

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.bicyleadventureclub.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 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

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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
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- 📅 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) or Jan Gleason (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

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 or 214.460.3275. See 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

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Hello BAC Members,

Just a short email to remind you of a few upcoming events for BAC.

-Feb 28th is BAC's Annual General Meeting. If interested in joining, see details below.

-We also have an ongoing BAC Board Election that ends tomorrow, one more day to vote if you have not already!

-And the third item is a reminder to order your new BAC jersey if interested. One more week to order that!

Please see details below on all three items mentioned above.

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<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0pfuuhRdspEtEqGOYWeakoWp7NPX2WvkWM>. 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. To maximize the number who can participate in the meeting, if two members from a household plan to participate, please only have one of the two register.

SOLICITATION OF PROXIES FOR 2021 ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

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 at the Annual General Meeting.

NEW BAC JERSEY DESIGN: Just one more week to order!!

Order Yours Today by Clicking the Link Below

Be Bright, Visible and Represent BAC

Cost: \$55 plus \$10 for shipping

Online Store is Open: February 1-22, 2021

Targeted Delivery Date: April 16, 2021

To Order Your Jersey Use This Link: <https://via.primalcustom.com/collections/t06534a>

Product Features

Men's Club Cut Women's Club Cut

Elastic Option - Sleeve: Sleeve - Elastic

Elastic Option - Waist: Waist - Elastic

Fabric Option: SpeedPro

Pocket Option: 3 Rear Straight Pockets

Stitch Option: Traditional Stitch

Zipper Option: YKK Full Hidden

Elastic Option - Sleeve: Sleeve - None

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For any Team Store questions or ordering assistance, there is a 'Help' category with FAQ information, phone#, and LiveChat on the order page. Barb Rudolph is your BAC contact: Rudolph.Barb@gmail.com or 214-497-4233 for questions.

Best regards,

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MARCH 2021 VIEW FROM THE CHAIR (Elizabeth Buckingham)

What a difference a year makes! At this time last year we were starting to grapple with COVID19 and what it meant to our planned 2020 tours. Club members who were scheduled for upcoming trips at that time were encouraged to be patient and as flexible as possible.

We continue to urge those with scheduled trips to be patient and as flexible as possible in particular for any trip that goes outside the US. A recent article in the Washington Post

(<https://www.washingtonpost.com/travel/2021/02/24/travel-safe-covid-when/>) suggests that travel between countries could start as early as mid to late 2021. Which countries and when will depend on the vaccination rates, what the local positivity rates are, and an absence of new variants that complicate any kind of intervention. As one of the individuals quoted in the article noted, “I wouldn’t book a flight yet.”

Travel within the US in 2021 looks far more promising. The expectation is that states with travel restrictions (e.g., California has a ten day quarantine for travellers coming from other states or countries), will relax them as more people get vaccinated. One expert advised “that only people who have been vaccinated or infected with the virus travel this summer”.

BAC continues to follow its COVID-19 framework detailed in the Ride Leader Policies & Guidelines which is available on the BAC website under the DOCS tab. At least 45-90 days before any tour is scheduled to start, a decision will be made to see if the required conditions exist for it to proceed. For out-of-country tours, the destination country(ies) must be allowing international tourism. Members should also take note that many of the ride descriptions for tours approved over the past year include under Ride Participant Responsibility the statement “Members should also ensure that vaccinations are up to date (e.g., annual influenza, tetanus, etc.).” As more members become eligible for vaccinations in the jurisdictions they live in, a COVID-19 vaccination will increasingly fall into the category of a vaccination members should have up to date.

Many of our ride leaders are looking forward to getting out on tours with you again. Ten new tours are available for sign up this month—one 2021 tour and nine 2022 tours. It is great to see this level of planned activity! For those who have been hesitant about leading a tour, “deep dive” sessions on the financial aspects of a tour, managing hotel costs and contracts, and everything you ever wanted to know about leading a commercially assisted tour, will be provided over the next few months. More information is provided below.

Annual General Meeting

BAC’s Annual General Meeting was held via Zoom on February 28, 2021. While it wasn’t the same as meeting in person, it provided members from across the US and beyond an opportunity to participate without having to travel. Participants were positive about the format and

recommended continued usage of it in future to permit participation by a broader range of members. Sue Bunten, Marion Campbell and Jan Erickson were elected to three year terms on the Board and the membership approved the requested change to the bylaws to increase the maximum size of the Board to nine members.

NEW MEMBERS We are pleased to welcome these new BAC Members who have joined us in February 2021. If they live near you give them a call.

Teresa Margerum, Elkridge, MD

Laura Jenkins, Sacramento, CA

Shana Feiner, Santa Rosa, CA

Lori Michaelson, Eastham, MA

Janet Beckley, Athens, GA

Kenneth Kay, Narberth, PA

Gerri Walsh, Frisco, CO

Gwen and Chris Haynes, Seattle, WA

Petra Strickland, Morris Plains, NJ

Chas Rundberg, Lakrsapur, CA

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.

2nd Session- Ride the Fall Colors of Carbondale Colorado Sept 28-Oct 5, 2021. Ride

Directors: Huey Hurst & Barb Rudolph. Start Location: Carbondale, CO. Finish

Location: Carbondale, CO. Ride Rating: 2B.

Ultimate Vietnam Jan 8-25, 2022. Ride Coordinator: Warner Griswold in conjunction with Spiceroads. Start Location: Hanoi, Vietnam. Finish Location: Saigon, Vietnam. Ride Rating: 3B!

New Zealand East Coast South Island 2022 Jan 22-Feb 5, 2022. Ride Director: Grant McCallister. Start Location: Christchurch, New Zealand. Finish Location: Christchurch, New Zealand. Ride Rating: 2C!

Thailand's Royal Road South - Bangkok to Phuket Jan 29-Feb 13, 2022

Ride Coordinator: Warner Griswold in conjunction with Spiceroads. Start Location: Bangkok, Thailand. Finish Location: Phuket, Thailand. Ride Rating: 2C!

Green Roads of Tuscany 2022 May 6-21, 2022. Ride Directors: Julie and Tom Leever.

Start Location: Florence, Italy. Finish Location: Florence, Italy. Ride Rating: 3A.

Piedmont 2022 May 21-June 4, 2022. Ride Directors: Julie & Tom Leever. Start

Location: Turin, Piedmont, Italy. Finish Location: Turin, Piedmont, Italy. Ride Rating: 2A!

Val d'Aosta 2022 June 4-15, 2022. Ride Directors: Julie & Tom Leever. Start Location:

Turin, Piedmont, Italy. Finish Location: Turin, Piedmont, Italy. Ride Rating: 4B!

2022 International Selkirk Loop June 7-21, 2022. Ride Directors: Sue Bunten &

Margaret Slack. Start Location: Spokane, WA. Finish Location: Spokane, WA. Ride Rating: 2C!

Yellowstone Bike and Hike 2022 July 28-Aug 11, 2022. Ride Directors: Gerald & Kim

Porter. Start Location: Belgrade, MT. Finish Location: Belgrade, MT. Ride Rating: 2B!

Salzburg Double Loop - Seven Lakes Aug 29-Sept 14, 2022. Ride Directors: Warner

Griswold & Sue Bunten. Start Location: Salzburg, Austria. Finish Location: Salzburg, Austria. Ride Rating: 2B!

New BAC Ride Leaders

Jerry and Kim Porter –(Yellowstone Bike and Hike 2022 ride). We joined the Bicycle

Adventure Club in 2009, and have completed 7 BAC tours. We both have retired from 3M

Company, after having successful 30+ year engineering careers. Now that we have more time,

we have completed the virtual Ride Leader training, and with great support, are working toward

leading our first tour, Yellowstone Bike & Hike 2022. We rented a tandem and rode the Root

River trail with Kim's parents over 20 years ago, and we have been tandeming ever since. Jerry

was the co-chair of the 3M Bicycle User Group (BUG) that garnered 3M sponsorship of the

National Bike Challenge. The BUG group worked to encourage all global employees to

participate, organizing bike-to-work days. We have built and maintained mountain bike trails at

our local county park for the last 15 years, and are members of the Chippewa Off Road Bicycle

Association. We have also been part of the organizing committee for a charity century ride,

known as the Sadistic Century, for the past 6 years. We enjoy curling during the winter, and have taken up pickleball since retiring. Jerry also skijors with our dog. We are regular platelet donors at our local American Red Cross, and we both enjoy serving our community through Board service also.

Margaret Slack and husband David Pacey- (2022 International Selkirk Loop rideMargaret Co-Leader, Okanagan Valley coming soon.) They live in the Penticton area of the

Okanagan Valley in B.C. Their first BAC tour was 2 years ago in Colorado - a fixed base tour, which they enjoyed very much. In 2012 David did the route planning for a self-supported cycle across southern British Columbia. Margaret has planned and led a 10 day point-to-point cycle with friends, which covered much of the Kettle Valley Railway in southern B.C. Internationally, they travelled to New Zealand to cycle the North Island a few years ago.Margaret also published a small guide book of cycle routes in the Greater Vancouver area. They are passionate about cycling and truly look forward to hosting and leading folks through this amazing area of back roads and rail trails, valleys and lakes.

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☒ RESCHEDULED Crete, a Greek Adventure 2022 Apr 28, 2022 - May 8, 2022 2B

☒ Netherlands: Cycling the Green Heart and Hanseatic Towns May 2, 2022 - May 14, 2022

1B

☒ Mallorca 2022 - A Cycling Gem May 7, 2022 - May 21, 2022 2B

☒ Ireland - Southwest Peninsulas 2022 May 15, 2022 - May 28, 2022 2B

☒ Canary Islands 2022 - Volcanoes, Beaches and Mountains May 28, 2022 - Jun 11, 2022

2B

☒ West of England 2022 Jun 12, 2022 - Jun 25, 2022 2B

☒ Islands of the Pacific Northwest Jun 24, 2022 - Jul 6, 2022 2B

☒ RESCHEDULED Belgium: Cuisine and Culture Sep 3, 2022 - Sep 16, 2022 2B

RIDE LEADER TRAINING SESSIONS

Three new online (Zoom) training sessions for new and experienced Ride Leaders from the BAC Education Committee.

“Tracking your Tour’s Finances” presented by Elizabeth Buckingham

Session 1: Tuesday, March 23

Session 2: Tuesday, March 30

Start and end times are:

4:30 – 6:30 PM Pacific Time

5:30 – 7:30 PM Mountain Time

6:30 - 8:30 PM Central Time

7:30 – 9:30 PM Eastern Time

For experienced ride leaders, do you find preparing the budget and final accounting for a tour you led for BAC difficult or intimidating? For new ride leaders, are you concerned about managing this aspect of a tour? In either case, this training session will be extremely helpful for you.

In Session 1 we’ll take you step by step on how to set up your major costs: hotels, group meals, special events, allowable scouting costs, ride leadership costs (travelling to/from the start of the

tour and allowable meal costs while on the tour) and how to factor in the currency conversion if your tour is outside the US.

In Session 2 we'll focus on completing the final accounting and calculating refunds for participants. We'll demonstrate how to use the collection and disbursement information on the BAC website and how to manage extra refunds that may be necessary for participants who had to leave the tour early.

Homework assignments will be given after each session with personal feedback provided to each training participant. Session 1 homework includes an exercise in preparing an initial tour budget and Session 2 focuses on completing the final accounting for a tour. There will also be ample time for you to ask questions in each session. If there are specific topics you would like to have covered, please include them when registering (see link below).

Register in advance for this event:

Keeping Track of Your Tour Finances Registration

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining.

Two additional training topics will also be offered soon:

☑ Managing Hotel Costs and Contracts. Presented by Albert Balingit and Bridget DeShields. Date: Wednesday 4/28. A 2 hour session starting at 4:30 Pacific, 7:30 Eastern

☑ Everything you ever wanted to know about leading a Commercially Assisted Tour (CAT). Presented by Albert Balingit and Richard Oddy. Date: Wednesday 5/26. A 2 hour session starting at 4:30 Pacific, 7:30 Eastern

Watch upcoming BAC Newsletters for detailed descriptions and sign-up information.

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APRIL 2021 VIEW FROM THE CHAIR (Elizabeth Buckingham)

It's great to see tours happening again and how quickly recently posted tours have been filled! Tours that are based solely in the US are proceeding with protocols in place to reduce the risk of participants contracting Covid-19. Ride leaders will be holding Zoom calls with participants in advance of the tour to discuss the protocols. Based on my interactions with club members over the past month, it seems like a significant number of members have already been vaccinated or are scheduled to be vaccinated. All members are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated before participating in upcoming tours to better protect themselves and other participants on the tour.

All tours outside the US up to the end of July 2021 have now been rescheduled or cancelled. No one knows when international borders will open up and travel possible again. Vaccination rates in most other countries at this time are significantly lower than those in the United States. The most recent wave which is being driven by Covid-19 variants is also causing considerable concern. Ride leaders will be in touch with participants well in advance of the planned international tours to discuss the situation and potential options.

The Board held a series of meetings following the Annual General Meeting February 28th. One of the key focuses this coming year will be working with ride leaders and potential ride leaders to give them the tools and assistance they need to successfully plan and lead tours. Glenn Rudolph (Gerudolph@gmail.com) is a key contact for ride leaders as they plan their tours. The Ride Training and Development Committee has just finished providing two Zoom sessions on ride budgeting and accounting and will be offering sessions on managing hotel costs and contracts, and everything you ever wanted to know about leading a commercially assisted tour over the next two months. More information on the upcoming sessions is provided below. The Zoom sessions are being recorded and will be made available to members to view.

Board member primary responsibilities for the coming year will be:

Officers

Board Chair: Elizabeth Buckingham

Secretary: Brenda Cole

Treasurer: Ernie Coose

Committee Chair or Liaison

Membership Relations Committee: Jan Erickson

Policy Committee: Marion Campbell

Ride Leader Training and Development Committee: Sue Bunten

Ride Management Committee: Tom Leever

Website Committee: Jim Yuhn

Policy Updates

Final approval was given to proposed changes to the Board Governance Policies which were first announced in the December 2020 Monthly Update. The amendments:

☒ reflect the change in the status of the Office Manager from independent contractor to employee and the addition of the position of the Tours Review Director;

☒ reflect changes in how the Ride Management Committee is functioning; and

☒ provide clarity on the process to follow for electronic votes by the Board.

The revised policy document incorporating these changes is available on the BAC website under the Docs tab

(<https://www.bicycleadventureclub.org/docs/BAC%20Governance%20Policies%20approved%20March%2032021.pdf>).

BAC Needs Your Bookkeeping Help (Ernie Coose, Treasurer)

If there's bookkeeping in your background, BAC would love to have your help. BAC policies and common sense require that multiple persons know how to conduct our financial business, so we need to backfill for people who will move on in the future. The work includes disbursement of funds to ride leaders, tour operators, and members, as well as completing the monthly accounting close. Should you volunteer, I'll provide written procedures and as much training and support as you need. We'll work out a schedule to ensure that we both have ongoing practice doing the job and that we can cover for each other while we're away on exotic bicycle adventures. Your commitment would average 10-20 hours per month, depending on how we share the work. If you're interested, I'd be glad to hear from you at 469-520-7615 or erniecoose.bac@gmail.com.

RIDE LEADER SEMINAR upcoming session on Managing Hotels on your BAC Tour.

On Wednesday, April 28, 2021, BAC will have its next Ride Leader Seminar: Managing Hotels on your BAC Tour.

Bridgette DeShields and Albert Balingit will present on:

☒ Process for Choosing Hotels (evaluating ratings, “virtual” inspections, key amenities, etc.)

☒ Types of Hotel Reservations

☒ Understanding Hotel Contract Terms (cancellation policies, liability clauses, etc.)

☒ Negotiation Strategies

☒ Effective Communications

Bridgette DeShields has led tours for BAC both foreign and domestic, for her local cycling club and has negotiated numerous hotel contracts. Co-leading the seminar will be Albert Balingit, who has led a number of tours for BAC, taught negotiation seminars and also negotiated many hotel contracts.

The details:

Date: Apr 28, 2021

Duration: 2 hours

Time: 7:30 PM Eastern, 6:30 PM Central, 5:30 PM Mountain, 4:30 PM Pacific

To Register: [Click here](#) Managing Hotels on your BAC Tour Registration

Or enter this web address

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwpduihpj8iEtDGQM7BrKWbdlOTvCt7hKzj>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the seminar.

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Tony Boyd, Cardiff,

Diana Hoxmeier, Verdi, NV

Beth Snyder and Erik Leroy, Anchorage, AK

John Fisher, Verdi, NV

Willie McCourt, Fletcher, NC

Julie Polios, Marietta, GA

Loretta Smith, Oakland, CA

Joseph Cornall, Cortlandt Manor, NY

Debby Ofstedahl, Portland, OR

Len Wilkinson, Burke, VA

Ann Pollack, West Orange, NJ

Thomas and Yun Bernhardt, Wayne, NJ

Barbara Myers, Auburndale, FL

Nikki Ellman and Greg Hospelhorn, Berkeley, CA

Robert Albo and Sarah Albo, Orinda, CA

Bill Leyrer, Ketchum, ID

Marjorie Sprecher, Waunakee, WI

Paul and Jennie Tate, Arlington, TX

Ralph and Jennifer Durham, München, ,

Robert and Cassie Klumpp, Littleton, CO

David Sobell, Dedham, MA

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Catalonia - Salvador Dali and Costa Brava June 17-July 1, 2022. Ride Coordinator: Clarice Sackett in conjunction with Iberocycle. Start Location: Girona, Spain. Finish Location: Girona, Spain. Ride Rating: 2B!

Vineyards and Rail Trails in the Okanagan Sept 12-24, 2022. Ride Directors: Margaret Slack & David Pacey. Start Location: Kelowna, British Columbia. Finish Location: Kelowna, British Columbia. Ride Rating: 2B!

Cape Cod and the Islands Sept 13-26, 2022. Ride Directors: Albert Balingit & Jacquolyn Duerr. Start Location: Hyannis, MA. Finish Location: Provincetown, MA. Ride Rating: 1A.

A Ride from Pittsburgh to DC-GAP and the C&O Sept 29-Oct 12, 2022. Ride Directors: Albert Balingit & Jacquolyn Duerr. Start Location: Pittsburgh, PA. Finish Location: Washington, DC. Ride Rating: 1C.

Moab Bike Hike Oct 13-21, 2022. Ride Directors: Melissa Magee & Curt Simmons. Start Location: Moab, Utah. Finish Location: Moab, Utah. Ride Rating: 2B!

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BAC RIDES COMING SOON

Unlock the Secrets of Sonoma County, June 19-30, 2021: There are still 7 spots available for this tour. We will be cutting off registration at the end of April as we need to provide rooming lists to hotels and make arrangements for activities and dinners. If you are interested, sign up on the website. For questions, email bridgettedeshields@sbcglobal.net

Green Roads of Tuscany- 2nd Session - May 11-26, 2022 Ride Directors: Sanborn Hodgkins and Gail Husson. Start/Finish: Florence, Italy. Ride Rating: 3A This is a second section of the Leever's Green Roads of Tuscany tour. We hope to have this tour approved and posted on the BAC site by May 3

rd 2021. For more info contact: sanborn.hodgkins@gmail.com,
gail980@comcast.net

Palm Springs 2022 A BAC favorite is coming back in 2022. New ride leader Albert Meerscheidt will be proposing "Yet Another Sunny Week in Sunny Palm Springs" and it should be available for sign up in the May BAC Update. This is a 1B fixed based February tour with longer options available almost everyday. Highlights include optional days with some climbing, along with four 'destination' rides to local attractions including the Living Desert, Thousand Palms Oasis, Joshua Tree National Park and Sunnylands. The tour will include two dinners, eight breakfasts, two picnic lunches, and transportation to the start of the Joshua Tree National Park ride.

Epic Cycling Adventure:

Catalonia 2022 has just been approved and is ready for sign ups, today April 1st

. This ride,

commercially supported by Iberocycle, has been cancelled in 2020 (Judy Willard, leader) and in 2021 (Nelson Diaz, leader) due to the Covid pandemic. The new dates are June 17, 2022 through July 1, 2022.

Northern Spain 2022, also supported by Iberocycle, is newly rescheduled from 2021, again due to the Covid pandemic, with new dates of July 4, 2022 to July 20, 2022.

Both of these rides have openings for riders and can be linked to provide back-to-back adventures. Train service is available to transport riders from the end of one tour to the beginning of the next. These two tours would pair nicely and have lots of variety of cycling.

For information, contact the leader, Clarice Sackett csackett49@comcast.net

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

Val Venosta to Venice We have started planning to repeat our Val Venosta to

Venice tour from June 5 to 21, 2022. You can see the complete description and survey of the

2016 tour on the BAC website. It has been difficult to make reservations, as Italy is locked down and hotels are closed due to a surge in COVID-19. We hope we are able to complete arrangements by May. If you are interested in the tour please send an email to Randy Glover, glover.randy@gmail.com.

Head Waters of the Rhine to the North Sea and Amsterdam - The crew of Warner Griswold, Sue Bunten, and Garry Clifton are considering leading a ~4 week long ride in June/July 2023 on the Rhine Cycle Route (Eurovelo15). After arriving and spending one night in Zurich, Switzerland we take a short train ride to the ski village of Andermatt, Switzerland. The hardest part of the ride is the first day's ride with 1,950' elevation gain in a very short distance. From then on, it's mostly down hill along the Rhine all the way to the North Sea at Rotterdam, and then on to Amsterdam. We'll ride through Switzerland, France, Germany & the Netherlands for a total of ~900 miles. While this route can be done in 2 - 3 weeks, we would plan for a more leisurely pace to allow time for sightseeing along the way. The cost of the tour will not be known until late 2021 or Spring 2022.

Please send an email to Warner at jwarner-griswold@att.net if you are interested in going. Gunnison Valley, CO Are you interested in a bike tour of the Gunnison Valley and surrounding areas - any interest in couple days of mountain biking to view the flowers in bloom in the mountains? Part stay at local Hot Springs Ranch; thinking late July 2022. If interested contact Betsy Laux elaux.63@gmail.com

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George Root, long-time member of BAC dating back to the days of Clifford Graves and ITBS (International Touring Bicycle Society), passed away March 16th from complications of acute leukemia. He met his wife, Dordene, on an ITBS trip in New Zealand in March of 1980 and they married the next year. They were both very active members of BAC. George wrote the beautifully published (and still relevant) eBulletins (2004-2010) that can still be found on the website under "More..." George, who was very tall, loved Festina jerseys - one of the few that would fit him, so he had several. John McManus once asked him why he wore a different cycling cap each day. His response was "So no one would notice that I wear the same Jersey every day." George was 80 years young.

Want to Lead a Ride but Need a Co-leader? I am willing to be a co-leader/helper for ANY upcoming trips!! I have been on a couple trips (co-lead one with many compliments from the riders) but do not yet feel ready to lead one on my own rides. I would welcome the experience and exposure by helping out on as many trips as possible! I am including my name and number Betsy Laux (970) 232-8272; betsyfolkerth@gmail.com

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For Sale: Custom Seven Cycles Alrheart Titanium Bike with carbon fork, 51cm with S&S couplings. Standover height, 28". Hard case included. SRAM Force 10 speed, 34-50 and 11-36. Hed Ardennes wheels. 5 years old. Well maintained. \$4000. Shipping is negotiable. Contact Muffin Williams at jet4221@mac.com. The bike is in Califon, NJ

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RIDE LEADER SEMINAR July 14, 2021

The next Ride Leader Seminar topic will be “Everything You Wanted to Know about CATs (Commercially Assisted Tours). This will be a 2 hour live on-line seminar for BAC Ride Leaders and will be held on Wednesday, July 14th

. The presenters will be Albert Balingit and

Richard Oddy. Look for more details and sign up information in the June BAC monthly update.

Video recordings of the recent on-line Ride Leader Seminars are available on the BAC Website in the Docs section under “Ride Leader Seminar Recordings.”

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As noted in the section in the Ride Leader Policies and Guidelines on COVID-19 and BAC Tours, the Board prioritizes the health and safety of our members and will not put members knowingly at risk while on a tour. Further, as a minimum, the BAC Board will always require that the guidelines/directives of the governments in the regions where tours are to take place and those of participants' home countries are followed.

According to the latest guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), domestic travel should be delayed until you are fully vaccinated. When travelling, a mask should be worn when on any public transit. After travel, you should self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms and isolate and get tested if symptoms develop.

The Board will be hosting a Zoom call with ride leaders on Wednesday, June 2nd to discuss whether ride leaders should have total discretion as to whether vaccinations are required on a tour or whether the Board should mandate it. Exceptions would be provided but a negative COVID-19 test 72 hours before a tour would be required along with mask wearing and social distancing consistent with CDC guidelines for non-vaccinated travelers.

We know that there is not unanimity amongst our membership on this issue. Many have already

taken the steps necessary to become fully vaccinated. Others are quite adamant that they will not participate on any tour where vaccinations are required. Other organizations similar to BAC are also wrestling with this issue. One organization I'm aware of will require all participants on their tours August 1, 2021 or later to be fully vaccinated and to have a copy of their CDC vaccination card or an electronic copy on their phone available at the first meeting. A leader may request a copy of it prior to the start of the tour. Another organization requires participants to be fully vaccinated or to obtain a negative COVID-19 test 72 hours or less before the start of the tour. If you'd like to weigh in on this, please send an email to office@bicycleadventureclub.org by June 10, 2021.

Policy Updates

At the Board's May 2021 meeting, two changes to the Ride Leader Policies & Guidelines were given final approval.

Mentor/Tour Reviewer responsibilities have been added by replacing the section entitled Tour Review Criteria on page 20 with:

TOUR APPROVAL. All tours shall have an assigned Mentor/Tour Reviewer. As the Ride Leader/Ride Coordinator, you can choose any BAC ride leader in good standing who agrees, to fulfill this role. New ride leaders in particular may want to work with a Mentor before their first tour is submitted. If you don't have anyone in mind for this role, contact the Chair, Ride Management Committee and a Mentor/Tour Reviewer will be assigned.

The Mentor/Tour Reviewer is responsible for:

- Working with new ride leaders as required, providing guidance on how to develop a tour and budget before it is formally reviewed for approval;

- Reviewing ride proposals for compliance against the requirements of the Ride Leader

Policies and Guidelines. This includes:

- Consistency with BAC Mission and Values.

- Absence of conflict with existing approved rides and rides in areas where other Ride Leaders may have priority.

- Ride Leader experience and qualifications. For example, if someone hasn't participated in the Ride Leader Seminar have they demonstrated experience in organizing bike tours or other events

elsewhere?

- Has the Ride Leader complied with BAC policies on prior tours led?
- Communicating to the ride leader the required changes that will bring ride proposals into compliance;
- Advising the Ride Management Director(s) when a tour is ready for Board approval;
- Reviewing and authorizing payment requests from Ride Leaders/Ride Coordinators;
- Addressing questions or concerns Ride Leaders/Ride Coordinators may have in the period leading up to, during or after the ride;

Following completion of the Tour Reviewer's review, the proposed ride is submitted to the full BAC board for review and vote.

Each BAC Board member applies his or her personal judgment when considering a ride for approval. A Board member is under no obligation to vote to approve a ride. A Ride Proposal requires affirmative votes from a minimum of two-thirds of the current Board members for approval (e.g. four affirmative votes if six on the Board, five affirmative votes if seven on the Board, six affirmative votes if nine on the Board).

A change on page 47 was also given final approve to provide greater clarity as to when the final decision on whether an international tour will proceed or not. The following text will be added to the paragraph at the top of the page: "The final decision for proceeding with an international tour should be made and communicated to the participants no later than 90 days prior to the start of the tour in order to give participants adequate time to finalize or cancel travel plans."

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Tracy Broyles, Salem, OR

James Stanton, Allen, TX

Stevenson Stephanie, Steamboat Springs, CO

Richard Rossi, Santa Rosa, CA

Abraham Martinez and Aileen Souto, Miami Springs, FL

Robert Martin, El Cajon, CA

Franklin Knox, Faber, VA

Anne Bengtson and Jim Buser, Oakland, CA

Don and Britt Jackson, Salida, CO

Susan Herrold, Alexandria, VA

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Rita Zeidner and Harold Datz. Start Location: Leesburg, VA. Finish Location: Leesburg, VA. Ride Rating: 2B!

Yet Another Sunny Week in Palm Springs Jan 21-29, 2022. Ride Directors: Albert

Meerscheidt and Bernice Tannenbaum. Start Location: Palm Springs, CA. Finish Location: Palm Springs, CA. Ride Rating: 1B

Sicily - Italy's Enchanted Island April 26-May 9, 2022

Ride Coordinator: Tony Boyd in Conjunction with Hike & Bike Italy (Circolo degli Esploratori). Start Location: Palermo Airport, Sicily. Finish Location: Syracuse, Sicily.

Ride Rating: 2B

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NEW RIDE LEADERS

Albert Meerscheidt and Bernice Tannenbaum- Palm Springs 2022 We are long-time volunteer ride leaders for the Cascade Bicycle Club in the Seattle, WA area. Although we're avid cyclists, we also enjoy hiking, photography, and outdoors activities, and we try to incorporate some of these options into our tours. On behalf of Cascade, we have led tours in Eastern Washington and Arizona for many years. We've been BAC members for several years, were on a BAC tour of the Loire Valley in France in 2019 and a tour of Bend and Central Oregon in 2015, and were impressed by the enthusiasm of BAC tour leaders and riders, When the opportunity

arose to pick up a popular ride in the Palm Springs area in 2022, we jumped at the chance.. We are looking forward to meeting our tour participants and getting to know more members of the BAC cycling community.

Tony Boyd- Sicily and Puglia rides 2022. Tony joined BAC in March 2021. Tony has had a lifelong passion for bicycle touring, and having completed several solo long distance tours in the 1970's, 80's and 90's, he founded Iron Donkey Bicycle Touring in 1997, Tony ran the company for 21 years before selling up and "retiring" 1n 2018. Iron Donkey's first tour for BAC was in Ireland in 2005, and the company has run many successful tours for the club in the intervening years - including itineraries in Ireland, England, Scotland, Wales, France and Italy.

Tony's reasons for wanting to lead rides for BAC are:

- 1) He feels that the extensive experience and know-how that he has built up over the years of running a bike tour company can be put to good use for the benefit of organizations like BAC
- 2) He is keen to work with companies (including Iron Donkey) with whom he has collaborated in the past to help them through the current Coronavirus difficulties
- 3) He continues to get a great deal of pleasure from riding his bike!

Tony currently lives in Cardiff, Wales.

Bernice Tannenbaum

RIDE LEADER SEMINAR July 14, 2021

The next Ride Leader Seminar topic will be "Everything You Wanted to Know about CATs (Commercially Assisted Tours). This will be a 2 hour live on-line seminar for BAC Ride Leaders and will be held on Wednesday, July 14th

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Richard Oddy. Look for more details and sign up information in the June BAC monthly update.

Video recordings of the recent on-line Ride Leader Seminars are available on the BAC Website in the Docs section under "Ride Leader Seminar Recordings."

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For Sale: Bilenky S&S coupled Deluxe Light Touring Steel Bike 54cm. Bike has Ultegra 6700 triple, long reach brakes, carbon fork and Mavic Open Pro Wheels. Sold as a package and includes S&S Grey hard case and all associated packing material. Hard case is airline legal 62" and with spare clothes and tools weights under 50lb. Well cared for and price is \$2000 plus shipping . Contact Charlie Kalb crkalb@gmail.com for detailed information and pictures. Can be picked up in Flemington, N.J.

For Sale: Custom Seven Cycles Alrheart Titanium Bike with carbon fork, 51cm with S&S couplings. Standover height, 28". Hard case included. SRAM Force 10 speed, 34-50 and 11-36. Hed Ardennes wheels. 5 years old. Well maintained. \$3500. Shipping is negotiable. Contact Muffin Williams at jet4221@mac.com. The bike is in Califon, NJ

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
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JULY 2021 VIEW FROM THE CHAIR (Elizabeth Buckingham)

Many thanks to everyone who provided input last month on the question of whether participants need to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 on tours or not on a going forward basis. Based on the input received, the Board has approved in principle several changes to the Ride Leader Policy and Guidelines (RLPG).

☑ Added to the list of COVID-19 considerations a ride leader must make when planning a tour (page 3): Whether you want all participants on your tour to have been vaccinated for COVID including any booster shots, whether you want your participants to have been tested for COVID at least 72 hours before the tour starts, or whether you will leave it up to your participants to take whatever precautions they believe are necessary (e.g., vaccinated, wear masks when indoors, socially distance, etc.)

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☒ Changes are also being made to the electronic waiver that all members must sign prior to being accepted on any tour so that the paper COVID-19 waiver will no longer be required. This change is expected to be implemented by August 1, 2021. As a result, the following addition has been made (p. 49):

All participants who sign their electronic Ride Waiver on or after August 1, 2021 will also agree to assume the risk that they may be exposed to or infected by an infectious disease, environmental toxins, or other health hazards by participating in a BAC tour and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. As a result they will no longer need to provide a signed copy of Annex B.

The language associated with the medical coverage on page 19 has also been changed to make it clearer as to what should be used depending on whether the tour is solely in the United States, if it is in the United States and Canada, or if it is totally outside the United States.

An extract of the RLPG showing all of the planned changes is available for download from the BAC website under the DOCS tab. A copy of the revised waiver form is also available. If you have any comments on the planned changes please send them to Marion Campbell (mwcampbell@earthlink.net) by July 15, 2021.

The planned changes to the RLPG will apply to any new tours approved on a going forward basis. For the almost sixty tours that are already scheduled to start July 1, 2021 or later, the ride leaders have been asked to clarify the tour's vaccination requirements using one of the three statements provided above. The chosen statement is to be added to the Ride Leader Comments box at the top of the Ride Description and all participants on the tour are to be contacted advising them of these requirements, ideally by July 15, 2021 or as soon as possible thereafter.

Tour participants will have a no penalty “opt-out” period until July 31, 2021 during which time they may withdraw from a tour if they choose due to the COVID-19 requirements and receive a refund of the ride registration and credit card fees. Any additional refund of the tour payments will be determined by the leader in accordance with the cancellation policy as stated in the Ride Description. This might mean that if payments were made that cannot be recovered, the cancelling party might have to absorb their portion.

Frequently Asked Questions

During my time as a Board member, I have come to realize that many of the things I take for granted in how BAC operates are mysteries to many of our members. To try and reduce these mysteries, the Board has developed a series of frequently asked questions that address:

- ☒ Membership renewals;
- ☒ Signing up for a tour;
- ☒ Cancelling from a tour;
- ☒ Tour final accounting;
- ☒ Travel insurance; and
- ☒ COVID-19 and BAC tours.

The FAQ’s are currently posted on the BAC website under the DOCS tab. It is expected that over the summer a change will be made to the website so that you will see a FAQ tab at the top of the screen after you sign in and that is where you will find them in future. If you think there are other topics/questions that should be addressed please send your ideas to the Office (office@bicycleadventureclub.org).

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Cal Cornwell, Sunnyvale, CA

Amy Ream, Portland, OR

Ralph King, Floral Park, NY

Sara Amburgey, Owasso, OK

Robert Haran, Vacaville, CA

Alvin Golub and Gail Morse, New York, NY

Kimberly and Mathews Thundyil, Spring, TX

Muriel Rose and Michael Hudick, Los Gatos, CA

James McElwain, Philadelphia, PA

John Mills, Petaluma, CA

Walter DenHaan, Highlands Ranch, CO

Sarah Gevirtz, Santa Rosa, CA

Peter Benner, Indianapolis, IN

Shelly Garrod, Verdi, NV

Cathy Lovett, Homosassa, FL

Kathy Shomaker, Redlands, CA

Sherri Swift, Sand Springs, OK

Linda Lundberg, Cardiff, CA

Steven Wolan, Berkeley, CA

Liz Dejesus, San Diego, CA

Judy Weiss and Stuart Swiedler, Oakland, CA

TOURS

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Spring in Solvang – 2022 Mar 27-Apr 2, 2022. Ride Directors: George Ellis & Dianne

Olsen. Start Location: Solvang, CA. Finish Location: Solvang, CA. Ride Rating: 2B!

Flowers In The Hills 1 Apr 3-10, 2022 Ride Directors: Becky & Charlie Hettinger. Start

Location: Fredericksburg, TX. Finish Location: Fredericksburg, TX. Ride Rating: 2B

Flowers In The Hills 2 Apr 13-20, 2022 Ride Directors: Becky & Charlie Hettinger.

Start Location: Fredericksburg, TX. Finish Location: Fredericksburg, TX. Ride Rating:

2B!

Rides with Space Available

☑ Horsing Around the Virginia Blue Ridge Foothills Oct 11, 2021 - Oct 19, 2021 2B New ride, still several spaces available!!

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RIDE LEADER SEMINAR upcoming session on "Everything You Wanted to Know About Leading Commercially Assisted Tours (CATs)" provided by the Ride Leader

Training & Development Committee

On Wednesday, July 14, 2021, BAC will have its next Ride Leader Seminar: Everything you wanted to know about leading Commercially Assisted Tours.

Albert Balingit and Richard Oddy will present:

- ☒ The requirements for CAT Operators to work with BAC
- ☒ The logistics and details that need to be coordinated with the CAT Operator
- ☒ The responsibilities of the BAC Ride Coordinator and the CAT Operator
- ☒ How to negotiate a favorable price
- ☒ Recommendations for the CAT contract
- ☒ Successfully managing communications with the CAT Operator and the tour participants

The training will be presented by Albert Balingit, retired attorney and experienced ride leader for CAT tours, and Richard Oddy, former owner and operator of Pedal Tours.

The details:

Date: Wednesday, July 14, 2021

Duration: 2 hours

Time: 7:30 PM Eastern, 6:30 PM Central, 5:30 PM Mountain, 4:30 PM Pacific

To Register: Click here: [BAC - Everything You Wanted to Know About Leading CATs](#)

Or enter this web address

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqfu-upjsiGtxXeDaJmb-aXDtmx5luh-GG>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the seminar.

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AUGUST 2021 VIEW FROM THE CHAIR (Elizabeth Buckingham)

Over the next two and a half months, BAC's 2021 season will get into high gear with 11 US based tours. It's been a difficult year for all but our ride leaders have risen to the challenge. Some have had to scramble to find new hotels, restaurants, vehicle rental arrangements, etc. with planned suppliers no longer in business. In one case, the ride leader had to reroute a significant portion of the planned tour because the US/Canada border was closed to nonessential travel. If you were fortunate to get a spot on one of these remaining tours (they are all fully booked), make

sure to thank your ride leader for their efforts.

Planning continues for 2022. There is still space available on a number of tours in both the US and Overseas. Others have been posted this month or will be in the coming months. I know that many of you are looking forward to getting out on tours once again. We look forward to seeing you!

Policy

The Board gave final approval to the changes to the Ride Leader Policy & Guidelines (RLPG) that were described in the July 2021 Update. The approved changes were:

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Ann and Steve Ball, Green Valley, AZ

Paula Mozen, Bozeman, MT

Deborah Huntington, Brooklyn, NY

Travis Durnford and Bill Grether, Anchorage, AK

Roger Tennesen, Loves Park, IL

Diana Lincke, Anchorage, AK

Jennifer Cook, Anchorage, AK

Frank Hassler, Sterling, IL

Lisa and Scott Stroming, Wenatchee, WA

Larry and Patricia Koch, Anchorage, AK

Joanne Southerland, Tallahassee, FL

Jim Astle, Evergreen, CO

Timothy Eddy, Bend, OR

MaryJane Watson and Robert Hickey, Cincinnati, OH

Joy Poole, Santa Fe, NM

Clement Tesar, Santa Rosa, CA

Mirta Millares and Cheryl Armstrong, Ojai, CA

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Portugal Wildflowers Castles in the Spring May 30-June 22, 2022 Ride Coordinator:

Alexandra Wagner in conjunction with Easy Rider Tours. Start Location: Evora,

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Tour de Victoria Encore June 30-July 8, 2022. Ride Directors: Margaret Kavanagh and

Gail Johnson. Start Location: Victoria, BC. Finish Location: Victoria, BC. Ride Rating:

2B!

Azores Bike Hike: Climbs and Trails of São Miguel July 3-12, 2022. Ride

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SPACE AVAILABLE Sign Up Now... Need More Participants!! Yet Another Sunny Week in Palm Springs Jan 2022. With 300+ days of sunshine each year, Palm Springs is a great location to get an early start on the 2022 cycling season. This 1B fixed base tour offers accommodations at the Palm Springs Hilton, two dinners, three lunches and of course the famous BAC Happy Hour. The tour features rides around the resort community of Palm Springs and also rides into the desert where you'll see attractions such as Thousand Palms Oasis, Joshua Tree National Park and the San Andreas Fault zone when we descend Box Canyon. Now is your chance to sign up for a January 2022 ride in sunny Palm Springs, your chance to get out of the winter gloom and to ride among the stars. Check the full BAC tour listing for more information about this tour. You can also contact the leader Albert Meerscheidt with ride questions albert.meerscheidt@gmail.com

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Board members like many of you, have taken advantage of the summer months to spend time travelling to visit family and friends; to spend time camping, or at the lake/cottage/cabin/camp; and to participate in BAC tours. Notwithstanding the down time, planning has started for 2022 and the election of new Board members.

Elizabeth Buckingham and Brenda Cole will be leaving the Board after the Annual General Meeting at the end of February 2022. Both have come to the end of their terms. Elizabeth is not eligible for re-election and Brenda has decided not to seek an additional term.

A nominating committee comprised of Marion Campbell (mwcampbell@earthlink.net), Sue Bunten (sue@bunten.ca), Jan Erickson (bacjan50@gmail.com), and Tom Leever (tmleever@gmail.com) has been formed to identify and recommend nominees to the Board.

Over the past several years, a number of steps of been taken to reduce Board member's workload and make it more manageable:

- The Board tries to focus on policy matters and leave operational decisions to the Committees. This has tended to result in shorter meetings.
- There are three major policy documents:
 - o Frequently Asked Questions provide information to members on membership, signing up for tours, cancelling from a tour, tour final accounting, travel insurance, and COVID-19 and BAC tours
 - o Board Policies detail how the Board is to function, the responsibilities of the officers, members and committees, how meetings are to be conducted, etc.
 - o Ride Leader Policies and Guidelines provide the framework ride leaders are to follow in planning and carrying out their tours
- Experienced ride leaders who are not Board members are acting as Ride Mentors/Tour Reviewers.
- Every other month, the Board has a reduced agenda without committee reports. If there

are a limited number of non-urgent items, the meeting is cancelled and the items are held to the next month.

If you feel yourself, or someone you know, could contribute to BAC by serving on the Board of Directors, please submit their name to Nancy Bohnett (office@bicycleadventureclub.org) or get in touch with a member of the nominating committee. The Board is looking in particular for members who have ride leader experience and/or who could backup Jim Yuhn who currently has responsibility for the BAC website. More details will be provided in the October 2021 Monthly Update on the process that will be followed.

BAC Jerseys, Arm Warmers and Sleeves

The online store will be open September 1-15, 2021 to order the new BAC cycling jersey, arm warmers or lightweight arm sleeves. More details and the link to the Primal Online Store are available below.

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TOURS

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Rides with Space Available

- Ride the Fall Colors of Carbondale Colorado Sep 20, 2021 - Sep 27, 2021 2B
- Ultimate Vietnam Jan 8, 2022 - Jan 25, 2022 3B
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- Thailand's Royal Road South - Bangkok to Phuket Jan 29, 2022 - Feb 13, 2022 2C
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BAC JERSEY AVAILABLE TO ORDER FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Be Bright, Visible and Represent BAC

The Primal Online Store is Open Once Again! Order Your BAC Jersey, Thermal Arm Warmers, and or Lightweight Arm Sleeves NOW by Clicking the Link Below.

Jersey Cost: \$55 plus \$10 for shipping in USA (\$20-\$25 for shipping to Canada)

Online Store is Open: September 1- September 15, 2021

Targeted Delivery Date: October 29, 2021

To Order Your Jersey and/or Arm Warmers Use This Link:

<https://via.primalcustom.com/collections/t06911a>

Also Available: Thermal Arm Warmers (\$28) and Lightweight Arm Sleeves (\$23) to match!

Unisex sizing. A sizing chart for all items can be found on the ordering page.

For any Team Store questions or ordering assistance, there is a 'Help' category with FAQ information, phone#, and LiveChat on the order page. Barb Rudolph is your BAC contact: Rudolph.Barb@gmail.com or 214-497-4233 for questions.

MEMBERS CORNER

For Sale: BAC Jersey. Women's XL Sport Cut Raglan Jersey \$55. To see a picture of the jersey, at the top of the website under MORE, click on the link Order a Jersey. This jersey is new, I ordered it a couple of months ago, but does not fit. If interested contact Vickie Smith vickie.smith@comcast.net

For Sale 2009 Bike Friday New World Tourist folding hybrid/touring bike. I think it's a 52cm (I'm 5'4"). Folds into a Samsonite suitcase (not included) for easy air travel. Also quick folds for bringing on a train or storing.

Well maintained. karen@karensaltus.com or 207 438 9055 (landline)

For Sale 2005 Axiom Seven Titanium Mens Bicycle, Built for comfort for a 6 foot man. Campagnola Chorus, Triple, 700cc Mavic wheels, King Headset \$3500 If interested contact Colleen at jalapenomama8@hotmail.com

SPACE AVAILABLE Sign Up Now... Need More Participants!! Yet Another Sunny Week in Palm Springs Jan 2022. With 300+ days of sunshine each year, Palm Springs is a great location to get an early start on the 2022 cycling season. This 1B fixed base tour offers accommodations at the Palm Springs Hilton, two dinners, three lunches and of course the famous BAC Happy Hour.

The tour features rides around the resort community of Palm Springs and also rides into the desert where you'll see attractions such as Thousand Palms Oasis, Joshua Tree National Park and the San Andreas Fault zone when we descend Box Canyon. Now is your chance to sign up for a January 2022 ride in sunny Palm Springs, your chance to get out of the winter gloom and to ride among the stars. Check the full BAC tour listing for more information about this tour. You can also contact the leader Albert Meerscheidt with ride questions albert.meerscheidt@gmail.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 2021 – use discount code bacrocks2021. 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. Here's how to take advantage of this offer: Step 1: Log in or sign up for a free account at www.ridewithgps.com Step 2: Visit www.ridewithgps.com/access_tokens/use Step 3: Enter in the following BAC discount code: bacrocks2021

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OCTOBER 2021 VIEW FROM THE CHAIR (Elizabeth Buckingham)

It's been great to see the number of tours that have taken place over the past six weeks. Survey comments have been very positive about the job ride leaders have done in organizing the tours and in dealing with any challenges that may have arisen. If you are fortunate to be participating in a tour, be sure to thank the ride leaders for their efforts.

Most of the domestic tours for 2022 are now fully booked although there are a few with some space available. Space is also still available on for a number of overseas tours, primarily in Europe. All are worth considering.

The Board continues to fine tune BAC's policy framework as issues arise that aren't addressed.

As a result of an issue raised by a member during the summer, the Frequently Addressed Questions (FAQ) available on the website were recently updated to address the question "What type of information can I include in Member Announcements in the Monthly Update and on the

BAC website?” The FAQ are a great starting point if you have any questions about your membership, signing up for a tour, cancelling from a tour, tour final accounting, travel insurance, and COVID-19 and BAC tours.

Nominations for the Board

A separate notice is included in this Update, calling for nominations to BAC’s Board of Directors. I strongly encourage all members to consider putting their names forward or the names of fellow BAC members who you think have the skills and background necessary. Name(s) should be submitted to the Office (office@bicycleadventureclub.org) or to the nominating committee. It is important to have a range of perspectives on the Board. Brenda Cole and I will be stepping down from the Board after the Annual General Meeting at the end of February 2022.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations to the BAC Board of Directors are being accepted through October 31, 2021. Two vacancies need to be filled - Elizabeth Buckingham and Brenda Cole’s terms are coming to an end. Elizabeth is not eligible for re-election and Brenda has decided to not seek another term. The term of office for any new Board members will be three years. As set out in Section 3.1 of the Bylaws, a Board member must be a club member for at least two years prior to his/her assumption of office, must be a club member throughout his/her tenure as a Board Member, and must be in continued compliance with the bylaws and the Board’s governance policies including the Board Members’ Code of Conduct during their tenure on the Board.

The club’s Board Policies which were most recently updated in March 2021 and available on the BAC website under “Docs” outlines the Board Job Description; the characteristics, qualities and perspectives sought in Board members; the roles of Officers of the corporation; and existing committees and their responsibilities. The Board is specifically looking for someone at this time that has experience as a BAC ride leader and someone who could ultimately take over responsibility for the website from Jim Yuhn.

Desirable skills for the website position in order of importance include:

- Strong computer skills including email, web browser, and word/excel
- Club Express administrator skills (documentation on the system including webinars)

on various features is available on the Club Express website)

- Information Technology background including server management, security, email, and web server configuration and management
- Generation of concise requirements / problem statements to a software development team
- Software test and validation upon delivery of software updates and bug fixes
- Configuration of Windows Server, MYSQL database, Microsoft IIS, and Smartermail programs
- Relational database expertise including SQL query and update statements
- Software design, debugging, and coding in Microsoft ASP Classic and HTML languages

If you want to know more about serving on the Board, feel free to contact a member of the Nominating Committee (Marion Campbell (mwcampbell@earthlink.net), Sue Bunten (sue@bunten.ca), Jan Erickson (bacjan50@gmail.com), or Tom Leever (tmleever@gmail.com)).

If you know of someone who you think will make a good Board member, please contact the BAC office (office@bicycleadventureclub.org or 858-715-9510) or one of the Nominating Committee members who in turn will get in touch with the individual.

If you are interested in serving on the Board, please contact the office to determine what information needs to be submitted to support the Nominating Committee's decision making process.

By the end of November the Board will determine which candidates it will nominate for election to the Board. The number of nominees will equal the number of positions the Board plans to fill. These nominees will be announced to the membership in the December 2021 Monthly Update.

If there are any other members who wish to be nominated directly by the membership, they will have until January 14, 2022 to submit a petition with the signatures of two percent of the membership (approximately 35 signatures). Between January 15, 2022 and February 15, 2022 proxies will be sought for all the nominated candidates. These proxies will be exercised by the Board Chair at the Annual General Meeting currently scheduled for February 27, 2022.

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Sept 2021. If they live near you give them a call.

Michele McGuinness and Marty Huffman, Fountain Hills, AZ

Sheila and Reid Hansen, Peoria, IL

Robin Dushkin, Encinitas, CA

Samuel Wilson, Houston, TX

Michael and Petra Silverstein, Mill Creek, WA

Rebecca and Rhys Williams, Haverford, PA

Beth hare and john Salveson, Bryn Mawr, PA

Virginia Bushell, Studio City, CA

James Scott and Heidi Fleischmann, Albuquerque, NM

Patricia Takahashi, Walnut Creek, CA

Catherine Grimes, Merion Station, PA

Jeff and Judy Cox, Decatur, IL

Don Mosley, Three Rivers, CA

Pamela Patterson, Tucson, AZ

Jacqi Fifield, Bend, OR

Julie Benz, Melbourne, FL

Mary Johnson, Anchorage, AK

Carol Toepfer, Novato, CA

Randy Fay, Palisade, CO

Kathleen Alexandre, South Lake Tahoe, CA

Vicky Morter, Tucson, AZ

Jennifer Hine, Springfield, VA

TOURS

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2022 Lake Michigan Ramble Sept 6-20, 2022 Ride Directors: Dorothy Stock & Alexandra

Wagner. Start Location: Mackinaw City, Michigan. Finish Location: Mackinaw City, Michigan.

Ride Rating: 2B!

Riding Through History-Virginia Capital to Capital Oct 22-30, 2022. Ride Directors: Joan & Chuck Feerick. Start Location: Richmond, VA. Finish Location: Richmond, VA. Ride Rating: 1B!

Rides with Space Available

- GAP and C&O Trails 2021 Oct 9, 2021 - Oct 18, 2021 1C
- The Best of Tasmania 2022 Jan 31, 2022 - Feb 15, 2022 3B
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Ride leaders: Have you given any thought to leading your own international tour?

It's easier than you might think and incredibly rewarding to develop a tour in a lovely country with history and foreign culture, great food, wine, beer and beautiful scenery.

If you are an experienced BAC ride leader you too can direct your own international tour. All you need to do is find a suitable cycle tour route (and there are many) or a set of excellent local rides in a wonderful international location, then put your existing ride leader skills to work.

The BAC RL Training & Development Committee has prepared a 2 part Zoom training session for Monday, December 6th and Wednesday, December 8th

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This training will be presented by Sue Bunten & Warner Griswold.

Warner has directed or proposed 25 tours for BAC, coordinated 2 CAT tours as well as acted as driver on 4 tours. Of those, 9 are international tours and he has just returned from a small private 37 day overseas tour that he organized.

Sue has directed or proposed 4 tours and has co-directed 5 tours with Warner. Four of these are international tours. Sue and Warner are both currently planning a slate of directed 2023 international tours

Training Session 1 - Three Strategies for Coming up with an International Tour

We will help you find a tour inspiration and will review examples for laying out a tour from international tour guidebooks and from (vast amounts of) online information.

Training Session 2 - The Logistics for Running an International Tour

We have interviewed a number our club's pre-eminent self-directed international tour leaders and will present their tips and suggestions specifically respecting international tours including: currency issues, meals, beds, social hours, cell phones, RWGPS mapping and much more.

We hope you will participate in this training. There are many, many untapped tour routes that are excellent prospects for a directed international tour which could be led by any of our fabulous and experienced ride leaders.

The details:

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMldOCTpzsJE9VmHi0TOLHFbg8Y22uLCxSE>

To Register for Session 2: [Click here Directing a BAC International Tour Session 2](#)

[The Logistics of Running an International Tour](#)

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0vd-CvrD8tHNNKoNS00Z04Isrk1a39Pkul>

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MEMBERS CORNER

A Ride from Pittsburgh to DC-GAP and the C&O (Oct 2022) We are looking for a single female to share a room with another single female. We have a total of five spots remaining with two pending on our tour from Pittsburgh to Washington D.C Its 335 miles of almost car free cycling- the 150-mile Great Allegheny Passage ("GAP") and the 185-mile Chesapeake and Ohio Rail Trail (C&O) -joined together for a dream-like route from Pittsburgh to Washington DC. It is the creation of multitude of volunteer community organizations banding together in their quest to create these two trails. The GAP is an old railroad bed, and the C&O was a former path for boats to be towed down a human-made 185-mile canal, made obsolete by the building of the nearby railroad. It is classic and a bucket list tour.

There are still openings in the Vienna Woods and the Austrian Lake District 2022.

Currently Austria is 60.8% fully vaccinated against Covid-19 and 64.4% with at least one dose, a

higher rate than the USA. This trip has been offered twice before and loops from Baden (near Vienna) to Mondsee (near Salzburg) and back. The trip has received mostly five-star reviews and has been completely scouted with detailed maps, cue sheets, and GPS tracks making it a great adventure while minimizing the frustration of inaccurate information. Participants from the prior trips have made such comments about this trip as: "Best BAC trip I've ever taken (18 to date)"; "Roger & Tony were concerned about everyone's well-being on the trip, very genuine"; "menus and meals beautifully presented"; "the mountains, lakes, fresh air, dramatic landscapes, picture-perfect farms"; "being surprised with a birthday cake at dinner!"; "the quality of the roads made riding an absolute joy"; "attending Mass on Corpus Christi in the Mariazell Basilica; one of the 7 most important pilgrimage cities in Europe"; "the prolific flowers, in yards, along the roads, in overflowing window boxes", "the connection I felt to the country through the routes and the hotel hosts"; "it's harder than I expected, but I love it"; "I'd sign up again in a heartbeat"and so it went. We hope you will consider joining us in 2022! For more information please read the trip description.

For Sale BAC Womens Jersey size XL. Brand New. It is smaller than a typical XL. Price is \$45 and free shipping. Contact Dianne Olsen if interested. 907-382-8774.

lawofficeofdianneolsen@gmail.com

For Sale Bike Friday Pocket Rocket. Approx 51 cm. Shimano Ultegra components. Triple in hub. Located in Houston, TX. \$900 includes Samsonite case. pathighet@sbcglobal.net or 713-557-5720.

For Sale 2005 Axiom Seven Titanium Mens Bicycle, Built for comfort for a 6 foot man. Campagnola Chorus, Triple, 700cc Mavic wheels, King Headset \$2000. If interested contact Colleen at jalapenomama8@hotmail.com

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The BAC tours for 2021 have all been successfully completed. There were ultimately eighteen tours, all in the United States. Many thanks to the following leaders and co-leaders who put in considerable effort to organize the tours at a time when there was a lot of uncertainty as to what might happen and which hotels and restaurants would still be open:

- Mike Ballinger
- Kristi Brubaker
- Alice Carter
- Bridgette DeShields
- Chuck Feerick
- Joan Feerick
- Lucy Glover
- Randy Glover
- Warner Griswold
- Becky Hettinger
- Charlie Hettinger
- Huey Hurst
- Julie Leever
- Tom Leever
- Ida Nystrom
- Liz Nystrom
- Claire Robinson
- Barb Rudolph
- Glenn Rudolph
- Jean Sifleet
- Christina Simpson

- Anne Smith
- Bob Smith
- Joel Spencer
- Ramona Turner
- Carol Velamparambil

Five of the tours were led by first time ride leaders.

Due to ongoing State Department Reconsider Travel and Do Not Travel advisories for the foreign countries where BAC typically has tours and members' concerns about travelling, none of the planned 2021 Overseas tours took place except for two to Spain and Austria/Italy which proceeded as private tours. We are hopeful that most of the more than forty planned 2022 tours will be able to proceed including those scheduled for Europe. There is still space available on some US/Canada and overseas tours. Requirements for entry into other countries are constantly evolving and if you are signed up for a trip outside the US, your ride leader will let you know what the requirements are as the start date gets closer.

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Paul Bibeau Baily CO

Terry Hogue Golden CO

Lori Polonsky Alexandria VA

David Christie Golden CO

Mark Duenas Santa Rosa CA

Susi& Kurt Vogler Santa Rosa CA

Kelly & Dennis Rapkins Fredericksburg VA

Victoria Vogel Mill Valley CA

Virginia Fong San Rafael CA

Richard & Gale Grenier Yorba Linda CA

Robert Vogel Trinidad CA

Simona Carini Trinidad CA

Madeline Moore Petaluma CA

Lee Larsen Mill Valley CA

Mark Roelofs & Elizabeth McCord Soquel CA

Holly Miller Bellingham WA

Margaret Henderson Cornelius NC

Miriam Simon Waterford VT

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Salzburg to Innsbruck Bike & Hike Aug 29-Sept 12, 2023. Ride Directors: Warner Griswold and Sue Bunten. Start Location: Salzburg Austria. Finish Location: Innsbruck, Austria. Ride Rating: 2B!

Innsbruck to Venice Bike & Hike Sept 15-Oct 1, 2023. Ride Directors: Warner Griswold and Sue Bunten. Start Location: Innsbruck Austria. Finish Location: Treviso, Italy. Ride Rating: 2B!

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SAVE THE DATE! 2022 On-line Ride Leader Seminar

OVERVIEW: If you want to lead a BAC ride but don't know where to start then plan to participate in the BAC Zoom Ride Leader Seminar in four two hour sessions in February 2022.

This live web-based training was first offered in November 2020 and received rave reviews.

Most of the training participants have now offered their own rides through BAC.

Dates: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2/8, 2/10, 2/15 and 2/17

Time: 7:30 – 9:30 PM EST (4:30 – 6:30 PST) for each session.

The program will feature:

- On-line classes via Zoom
- Team projects between sessions
- Frequent knowledge checks with quizzes, games, and activities.

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.

Our goal is that participants will master the knowledge and skills needed to successfully propose a ride within 12 months of completing the seminar and to successfully lead the tour.

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. If seminar registration reaches the maximum number of 30 participants, preference will be given to first-time ride leaders.

Seminar participant responsibility

A successful Seminar depends on participants actively engaging in the program.

Participants will need to have:

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Hello BAC Members,

Welcome to the December 2021 BAC Monthly Update. On the first business day of each month

we'll be sending you the latest BAC news.

DECEMBER 2021 VIEW FROM THE CHAIR (Elizabeth Buckingham)

One of the Board's objectives for 2021 was to get more club members involved in the routine operations of the Club. We are quite pleased with the progress that has been made in this regard, and will be striving to increase the level of involvement of club members in future. Club members who gave generously of their time during 2021 included:

- Albert Balingit (ride mentor/tour reviewer, training)
- Alice Campbell (ride mentor/tour reviewer)
- Bridgette DeShields (Health & Safety subcommittee, training)
- Joan Feerick (training)
- Lucy Glover (ride mentor/tour reviewer)
- Kate Gordon (ride mentor/tour reviewer)
- Warner Griswold (ride mentor/tour reviewer, training)
- Karen Hass (ride mentor/tour reviewer)
- Rosa Katz (bookkeeping)
- Julie Leever (ride mentor/tour reviewer)
- Jane Maxwell (ride mentor/tour reviewer)
- John McManus (ride mentor/tour reviewer)
- Marita Moberg (ride mentor/tour reviewer)
- Bruce Nelson (website photo editor)
- Maria Nelson (training)
- Richard Oddy (training)
- Barb Rudolph (ride mentor/tour reviewer)
- Glenn Rudolph (ride mentor/tour reviewer)
- Clarice Sackett (ride mentor/tour reviewer)

Our thanks are extended to these club members for sharing their knowledge and expertise which has contributed significantly to the Club's ongoing operations during the past year.

2021 Annual General Meeting

BAC's 2021 Annual General Meeting will be held Sunday, February 27, 2022 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 2021 financial report, election of new Directors, and an opportunity for Club members to ask questions and make comments. More details will be provided in the February 2022 Update on how to sign up to participate in the meeting.

NEW MEMBERS We are pleased to welcome these new BAC Members who have joined us in November 2021. If they live near you give them a call.

Helmi and Ron McHenry, Summerland, BC

Kathleen and Brad Boyle, Rochester, MI

Patrick Stites, Windsor, CA

Maryse Rajotte, Penticton, BC

Karen Reich and Gerry Wendrovsky, New York, NY

Mary Euretig and Dave McKie, Gold River, CA

Mark and Stephanie Simpson, Bainbridge Island, WA

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.

2022 On-line Ride Leader Seminar Feb 8-17, 2022 Seminar Leaders Maria Nelson and Joan Feerick. Start and Finish Location: On Line.

Camino del Cid 2022 Sept 1-16, 2022. Ride Coordinator: Karen Hass in conjunction with Iberocycle. Start Location: Burgos, Spain. Finish Location: Valencia, Spain. Ride Rating: 4C

Adirondacks Fall Foliage 2022 Oct 6-17, 2022. Ride Directors: Julie and Tom Leever. Start Location: S. Burlington, VT. Finish Location: S. Burlington, VT. Ride Rating: 3B

Headwaters of the Rhône to the Mediterranean June 1-18, 2023 Ride Directors: Warner Griswold, Lori Henley. Start Location: Zurich, Switzerland. Finish Location: Fos-surMer/Marseille. Ride Rating: 2B!

Headwaters of the Rhine to the North Sea and Amsterdam June 20-July 12, 2023. Ride Directors: Warner Griswold & Sue Bunten. Start Location: Zurich Switzerland. Finish Location: Amsterdam, Netherlands. Ride Rating: 2C!

Islands of the Pacific Northwest June 24-July 6, 2023 Ride Directors: Maria & Doug Nelson.

Start Location: Sydney, BC. Finish Location: Sydney, BC. Ride Rating: 2B

Rides with Space Available

- Flowers In The Hills 2 Apr 13, 2022 - Apr 20, 2022 2B
- White Villages of Andalucia 2022 Apr 23, 2022 - May 8, 2022 3B
- Portugal Wildflowers & Castles in the Spring May 30, 2022 - Jun 11, 2022 3B
- Vienna Woods and the Austrian Lake District 2022 Jun 5, 2022 - Jun 19, 2022 3C
- West of England 2022 Jun 12, 2022 - Jun 25, 2022 2B
- Azores Bike Hike: Climbs and Trails of São Miguel Jul 3, 2022 - Jul 12, 2022 3A
- Northern Spain: La Rioja and Basque Country 2022 Jul 4, 2022 - Jul 20, 2022 3B
- Yellowstone Bike and Hike 2022 Jul 28, 2022 - Aug 11, 2022 2B
- Salzburg Double Loop - Seven Lakes Aug 29, 2022 - Sep 14, 2022 2B
- A Ride from Pittsburgh to DC-GAP and the C&O Oct 7, 2022 - Oct 20, 2022 1C
- Riding Through History - Virginia Capital to Capital Oct 22, 2022 - Oct 30, 2022 1B
- New Zealand East Coast South Island 2023 Jan 22, 2023 - Feb 5, 2023 2C
- Rescheduled The Best of Tasmania 2023 Jan 31, 2023 - Feb 15, 2023 3B
- New Zealand S Island Off Road Highlights 2023 Feb 10, 2023 - Feb 25, 2023 2B
- Rescheduled Kyushu and Yakushima Island May 9, 2023 - May 20, 2023 3C
- Tuscany: From Sun to Sea May 14, 2023 - May 26, 2023 2B
- Salzburg to Innsbruck Bike & Hike Aug 29, 2023 - Sep 12, 2023 2B
- Innsbruck to Venice Bike & Hike Sep 15, 2023 - Oct 1, 2023 2B

NEW RIDE LEADERS

Maria and Doug Nelson – (Islands of the Pacific Northwest 2023). We joined BAC in 2015 after learning about it from friends. Since then we've participated in 14 BAC trips. That number would be 19 by now if Covid hadn't interrupted our plans. Maria began cycling when she became interested in competing in triathlons. Later on, an invitation from Maria's sister to join her for the annual Seattle to Portland (STP) ride which is 200+ miles usually ridden in two days. This led us to joining the Cascade Bicycle Club and getting in shape for the STP with the Cascade Training Series. We've also enjoyed other Cascade events including the RSVP (Ride

from Seattle to Vancouver and Party). Since that time, Maria has ridden the STP three times (twice in one day) and Doug has ridden it 5 times (4 times in one day). We both retired in 2019 and have enjoyed cycling around the Pacific Northwest when our BAC trips were cancelled. Maria is the co-chair of the BAC Ride Leader Training and Development Committee so she's had great access to BAC resources and experienced mentors to become a new ride leader. Warner Griswold recently asked us to take over the Islands of the Pacific Northwest tour and we are excited to invite BAC members to this beautiful area of the world that we call home. We are also working on proposals for tours in Bend/Central Oregon and the Walla Walla area of southeast Washington which includes many great wineries. We've found BAC to be a great way to travel, cycle in exciting places and meet wonderful people.

BAC BOARD ELECTION 2022

The Board has nominated Kate Roney Faulkner and Barbara Rudolph to three year terms. 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, 2022. Proxies will be solicited from January 15 to February 15, 2022 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.

Kate Roney Faulkner: I participated in my first BAC trip (a wonderful two weeks in the south of France led by the indomitable Donna Graham) in 2001. Since then, I and my husband Bill have enjoyed a number of domestic and international BAC trips. We have found all aspects of BAC to be an excellent fit for us.

Bill and I have lived in Ventura, CA since 1990. I retired in 2016 after a 35-year career as a biologist with the National Park Service. I celebrated retirement by biking from Seattle to Washington, D.C. with a van-supported group of friends. We arrived in D.C. in time to join the official celebration of the 100-year anniversary of U.S. national parks on the Washington Mall. I am passionate about the potential for bicycles to improve people's physical and mental health. I have found a bicycle to be the ideal mode of travel in my everyday life and as a tourist. In retirement, I participate in several local bicycle advocacy organizations and advisory groups. I am a long-term member, and elected Board of Director officer, of my local bike club, the

Channel Islands Bicycle Club. I look forward to supporting BAC as a member of the Board.

Barbara Rudolph: I have been riding bicycles for approximately fifteen years. A few of those years I focused on racing until I wised up and decided riding just for fun was smarter and safer! I cycled across the United States during the summer of 2015, organized several cycling tours/vacations with friends, and have spent the past three year traveling and cycling the United States. I joined BAC in 2016, but had to wait to participate on any tours because of something called work. However; when I retired in January of 2019, ending my career as a public school principal, I quickly became involved with BAC and I went on my first tour: The Adirondacks 2019, and began planning the first two tours I would lead: Fort Myers to Key West 2021 and the Gap and C&O 2021. I have also co-lead The Fall Colors of Carbondale II 2021 and I am scheduled to co-lead The Islands of the Pacific NW 2022. I enjoy being a participant, but I also enjoy giving back to BAC as a ride leader and co-leader. I feel I can still offer more to help continue the success of BAC by participating on the Board. My work experience and career in public education gives me a skill set that may be beneficial to BAC as a board member: cooperative, organized, committed to excellence and a team player. Throughout my career I was responsible for ensuring the success of others: students and teachers. I have experience working with boards and using systems, policies and guidelines to drive decision making while keeping an open mind and open ears to the ideas and needs of all stakeholders. I love BAC and the motto of: "Friends Leading Friends" on bicycle tours not for profit. I love to ride my bicycle, make new friends, and explore new areas. My goal as a board member would be to work cooperatively with the other board members to ensure that BAC maintains its high level of commitment to provide members excellent tours. I would focus my attention on meeting the needs of the ride leaders as a means to increase tour opportunities for the BAC membership. It would be an honor and a privilege to serve on the BAC Board.

DIRECTING A BAC INTERNATIONAL TOUR

RIDE LEADER SEMINAR upcoming session on "Directing a BAC International Tour"

provided by the Ride Leader Training & Development Committee.

If you are an experienced BAC ride leader you too can direct your own international tour.

The BAC RL Training & Development Committee has prepared a 2-part Zoom training session

for Monday, December 6th and Wednesday, December 8th

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This training will be presented by Sue Bunten & Warner Griswold with input from Julie Leever, Randy & Lucy Glover and Roger Hoyer & Tony Moy.

Warner has directed or proposed 25 tours for BAC.

Sue has directed or proposed 4 tours and has co-directed 5 tours with Warner. Four of these are international tours.

Training Session 1 - Three Strategies for Coming up with an International Tour

We will help you find a tour inspiration and will review examples for laying out a tour from international tour guidebooks and from (vast amounts of) online information.

Training Session 2 - The Logistics for Running an International Tour

We will present tips and suggestions specifically respecting international tours including: currency issues, meals, beds, social hours, cell phones, RWGPS mapping and much more.

The details:

Dates: Monday, December 6 and Wednesday, December 8 (You must register for each of the 2 sessions/parts separately.) The expectation is that people signing up for Session 2 will have participated in Session 1 also.

Duration: 2 hours per session

Time: 7:30 PM Eastern, 6:30 PM Central, 5:30 PM Mountain, 4:30 PM Pacific

To Register for Session 1: [Click here Directing a BAC International Tour Session 1](#)

Three Strategies for Coming Up with an International Tour

Or enter this web address:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMldOCtpzsjE9VmHi0TOLHFbg8Y22uLCxSE>

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After registering, you will receive 2 confirmation emails containing information about joining

the seminar's 2 sessions. Reminder emails with all needed information will be sent the day before each session.

SAVE THE DATE! 2022 On-line Ride Leader Seminar

OVERVIEW: If you want to lead a BAC ride but don't know where to start then plan to participate in the BAC Zoom Ride Leader Seminar in four two hour sessions in February 2022.

This live web-based training was first offered in November 2020 and received rave reviews.

Most of the training participants have now offered their own rides through BAC.

Dates: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2/8, 2/10, 2/15 and 2/17

Time: 7:30 – 9:30 PM EST (4:30 – 6:30 PST) for each session.

The program will feature:

- On-line classes via Zoom
- Team projects between sessions
- Frequent knowledge checks with quizzes, games, and activities.

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.

Our goal is that participants will master the knowledge and skills needed to successfully propose a ride within 12 months of completing the seminar and to successfully lead the tour.

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. If seminar registration reaches the maximum number of 30 participants, preference will be given to first-time ride leaders.

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