

Hello BAC Members,

Welcome to the January 2021 BAC Monthly Update. On the first business day of each month we'll be sending you the latest BAC news.

**BAC Zoom Travelogue: Time Travel to Cuba, is January 28th at 4:30pm PDT. Use the link below to sign up.** The 2019 BAC 'Time Travel to Cuba' Trip saw BAC members cycling through this country still caught in a unique 1950's time capsule. The trip met all the travel restrictions for American Citizens visiting Cuba. Join Ted Magnuson as he presents his photos of this trip on January 28, 2021.

“We pedaled past much of Cuba’s less-traveled countryside on quiet roads, visited a tobacco farm, an ecological park, and snorkeled in the Bay of Pigs. We rode through Havana in classic 1950’s Detroit heavy metal immersed in the city’s culture, architecture, and history. We saw Cuban cigars being rolled, tasted some of the finest food of the country, enjoyed the music and discovered the history of agriculture and revolution in this lush land.” **The Zoom meeting details will be emailed to participants who signed up on Wednesday, January 27th, one day prior to the Zoom call on January 28th.**

**Click this link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44A4A82FA13-time>**

## **2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

BAC’s Annual General Meeting will be held Sunday, February 28, 2021 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 2020 financial report, approval of an amendment to the bylaws to increase the maximum size of the Board, election of new Directors, and an opportunity for Club members to ask questions and make comments. More details will be provided in the February 2021 Update on how to sign up to participate in the meeting.

## **BAC BOARD ELECTION 2021**

The Board has nominated Marion Campbell and Jan Erickson to additional three year terms and Sue Bunten to a three year term. Biographical information is provided for each of them below. Candidates may also be nominated for election to the Board through petition by 2% of the membership up until January 14, 2021. . You will receive an email January 15, 2021 asking you to log into the BAC website, click on the “We Need Your Vote” link at the top of the page, and indicate how you would like your proxy to be voted at the Annual General Meeting. Proxies will be solicited from January 15 to February 15, 2021 for candidates nominated by the Board and those nominated by the membership. The proxies cast will be exercised by the Board Chair at the Annual General Meeting following the direction provided.

**Sue Bunten (Vancouver, BC, Canada)** I have been impressed with this club and its members since joining in 2017. After my first trip as a single rider and driver (Yellowstone), I knew it was for me and luckily got the last spot at the fall 2017 Ride Leader Seminar in Davis, CA. Since then I have been co-leader on 2 rides in the US and 3 rides in Europe, and leader on 2 rides (Beaches of S. California 2018 and Selkirk International Loop 2019). I've also done 3 tours with the Canadian touring club Cross Canada Cycle Tour Society and cycle regularly around Vancouver with a local cycling club.

I am a relatively new member and ride leader so would come to the Board with an open mind and a willingness to work. I support making it easier for others to become ride co leaders and leaders. As reported in the 2018 BAC Membership Survey results, between Jan. 2014 and Dec. 2018 almost half of all new club members were singles. As a single rider myself, I completely understand the difficulty a keen single rider faces in considering leading a trip until without a co leader. I would love to see the club make it easier for single riders to find other single riders with compatible skills to form leadership teams and offer more rides! I am a dual citizen and have served on my condo boards in both Vancouver ( 2 years) & S. California ( 4 years) and understand a Directors' obligations to fairness, confidentiality and fiduciary duty. I support a collaborative style, use of committees, and transparency. In my career I worked for 30 years on the British Columbia coast as a federal fisheries officer doing patrols, planning, coordination and file prep often in coordination with various other agencies and dealing with a variety of legal issues.

**Marion Campbell (Spring, TX)** Marion has been riding bicycle tours (mostly with his wife, Alice) since 2001. The first were with tour companies such as America by Bicycle, Pedal Tours, and Experience Plus. In 2014 he joined BAC and has been committed to their tours since that time. He recognized two major advantages with BAC. First the participants were experienced riders and shared a love for cycling. Second, attracting experienced bike riders meant that the cost of unnecessary support could be avoided. This coupled with the non-profit structure of BAC make these tours the best value for the money! Marion has participated in 8 BAC tours since 2014. Recently he has served as tour reviewer for two upcoming rides and is a member of the Central Review Committee and has been on the board of directors of BAC since January of 2020. He is a chemical engineer by profession and worked in various engineering and operations positions for BASF chemical company for 35 years before retiring. He has served on and held officer positions on several non-profit boards including Junior Achievement, Brazosport Community Foundation, and EPD, a small company dedicated to hiring handicapped employees. Currently he spends time cycling, playing clarinet in bands and orchestras, and participating in mission projects such as a church build in Alaska and water wells in Africa. As a board member he hopes to contribute in establishing policy and guidelines that will keep BAC an exciting and sustainable organization both now and in the future.

**Jan Erickson (Winthrop, WA)** ) I have been a member in good standing with BAC since 2008 and committed to the philosophy of the mission statement; connecting members socially through organized tours, mutual respect for others, and members' independence and self-reliance with the adventure we all expect. It is important to pay forward and pay back. An organization cannot survive without its members' involvement. I consider myself as one who plays well with others and can look at the big picture for a good outcome of ideas. I have been a co-leader on four rides that Jim and I developed and led. Jim and I led three rides and one of our rides with another BAC

leader. I am always willing to help other leaders while on rides. I have been on nine domestic and four international BAC ride. Jim and I have done a number of self-contained rides. I taught High School Physical Education for 28 years, and was the Director for a Wellness Program for the Faculty and Staff of over 1200. I have been a presenter and leader for the Tacoma Mountaineers, presenter at the Washington State Track and Field Annual Conference, served as President of my Homeowners Association, and the Events Director (14 events) and Volunteer Coordinator (200 volunteers) and eventually became a Board Member of Methow Trails. I am a good project manager and perfected that work through my positions with Methow Trails. I know what it takes to be a contributing member of a board. I organize well and have good logistical skills. I am currently serving as a board member and would be honored to continue to serve as member of the Board of Directors.

### **AMENDMENT TO THE BYLAWS TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE BOARD**

BAC's Bylaws were amended in 2019 to increase the maximum size of the Board from seven to nine members. Reasons for the change included a better ability to backfill key positions on the Board (e.g., Treasurer and Chair of the Website Committee); to increase the size of the pool that the Board Chair will come from; to reduce the workload for individual Board members; and to have a more balanced turnover in Board members (three positions will be up for election each year). This change must be approved by the membership. As a result, your proxy approving this change is also being solicited as part of the election process this year.

### **JANUARY 2021 VIEW FROM THE CHAIR (Elizabeth Buckingham)**

2020 was quite a year! BAC had three tours before COVID-19 resulted in widespread lockdowns across the country and around the world and the closing of international borders. A domestic tour successfully occurred in the fall along with an online version of our ride leader training.

Many thanks to the ride leaders who put in many hours to plan tours for 2020. Unfortunately most had to be rescheduled to 2021 or 2022 or cancelled. It is encouraging to see the number of ride leaders who are starting to contemplate tours in late 2021 or in 2022. Long time ride leader Lucy Glover is currently trying to gauge interest for a September 2021 San Francisco to Santa Barbara tour as are Liz Enright and Jan Gleason, graduates of the 2020 Ride Leader Seminar, for a tour in scenic Door County, Wisconsin in late September 2021. More information and contact details are provided below in this newsletter. If you are interested in either of these tours, please let the ride leaders know as soon as possible.

It is possible that as we move through 2021, some ride leaders may insist that tour participants provide evidence that they have been vaccinated before they can participate. At this time, the Board is of the view that a ride leader has the prerogative to make this a requirement. Nonetheless, the Board is also of the view that it is premature to stipulate this as a requirement for the following reasons:

- Like everything with COVID-19, the situation is evolving rapidly. It is probably best for Ride Leaders to follow the framework in the Ride Leader Policies and Guidelines and have a Zoom meeting with participants 45-90 days in advance of the planned tour start to discuss how the tour can safely proceed, recognizing that it is possible for a tour to proceed safely in the absence of a COVID-19 vaccine. No question that the risk is lower if participants have been vaccinated.
- Vaccines are expected to be generally available by late spring or early summer. To date, the United States government has purchased 200 million doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine and 200 million doses of Moderna's vaccine, enough for roughly sixty percent of all Americans. President-elect Biden has committed his administration to vaccinating a million Americans a day during the first 100 days of his administration (i.e., by the start of May). Many will need to wait until late spring or summer before they can be vaccinated.
- The CDC recommends that because there is limited information on how well COVID-19 vaccines work in the general population (e.g., how much it may reduce disease, severity, or transmission; and how long protection lasts), vaccinated persons should continue to follow all current guidance (e.g., mask wearing, physical distancing, washing hands often, etc.) to protect themselves and others.
- It is not clear if a COVID "passport" will be required for international travel or for boarding an airplane. Currently, several digital vaccine passports are under development but issues around documenting vaccinations and sharing the information securely will need to be addressed before they can be put into widespread use. This could take months if not years.

## **2021 ONLINE RIDE LEADER SEMINAR**

The very well received online Ride Leader Seminar will be reprised in March 2021. Sessions will be held on Mondays and Thursdays, March 8, 11, 15, 18 and 22 from 4:30-6:30 pm PST with homework between sessions. Comments from the November 2020 session included "Overall, this seminar was the best online sessions I've attended"; "You all did an amazing job! I was so impressed by the organization, the use of technology, and the incredible resources available to ride leaders in the website"; "I thought the training was excellent, it held my attention the entire time". You can sign up now for the course. Details are available on the BAC website <https://www.bicycleadventureclub.org/html/rides/?action=ride&rideid=1496>

## **PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE RIDE LEADER POLICIES & GUIDELINES**

Changes to the Ride Leader Policies and Guidelines were approved in principle by the Board at its December 2020 meeting. It was agreed that two additional criteria enabling experienced ride leaders to lead more than four tours in a calendar year should be added, specifically:

- That occur at "off peak" times of the year (e.g., November to March) and are in areas where BAC tours do not regularly occur, or

- For any other unique set of circumstances accepted by the Board (e.g., tours that had to be rescheduled).

If you have any comments about this proposed change, please send them to [office@bicycleadventureclub.org](mailto:office@bicycleadventureclub.org) by January 15, 2021.

**NEW MEMBERS** We are pleased to welcome these new BAC Members who have joined us in December 2020. If they live near you give them a call.

Mark Tusler, Fitchburg, WI  
 Julie Gregory and David Gregory, Richardson, TX  
 Annemarie Altman, Concord, MA  
 Gina Grant, Geneva, IL  
 Shari Cherry, Matawan, NJ  
 Robert Kanter, Seattle, WA  
 Garry Clifton, Delta, BC

## 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.

**2021 On-line Ride Leader Seminar** Mondays & Thursdays, March 8, 11, 15, 18 and 22. Time: 7:30-9:30 PM EST (4:30-6:30 PST) for each session. Seminar Organizers, Maria Nelson and Joan Feerick, and BAC Board Members. Location: Zoom online.

## Rides with Space Available

- Fun in the Sun: Fort Myers to Key West, FL Feb 7-16, 2021 1C! [2 Spaces available sharing a room.](#)
- Flowers in the Hills 2021 Apr 5, 2021 - Apr 12, 2021 2B
- Mallorca 2021 - A Cycling Gem May 8, 2021 - May 22, 2021 2B
- Sierra Tahoe 2021 May 15, 2021 - May 29, 2021 2C
- Catalonia - Salvador Dali and Costa Brava May 29, 2021 - Jun 12, 2021 2B
- Northern Spain: La Rioja and Basque Country 2021 Jun 16, 2021 - Jul 2, 2021 3B
- Unlock the Secrets of Sonoma County Jun 19, 2021 - Jun 30, 2021 2B
- Madagascar, An African Adventure Aug 2, 2021 - Aug 16, 2021 3B
- Epic Europe Bike and Hike Aug 9, 2021 - Sep 14, 2021 2B
- Coast of Maine 2021 Aug 29, 2021 - Sep 12, 2021 3B
- Green Spain and Picos de Europa 2021 (3B/4C) Sep 3, 2021 - Sep 18, 2021 3B

- Tuscany: From Sun to Sea Sep 13, 2021 - Sep 25, 2021 2B [Space for female to share room.](#)
- Fall in the Mid-Hudson River Valley Sep 19, 2021 - Sep 24, 2021 2B
- Appalachian Blue Ridge 2021 Sep 20, 2021 - Sep 30, 2021 4B
- Blue Wall of the Carolinas 2021 Oct 3, 2021 - Oct 15, 2021 3B
- The Best of Tasmania 2022 Jan 31, 2022 - Feb 15, 2022 3B
- New Zealand South Island Off Road Highlights 2022 Feb 10, 2022 - Feb 25, 2022 2B
- Ireland - Southwest Peninsulas 2022 May 15, 2022 - May 28, 2022 2B

## ARE YOU INTERESTED?

**Would you like to bike with the BAC in scenic Door County, Wisconsin, the tip of Wisconsin's thumb, for 5 days in late September 2021?** Riders would enjoy quiet, mostly flat, scenic county roads along Lake Michigan, Green Bay, and inland, goats grazing on the sod roof of a restaurant, art galleries, orchards, state parks and more. This 1B ride would offer routes of approximately 40 miles per day and be a semi-fixed based ride in two hotels--one in Sturgeon Bay and one in Sisters Bay. If you're interested, contact Liz Enright ([lenright01@gmail.com](mailto:lenright01@gmail.com)) or Jan Gleason ([janisj1221@hotmail.com](mailto:janisj1221@hotmail.com)) by January 31.

**We plan to offer the CA Coast: San Francisco to Santa Barbara tour September 10-20, 2021.** You can find a description, review and tripper for this tour that we led in April, 2018. If you are interested, please reply to [lucy.glover49@gmail.com](mailto:lucy.glover49@gmail.com)

## MEMBERS CORNER

**For Sale:** Co-Motion Nor' Wester CoPilot 55cm. with all Ultegra equipment. Includes new travel luggage. Pedals not included. \$1000 obo. John Glaze 702-645-6700 in Las Vegas

**For sale: 2 S&S coupled Independent Fabrication Club Racer Steel bikes, 48 cm and 54 cm.** These have Ultegra 10 speed triple drive trains and V-brakes. They have custom built rear racks, Trek Bontrager wheels. SPD pedals. Bikes are currently on consignment at Richardson Bike Mart in Richardson, Texas and can be test ridden there. Consignment price is \$1,700 each but will be sold to BAC members for \$1,400 each plus shipping. Buy both bikes and get a 10% discount. Contact John McManus at [john.mcmanus.221@gmail.com](mailto:john.mcmanus.221@gmail.com) or 214.460.3275. See [ifbikes.com](http://ifbikes.com).

**I have a coupled steel bike (20 inches crank to top bar) and case for sale.** Price is \$400. If you are interested and live in the Seattle area send me an email and I will send photos. Lyn Rawlinson [Lynrawlinson@mac.com](mailto:Lynrawlinson@mac.com)

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