

# The Roadrunner

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## Trestle trail underway, transit approved

The afternoon sun came out during a rainy week on Jan. 10 as 350 people gathered in the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk's parking lot to celebrate the groundbreaking ceremony for the trestle bridge's new bike/ped path over the San Lorenzo River.

One week later, on Jan. 17, the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the Unified Corridor Investment Study's Preferred Scenario, a transportation plan which allows **near-term** improvements like excursion train service and freight on the rail line, Highway 1 improvements (buses on shoulders and auxiliary lanes from Soquel Drive to State Park Drive), protected bike lanes on Soquel Avenue/Drive and Freedom Blvd., intersection improvements and a bike/pedestrian trail on the rail corridor. Protected bike lanes include a physical barrier (i.e. bollards) separating bicyclists from traffic.

### NEAR-TERM PROJECTS

Near-term improvements will be completed by 2027 while mid-term improvements, like completion of the 31-mile rail trail, highway auxiliary lanes from State Park Drive to San Andreas Road, metering of on-ramps and high-capacity public transit service will be finished by 2035. HOV lanes on Highway 1 are scheduled for after 2035. The UCIS study is the result of Measure D, the 2016 Transportation Plan approved by two-thirds of voters and financed by a half-cent sales tax.



Breaking ground for trestle trail are, l to r: Stephen Slade, John Laird, Martine Watkins, Ryan Coonerty, Ed Botteroff and Janneke Strause.

In response to the 11-0 vote of approval, RTC Board Member Sandy Brown said, "As commissioners we are bound to look at the big picture. Two thirds of voters agreed to be taxed for multi-modal options of travel. We can't even imagine all future travel possibilities, but we can pave the way for them."

Supervisor John Leopold agreed with the multi-modal approach, saying, "We will have transit on the rail corridor and we will have a (bike/ped) trail. This plan also helps us support buses on shoulders and it prioritizes protected bike lanes."

Supervisor Trina Coffman-Gomez questioned how adding auxiliary lanes in the Santa Cruz/Aptos area benefits her constituents in Watsonville. RTC Executive Director Guy Preston said fixing local bottlenecks of traffic will benefit all highway users. Regarding bus vs rail on the

transit corridor, Preston said he will be exploring funds necessary for all types of travel.

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Left photo: About 350 people attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the San Lorenzo Bridge Trestle Trail on Jan. 10 near the Santa Cruz Boardwalk.



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## Bikes of Wrath March 15th



In the film "The Bikes of Wrath", five Australian friends attempt to bicycle 2,600 kilometers from Oklahoma to California in honor of the Okie Migration to escape the Dust Bowl conditions of the 1930's, as portrayed in John Steinbeck's novel, *The Grapes of Wrath*. The film takes place at 7 p.m. March 15 at the Rio Theater.

Through chance encounters with everyday Americans, the bicyclists explore the novel's core themes: migration, inequality and lost dreams.

The Bikes of Wrath couldn't be more timely. It's a funny, heart-breaking, yet ultimately hopeful documentary on the complexities of America. For more information visit <https://www.riotheatre.com/events-2/2019/9/3/bikes-of-wrath> Tickets available online at <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/>

THURSDAY, APRIL 25TH  
SCCCC MEETING  
7 P.M. SIMPKINS SWIM CENTER  
979 17TH AVENUE

## Club shorts: Joyce, van Dam are Members of Year

Debby Joyce and Petronella van Dam were recognized as SCCCC Members of the Year for 2018 at the January club meeting. Jack Johnson, 2017 Member of the Year, presented them with individual plaques in honor of their fine work on the Social Committee, as well as the club's perpetual plaque. Congratulations ladies!

This year's **Amgen Tour** (men's division) will end its Stage 3 in Morgan Hill on May 14, while Stage 4 begins the next day in Laguna Seca. Thirteen host cities will host the event, while a Women's Tour takes place in three California cities from May 16 to 18.

The men's tour (May 12–18) has one of the most strenuous schedules ever. Riders will climb more than 68,000 feet over 773 miles during the seven-day event! Half of the stages involve riding 120 miles per day, while Stage six includes a climb of Mt. Baldy. For a complete schedule, go to <https://www.amgentourofcalifornia.com/>

Another annual event, the **Climate Ride 2019** starts in Santa Cruz on June 12<sup>th</sup>, ending on June 16<sup>th</sup> in the Edna Valley near San Luis Obispo. Interested bicyclists may go to Climate Ride California Central Coast for information on raising the \$3,000 in pledge money by June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Team Bike Santa Cruz County invites all interested bicyclists to join its team. BSCC uses the money it raises to promote local bicycle safety and community events.

The Climate Ride will supply all food and camping areas as well as SAG support. Average distance is 60 miles per day through some of the world's most spectacular scenery.

Two community scholarships are available to anyone 18 years or younger to make the Santa Cruz team more reflective of the county's diversity. For more information on the scholarship program, contact [director@bikesantacruzcounty.org](mailto:director@bikesantacruzcounty.org).



Left to right: Petronella van Dam, Debby Joyce and Jack Johnson at Club Member of the Year festivities last month at Simpkins Swim Center.

When signing up for the Climate Ride, use the promo code **"BikeSantaCruz"** to receive 25% off the registration fee.

Local artist and SCCCC member **Jane Ferguson** will be showing her work at two upcoming receptions. Examples of her floral art, along with works from other artists, will be on display from March 8<sup>th</sup> to April 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Hotel Paradox, with a Second Friday Reception featuring food and live music from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on March 8<sup>th</sup>. In April she will show her abstract work

along with other artists at The R. Blitzer Gallery, 2801 Mission St., with a First Friday Reception on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Jane recently supported The Arts Council of Santa Cruz County's education program with her "Chat Line" water color (photo below) as part of



the group's annual Hearts for the Arts fundraising silent auction. Lovely work Jane!

—RHODA  
BIKE



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THE **SANTA CRUZ COUNTY CYCLING CLUB** is a nonprofit organization pursuant to Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Service code. The club's mission is to bring cycling to all levels of riders and encourage healthy lifestyles through education, friendship, teamwork and fun. The club is known for its annual **Santa Cruz Mountains Challenge** held the last Saturday in July. Proceeds from this event go to the club's educational activities.

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Taking over as club president has been a great honor. Looking at SCCCC's history, the position of president has been filled with a number of truly fine folks. My goal is to live up to the level of those who preceded me. A huge shout-out to outgoing president Catherine vanRee, who left some large shoes to fill.

My introduction to the club came in 2011 when several friends recommended joining the Tuesday and Saturday group rides. Once I adjusted to the rhythm of retired life, I found myself with the time and desire to ride my road bike more often. (I was already getting my fill of mountain biking as director of the Santa Cruz Composite High School Mountain Bike Race Team but also looking to spend some time with bicyclists closer to my age.) The first few club rides I attended were just the ticket! So, after a few introductory rides as a guest, I was thrilled to become a member and no longer sign the "guest" waiver.

My biggest challenge came in late 2011. The leaders of the past year's

Santa Cruz Mountains Challenge said that they were thinking of not participating, and so there was a good possibility of no ride director for the 2012 Mountains Challenge. As I looked at the number of century rides and other similar events, it became clear



to me that not holding this signature event was not an option. So, at the first members' meeting of

2012, I bit the bullet and announced that I was willing to lead the challenge. I became director for the club's main fundraiser, and continued this position through 2014. I'm happy to see this tradition continues since it allows the club to financially support local bicycling organizations. **By the way, if you have not yet volunteered for this amazing event, I urge you to consider helping out!**

As we move into 2019, the club has renewed its focus on education and

safety, with new board member Albert Saporta heading up this effort. I also want to acknowledge our other new board members, Ron Olson, secretary, and the trio of Jennifer Byl, Suzan Farrens and Maria S. Dewald, our new social committee members.

Board meetings are on the second Thursday of the month and all are welcome to attend.

Looking forward to seeing you on the next club ride!

—David Gianni, SCCCC President



*If it's Thursday, it's a bike ride from the Corralitos Market to Gizdich Ranch and return. Left to right on Thursday, Feb. 21 are Janet and Jim Starr, Bob Early (in rear), Richard Klevins and Ric Eiserline. Missing from photo is a Thursday regular rider, Ed Kilduff, who was busy taking care of his two new dogs.*

## RTC sets near-term, mid-term goals for Preferred Scenario transit plan

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At the Jan. 10 celebration of the Trestle Trail, a path 10 feet wide on a non-slip surface with views of the river and ocean, the mood was festive, due in part to free refreshments: "Rail Ale" (served in Rail Trail glasses at right) from the Santa Cruz Mountain Brewery, RTC cookies, Penny Ice Creamery treats and Alta Coffee.

Mayor Martine Watkins called the day's event historic, predicting it will offer safer passage from the Live Oak neighborhood to the Boardwalk and downtown. State Natural Resources Director John Laird and former US Representative Sam Farr were present. Laird, who rode his bike over the old trestle bridge trail 40 years ago as a UCSC student, secured a \$500,000 state grant for the project. Farr convinced Congress to provide a \$9 million grant for

the rail trail.

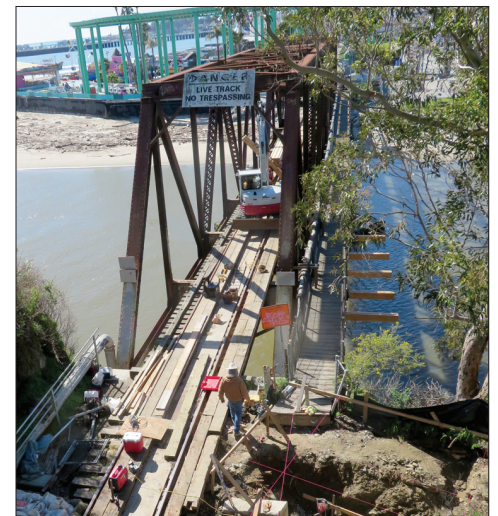


Stephen Slade, president of the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County, emphasized that the rail trail will pass within a mile of 92 parks, 45 schools and half the county's population. The Land

Trust donated money to finance an engineering study that ultimately saved the RTC \$4 million due to a cantilever design for the bridge.

The trestle trail is part of the 31-mile Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail, a result of the RTC buying the rights to the rail line from Union Pacific in 2011. Reflecting on the length of time to break

ground, former SCCCC President Richard Bedal had the last word. "I hope the rail trail is completed during my lifetime!"



*Construction is underway on San Lorenzo Bridge Trestle Trail.*

# Ohana Bike Ride is in good hands with Susan and Jo

Good ideas may be the result of conversations during regular bike rides by friends who share similar goals. This is what happened with SCCCC members Susan Rosenthal and Jo Stephenson, two strong-willed women who met two years ago on Chris Zemny's weekly C rides. Before long they discovered they were both adamant about making the world a better place. As a result, Susan and Jo are the 2019 co-directors of this year's Ohana Bike Ride on Saturday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> and they have set a lofty goal of raising \$42,000 through ride sign-ups and sponsors. (*The Roadrunner* predicts they will meet their goal!)

## \$1,000 GRANTS

The one-day event (20 miles or 50 miles) benefits the U'ilani (oo-ee-la-nee) Fund, which gives up to \$1,000 grants to women with breast cancer to use for complementary care (i.e. access to an oncology massage therapist, acupuncture, meditation classes and other palliatives). It is named after Dr. Marina Lee U'ilani Bermudez, a much-loved Santa Cruz family physician who passed away in 2000 at age 42 from breast cancer. (She was a former student of the late Janet Fogel, who started the Ohana ride almost 10 years ago with help from several bike club volunteers.)

Both Susan and Jo know women who are cancer survivors, including Jo's mother. And, both are altruistic, with strong organizational talents. Jo and her husband of 28 years, Kenny, have biked the MS 150 two-



Jo Stephenson, left, and Susan Rosenthal

day ride from Pittsburg to Eric, PA. Susan, the first woman to graduate from Chico State University with a degree in mechanical engineering, is no stranger to spread sheets listing hourly duties for ride volunteers as well as more spread sheets for possible donors. She has worked for both small startups and a larger rocket manufacturing company which supplies NASA. She has built factories which produce solar panels.

While both women helped with last-minute ride organization last year, they feel they have a better handle on plans for this year's event, and they want to thank SCCCC member Skippy Givens for help with permits and SCCCC for providing event equipment.

The Ohana Ride is open to both men and women, with an early bird registration fee of \$75 (April 1<sup>st</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup>) followed by a regular fee of \$150. The 20-miler takes riders from the Seymour Center to the Capitola Community Center (rest stop) via West Cliff and East Cliff, while the 50-miler goes fur-

ther south to Manresa Beach before returning via the Aptos hills. A luau, music, free massage, bike vendors and guided walks along the adjoining ocean cliffs are available after the ride. (Ride registration website will be up and running by April 1<sup>st</sup>.)

## NEW SPONSORS, VENDORS

New this year are more corporate sponsorships and local vendors. (Gayle's and Kelly's bakeries plus Marini's will provide goodies along the route, while Equinox and MJA will provide wine after the ride.)

Susan and Jo, who ride together a few times a week at locations near and far (i.e. Marin Headlands, Pescadero and Monterey as well as local routes), have lots of time in the saddle for planning to make this year's ride the best ever! The Ohana Fund has distributed \$500,000 in grants to women with breast cancer over the past 15 years.

To apply for funding, go to

<https://www.theuilanifund.org/apply.htm>

—GRACE VOSS



Scott Walker and Kathy Ferraro promote their favorite organized bike events.

Strawberry Fields takes place on Sunday, May 19 while The Santa Cruz Mountains Challenge occurs on Saturday, July 20.

Both events depend on volunteer help from bike club members!

# Education Director gives Do's and Don'ts for safer road bicycling

(Part 2 of SCCCC's Safety Chairperson Albert Saporta's message for all bicyclists.)

This is a friendly reminder to always embrace safe riding etiquette. The SCCCC does have documented club ride rules and responsibilities which we ask all to abide by. Listed below are my final Do's and Don'ts for safe riding. For everyone's safety, club ride leaders are encouraged to kindly remind anyone violating any of the club's rider responsibilities to abide by the rules.

In California, all cyclists are subjected to the same DMV rules and regulations as motor vehicle operators. Cyclists do have the same rights as motor vehicle operators. I caution all to ride defensively and not put yourself or others at risk by being insistent of your rights when encountering a questionable situation on the road involving a motor vehicle.

Here are nine reminders for safe bicycle riders.

1. Do ride single file.
2. Do only pass other cyclists on the left, calling out "on your left" and only when safe to do so.
5. Do signal when slowing or stopping.
6. Do leave safe spacing between you and other cyclists and traffic.
7. Do know your riding limits.
8. Do ride defensively.
9. Do ride in control.

—Albert Saporta,  
SCCCC Education Director



# CCE sponsors trips abroad, bikes for kids, strawberry ride

Cyclists for Cultural Exchange (CCE) is offering several opportunities for travel abroad, both this year and in 2020. Several slots remain to visit Eastern Cuba from March 25 to April 4. Chad Williams ([designbychad@gmail.com](mailto:designbychad@gmail.com)) is organizing this trip, which includes riding the famous Cal-fee bamboo bikes to various beaches, climbing a limestone mountain, attending a pig roast, snorkeling and staying with local residents. Craig Cal-fee will be there, working with World-bike to produce a solar-powered cargo bike! Trip cost is \$1186.

CCE's Spring Program is a camping outing that takes place from May 17 to June 1<sup>st</sup>. No slots are available for this bike tour, which takes place north of San Francisco.

A CCE friend, Allesore Tormene ([hvz84@yahoo.com](mailto:hvz84@yahoo.com)) is organizing a tour of Armenia from June 14 to June 26. Trip cost is \$800, with an extra \$100 for bike rental. The trip is open to all (no CCE membership required) and has received good reviews in the past for its thorough organization and beautiful scenery. A deposit of \$400 is required by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

September 16<sup>th</sup>—28<sup>th</sup> are the dates for CCE's trip to Andalusia, Spain. While the trip is currently full, a wait list is available. Cost is \$1550, with an extra \$155 for bike rental. Host is Rafa Serrano at [cespainin2019@gmail.com](mailto:cespainin2019@gmail.com).

Next year will feature a CCE tour of Southwest China, from March 26 to April 9<sup>th</sup>.

*The 51<sup>st</sup> version of the historic Santa Cruz Criterium, sponsored by the SCCCC Race Team's David Gill and former SCCCC president Robert Leibold of Velo Promo, takes place starting at 8 a.m. Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed as course monitors, with free T shirts and lunch provided. Contact Gill ([teamscc@cyclocross.cx](mailto:teamscc@cyclocross.cx)) to work a morning or an afternoon shift, or both!*



Left to right: Mark Leitch, Marilyn Marzell and Jan West. Mark and Jan received Volunteers of the Year awards from Cyclists for Cultural Exchange.

## Strawberry Fields is May 19th

CCE will celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> version of Strawberry Fields Forever on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> starting and ending at Pajaro Valley High School, 500 Harkins Slough Road, Watsonville.



Early-bird fee is \$70 before March 15<sup>th</sup>, \$80 after March 15<sup>th</sup> and \$100 the day of the event. Three routes (30 miles, 100K and 100 miles) include elevations ranging from 871 to 5783 feet. SFF is a fundraising event for international exchange programs and bicycle-related grants. The ride includes rest stops, SAG support, lunch and a post-ride meal featuring the event's signature chocolate-covered strawberries. Volunteers receive a free t-shirt and 'hoorag' and the opportunity to purchase a jersey for \$30. (Order cut off date for merchandise is April 1<sup>st</sup>.)



## Santa Cruz Bike Project

While CCE is well-known for organizing travel around the world leading to international understanding, it has started a local project to offer bicycles to kids in need. Last December, the CCE-sponsored Santa Cruz Bike Project gave away 80 certificates (40 for a new bike, helmet and lock from Pacific Cyclery and 40 for a year's worth of bike maintenance also from Pacific Cyclery.) The recipient of all 80 certificates is Christy Licker, owner of Caroline's Thrift Shop, located at 402 Trout Gulch Road in Aptos.

Why Christy? Why Caroline's? For the past nine years, Caroline's has awarded **\$1,291,000 in grants** to local non-profits. If anyone knew how to distribute new bikes to non profits, CCE figured that Christy would know! As a result, those certificates have been awarded to the Boys and Girls Club, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Jacob's Heart, Trips For Kids Monterey Bay, Shared Adventures and Camp Kasum.

The program consists of each non-profit submitting names of youth in need of a bike to Christy, and then Pacific Cyclery does the rest. (If a youth has a bike which isn't rideable, the bike shop will maintain it for a year.)

"CCE knew we could get these bikes into the right hands," says Christy, who started the thrift shop in 2010 in honor of her daughter, Caroline, who passed away at the age of 16 from surgery complications. Caroline's has grown from seven to 84 volunteers and is expanding thanks to free help from Talmadge Construction.

## Weekly Rides *Rider Levels*

**C Rides** are between 25-35 miles, at 10-14 mph, with up to 2,000 feet of elevation. **B Rides** are for intermediate riders and are between 25-50 miles, at 12-16 mph pace, with up to 3,000 feet of elevation; **A Rides** are for experienced riders looking for a challenge. These rides are from 40 - 80 miles, at a 15-20 mph pace, with over 3,000 feet of elevation.

Bicycle club members lead social group rides for enjoyment. While riders regroup along the way, we recommend riding with a buddy, or feel free to ask one of the other riders if you can ride along with them. Come prepared with extra tubes and know how to change a flat tire. Bring water, a snack and ID. Before the ride starts, every participant must sign a League of American Bicyclist (LAB) approved waiver stating that the Santa Cruz County Cycling Club is not responsible for any incident occurring during the ride. Saturday bicycle rides (or carpools) may start from the Capitola Community Center (Jade St/45th Ave) in Capitola. Route sheets will be emailed to the club mailing list about two days before each ride. Rain cancels rides.

**Tuesday ride:** Meet at 9:45 a.m. for a 10 a.m. start for this social/leisurely paced road ride. 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of month, start at Gateway Plaza (the shopping center on River St. near Hwy 1). No public water or restrooms available. On the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, meet at parking lot of the Aptos Shopping Center. The fifth Tuesday of the month is leader's choice for start location. Distance will vary from 20-40 miles. Destinations include a lunch stop. Bring water and snacks. "Lite" rides are offered with regular Tuesday rides for a less strenuous, generally shorter ride. New C/D rides on Mondays and Thursdays on club calendar at [www.santacruzcycling.org](http://www.santacruzcycling.org).

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**Saturday, March 2nd** **A/B Ride**  
**Boulder Creek to Saratoga**  
 9 a.m. start in Boulder Creek; A=43.3 mi/6,013'; B=33.7 mi/3,232'  
**Dan Hughes**.....925-640-5797

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**Saturday March 2nd** **C Ride**  
**Sand City to Pebble Beach via 17mile Drive**  
 10 a.m. start at Starbucks/Sand City Shopping Center; 33.1 mi/1242'  
**Petronella van Dam**.....831 454-6010

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**Saturday, March 9th** **A/B Ride**  
**Hollister Hillsides**  
 Route details, start time and location TBD  
**Bruce Dau**.....831-234-5177

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**Saturday, March 9th** **C Ride**  
**Monterey Foothills via Bike Path**  
 10 a.m. start at Pezzini Farm, Nashua Rd., 35.4 miles, 1663'  
**Paula Bradley**.....831 345-5482

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**Saturday, March 16th** **A/B Ride**  
**Saturday Surprise**  
 Route details, start time and location TBD  
**Isabelle Magnin and Mike Heckel**.....831-325-2712

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**Saturday, March 16th** **C Ride**  
**Chitactac Park to Morgan Hill**  
 10 a.m. start at Chitactac Park (Watsonville Road Santa Clara); 35.9 mi, 1340'  
**Teri Ruegg**.....831-426-1450

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**Saturday, March 23rd** **A/B Ride**  
**Eureka Canyon and More**  
 9 a.m. start at Rancho Del Mar Shopping Center, Aptos A+=57 mi/6,014'. A and B options available  
**Ron Olson**.....408-218-3189

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**Saturday, March 23rd** **C Ride**  
**Kelly's via Scotts Valley**  
 Start 10 a.m. Gateway Shopping Center; 26.1 mi, 1557'  
**Joe Kelly**.....831 234-1977

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**Saturday, March 30th** **A/B Ride**  
**Half Moon Bay for Lunch**  
 9 a.m. start in Pescadero; A=57mi/5,300'; B=44mi/3,500'  
**Chris Boman**.....831-475-5902

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**Saturday, March 30th** **C Ride**  
**Natural Bridges to Davenport**  
 10 a.m. start at Natural Bridges; Park at Delaware Entrance  
**Tim Thomas**.....831 728-2117

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**Saturday, April 6th** **A/B Ride**  
**Decide and Ride**  
 Meet at 9 a.m. at Capitola Community Center; Riders decide

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**Saturday, April 6th** **C Ride**  
**Seaside via Fort Ord**  
 10 a.m. start at Walmart, Reservation Rd, Marina; 26.4 mi., 1782'  
**Jim Kleck**.....831 247-5960

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**Saturday, April 13th** **A/B Ride**  
**Valencia and Beyond**  
 9 a.m. start at Capitola Community Center; Route details TBD  
**Shahe Moutafian**.....831-251-1663

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New Cycling for Starters students and volunteers meet for first class on Jan. 23. Back row, left to right: Bill McBride, Earl Rosebraugh, Jack Johnson, Richard Bedal, Will Lightbourne, Mike Ulwelling and Albert Saporta. Front row, left to right: Donna Gardner, Jennifer Hunter, Janet Rose, Ginger Anderson, Carmen Gagne, Shea Moss, Betsy Schwartz, Maura Mcnamara, Cindy Ripley, Lilly Ann Popken and Cecilia Espinola. Right photo: Teachers Lilly Ann Popken and Jack Johnson.

**Saturday, April 13th** **C Ride**

**La Honda Adventure**

10 a.m. start; Pescadero (parking Istop light); 28 mi., 2249'  
**David and Jeanni Kadotani.....831 588-3561**

**Saturday, April 20th** **A/B Ride**

**Mountain Charlie and Beyond**

9 a.m. start at Paul Sweet Road by Oakwood Cemetery;  
 route travels over the hill; A=47 mi/4,100'; B=34 mi/2,800'  
**Michael Siefert.....415-938-6714**

**Saturday, April 20th** **C Ride**

**Gizditch for Lunch**

10 a.m. start at Ann Soldo School, Watsonville; 28.9 mi, 1155'  
**Bill McBride.....831 239-6081**

**Saturday, April 27th** **A/B Ride**

**Empire and China Grade**

9 a.m. start at Gateway; A=56.1 mi/5700'; B=41.9 mi/4100'  
**Richard Burton.....408-540-4695**

**Saturday, April 27th** **C Ride**

**Sand City to Pebble Beach via 17-mile Drive**

10 a.m. start; Starbucks at Sand City Shopping Center; 33.1 miles 1242'  
**Petronella van Dam.....831 454-6010**

**Monday C rides with Chris Zemny (408-892-5585)**

**All rides start at 10 a.m. go to website for details.**

**Ride leaders are Chris Zemny, Brian Treece,**

**Third Thursday of the month is a Metric Century ride with Brian Treece**

**All rides start at 9 a.m. go to website for details  
[www.santacruzcycling.org](http://www.santacruzcycling.org)**

**Saturday, May 4th**

**A/B Ride**

**Highway 236 Loop to Los Gatos**

9 a.m. start at Boulder Creek; nA=60.2 mi/6,563'; B+=43.5 mi/4,591'; B=25.4 mi/2,567'

**Dan Hughes.....925-640-5797**

**Saturday, May 4th C Ride**

Meet at 10 a.m. at Capitola Community Center

**Decide and Ride**

***Bike safety with Pete: Technology!***

Technology is all around us. The Coros Omni Helmet offers lights on the back of the helmet that automatically switch on or off with outside ambient lighting. Blue tooth connects to your mobile phone and "bone conduction speakers" are in the cheekbone pads. You may add a bar mounted remote that helps you play audio or answer calls. (That last \$200 item may not be safe while riding.)

Dektar Laser Lane rear light projects a bike lane behind you. This may be a crowd fund start up, so check it out. The Laser Lane is a great idea for evening biking.

UCSC has approved \$800,000 towards improving and widening most paved trails around the campus, with \$434,000 earmarked for design, construction and safety projects and \$355,000 for educational outreach.

Santa Cruz County may soon adopt the Vision Zero strategy to eliminate all bicycle related traffic fatalities and severe injuries. (See full story on page 9.) Santa Cruz often has the highest rate of bicycle injuries and fatalities in the state for cities its size, but it also is commended for being bicycle friendly with its high ridership.

And lastly, I am looking for a few good men and women that would like to work the last rest stop behind Natural Bridges State Park for the SC Mountain Challenge. We have the most festive decorations and we welcome responsible children to help out too. Email me at [petepearson4000@comcast.net](mailto:petepearson4000@comcast.net) to join in. Specify late morning or afternoon shift and your T-shirt size.

—PETE PEARSON

# SCCCC says thank you to wonderful (Mon,Tues,Thurs,Sat) ride leaders!



Left photo, l to r: Shahe Moutafian, Michael Siefert, Chris Pearson and Jeff Totten; center photo, l to r: Jo Kelly, Aven Switzer, Teri Ruegg and others; right photo: Marianne Benforado, Ric Eiserling, Alan Eklof, David Lawrence and Marcus Cato.

(Editor's note: The Roadrunner, with the help of all ride coordinators, presents a BIG THANK YOU to the following folks who stepped up to lead the various rides sponsored by the Santa Cruz County Cycling Club in 2018. Apologies to anyone inadvertently left off the list!)

## TUESDAY A/B RIDE LEADERS

Larry Tierney (many!), Ric Eiserling (many!), Mike Harrison, Skippy Givens, Bruce Dau (many!), Maryann Boeger, Bart Coddington, Barney Eredia, Rick Shypit, Judy Isvan, Lisa Beaudreau, Catherine vanRhee, Isabelle Magnin, Tony Rall, Andy Frenick, Shahe Moutafian (many!), Joe Kelly, Bill Cook, Jim Denton, Janis Stanger, Jane Ferguson. **Tuesday A/B Ride Coordinator: Larry Tierney**

## TUESDAY LITE RIDE LEADERS

Lilly Ann Popken (many!), Jack Johnson (many!), Jackie Rall, Bart Coddington, Teri Ruegg, Grace Voss, Leonard Foreman, Judy Marsalis (many!), Debby Joyce, Marcus Cato, Kathy Ferraro, Frank and Vita Pritchard, Joe Kelly (many!), Marilyn Marzell (many!), Ric Eiserling (many!), Kia Dragon, Kai Azada, Margaret Graziano, Pete Peterson, Helga Wiench and Marianne Benforado. **Tuesday Lite Ride Coordinator: Sharon Curtaz**

## SATURDAY A/B RIDE LEADERS

Michael Siefert (many!), Paul McDonald (many!), Peter Stanger, Ric Eiserling, Richard Burton (many!), Ron Olson (many!), Shahe Moutafian (many!), Skippy Givens, Tom Mattinson and Kathy Frank (many!), Tom Pennello, Dolan Mcellmurray, Chris Boman, Dan Hughes, Isabelle Magnin, Barney Eredia, Bruce Dau, **Saturday A/B Ride Coordinator: John Armstrong**

## SATURDAY C RIDE LEADERS

Paula Bradley (many!), David and Jeanni Kadotani (many!), Joe Kelly (many!), Jack Johnson, JT Hart (many!), Ric Eiserling (many!), Marilyn Marzell (many!), Brett Hennie, Leonard Foreman, Barbara Moore, Larry Tierney, Frank and Vita Pritchard, Debby Joyce, Petronella van Dam and Bill McBride (many!), Leonard Foreman, Barbara Moore, **Saturday Ride Coordinator: Joe Kelly**

**Monday and Thursday Ride Leader: Chris Zemny (too many rides to count!)**

**SCCCC Rides Coordinator: Chris Boman**

## Two familiar road bike events coming in April

Two annual and high-profile bicycling events are coming this spring, the first is for racers who want to test their skills on distance courses at Fort Ord and the second encourages recreational riding with friends.

### SEA OTTER AT LAGUNA SECA

The annual Sea Otter Classic arrives at Laguna Seca April 12–14 with several road racing opportunities which include Barloy Canyon climbs. Masters Men (age 55+) will race at 2:35 p.m. Saturday, April 13 while Masters Women (35+) will toe the starting line at 9:35 a.m. Sunday, April 14.

The men's race is 50 miles with a registration fee of \$45 or \$65 after April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The women's race is 41 miles with the same entry fees.

This annual road and mountain bike event is known for its extensive array of bicycle merchandise booths. More information at [seaotterclassic.com](http://seaotterclassic.com).

### TIERRA BELLA TOUR

The 42<sup>nd</sup> annual Tierra Bella Bicycle Tour takes place Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> starting and ending at Gavilan College in Morgan Hill. Routes of 35 miles, 100 kilometers, 100 miles and 200 kilometers will be offered. T shirts and jerseys are available online for purchase. Lunch and a hot meal after the tour are part of the entry fee. Go to [www.ACTC.org](http://www.ACTC.org) for event cost and deadlines.

## Save the date! 7/20/19





# Vision Zero brings culture of safety to Santa Cruz, Watsonville

Santa Cruz and Watsonville own the worst records for traffic-related deaths and injuries involving bicyclists and pedestrians for cities their size in California. As a result, both cities are in the process of embracing a new safety plan called Vision Zero.

What is Vision Zero? It's a city and community approach to traffic safety that seeks to eliminate traffic fatalities and severe injuries, using data to identify 'hot spots' or high-risk city streets and corridors. Once these areas are identified, safety measures like pedestrian crosswalks with lights, striped bike lanes, more pedestrian islands and other traffic calming measures may be installed, depending upon available funding.

Besides fixing 'hot spots', Vision Zero also emphasizes law enforcement and education, stating that the main causes of fatalities/injuries are speeding and impaired driving.

Starting in Sweden in 1997, Vision Zero has spread to major American cities like New York and San Francisco, as well as local cities like San Jose, Monterey and Fremont.

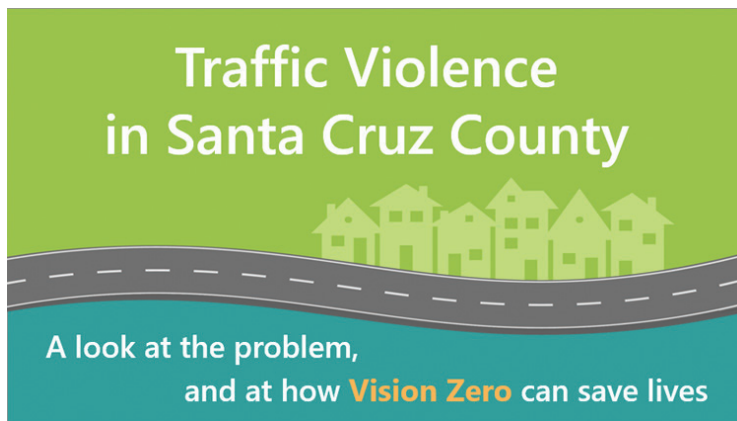
## **DAANGEROUS ROADS**

Watsonville's city council adopted Vision Zero last July, and city staff members will roll out a work plan this spring. Since 30% of collisions resulting in fatalities or injuries occur on a mere 2.3 miles of its roadways (Main Street, East Lake Avenue, Riverside Drive and Airport Boulevard), some safety projects "in the spirit of Vision Zero" are either in the works or have been completed, according to Murray Fontes, principle engineer for the city's public works department. The latter includes a new sidewalk on the west side of Airport Blvd. from Aviation Way to the Highway 1 entrance, as well as infill on the east sidewalk in that area. Two traffic signals on Airport will include a pedestrian-assist button, while a pedestrian crosswalk will have flashing beacons, activated when someone crosses the road.

## **COLLISION PREVENTION**

"Vision Zero gives greater consciousness to city officials on how to prevent collisions," says Fontes. "It also helps to secure funding for bike and pedestrian safety projects. It gives us a new venue to work collectively with other groups who have similar goals, like police officers working with elementary school students on bike safety. It also enhances the work already accomplished by Watsonville's Complete Streets program."

Santa Cruz is still mulling over adopting Vision Zero, and its future looks bright. Phil Boutelle, a parent of three young children, volunteers as chairperson of the city's Transportation and Public Works Committee. This task force has studied best practices in other Vision Zero cities for the past several months. After meeting with public



works and traffic engineers, mayors and vice mayors, police and fire chiefs in these cities, the task force's recommendation is that Vision Zero be adopted.

## **SEVEN MILES OF HAZARDOUS CORRIDORS**

Like Watsonville, Santa Cruz has a few busy traffic corridors causing misery for bicyclists and pedestrians. Sixty percent of collisions between cars and bikes or pedestrians occur on seven miles of roadway, including Highway 1 from the city to Swanton Road, Soquel Drive and King Street. At a Santa Cruz Neighbors meeting held Feb. 20 at the SCPD's Community Room, Boutelle emphasized that Vision Zero status for a city is important when applying for traffic safety grants. In turn, grants may free up busy staff members for regular collaboration with traffic engineers to create a culture of safety. Because Vision Zero's approach is becoming more well known, it can be a valuable asset in securing both state and federal money. Boutelle also recommends that Street Smarts, a two-year educational program stressing bike/ped safety, be included in Vision Zero planning.

## **SHOWCASING A SAFE FUTURE**

"Vision Zero is a new way for the city to showcase a safe future, like the rail trail and increasing the percentage of people who walk or ride their bikes to school and to work," says Boutelle.

Piet Canin of Ecology Action credits the city for its innovative safety projects like the new Branciforte Creek bike/ped bridge, green bike lanes and bike boxes, but he thinks it can go further. "Santa Cruz has one of the highest bike commuter rates in the nation and one of the highest bike crash rates. Let's keep investing in what is working," he says.

—GLIDE A. LONG

# Local bicycle shops

*These shops are supporting our bicycle club with discounts on bicycling accessories. Discounts vary according to the shop. Ask sales clerk for club discount.*

Another Bike Shop  
2361 Mission Street  
427-2232  
Open daily–10AM–6PM

The Bicycle Trip  
1001 Soquel Avenue  
427-2580  
Monday–Saturday–10AM–6PM  
Sunday–10AM–5PM

Bill's Bike Repair  
2826 Soquel Drive  
477-0511  
Open daily but call first!

Dave's Custom Bikes  
910–A Soquel Avenue  
423-8923  
Tuesday–Sunday–9AM–5PM

Family Cycling Center  
912 41st Avenue  
475-3883  
Monday–Saturday–10AM–6PM  
Sunday–10am–5pm

The Spokesman Bicycles  
231 Cathcart Street  
429-6062  
Monday–Saturday 10AM–6 P.M.  
Sunday–Noon–5PM

Cycle Works  
1420 Mission St.  
316-7671  
Monday–Friday 10AM–6PM  
Saturday–Sunday 9AM–6PM

Bicycle Trip Capitola  
3555 Clares St., Suite T  
Capitola 95010  
831-226-5050  
Tuesday–Friday–11AM–6PM  
Saturday–10AM–5PM  
Sunday–11 AM–4 PM  
Closed Monday

Scotts Valley Cycloport  
245 Mount Hermon Road  
Scotts Valley  
440-9070  
Tuesday–Thursday–10AM,–6PM; Friday 10AM–7PM  
Saturday–10AM–6PM; Sunday–Noon–5PM

Watsonville Cyclery  
25 East 5th Street  
724-1646  
Monday–Saturday–11AM–6PM;  
Sunday–Noon– 5PM  
Epicenter Cycling  
Aptos Station, 8035 Soquel Dr. Suite 23  
662-8100  
Monday-Friday–11AM–7PM; Weekend–8AM–4PM

AND...

1730 Mission Street, Santa Cruz  
423-9000  
Monday-Friday 10AM–7PM; Weekend 9AM–6PM

Current eBikes  
131 Front Street, Suite D  
831-621-2309  
831-588-0936 (cell)  
[www.currentebikes.com](http://www.currentebikes.com)

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Santa Cruz County Cycling Club Membership Application/Renewal Form

The Santa Cruz County Cycling Club is a group of bicycling enthusiasts with a wide variety of interests and abilities. The mission of the SCCCC is to promote bicycling for all ages through education and organized bicycling events. Included in your membership is a subscription to The Roadrunner, the club's award-winning, bimonthly newsletter, which publishes a schedule of rides and bicycling announcements. In addition, local bicycle shops offer a 10% discount for club members. The club's website, [www.santacruz cycling.org](http://www.santacruz cycling.org) provides a home base for your club activities. Annual membership dues must be paid to remain a member in good standing. **Dues become due on Jan. 1st of each year based upon the term of your membership.**

Member First Name	*Member Family Name	*Member Contact Email
*Member Contact Telephone	Member Ride Cell Phone	___New Member ___Renewal Member ___Include on Printed Roster ___Add to SCCCC Email list
2nd Member First Name	2nd Member Family Name and Email	One Year Memberships ___Individual \$25 ___\$30 for RR Mail* ___Family \$35 ___\$40 for RR Mail* ___Junior \$10 ___\$15 for RR Mail*
2nd Member Contact Telephone	2nd Member Cell Phone	Three-Year Memberships ___Individual \$60 ___\$75 for RR Mail* ___Family \$90 ___\$105 for RR Mail*

\*Street Address

\*City

\*State

\*Zip

\*Roadrunner Newsletter delivered by US Mail

## League of American Bicyclists (LAB)

## Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement ("Agreement")

Each applicant for membership shall read and sign the following Release Agreement

In Consideration of being permitted to participate in any way in Santa Cruz County Cycling Club ("Club") sponsored Bicycling Activities ("Activity") I for myself, my personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin:

1. Acknowledge, agree and represent that I understand the nature of Bicycling Activities and that I am qualified to participate in such Activity. I further acknowledge that the Activity will be conducted over public roads and facilities open to the public during the Activity and upon which the hazards of traveling are to be expected. I further agree and warrant that if at any time I believe conditions to be unsafe, I will immediately discontinue further participation in the Activity.

2. Fully Understand that: (a) Bicycling Activities Involve Risks and Dangers of Serious Bodily Injury, including permanent disability, paralysis and death ("Risks"); (b) these Risks and dangers may be caused by my own actions, or inactions, the actions of others participating in the activity, the condition in which the activity takes place, or the negligence of the "Releases" named below; (c) there may be other risks and social and economic losses either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and I fully accept and assume all such risks and all responsibility for losses, costs and damages I incur as a result of my participation in the Activity.

3. Hereby release, discharge, covenant not to sue, and agree to indemnify and save and hold harmless the Club, the LAB, their respective administrators, directors, agents, and employees, other participants, any sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of the premises on which the Activity takes place (each considered one of the "Releases" herein) from all liability, claims, demands, losses or damages on my account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the "Releases" or otherwise, including negligent rescue operations.

I have read this agreement, fully understand its terms, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it and have signed it freely and without any inducement or assurance of any nature and intend it to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law and agree that if any portion of this agreement is held to be invalid the balance, notwithstanding, shall continue in full force and effect.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature(s) of additional family members 18 years or older

Date

Please complete the following for any minor (18-year-old) family members:

## Minor Release

And I, the Minor's parent and/or legal guardian, understand the nature of bicycling activities and the Minor's experience and capabilities and believe the minor to be qualified, in good faith, and in proper physical condition to participate in such activities. I hereby release, discharge, covenant not to sue, and agree to indemnify and save and hold harmless each of the releasees from all liability, claims, demands, losses, or damages on the minor's account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the "releases" or otherwise, including negligent rescue operations and further agree that if, despite this release, I, the minor, or anyone on the minor's behalf makes a claim against any of the releasees named above, I will indemnify, save, and hold harmless each of the releasees from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss liability, damage, or any cost that may incur as the result of any such claim

Printed Name of Parent or Guardian

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Signature of Minor

Please sign waiver — Incomplete Forms Will Be Returned

Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ dues for membership in the Santa Cruz County Cycling Club which entitles me to all the rights and privileges of membership.

Make check payable to SCCCC and mail to: Santa Cruz County Cycling Club, P.O. Box 8342, Santa Cruz, CA 95061-8342

# March–April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Club Ride
3 Go for a bike ride!	4 C ride	5 Club Ride Aptos	6	7 Swanton TT	8	9 Club Ride
10	11 C ride	12 Club Ride GP	13 Clean your bike!	14 SCCCC Board 6:30 p.m.	15	16 Club Ride
17	18 C ride	19 Club Ride Aptos	20	21 Gizdich ride 10 a.m. Corralitos	22 Go for a bike ride!	23 Club Ride
24 SC Criterium 8 a.m. Volunteers needed!	25 C ride	26 Club Ride GP	27	28 SCCCC meeting 7 p.m./Simpkins	29	30 Club Ride
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7	8 C ride	9 Club Ride Aptos	10 Cycling for Starters 9:30a.m.	11 Gizdich ride 10 a.m. Corralitos SCCCC Board 6:30 p.m.	12	13 Club Ride
14	15 C ride	16 Club Ride GP	17 Volunteer to lead a ride!	18 Gizdich ride 25 Gizdich ride	19	20 Club Ride
21 28	22 C ride 29 C ride	23 Club Ride 30 Club Ride	24	GP is Gateway Plaza	26	27 Club Ride Aptos is Rancho del Mar

Santa Cruz County Cycling Club Membership Card  
www.santacruzcountycycling.org (Valid only with member's mailing label.)



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