

BAC MONTHLY UPDATE

JUNE 2023



St. John's Loop, Florida. Stetson Hat photo

Hello BAC Members,

Welcome to the June 2023 BAC Monthly Update. On the first business day of each month, we'll be sending you the latest BAC news.

VIEW FROM THE CHAIR (Marion Campbell) JUNE 2023

Following are excellent comments shared by Barb Rudolph, a fellow board member.

Bicycle touring season is in full swing! Domestic and international tours are headed out weekly now until the end of October. Everyone wants and deserves to have a great time and experience while doing what they love: traveling-sightseeing, riding a bicycle, catching up with friends and making new friends. In an effort to guarantee a fantastic adventure for everyone, please take a few moments to review and reflect on the information below that outlines the BAC Standards of Member Conduct and Rider Responsibilities.

Standards of Member Conduct: BAC supports the concepts of tolerance, fairness, and acceptance of all members regardless of gender, ethnicity, religion, age, disability, color, creed, national origin, sexual preference or any other personal characteristics. BAC requires all members to treat others with respect, and to behave in a safe manner while on a ride. BAC does not accept harassment of any kind from any member. Membership may be terminated at any time for intolerant, unacceptable or unsafe behavior in violation of this section.

Rider Responsibilities:

Each rider brings his/her own bicycle or rents one suitable for the ride. The bicycle should be in good condition and each rider is responsible for performing his or her own bike maintenance as necessary.

- It is up to each participant to determine that he or she is able to do any ride for which they sign up. However, the ride leader makes the final determination as to who is accepted for each ride.
- RWGPS routes, maps and/or cue sheets are provided by the Ride Director. We do not ride as a group so the ability to read maps and cue sheets is essential. Riders start in the morning at the time of their choosing and each rider is responsible for getting himself or herself to the next destination on their own, rain or shine.
- The luggage van is not a sag wagon, although it can be used for support in an emergency.
- Industry approved helmets are mandatory on all rides.
- Riders are expected to have a positive attitude, be congenial with other tour participants, be flexible in those cases where things don't quite turn out as expected and cooperate with the Ride Director and other riders in the course of the ride.
- Riders may be pre-approved to share driving of the luggage van or asked to host a social hour or otherwise contribute to the efficient conduct of the ride.
- Any participant whose conduct during the ride is unacceptable to the Ride Director may be asked by the Ride Director to leave the group.
- Participants undertake rides at their own risk. BAC and Ride Directors are not responsible for participants' possession or for any personal injury, death, property damage or other loss, whether arising from accident, cancellations, delay or any other reason.

Happy Riding!

NEW MEMBERS

- Ellen and Randy Price, Grand Junction, CO
- Joy Griffin, Oakboro, NC
- Janet Johnson, Springfield, VA
- Wendi Reuter-Lorenz, Windsor, VT
- Joann Johnson, Bellingham, WA
- Ellen Murphy, Chico, CA
- Jennifer Taylor, Durham, NC
- Anne Schonfield, Berkeley, CA
- Arlane Olson, Bellingham, WA
- Paula Figelski, Georgetown, MA

We are pleased to welcome these new BAC Members who have joined us in May 2023. If they live near you give them a call.

TOURS

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

- **New Zealand Canterbury & Otago Off Road 2024** Feb 16-Mar 1, 2024. Ride Coordinator: Grant McAlister in coordination with NZ Bicycletours Ltd. Start Location: Christchurch, NZ. Finish Location: Christchurch, NZ. Ride Rating: 3B
- **New Zealand Westland & Tasman Off Road 2024** Mar 6-20,2024 Ride Coordinator: Grant McAlister in coordination with NZ Bicycletours Ltd. Start Location: Christchurch, NZ. Finish Location: Christchurch, NZ. Ride Rating: 3B
- **Mallorca 2024 Second Section** May 18-June 1, 2024 Ride Director; Nelson Diaz. Start Location: Playa Palma Mallorca, Finish Location: Playa Palma Mallorca. Ride Rating: 2B!
- **Not Just a Flat Netherlands - 3 Country Tour** Sept 4-16, 2024 Ride Director: Margaret Slack Start Location: Maastricht, Netherlands Finish Location: Maastricht, Netherlands. Ride Rating: 2B

RIDES WITH SPACE AVAILABLE

- Rescheduled West of England 2023 Jun 4, 2023 - Jun 17, 2023 2B
- Green Spain and Picos de Europa 2023 Sep 2, 2023 - Sep 17, 2023 3B
- Andalucia and White Villages Apr 20, 2024 - May 5, 2024 3B [All members welcome, no longer just for tandem riders.](#)
- Camino del Cid 2024 May 11, 2024 - May 30, 2024 4C [Space for female to share a room](#)
- Circumnavigate the Lake of Shining Waters-Lake Ontario May 25, 2024 - Jun 8, 2024 1B

- Northern Spain 2024: Rio Ebro, La Rioja & Basque Country Jun 6 - Jun 22, 2024 3B
[Space for male to share a room](#)
- Prague to Budapest a Historic Ride through 4 Countries Aug 18, 2024 - Sep 6, 2024 3B
- The “Other” Netherlands: North Brabant Friesland Aug 21, 2024 - Sep 2, 2024 1B
- Slovenia's Heart, Julian Alps Adriatic Coast Aug 29, 2024 - Sep 12, 2024 2B
- Empire State Trail, part 1 - Erie Canal Heritage Trail Sep 4, 2024 - Sep 14, 2024 1B
- Salzburg Double Loop - Seven Lakes Sep 10, 2024 - Sep 26, 2024 2B
- Empire State Trail, part 2- NYC to Quebec City Sep 14, 2024 - Sep 29, 2024 1C
- Seine à Vélo and Hidden Normandy 2024 Sep 16, 2024 - Oct 3, 2024 2B

OBITUARY

Long time member Bob Bachtel, Livermore, CA passed away on May 3rd, 2023. He and his wife Pat Wai have been BAC members since 2014 and participated in over 12 BAC rides together. He will be missed by many.

MEMBERS CORNER

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

For Sale Co-Motion steel coupled tandem 1997 Made for 6'2"+_6" and 5'4"+_4" Campy shifters and derailleur, 3x8 Caliper brakes + drum SPD compatible pedals Fairfax, Va. Price \$2500. If interested call Charlie Dyer 703.507.2066

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

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

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