

BAC MONTHLY UPDATE

FEBRUARY 2024



Fall Colors of Carbondale, CO 2023 On the climb to Maroon Lake. Huey Hurst, Mike Raudenbush, Virginia Cottingham, Michael Blake, David Urciuoli. Ride led by Huey Hurst and Twain Berg. Photo submitted by Michael Blake

Hello BAC Members,

Welcome to the February 2024 BAC Monthly Update. On the first business day of each month, we'll be sending you the latest BAC news.

VIEW FROM THE CHAIR Marion Campbell FEBRUARY 2024

Another exciting year of bike tours is starting! Many domestic and international tours are planned and there are still spaces open on some of our popular rides. Over the past few years BAC rides have kept pace with the times by embracing new concepts and technology. Gravel/trail rides are now being offered, in places like New Zealand and Vermont! E-bikes have grown in popularity, and you have seen or will see more and more of them on upcoming tours. Navigation technology has gone from cue sheets to bike computers like Garmin. But it hasn't stopped there. Many tours use smartphone apps, like Ride with GPS, that give voice enabled directions. BAC ride leaders and members have done an outstanding job of keeping up with these changes but have never given up the principle of "Friends Leading Friends".

On a personal note, I will be leaving the board now that my term has come to an end. The board and staff are a great group of people dedicated to overseeing our club. It's been an honor and a privilege to have served you these past years. I look forward to seeing you on a future tour and wish you all the best in whatever adventure life brings you.

BAC BOARD ELECTIONS 2024

Solicitation of proxies for the BAC Board of Directors election is still in progress. Thank you to all who have already cast their proxy. If you have not submitted your proxy as yet, please do so by Feb 15th by logging in to the BAC website, clicking on the 'We Need Your Vote' link at the top of the page, and then indicate how you would like your proxy to be voted by the Board Chair at the Annual General Meeting.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

BAC's Annual General Meeting will be held Sunday, February 25, 2024 at 3:30 pm AKST/4:30 pm PST/5:30 pm MST/6:30 pm CST/7:30 pm EST via Zoom. Agenda items will include the receipt of reports highlighting the Club's activities over the past year, approval of the 2023 financial statements, and an opportunity for Club members to ask questions and make comments. You must register for this event in advance by going to the following web address: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYsceCorjluHNSdkAejjzv12coi6NUFW7IX>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. A detailed agenda and supporting materials will also be sent out to those who register for the meeting. If two members from a household plan to participate and use the same connection, please only have one of the two register.

PAY SOLO SUPPLEMENTS BY ZELLE

BAC is now able to receive solo supplement payments via the Zelle payment transfer system. Checks can still be sent to the BAC office, but members are welcome to use Zelle if it's more convenient and if your bank supports it.

Note: **ONLY** solo supplement payments may be paid via Zelle. All other payments must be paid by credit card through the BAC website, so they can be applied to your account and your ride.

To pay your solo supplement using Zelle:

- In your bank's website, add Bicycle Adventure Club as a new recipient, with email address treasurer@bicycleadventureclub.org
- Initiate a payment
- In the Message block, enter the name of your ride.

If you have questions, contact Nancy Bohnett nbohnnett@bicycleadventureclub.org or Ernie Coose erniecoose.bac@gmail.com

NEW MEMBERS

Donna and Tim Hadley, Reno, NV
Scott Carichner, San Luis Obispo, CA
Jerry Rosenthal, Chicago, IL
Pamela Austin, Seattle, WA
Veronica Beagan, Anchorage, AK
Linda Geiss, Carbondale, CO
Susan and Edward Swauger, Escondido, CA
Jeanne Krauss and Kevin Cole, Kailua Kona, HI
Laurie Worthington, West Bloomfield Township, MI
Denis Horgan, Delta, BC
Marty and Dave Sheets, Frisco, CO
Alan Dreyfuss, Emeryville, CA
Alan Aouate, Rochester Hills, MI
Peggy and David Homeier, Indianapolis, IN
Susan Hartfield-Wunsch and Chris Wunsch, Plymouth, MI
Linus and Diane Zumberge, Silverthorne, CO
Terese and Ira Tane, FRISCO, CO
Bob Langton, Bolton, CT
Linda Hansen, Santa Cruz, CA
TJ Phillips, Traverse City, MI
David Bachtel, Sisters, OR
Natalie and Gary Wiest, Gulfport, FL
Cree Cobb, Modesto, CA

We are pleased to welcome these new BAC Members who have joined us in Jan. 2024. If they live near you give them a call.

TOURS

New Rides Posted. You can now sign-up for the following rides approved recently and announced in “New Ride Previews” on the BAC website homepage.

- **Mallorca- A Cycling Gem May 10-24, 2025.** Ride Directors: Nelson & Kathleen Diaz. Start Location: Mallorca, Spain. Finish Location: Mallorca, Spain. Ride Rating: 2B.
- **Canary Islands – 2025 May 31-June 14, 2025** Ride Coordinator Nelson Diaz in conjunction with Iberocycle. Start Location: Lanzarote, Spain. Finish Location: Tenerife, Spain. Ride Rating: 2B!

RIDE LEADER SEMINAR

**Last Chance to Sign up! Learn How to Become a BAC Ride Leader
Four-Part Online Ride Leader Seminar to be Offered In February**

If you’ve ever wanted to become one of the “Friends Leading Friends on Rides,” which is the motto of the BAC, then sign up for the 2024 Online Ride Leader Seminar. The Zoom-based

seminar begins February 26 and was developed by the Ride Leader Training and Development Committee to make it easy to learn how to be a BAC ride leader. It consists of four, 2.5 hour online sessions. The training is only offered once every year or two so sign up now if you'd like to connect BAC members socially by offering a member-led, quality, affordable bicycle tour.

The seminar will be held from 7-9:30 PM EST (4-6:30 PM PST) on:

Monday, February 26

Wednesday, February 28

Monday, March 4

Wednesday, March 6

The seminar features:

- On-line classes via Zoom
- Frequent knowledge checks with quizzes and activities
- Practice and assignments between training sessions
- Comments from previous seminar participants include:

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“The webinar reinforced my feeling that BAC is a well-run organization with a very positive, supportive culture. Very grateful to the presenters and everyone who makes it happen!”

“I appreciate the obvious level of effort that presenters and the facilitators put into making this seminar a success. Really appreciate the feedback on the homework assignments.”

Experienced presenters (ride leaders and board members) will provide the tools you need to lead a successful BAC ride in the USA and international locations. We will cover how to lead all types of rides including point-to-point, fixed-based, self-directed, and commercially assisted. You will learn all aspects of leading rides from developing, budgeting and planning, to leading the ride and finalizing all paperwork. Each seminar participant will learn how to access resources needed to propose and manage tours.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: This seminar is primarily for BAC members who are interested in leading a ride for the first time. It is also helpful for those who have previously led BAC rides and want more training. **To attend, you must be a BAC member and have participated in at least one BAC tour by the day of the first training session.**

REGISTRATION: To submit a request to join this training event, go to <https://www.bicycleadventureclub.org/html/rides/index.asp?action=ride&RideID=1692>

Then click on the button displayed above the Ride Description to request to register. When you are accepted, the Ride Leader will move you from the Waitlist to the Pending List. At that time, you will receive an email notification to login to the BAC website to sign the release of liability form and pay the \$50 BAC ride registration fee. As soon as your payment has been processed, your name(s) will be added to the Participant List. To contact the Ride Director, click the name at the top of the page. A link will be sent with instructions on how to access the Seminar prior to the first session. The \$50 ride registration fee will be reimbursed for participants who complete all four training sessions.

RIDES WITH SPACE AVAILABLE

- New Zealand Canterbury & Otago Off Road 2024 Feb 16 - Mar 1, 2024 3B
- New Zealand Westland & Tasman Off Road 2024 Mar 6 - Mar 20, 2024 3B
- Solvang in Spring – 2024 Apr 7, 2024 - Apr 13, 2024 2B
- Puglia 2024 - Land of History, Scenery, Beaches Apr 19, 2024 - May 4, 2024 1B [Space for female to share room](#)
- Andalucia and White Villages Apr 20, 2024 - May 5, 2024 3B
- Tour of the Moon and Beyond Jun 2, 2024 - Jun 9, 2024 3B
- Pacific Northwest Corners July 7-19, 2024 [Space for male to share a room.](#)
- The “Other” Netherlands: North Brabant Friesland Aug 21, 2024 - Sep 2, 2024 1B
- Transpirenaica – The Spanish Pyrenees 2024 Aug 28, 2024 - Sep 14, 2024 4B
- BikeHike Turkey-Aegean Coast from Istanbul to Cappadocia Sep 5 - Sep 18, 2024 4B [Space for male to share room](#)
- Cape Cod and the Islands Sep 8, 2024 - Sep 23, 2024 1A
- Empire State Trail, part 2- NYC to Quebec City Sep 14, 2024 - Sep 29, 2024 1C
- Appalachian Blue Ridge 2024 Sep 23, 2024 - Oct 3, 2024 4B
- Sicily 2024 Sep 26, 2024 - Oct 9, 2024 2B
- Fall Colors of Carbondale, CO Sep 28, 2024 - Oct 5, 2024 3B
- Bhutan - The Last Buddhist Kingdom Nov 13, 2024 - Nov 23, 2024 4B [Space for male to share room](#)
- Hawaii 2025 – Circumnavigating the Big Island Jan 10, 2025 - Jan 22, 2025 2B
- New Zealand East Coast South Island 2025 Jan 18, 2025 - Feb 1, 2025 2C
- Fun in the Sun: Fort Myers Beach to Key West Feb 2, 2025 - Feb 13, 2025 1C
- New Zealand Canterbury & Otago Off Road 2025 Feb 7, 2025 - Feb 21, 2025 2B

SINGLES LOOKING FOR ROOMATES

Members, if you are signed up or trying to get on a bike tour and you are looking for a roommate you can send in a note to me at the office and let me know and I will include your request in this section of the newsletter each month.

Leaders, if you have someone on your ride looking for a roommate drop me a note to include here.

If a roommate has been found, let me know so the notice can be removed.

Note to get it in the monthly update I will need to receive the notice prior to the first business day of each month.

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MEMBERS CORNER

For Sale- Two Ritchey Breakaway Cross travel bikes. \$1600 each

White size 52, and Red&Gray size 54 Steel frame with Carbon fork. Both include Ritchey's travel case. Shimano 3x10sp ST5703 shifters & components
Wheels are Shimano 105 or Ultegra hubs with Velocity A23 rims (tubes or tubeless compatible). Thomson seatposts Tektro RX5 brakes
Contact essexcyclist@cyclingcamper.com for more information & photos

For Sale: Santana Beyond Tandem 2006 54 x 48 Reveal, S & S Couplers take apart for travel. Fits in one hard sided Airline Safecase suitcase with foam fit forms for extra protection, included. Titanium and carbon, Reynold's fork, DuraAce components. Captain's top tube 55cm, Gates timing belt and Bengel Conversion kits added in 2015. Original price \$14,000 plus \$900 add ons Asking price \$5,000 Free shipping within continental US. Contact Nancy Kirk 480 399-9172 nancykirk24@gmail.com

For Sale: Holland Exogrid Jet Custom Bike 2013 Titanium carbon with invisible S&S Couplers for take apart and travel. Fits into one soft sided suitcase included. DuraAce 11 speed electronic shifters. 54 – 55 cm. Original price \$13,500 Asking price \$5,000 (Now considered a collectors item) Free shipping within continental US. Contact Nancy Kirk 480 399-9172 nancykirk24@gmail.com

For Sale: 50 cm Miyata 21 speed Steel road bike, S&S couplings. Used by 5'0" woman around the world \$1,000. Newer hard case for \$300. See at Craigslist Richmond VA or email pullen_39@yahoo.com or call/text (804)349-4140

For Sale GIANT LIV Sedona Like new Perfect for all-around cycling. Disc brakes, Step thru aluminum frame, Frame and fork suspension, 26" Wheel Size, Includes Cat Eye computer; kick stand; mirror. \$450. Contact Gary Finke: Voice or text 520-490-3997 or garyfinke@pobox.com

RIDE with GPS (RWGPS) club discount for BAC members extended! The 20% discount for BAC members on paid RWGPS memberships has been extended through the end of 2023 – **use discount code bacrocks2023**. RWGPS has 3 levels of membership: free, basic (\$50 per year), and premium (\$80 per year). Their website (<https://ridewithgps.com/help/compare-plans>) compares the three levels of membership and provides explanations of the features included in each. BAC members with FREE RWGPS membership, while on a BAC tour, enjoy the enhanced features of subscription RWGPS membership. Purchasing a personal subscription will provide the enhanced features on all your rides.