

BAC MONTHLY UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 2023



Romans Lavender Tandem Tour of Provence and Luberon. Leaders Smith Dos and Claude Monnier. Photo by Julie Gregory

Hello BAC Members,

Welcome to the Sept. 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) SEPTEMBER 2023

Many of you have already been on a bike tour this year or are looking forward to one coming up soon. My wife, Alice, and I are starting a tour in Spain in a few days. The weather in Houston has been stressful with no rain and 100+ degree days for two months now. So we are really looking forward to some cool air and a few hills.

Recently I have gotten a few questions on the financial health of BAC. Our club is in good shape after taking a hit after COVID caused many rides not to run over a one-to-two-year period. We are tracking on budget for the year that will put us a reserve of around \$300K at the end of the year. This compares to about \$330 pre COVID. Ernie Coose, board member, and treasurer is largely responsible for this. He was able to suspend the tour insurance for overseas trips during the period that these were on hold due to COVID, invest money for upcoming tours in FDIC

insured CD's, and get an employee retention payment from the US government. Thank you Ernie for these actions that have allowed BAC to maintain the membership and tour fees through difficult times. Keeping cost down and value up will continue to be our goal!

NEW MEMBERS

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

Lori Armstrong, Ann Arbor, MI
Bonnie Berg, Sun City West, AZ
Sandra LaFontaine, Shoreline, WA
Gary and Yvette Blount, Novato, CA
Susan Fletcher and Theresa Frazer, Seattle, WA
Nancy Rutstein, Seattle, WA
Ann Judd, Seattle, WA
Russell Ball, Charleston, SC
Jennifer Wallace, Ventura, CA
Diane Stein, Oxnard, CA
Pandu Rudraraju, Scotts Valley, CA
Sharon Bergren, Eureka, MT
Kate black, Santa Rosa, CA
Watson Ronald, Seattle, WA
Stuart Dunwoody, Seattle, WA
Thomas Seidewand, Sterling, VA
Debbie Cihak, Glenwood Springs, CO
Karen Holmes, Sumner, MI
Bruce Bayle, Fletcher, NC
James Connerty, Bonita Springs, FL
Diana Ayers, Dallas, TX

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.

- **A Taste of Texas** April 22-29, 2024. Ride Directors: Becky and Charlie Hettinger. Start Location: Fredericksburg Texas. Finish Location: Fredericksburg Texas. Ride Rating: 2B
- **OTET- Cincinnati to Cleveland, Ohio rail trail** June 17-26, 2024. Ride Directors: Robyn Saur & Mark Copher. Start Location: Cincinnati, Ohio. Finish Location: Cleveland, Ohio. Ride Rating: 1B!

- **Canadian Rockies and Undiscovered Foothills** July 15-28, 2024. Ride Directors: Joan Bricker and Gordon Jones. Start Location: Calgary, AB, Canada. Finish Location: Calgary, AB, Canada. Ride Rating: 3B!
- **Appalachian Blue Ridge 2024** Sept 23-Oct 3, 2024. Ride Directors: Julie Leever and Robert Becker. Start Location: Asheville, NC. Finish Location: Asheville, NC. Ride Rating: 4B!
- **Blue Wall of the Carolinas 2024** Oct 6-18, 2024. Ride Directors: Julie Leever and Robert Becker. Start Location: Asheville, NC. Finish Location: Asheville, NC. Ride Rating: 3B!

RIDES WITH SPACE AVAILABLE

- Green Spain and Picos de Europa 2023 Sep 2, 2023 - Sep 17, 2023 3B
- Fall Colors of Carbondale, CO Sep 27, 2023 - Oct 4, 2023 3C
- New Zealand Canterbury & Otago Off Road 2024 Feb 16, 2024 - Mar 1, 2024 3B [Space for male to share room](#)
- New Zealand Westland & Tasman Off Road 2024 Mar 6, 2024 - Mar 20, 2024 3B [Space for male to share room](#)
- St. John's Loop, St. Augustine, FL Mar 18, 2024 - Mar 26, 2024 1B
- Tucson Spring Warm-up Mar 21, 2024 - Mar 28, 2024 2B
- Solvang in Spring – 2024 Apr 7, 2024 - Apr 13, 2024 2B
- Andalucia and White Villages Apr 20, 2024 - May 5, 2024 3B
- Camino del Cid 2024 May 11, 2024 - May 30, 2024 3B [Space for female to share room](#)
- Prague to Budapest a Historic Ride through 4 Countries Aug 18, 2024 - Sep 6, 2024 3B [Space for male to share room or single solo](#)
- The “Other” Netherlands: North Brabant Friesland Aug 21, 2024 - Sep 2, 2024 1B
- Not Just a Flat Netherlands - 3 Country Tour Sep 4, 2024 - Sep 16, 2024 2A
- Cape Cod and the Islands Sep 4, 2024 - Sep 19, 2024 1A
- 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
- Pittsburgh to DC: The GAP and CO Trails Sep 23, 2024 - Oct 6, 2024 1C

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

New Zealand Are you interested in riding in New Zealand in 2025? Grant McAlister would like input on the types of rides that members would like for BAC to do in NZ for 2025. Please either email gmc alister@gmail.com with suggestions or [fill in this google form](#).

SINGLES LOOKING FOR ROOMATES (New Section)

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

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

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

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

Camino del Cid 2024 May 11-30, 2024. [Space for female](#) to share a room.

Contact leader Karen Hass karenbikes2@gmail.com

Prague to Budapest a Historic Ride through 4 Countries. Aug 18-Sept 6, 2024. [Space for male to share room or single solo](#) rider.

Contact leader Warner Griswold jwarner-griswold@att.net

New Zealand Canterbury & Otago Off Road 2024 Feb 16 - March 1, 2024 and

New Zealand Westland & Tasman Off Road 2024 March 6-20, 2024

[Space for male to share a room.](#) Contact leader Grant McAlister gmcAlister@gmail.com

MEMBERS CORNER

For Sale: NorWester Co-Motion 21 speed steel road bike with S&S couplings. It is size 50.7, since it was a custom bike. \$1000 Please contact lag7.goetsch@gmail.com or call/text 206-300-8898 Bike is located in Seattle.

For Sale: Light Speed 52 cm titanium road bike. \$1200 Please contact lag7.goetsch@gmail.com or call/text 206-300-8898 Bike is located in Seattle.

For Sale Many bikes from 1990s on up - Includes Nobilette bikes, tandems, Motobecane, Bianchi - most measure about 50-54 cm. Some very old bikes - Schwinn's - many tools This is part of estate by an avid biker. Location Ann Arbor. No special sale date - will text pictures. Email Debby - dcaplan2@gmail.com

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

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

For Sale is a 53cm Merlin Magia road bike, titanium frame and Reynolds carbon fork, Shimano Ultegra grupo 50-34 compact chainrings, 11-32 rear cassette. Asking \$1750. contact Roger at rogerwtaff@gmail.com for more information and pictures.

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.