



EBBC Appeals Alameda County “Parade Permit” for Bicycle Rides

The organizer of the 37th Annual Mt. Hamilton Challenge was unfairly burdened by the Alameda County Sheriff's Department to acquire a "parade permit" for their April 29th ride that started in Santa Clara County, climbed Mt. Hamilton and descended Mines Road before returning to Santa Clara County. Proceeds from the ride registration are donated to the Lance Armstrong Foundation. The Pedalera Bicycle Club has never before applied for a parade permit. No road closures are needed. The ride is not a parade, nor is it a race—riders begin whenever they wish in the morning. The approximately 150 riders are typically spread out over 10 to 20 miles of road—particularly after climbing Mt. Hamilton.

On April 20, 2006, Sheriff Charles C. Plummer sent a letter to the ride organizer signed by Captain Dale E. Amaral noting that "Alameda County Ordinance 12.12.010, clearly states that a permit is necessary if twenty or more persons proceed on foot or otherwise, in or upon any street, highway, road, or alley of the county." The sheriff's ultimatum demanded that a permit be obtained by April 25 "or action may be taken against you."

Recognizing the hardship that such a permit process can have on small volunteer-based clubs, the East Bay Bicycle Coalition stepped in to handle the permit application process for Pedalera. Robert Raburn, EBBC Executive Director, and Vice Chair Dave Campbell visited the Eden Sheriff Substation and submitted the necessary insurance certificates, filled out

application paperwork, and we were prepared to pay the \$189 parade permit application fee. Fortunately the fee was waived because there was no fee paid the prior year.

Two days later, however, the California Highway Patrol called to inform the EBBC that we were obligated to sign a contract for an officer and vehicle as called for in the parade permit. The estimated cost was \$750! We await the final invoice "that will be sent from Sacramento following review of the hours and miles." We asked if the CHP services extended into Santa Clara County? "The CHP patrol was not needed outside of Mines Road" was the response. Protection of bicyclists' safety by State officers during the "parade" was apparently not needed once riders left Alameda County, or even on Calaveras Road or other route segments in unincorporated parts of the county.

Filing a parade permit starts a domino effect that involves notification of each local jurisdiction's police department. History has shown that additional permits could be demanded from each jurisdiction that a ride passes through. In most instances, the local officials are led to believe that the event is a bicycle race, not an ordinary ride. Imagine the bureaucratic nightmare that the 9-county "Go Greenbelt!" tour organizers would endure if this permit process continued unchecked.

Don Worn, the Mt. Hamilton Challenge ride organizer, described an earlier call from Lt. Mackie of the Santa Clara City Police Department who inquired about the ride and asked if special controls were needed? After explaining the nature of the ride, the relatively small number of participants who might be found grouped together on the road—even at the start—Lt. Mackie and Mr. Worn reached the understanding that no police services would be needed.

The EBBC's affiliated recreational ride clubs conduct organized rides on any day of the week. None of these rides have ever been staged with a parade permit. The Valley



Alameda County Sheriff Charles Plummer

Spokesmen even had a scheduled ride on Mines Road earlier this year. Noon-time weekday rides out Mines Road from the Livermore lab are even more spontaneous, yet may attract the 20 riders that would constitute a "parade." Even youth rides conducted by our 14 Cycles of Change after-school programs may constitute parades and require regulation according to the parade ordinance. In short, if only 10 rides passed through any portion of Alameda County each week, we would need over 500 parade permits each year!

Two of the largest rides that travel through parts of Alameda County—the Fremont Freewheeler's Primavera Century and the Grizzly Peak Century—have never applied for permits from the Alameda Sheriff. The hard work of the ride organizers enable these rides to function just fine without paying a \$189 fee for what amounts to the right to pass through Alameda County.

The application of the parade ordinance to bicycle rides that do not require road closures or warrant special traffic control measures is absurd. It also restricts civil rights to travel on public roads, can be arbitrarily enforced, and imposes regulations that are non-existent in neighboring jurisdictions. Just imagine the outrage that would result if

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NEXT MEETING begins on Tuesday, May 16 at 7:30pm.

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Buttonwillow on I-5 enacted an ordinance that required all passing vehicles to be equipped with dual rear-view mirrors and embarked on exciting motorists.

The East Bay Bicycle Coalition seeks to build good relations with the Alameda Sheriff's Department. We have a good record of working with law enforcement. For example, in preparation for the recent Amgen Tour we met weekly in Martinez with race organizers and Contra Costa officials, including law enforcement. We have collaborated with police departments on reducing bicycle theft and we even conducted a Diversion Training Workshop with police and judicial participants. We urge the Alameda County sheriff to promote recreational bicycling rather than add to the county's regulatory burden, impose costly barriers to bicycle organizations, and make criminals out of community-minded citizens for offering the public opportunities for healthy recreation and exercise.

In reality, the Sheriff is only enforcing laws that they did not write. The solution is to amend the County ordinance to exclude organized rides from requiring a permit. As currently written, the ordinance recognizes four exceptions to the parade requirement: (1) wedding and funeral processions; (2) student travel and activities; (3) government activities; and (4) processions associated with election activities. In 1999, Assistant Counsel Jason Lauren proposed an additional exception for the Alameda County Ordinance Code section 12.12.020.B as follows:

This chapter shall not apply to:

5. Any organized or improvised bicycle ride on any street, highway, road, thoroughfare, or alley of the county where bicyclists are otherwise permitted by law, whether or not such ride is to follow a predetermined route with starting and ending points, or has a starting and ending time, or consists of individual groups or units of bicyclists.

In 1997 the EBBC successfully defended the San Leandro based Cherry City Cyclists from a Sheriff's citation for staging the 23rd annual Cherry City Jubilee without a parade permit. Nevertheless, that traumatic episode sadly led the Cherry City volunteers to choose to end the annual event. The Cherry City Jubilee was regulated out of existence! Only now in 2006 are the Cherry City Cyclists again promoting a new ride called "Best of the Bay."

The EBBC promotes bicycling as an everyday means of transportation and recreation. The multitude of scheduled club rides and even more spontaneous rides of friends and work colleagues who are not members of recreational ride clubs are part of the Bay Area's appealing outdoor lifestyle and active living emphasis. We cannot allow thousands of healthy "everyday" activities to be regulated to death. Bicyclists are entitled to ride on public highways. In situations that call for special protection of persons who use public roadways, as was the case during the Amgen Tour of California racing event, the California Vehicle Code § 21101(e) provides local jurisdictions with the right to temporarily close local streets and roads. The "protection" offered by the CHP on only a portion of a Mt Hamilton Challenge route—the remote and lightly traveled Mines Road in Alameda County—does not involve road closure and causes one to wonder why riders need protection in only this portion of a 126-mile ride route. Application of the parade permit appears arbitrary and unwarranted.

WHAT YOU AND YOUR ORGANIZATION CAN DO

Please join us in urging the elected Alameda County Board of Supervisors (BOS) to act on

our appeal by amending the parade ordinance to exclude organized bicycle rides. The EBBC has already submitted an appeal notice to the County Clerk and we await confirmation of a hearing date. Your written communication beforehand need not be lengthy, but should state your support to amend the parade ordinance and include your full name and address. You can find the contact information for your elected County Supervisor at <http://www.acgov.org/> or in the blue pages of the telephone directory. Additional information, including text for the ordinance, discussions of the CVC, and BOS contact information is also available on at www.ebbc.org.

One final thing, your financial support enables the EBBC to act quickly by engaging attorneys to provide legal opinions and pay fees as demanded by the CHP or others to allow organized rides to take place. Please keep your membership current.

-Robert Raburn

Mark Gagliardi: Alameda County Bike Commuter of the Year

Rain or shine, Mark chooses a bike for his 8-mile round trip commute to downtown Oakland every day because reducing CO2 emissions and traffic congestion matters. Saving \$3750 on parking and \$1120 on vehicle operation annually is just a bonus. Mark works in the Environmental Services Division of Oakland Public Works Department.

"What I like most about bike commuting is its zero-emissions transportation, the fitness, the convenience and the free parking, and it is also cost-effective for my family's finances," Mark says. "My wife is my guaranteed ride home when needed, and she rides too."

Mark notes that road conditions in Oakland



are improving all the time, from AC Transit bus driver behavior to more bike lanes. "The only thing getting worse is theft of bicycles," Mark added. What Mark would like to see more of are bike lanes, like the ones done on Grand Avenue, and vehicle-free zones (or congestion pricing as is done in London).

SHORT REPORTS

THEIF CAPTURED – Alameda police captain Jim Brock interrupted his breakfast to chase and capture a San Leandro thief who attempted to ride off on a bicycle with a child's seat on the morning of May 2. The Cannondale bicycle was left unlocked while the owner and daughter ate outdoors at a coffee shop on Park Street. Always lock your bike! To assist in retrieval should your bike be stolen, the EBBC urges that you copy your bicycles' serial numbers and store them in a secure place (e.g., a film canister in the freezer) and engrave your driver's license number in a conspicuous location (e.g., the top tube) so that police can readily identify that the suspect possesses stolen property and you can be easily traced as the rightful owner.

BIKE ED 101 - BikeAlameda is offering two Bicycle Education Classes in Alameda. Learn: crash avoidance; confidence in traffic; rights and responsibilities; new techniques; and night riding safety. Dates include your choice: Weds, May 31 (5:30pm-9:30pm); or Sat, June 10 (10am-2pm). Cost for members: \$10. Cost through May 25: \$15. Cost after May 25: \$20. More information and to sign up: www.bikealameda.org, or (510) 595-4690.

PLEASANTON – EBBC member James Van Dyke (925-462-0706) has been keeping a close eye on the General Plan process and has had discussions with both the Mayor and the Traffic Committee. He seeks to ensure that new developments routinely offer bicycle access and that the outdated plan is revised and systematically implemented to create a seamless network. The Staples Ranch development proposal near El Charro Road offers an opportunity that the EBBC initially reported in our Sept. 2005 issue of *rideOn*. We also seek establishment of an ongoing BPAC in this growing community. Please contact Pleasanton's Senior Planner, Janice Stern (925-931-5606), who informs us that the Circulation Element of the General Plan will be addressed in meetings that will soon be announced and posted on <http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/business/planning/genplan-update-message-forum.html>.

BRENTWOOD – Brentwood's Bicycle Friendly Community application received plenty of last-minute critical scrutiny from bicyclists concerned that the BAC had not met during the past year to garner citizen input on bikeway spending prioritization. With the

review deadline looming, the Delta Pedalers' Dave Stoeffler informed the EBBC that the City of Brentwood had hired Steve Korsevan, Traffic Engineer, in part to staff their BAC. Steve has a good record of working with bicyclists while employed by CoCoCo Public Works. The EBBC relayed this important information to the League of American Bicyclists in Washington DC and they elected to award Brentwood the prestigious designation at the bronze level.

JOHN MARSH/COWELL RANCH – California State Parks and the City of Brentwood are collaborating on planning for the 4000 acre parkland and access south of Brentwood. Bicycle access to the John Marsh House State Park, either on-road or by trail remains sketchy (please refer to new EBBC map). A Public Planning Workshop is scheduled for 6-9pm, Wednesday, May 17 at the Brentwood Community Center, 730 Third Street (contact 925-516-5444).

OAKLAND – On May 1 another full house heard responses from Oakland staff on bicycle, pedestrian and traffic proposals for the Harrison/27th St area near the new Whole Foods. The meeting, organized by Councilmember Nancy Nadel, offered solutions to issues raised on Feb. 28. Bicyclists were pleased to hear that the City has embarked on planning to add a bikeway to 27th and Bay Place, connecting existing bikeways on Grand Avenue, Broadway and Market Street. The project is proposed to coincide with resurfacing scheduled for 2007. The community also wants to eliminate the speeding cut-through traffic on the Harrison/Oakland couplets that sever the neighborhood and endanger Westlake students and bus passengers. In support of a comprehensive study proposed by the City to address that issue, Mike Jones commented, "people want traffic on [nearby] Broadway."

LAKE MERRITT – With only one exception—the parking and Oak Street configuration near the Oakland Boathouse—the Oakland Council on May 2 approved the final design plans for all of the Lake Merritt Master Plan. The Oakland BPAC and Measure DD Committee can take credit for keeping strong pressure on the Council to not compromise the plan approved by voters in 2002. Work can now begin on the following key projects: replacement of the 12-lane "world's shortest freeway" at 12th St with a bike- and pedestrian-friendly boulevard; replacement of one of the El Embarcadero couplets between Grand and Lakeshore Avenues with a park path; addition

of bike lanes on Lakeshore Ave between El Embarcadero and E 18th; and a cul-de-sac closure of 1st Ave to through traffic.

BERKELEY – An April 29th workshop on the Downtown Berkeley BART Plaza and Transit Design Plan presented preliminary options to increase accessibility for pedestrians and bicyclists. Moving the BikeStation to the street level is a key element being discussed. A third meeting will be held in June. Please contact Kara Vuicich, Associate Planner, at (510) 981-7065 or kvuicich@ci.berkeley.ca.us.

CONCORD BART – On-demand Bicycle Lockers (Park-by-phone system) are being evaluated by BART. To receive an application, please contact Alan Lee (510-464-6121, alee1@bart.gov).

CASINO TRAFFIC IMPACTS – Partially funded by a \$3000 contribution from the EBBC, consultants hired by the broad coalition that includes County Supervisors John Gioia and Gail Uilkima presented on April 13 preliminary forecasts of trip generation and distribution for the three proposed West County Casinos: Casino San Pablo, Sugar Bowl (North Richmond), and Point Molate. The EBBC intends to be fully prepared to document alternatives and mitigation measures to avoid significant impacts to existing and planned bikeways in West CoCoCo.

RICHMOND – At the April 20 Community Meeting on the Richmond Greenway, the EBBC made a formal request that the City of Richmond and Rails-to-Trails abide by the adopted Countywide Bicycle Pedestrian Plan in their joint proposal to include Carlson Blvd, between Cutting and Potrero, as an interim part of the Greenway. A ground-breaking ceremony is scheduled for 10am on May 25 at the 6th St crossing of Ohio. Please help us remind Rich Davidson (510-307-8091, rich_davidson@ci.richmond.ca.us) and Ben Gettleman (415-397-2220, benjamin@rail-trails.org) that the plan calls for bike lanes, not merely directional signs.

CORRECTION - The photo of the Lansdale Bridge over State Hwy 24 (March issue of *rideOn*) is courtesy of the Oakland Museum of California History.

BAC Calendar

compiled by: John Ruzek

Alameda County May 11, June 8, 5:30 pm, 426 17th Street, Suite 100, Oakland. Refer to www.acta2002.com/MEETINGS/meetings.html or call staff to confirm next meeting. **Staff:** Rochelle Wheeler, 510-267-6121, RWheeler@acta2002.com.

Albany Traffic & Safety Committee May 25, June 22, City Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Avenue, **Staff:** Cherry Chaicarn, (510) 528-5759, CChai-charn@albanyca.org. **EBBC Rep:** Committee member Nick Pilch, nicky@mindspring.com.

BART Jun 5, Aug 7, 6 pm MTC, 101 8th Street, Oakland. Bimonthly, first Mondays. **Staff:** Laura Timothy, 510-464-6446; Co-Chairs Joe Carroll, 510-604-4821, Joe-the7thCarroll@lmi.net, Dave Favello, 925-939-9462, DaveVelo@mac.com, - County representatives: Alameda - Eric McCaughrin EMcCaughrin@yahoo.com; Contra Costa - Dave Favello, Craig Hagelin 925-937-7610, Chagelin@astound.net.

Berkeley May 3, June 7, 4:00 pm, 2118 Milvia St., 3rd floor, **Staff:** Heath Maddox, 510-981-7062, HMaddox@ci.berkeley.ca.us; **Chair:** Sarah Syed; **EBBC Rep:** Dave Campbell 510-540-5971 DCampbel@lmi.net.

Brentwood Call staff for date, time and location of next meeting. **Staff:** Steve Kersevan 925-516-5420, SKersevan@ci.brentwood.ca.us, Chair: **EBBC Rep:** David Stoeffler dstoeffler@sbcglobal.net.

California Bicycle Advisory Committee (CBAC) June 1, Aug 3, 10:00 - 3:00 pm, Meetings held bimonthly in Sacramento at Department of Transportation, Conference Rm 2116, 1120 N Street. **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, dehhub@igc.org.

Caltrans District 4 July 11, Oct 10, 1:30 pm, 111 Grand Avenue, Oakland (Call Chair to confirm). **Staff:** Julian Carroll, 510-286-5598, Julian_Carroll@dot.ca.gov; **Chair:** Doug Johnson, MTC, 510-464-7846, DJohnson@mtc.ca.gov; **EBBC Rep** Robert Raburn, (510) 530-3444 RobertRaburn@ebbc.org.

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

Danville Parks Commission May 10, June 14, 7 pm Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front Street, **Staff:** Tai Williams, 925-314-3313, TWilliams@ci.danville.ca.us. **Chair:** Vacant.

Dublin Meeting held in February on Citywide Bicycle Master Plan, Dublin Library Community Room. Contact staff for next meeting. **Staff:** Ferd del Rosario, 925-833-6637, Ferd.delRosario@ci.Dublin.ca.us.

East Bay Regional Park District (Park Advisory Committee) May 22, June 26, 7:30 pm, Board Room, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland 94605 **Staff:** Ro Aguilar, 510-635-0138 x2006, RAguilar@ebparks.org, **Chair:** Mary Ann Gaebe, JimGaebe@comcast.net.

El Cerrito - The city does not currently have a Bicycle Advisory Committee. For bicycle related questions, please contact Melanie Mintz, Department of Public Works, 510-215-4339, mmintz@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us.

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DISCOUNT BIKE SHOPS

- Alameda Cycle 1522 Park St, Alameda
- Bay Area Bikes 1050 West Grand Ave, Oakland
- Bicycle Garage 4673 Thornton Ave, Fremont
- Bikes 4 Life 1344 Sunset Dr., Antioch
- Cal Bicycles 2053 First St., Livermore
- California Pedaler 495 Hartz Ave, Danville
- Castro Cyclery 20515 Stanton Ave, Castro Valley
- Cycle City 1433 High St., Alameda
- Cycle Sports 3530 Grand Ave, Oakland
- Danville Bike 115 Hartz Ave, Danville
- Dublin Cyclery, 7001 Dublin Blvd, Dublin
- Hank & Frank Bicycles 3377 Mount Diablo Blvd, Lafayette
- Hank & Frank Bicycles 6030 College Ave, Oakland
- Lamorinda Cyclery 232 Brookwood Rd, Orinda
- Left Coast Cyclery 2928 Domingo Ave, Berkeley
- Livermore Cyclery 7214 San Ramon Blvd, Dublin
- Livermore Cyclery 2752 First St, Livermore
- Mike's Bikes 2133 University Ave, Berkeley
- Mike's Bikes 1150 Contra Costa Blvd, Pleasant Hill
- Missing Link 1988 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley
- Montano Velo 4266 Piedmont Ave, Oakland
- The Pedaler 3826 San Pablo Dam Rd., El Sobrante
- Pegasus Bicycle Works 439 Railroad Ave, Danville
- Pleasant Hill Cyclery 1100-C Contra Costa Blvd, Pleasant Hill
- Real Bicycles 3506-B Old Santa Rita Rd, Pleasanton
- Robinson Wheelworks 1235 MacArthur Blvd, San Leandro
- San Leandro Cyclery 471 E 14th St, San Leandro
- Schwinn City 814 A St., Antioch
- Sharp Bicycle 969 Moraga Rd., Lafayette
- Solano Avenue Cyclery 1554 Solano Ave, Albany
- Stone's Cyclery 2320 Santa Clara Ave, Alameda
- Velo Sport 1650 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley
- Wheels of Justice Cyclery 2024 Mountain Blvd, Oakland
- Witts Bicycle Shop 22125 Mission Blvd, Hayward

Present your valid EBBC membership card (clip mailing label on back cover) to obtain member discount at participating retailers. The mailing label must indicate that the membership is "Current" to qualify. Discount varies 5-25% on parts, bikes, and/or accessories depending on level of participation by retailer. Visit <http://www.ebbc.org> for further details.

May 18 Is Bike To Work Day!

Pedal pools are forming to accompany Oakland City Council members and their staff for the morning commute on Bike to Work Day (Thursday, May 18). Join the pedal pool for your neighborhood and ride to Oakland's annual Bike to Work Day Celebration and pancake breakfast at Oakland City Hall.

Pancakes, prizes, and parking in the plaza. For details on Bike to Work Day and Oakland Bike Month, go to <http://www.oaklandpw.com/btwd>

Oakland eLocker Dedication

The eLockers at 14th and Broadway are due to be unveiled at noon on Bike to Work Day with a ribbon cutting "ceremony." Please join us! The new eLockers at 20th and Broadway are, barring the unforeseen, scheduled to be installed the first week of June. To access the lockers, users will need a BikeLink card. For purchasing info, go to <http://www.bikelink.org>. Locations closer to the installations for card purchase in person will be available shortly. The card can be used at any eLocker, such as those at the El Cerrito BART station; more locations coming soon--info on the BikeLink site.

After Work Ride on Telegraph

After retrieving your bike from the EBBC's valet parking lot on May 18, join a group ride to Berkeley on Telegraph Avenue. Leaders will provide information about upcoming projects along the route and how you can get involved to advocate for completion of the Telegraph Ave Bike-way.

2006 Energizer Station Locations

Alameda

1150 Marina Village Parkway, Shipways Building 3, 9:00am - 4:30pm

Alameda City Hall - 2263 Santa Clara Ave, 6:30am - 9:30am

Bay Farm Bridge - Harbor Island side wooden walkway, 7:00am - 9:30am

Main Street Ferry, 2990 Main Street; On board Alameda, Oakland & SF Ferries
<http://www.eastbayferry.com>, 6:15-9:25am

Harbor Bay Ferry, on-board morning runs
<http://www.harborbayferry.com>, 6:30am - 8:30am

Coast Guard Island, Main Parking Lot, 6:30am - 8:30am

Alameda Bicycle, 1522 Park St., 7:00am-9:00am

Albany

Ohlone Greenway @ Solano Ave, 7-9:30am

Berkeley

2180 Milvia Street - Berkeley Civic Ctr. Bldg.

Longfellow Middle School, California & Derby, Berkeley Re-Cycles, 8:00-9:30am

UC Berkeley Sproul Plaza, 7:30am - 11:00am

The Missing Link, 1988 Shattuck Ave, 7:00am - 7:00pm

Downtown Berkeley BART Station, 6:30am - 8:30pm

Russell & Telegraph, 7:00am - 9:00am

Hearst & Milvia, 7:00am - 9:00am

King Middle School, Grant & Rose, 8:00-9:30am

Shattuck/Channing 7:00am - 9:00am

North Berkeley BART, 7:00am - 10:00am

Berkwood Hedge School, 1809 Bancroft at Grant, 7:00am-9:00am

Emeryville

BayTrail and Frontage Rd, 8:00am - 10:00am

40th & San Pablo, 8:00-10:00am

Emeryville City Hall, 1333 Park at Hollis, 7:00-9:00am

Fremont

Fremont BART, 7:00am-9:00am



Oakland

MacArthur BART Station, 6:30 - 8:30am

Oakland City Hall, Frank Ogawa Plaza, 7:00am - 6:00pm

6012 College @ Claremont, 7:00 - 9:00am

Wheels of Justice/Royal Grounders, 2024 Mountain Blvd, 7:00am - 9:00am

Cycle Sports, 3530 Grand, 7:00-10:00am

Nomad Cafe, 6500 Shattuck Ave, 7:00am - 7:00pm

Pleasanton

Dublin/Pleasanton BART, 7:00 - 9:00am

RIDE OF SILENCE - East Bay bicyclists are invited to join a Ride of Silence led by Tom Ayres from the US Post Office on Solano Ave (several blocks east of San Pablo Ave) at 7:00pm on May 17, 2006. It will be a slow 10-mile ride through Albany and North Berkeley. In Oakland, the YellowJackets bicycle club will also be holding a Ride of Silence on May 17, 2006 from 5-6pm. For route details go to www.OaklandYellowJackets.org.

The Ride of Silence is a national memorial ride, to put a human face on traffic fatality statistics. It began spontaneously in Dallas in May 2003, when a ride was organized to remember companions killed by careless drivers. The first ride attracted 1,000 participants. Since then, the ride has spread across the country as a permanent, annual memorial ride.

Minutes

of the Board and General Membership Meeting of April 18, 2006, held at the Rockridge Public Library (Oakland)

Chair was Craig Hagelin

Minutes: Oakland Museum of California History is the correct attribution for Lansdale Bridge photo that appeared in March *rideOn*. Minutes unanimously approved.

Newsletter: Superprint agreed to print April *rideOn* for free due to the fact that Superprint erred in omitting the "Date Expired" label from the newsletter label.

Awards: Dave Campbell nominated for MTC Excellence in Motion award.

Next Meeting Location: June and July EBBC General Meeting will not be at Rockridge Library. BikeDave will check into the possibility of Walnut Creek location.

New Software Purchase: Filemaker Pro 8 has features that EBBC needs, such as online access, better export functionality, etc. Motion approved to purchase new software in amount not to exceed \$1200.

Alameda County Sheriff and Mt.

Hamilton Challenge: Sheriff's office is requesting a permit. County Supervisors Gail Steele and Nate Miley have been contacted and Nate Miley has returned our call and is working on it. Ride takes place April 29. We'll send out an email update soon.

Pedal Power on May 1-2: Dave Favelo, Tom Ayers and Robert Raburn are attending. AB 2444 and the infrastructure bonds are on the table.

Chevron Long Wharf Lease: The Long Wharf is the gap in the Bay Trail. The State Lands Commission has 3 commissioners. "The lease does not affect trail access," states the EIR. EBBC submitted 3 pages of comments on the project EIR. The State Lands Commission will decide, maybe in the next month. It's a 30-year lease at stake. A discussion ensued about additional measures EBBC could take, including contacting Chevron, gaining more public support and other options.

East Bay Greenway: 30-mile greenway from Oakland to Fremont, along the BART right of way, some on-street, some

off-street, and Western Pacific ROW. Urban Ecology will work on this project. BART supports the concept. UE wants the support of the EBBC. Long discussion about the pros and cons, concerns and other ideas. Discussion included the existing bike plan update and ped plan development. Motion passed in support of collaborating and moving forward with development of a plan for the greenway.

BTWD: Team Bike Challenge, Telegraph Ave Ride, Posters available for distribution, two Rides of Silence (May 17) 1) Tom Ayers in Albany 7pm, and 2) Oakland Yellowjackets at 5pm Jack London Square. See www.rideofsilence.org. EBBC will sponsor the MacArthur BART Energizer Station.

AB 2444: passed Assembly Transportation Committee 7-6. Needs support!

Oak to Ninth Appeal: project is more residential than commercial, but includes a lot of residential units. Appeal of Planning Commission has been filed by coalition of allies focusing on access issues.

Measure DD: Parking spaces proposed to be moved with project. Council agreed that the parking should not supplant on-street bike access. At risk is potentially the whole plan of bike lanes.

Concord General Plan: There is a proposal to separate the Naval Weapons Station General Plan from City General Plan, which Ole feels is a bad idea. There is a 13,000 new home proposal for the Naval Weapons General Plan. BRAC committee meets May 6. Robert Raburn will attend.

Highway 4 Widening: From 4 to 8 lanes. Century Boulevard was to include bike lanes, but there are no bike lanes. Ole is going to bring this up at the next CCTA meeting.

Richmond Greenway: Community outreach meeting Thursday, April 20, MLK community center. Check the latest newsletter. Carlson proposed for class 3



Congratulations to Rob Hawks, Contra Costa County Commuter of the Year!

in project, yet County Bike Plan shows Carlson as a class 2. Robert Raburn and Bill Pinkham will follow up.

Walnut Creek Downtown Parking & Transportation Study: no mention of bicycles, except in environmental section. Transportation Committee considers it soon. Goes to City Council on May 5. Parking meters will be replaced with pay stations. Downtown shuttle is being rerouted for better access. 2 downtown garages are usually empty. New street designs may preclude bike racks. Employee meter-feeding is a problem. Lockers need elockers. Valet bike parking for bigger events is needed. They also need marketing with kiosks, maps, and other information about alternative access. Put forward CIP projects that would increase bicycle access in downtown, including signage, bike master plan and S. Main Newel route. Money from parking meters should go to better bike access. EBBC passed motion in support and authorized Dave Favelo to make comments.

EBBC Online Resources

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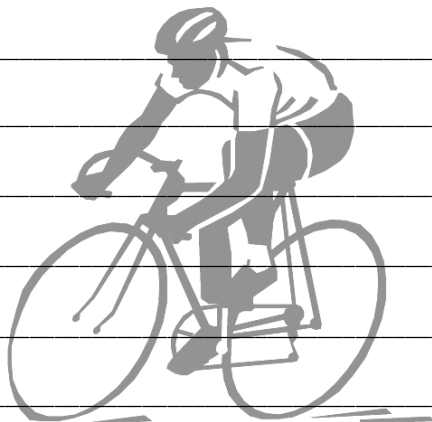
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Fremont May 17, June 21, 7:00 pm, Niles Room, 39550 Liberty Street, (call to confirm) **Staff:** Rene Dalton, 510-494-4535, *RDalton@ci.fremont.ca.us*. **Chair: EBBC Rep** Michael.Graff@pobox.com.

Lafayette. May 22, June 5 (joint with Circulation Commission), BAC 6:30 pm 3675 Mount Diablo Blvd, Room 265; joint meeting with Circulation Commission will be at 7:00 pm Lafayette Community Center, 500 St. Mary's Road (June 5). On the agenda for both meetings will be the draft Lafayette Bikeways Plan. **Staff:** Leah Greenblat, *LGreenblat@ci.lafayette.ca.us*, 925-299-3229, **Chair:** Bart Carr, *Bart_Carr@yahoo.com*, 925-299-1664. **EBBC Rep:** Yehuda Sherman, *YehudaSherman@aol.com*, 925-284-5363.

Livermore (BAC being formed) Call Community Development Department, 925- 960-4500, for further information.

Oakland May 18, June 15, 5:30 pm at Oakland City Hall, 1 Frank Ogawa Plaza, see *www.oaklandpw.com/bicycling/bpac.htm* for room number and other information. **Staff:** Jennifer Stanley 510-238-3983, *bikeped@oaklandnet.com*, **Chair:** Heath Maddox, *HMaddox@ci.berkeley.ca.us*; **Vice-chair:** Paul Russell, *PRussel@excite.com*.

Pittsburg Community Advisory Committee May 3, June 7, 7:00 pm, City Council Chambers, 65 Civic Ave **EBBC Rep:** "Ole" Ohlson, *BruceOleOhlson@hotmail.com*, (925) 439-5848, **Staff:** Paul Reinders, *PREinders@ci.Pittsburg.ca.us*, 925-252-4822.

Pleasanton Trails Committee May 22, June 26, 6:30 pm, Council Conference Room 200 Old Bernal Avenue, **Staff:** Fan Ventura, *FVentura@ci.pleasanton.ca.us*, (925) 931-5348, For establishment of a BAC, contact Pleasanton's Senior

Planner, Janice Stern (925-931-5606) about the Circulation Element of the General Plan.

Union City 3:00 pm, City Hall, 34009 Alvarado-Niles Road, call staff for next quarterly meeting date likely to be in April. **Staff:** Joan Malloy, 510-675-5327, *JMalloy@ci.union-city.ca.us*.

UC Berkeley May 16, 3:00 - 4:30 PM, Call Staff for meeting location. **Chair** Karl Hans, *KHans@uclink4.Berkeley.edu*; **EBBC Rep:** Rachel Hiatt 510-325-6665 *RHiatt@uclink.berkeley.edu*, **Staff** Alicia Arellano, *alicia_a@berkeley.edu*, 510-643-4949.

Walnut Creek May 18, June 14, 6:30 pm, City Hall Foyer Conference Room, 1666 N. Main. **Staff:** Mike Vecchio, Community Development, 925-943-5899 x 216; *Vecchio@walnut-creek.org*. **Chair** Gary Locke 925-288-2499, *Gary.Locke@shawgrp.com* **EBBC Rep:** Dave Favello, *DaveVelo@aol.com*.

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