, 1:30 p.m. 111 Grand Avenue, Oakland (call Chair to confirm). Meets quarterly to review state highway projects that impact bicycle facilities. **Staff:** Julian Carroll (510-286-5598, JulianCarroll@dot.ca.gov). **Chair:** Sean Co, MTC (510-217-5748, sco@mtc.ca.ca.gov). **EBBC Rep:** Robert Raburn (510-530-3444, RobertRaburn@ebbc.org).

Contra Costa County Meets yearly in late fall to review TDA Article 3 projects. **Staff:** Steve Kowalewski (925-313-2225); **Chair:** John Ruzek (925-939-5181, John_Ruzek@yahoo.com).

Danville Parks Commission August 8, Sept. 12, 7 p.m. Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front Street. **Staff:** Marcia Sommers (925-314-3313, MSomers@ci.danville.ca.us).

Dublin The City Council approved the Citywide Bicycle Master Plan on July 17. The plan can be viewed at: <http://209.172.109.140/weblink7/DocView.aspx?id=161201>. For more info, contact staff. **Staff:** Ferd del Rosario (925-833-6637, Ferd.delRosario@ci.Dublin.ca.us).

East Bay Regional Park District (Park Advisory Committee) Sept. 24, Oct. 22, 7:30 p.m. Board Room, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland. **Staff:** Ro Aguilar (510-635-0138 x2006, RAguilar@ebparks.org). **PAC Chair:** Mary Ann Gaebe (JimGaebe@comcast.net).

El Cerrito A Circulation Plan for Bicyclists and Pedestrians (www.el-cerrito.org/public_works/BikePed.html) was adopted June 18. El Cerrito cyclists who are interested in establishing a Bicycle Advisory Committee should contact John Ruzek (925-939-5181, John_Ruzek@yahoo.com). **Staff:** Melanie Mintz, Department of Public Works (510-215-4339, mmintz@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us).

Emeryville August 6, Sept. 10, 5:30 p.m. 1333 Park Ave **Staff:** Peter Schultze-Allen (510-596-3728, PSchultze-allen@ci.emeryville.ca.us). **Chair:** Bryce Nesbitt (510-540-8421, bryce2@obviously.com).

Fremont August 15, Sept. 19, 7:00 p.m. Niles Room, 39550 Liberty Street. (Call to confirm). **Staff:** Rene Dalton (510-494-4535, RDalton@ci.fremont.ca.us). **Chair:** Michael Joss (510-284-9908, michaeljoss@sbcglobal.net). **EBBC Rep:** Michael Graff (Michael.Graff@pobox.com).

Lafayette Bike-Ped Advisory Committee meets quarterly at 500 Saint Mary's Road. Contact staff for next meeting or see "Commissions and Committees" at: <http://www.ci.lafayette.ca.us>. **Staff:** Leah Greenblat (925-299-3229, LGreenblat@ci.lafayette.ca.us). **Chair:** Bart Carr (925-299-1664, Bart_Carr@yahoo.com). **EBBC Rep:** Yehuda Sherman (925-284-5363, YehudaSherman@aol.com).

Livermore A BAC is being formed. Call Community Development Department (925-960-4500) for more information.

Oakland August 16, Sept. 20, 5:30 p.m. City Hall, 1 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Oakland. See: www.oaklandpw.com/bicycling/bpac.htm for location and details. **Staff:** Jennifer Stanley (510-238-3983, bikeped@oaklandnet.com). **Chair:** Paul Russell (paulbikegeek@gmail.com); **Vice-chair:** Mark Dieter (slimysalaman@sbcglobal.net).

Pittsburg Community Advisory Commission Sept. 5, Oct. 3, 7:00 p.m. City Council Chambers, 65 Civic Ave. **Staff:** Paul Reinder (925-252-4822, PREinders@ci.Pittsburg.ca.us). **EBBC Rep:** "Ole" Ohlson (925-439-5848, Bruce-OleOhlson@hotmail.com).

Pleasanton Trails Committee August 27, Sept. 24, 6:30 p.m. Council conference room, 200 Old Bernal Avenue. **Staff:** Fan Ventura (925-931-5348, FVentura@ci.pleasanton.ca.us). Contact Senior Planner Janice Stern (925-931-5606) about the Circulation Element of the General Plan or establishing a BAC.

Union City Call staff for next quarterly meeting date. City Hall, 34009 Alvarado-Niles Road. **Staff:** Joan Malloy (510-675-5327, JMalloy@ci.union-city.ca.us).

University of California at Berkeley Call staff for meeting details. **Staff:** Alicia Arellano (510-643-4949, alicia_a@berkeley.edu). **Chair:** Karl Hans (KHans@uclink4.Berkeley.edu). **EBBC Rep:** open.

Walnut Creek Sept. 12, Oct. 10, 7:00 p.m. Third Floor Conf. Room, City Hall, 1666 N. Main. Next meeting includes consideration of Walnut Creek's new Bicycle Master Plan. **Staff:** John Hall, Community Development (925-943-5899 x 206, Hall@walnut-creek.org). **Chair:** Gary Locke (925-288-2499, Gary.Locke@shawgrp.com). **EBBC Rep:** Dave Favello (DaveVelo@mac.com).

West Contra Costa County An *ad hoc* BAC representing cyclists will soon contribute revisions to the Countywide Bicycle Pedestrian Plan in West County. For more information, contact staff or EBBC. **Staff:** John Rudolph (510-215-3042, JohnR@ci.sanpablo.ca.us). **EBBC Rep:** Robert Raburn (510-530-3444, RobertRaburn@ebbc.org).

Oak-Ninth Critics to Rally August 17: Petitioners Refuse to Be Ignored

Oaklanders voted for parks—but the City Council approved a 3100-unit development.

Join the Oak to Ninth Referendum Committee at noon Friday, August 17, in front of Oakland City Hall to help make Oakland count your signatures.

We want to know why Oakland is:

- Failing to count 25,068 signatures on referendum petitions.
- Walling off our waterfront and limiting public access.
- Creating unmitigated traffic congestion.
- Selling our public land at a discount to a private developer.
- Subsidizing a private developer with millions of dollars while leaving 2000 children without a public school.
- Building housing next to the polluted air of the I-880 right-of-way.

The EBBC's focus is to ensure that public access—including completion of the Bay Trail—and bicycle safety are addressed along the Oakland waterfront. The current proposal would also compromise upland access to the shoreline. Currently, only 5th Avenue crosses the freeway and rail barriers in the 1-1/2 mile section of Embarcadero between Oak Street and the 16th Avenue overpass.

Given Oakland's natural environment, most cities would have long ago created a park and path between Lake Merritt and the Estuary instead of separating them with concrete.



The post-development view across Oak to Ninth towards the estuary, which will have very limited public access after construction.

Minutes

July 17, 2007 Meeting

Submitted by Dave Campbell

East Bay Bicycle Coalition, July 17, 2007 Board Meeting Minutes (unapproved)

Treasurer's Report

Loss of \$22,706.81 to date is due to down payment of \$24,475 paid for the West of Hills Map. Otherwise, EBBC has taken in almost \$2,000 more than it has spent during the first 6 months of the year. The new dB server is charging EBBC \$100/month.

Membership

Newsletter went out to 1350 members f July. 18 new members from Berkeley July 4 event.

Board Email list

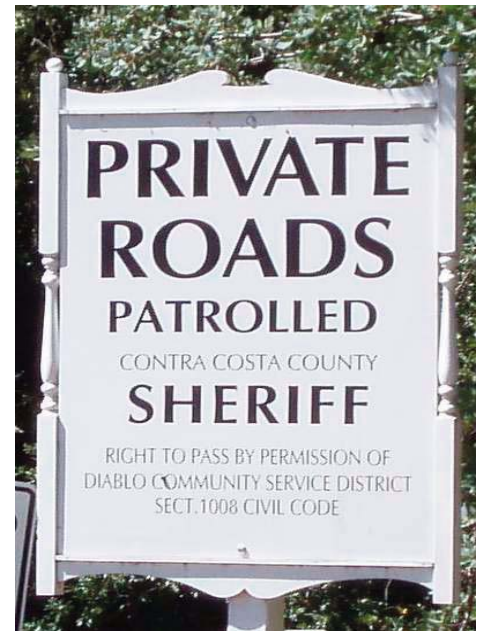
All board members should be on the EBBC board email list. Eric M. will make sure everyone is on the list.

LCI Seminar schedule includes San Luis Obispo (Aug. 10-12) and San Jose (Aug. 17-19).

EBBC Valet Bike Parking

Action: EBBC needs to consider its valet bike parking commitments as there are 8 upcoming events requesting free bike parking. Robert R. went through each of the events and recommended forming a subcommittee to assess a realistic schedule of events for 2008 and beyond, and develop a strategy for implementation. Robert R also recommended that EBBC support the following 2007 events: Art & Soul, Solano Avenue Stroll, and Out & About Rockridge. The board recommended considering hiring a Volunteer Coordinator. Due to lack of time, *the volunteer coordinator issue was tabled until the next meeting and VBP was approved for the three events recommended.*

"My success here is the fruit of my patience, and hard work." Italian bike racer Daniele Bennati of Lampre-Fondital, winner of the final stage of the 2007 Tour de France in Paris on July 29.



The South Gate entrance on Mt. Diablo Scenic Drive--the only legal entrance to the park in the area--is reached by a poorly maintained, signed private road (above) that passes Atheneum School. The state park and Contra Costa County cannot legally bring the unsafe private road up to safer county standards. The EBBC supports transferring the road to the county.

EBBC General Meeting Minutes July 17, 2007 (unapproved)

Approval of June Meeting Minutes - approved unanimously

Regional Transportation Plan

Action: discussion of approving the 5 bullet points submitted for TALC Platform: fully fund Regional Bicycle Network, revise RBP, do a Regional Pedestrian Plan, increase funding for Safe Routes to Transit, create a regional Safe Routes to Transit program. There was a discussion of the omission of the West Span Bike/Ped Maintenance Pathway in the platform. *Motion approved to support TALC's platform and encourage bike access on the West Span of the Bay Bridge.*

Concord Naval Weapons Station

Bike paths are being discussed, but not on-street bikeways. Discussion about prioritizing regional connectivity and safe bikeways on street. Bruce O., Robert R., and Steve A. will follow up.

Bike Boulevard in Richmond

New General Plan being worked on, and Bill P. wants to see a bikeway network included in the transportation element of the plan, including bicycle boulevards. Group emphasized doing a plan first, and identified various sources of funding for such plans.

Next meeting is at 7:30 p.m. on August 21, at the Rockridge Branch Library in Oakland.

Dutifully submitted,

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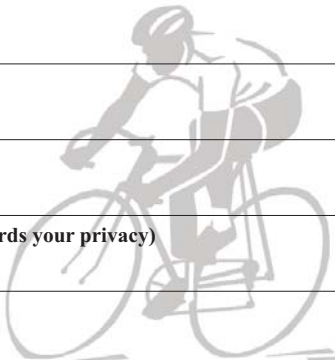
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Proposed Alameda County Bicycle Event Ordinance Needs Careful Review

After months of closely working with Alameda County officials on bicycle issues, cycling organizations were surprised by the late addition of a proposed Bicycle Event Ordinance to the Board of Supervisors' (BOS) July 31 regular meeting agenda.

The draft ordinance had been circulated by County Counsel at the April 11 Rural Roads meeting in Livermore, but no schedule for committee review or public hearings had been announced. (At the meeting, the Sheriff also reported citing 311 motorists in January 2007, primarily for speeding and crossing over the double yellow line, which the EBBC applauds.)

Without further review, the draft event ordinance was offered as an addendum less than a week before the regular July 31 BOS meeting. The draft also listed 77 unincorporated streets and roads covered by the proposed ordinance. Suddenly, cycling clubs were asking, "what's this all about?" and "how does this affect our club?"

(After criticism from the County Counsel, an earlier draft ordinance promoted by the Sheriff to replace the inappropriate Parade Ordinance was abandoned at a Board Transportation/Planning Committee meeting on October 9, 2006.)

The EBBC notified bicycle club leaders and asked the Supervisors to continue the item to a future meeting, in order to give cycling clubs a chance to review the ordinance. A flurry of re-

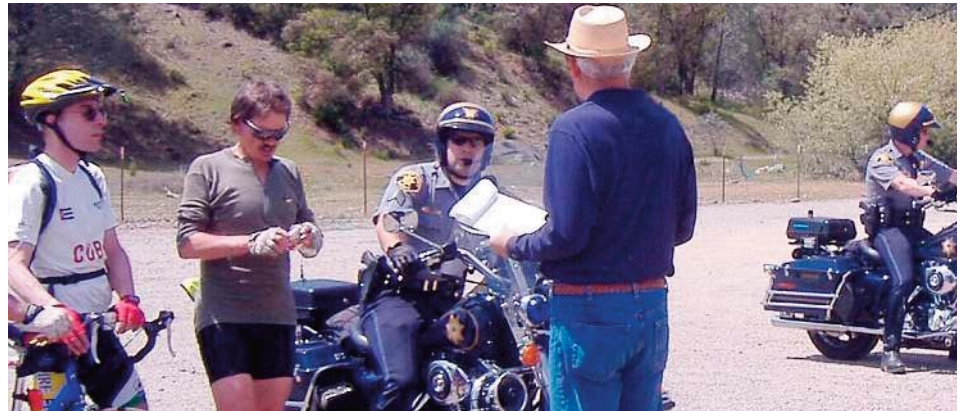
quests to the Board Clerk and Supervisor's offices for fax copies of the draft ordinance followed. (County ordinances still in draft form are not available online or in an easy-to-circulate electronic format.)

Thanks to Supervisor Gail Steele's July 31 continuation motion, the draft Bicycle Event Ordinance should not appear soon on a BOS agenda. Ideally, it will first go through a Transportation/Planning committee review hearing. The Supervisors' next scheduled meeting is September 11. The EBBC advocates an inclusive and thorough public review process for the draft ordinance in addition to the previous Rural Road meetings with officials representing the Sheriff and the County Counsel.

Members of the EBBC, Pedalera Cyclists, and Cherry City Cyclists have attended most Rural Roads meetings to respond to Mines Road residents' concerns about sharing that outlying road to Mt. Hamilton with cyclists.

The EBBC proposes to broaden this outreach throughout the Bay Area, and, as a first step, has invited the Sheriff and County Counsel to attend our General Meeting and address the proposed ordinance on August 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Below: Alameda County Sheriff's deputies on patrol at Pedalera's Mt. Hamilton Challenge rest stop on Mines Road, April 28, 2007. The word spread fast: racing motorcycles and sports cars slowed or detoured rather than risk citations for violations that endanger cyclists.



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