

Hello BAC Members,

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

JANUARY 2023 VIEW FROM THE CHAIR (Marion Campbell)

Happy New Year! 2023 is going to be a great year for BAC cyclists. Members have stepped up and taken on the challenge of becoming ride leaders. With the training that was provided, several graduates have already developed new rides that are or soon will be offered. The some of the new tours are specifically tailored for tandem and mountain bikers! Many thanks to Sue Bunten, Joan Feerick, Maria Nelson, Albert Balingit, and the committee that put on the Ride Leader Seminars that trained the new leaders.

While 2022 tested a few of our tour groups, the tenacity of the leaders and participants enabled a successful completion of all the adventures. 2023 will also have its difficulties, such as inflation, and continuing COVID concerns, but I am confident we will have another year of growth both in tours and membership.

2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

BAC's Annual General Meeting will be held Sunday, February 26, 2023, 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 2022 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 2023 Monthly Update on how to sign up to participate in the meeting.

BAC BOARD ELECTION 2023

As communicated in December the board has nominated Ernie Coose and Grant McAlister to three year term and Tom Leever to a two year term. This will allow Ernie and Tom to continue on the board after their current term ends in February 2023. 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, 2023.

You will receive an email January 15, 2023 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, 2023 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.

NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome these new BAC Members who have joined us in December 2022. If they live near you give them a call.

Lynne Tolman, Worcester, MA
Ingrid and Brent Mullane, Huntley, IL
Kris Korpela, Menomonie, WI
Gerald and Maureen Heimsath, Murphy, TX
David Adler and Wenjiang Zeng, San Jose, CA
Robin Davis, West Hartford, CT
Natalie Normand, Three Rivers, CA
Robbie Sweetser, Asheville, NC
Peter Sakuls, Toronto, ON
Kathy Hardy, Sterling Hts, MI
Patrick Morrissey, Aiea, HI
George and Jeanetta Zorn, Salmon Arm, BC
Philip Maass, Glenwood Springs, CO
Liz Walton, Minneapolis, MN

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.

Ride Wisconsin - Door County Sept 6-15, 2023 Ride Directors: Frank Hanson & Linda Kimball. Start Location: Green Bay, WI. Finish Location: Green Bay, WI. Ride Rating: 1B.

Ohio Rail Trails Tour Oct 5-15, 2023. Ride Directors: Troy and Kristina Wilson. Start Location: Cincinnati, OH. Finish Location: Cleveland, OH. Ride Rating: 1C!

Tandem Tour - Andalusia and White Villages April 20-May 5, 2024. Ride Coordinator: Claude Monnier in conjunction with Iberocycle. Start Location: Granada, Spain. Finish Location: Malaga, Spain. Ride Rating: 3B!

Northern Spain 2024: Rio Ebro, La Rioja & Basque Country June 6-22, 2024. Ride Coordinator: Clarice Sackett in conjunction with Iberocycle. Start Location: Santander, Spain. Finish Location: Bilbao, Spain. Ride Rating: 3B!

NEW RIDE LEADERS

Frank Hanson and Linda Kimball (Ride Wisconsin - Door County Sept 6-15, 2023.)
Frank and Linda look forward to leading their first BAC ride in September, and to introducing club members to some great cycling in their home state. They make the most of their 7-8 month cycling season in Wisconsin before turning to hiking, snowshoeing, and cross country skiing while waiting for spring. They are recently retired college teachers, and also orchestral musicians. Frank has been a BAC member since 2011 and participated in more than a dozen

tours in North America, including a cross country ride. Linda joined in 2017 and has enjoyed six BAC rides, and as many with other organizations. They have two grown sons who live in New Zealand and Colorado.

Troy and Kristina Wilson Ohio (Rail Trails Tour Oct 5-15, 2023.)

Kris and Troy are lifelong cyclists who live in the Columbus, Ohio area. They have been BAC members since 2019 and have completed 2 BAC rides, organized rides with other tour groups and self-supported “credit card” tours on their tandem bicycle. One of the most interesting trips was a self-supported trip from Bar Harbor Main to Hartford Connecticut in the midst of the pandemic. They are also leaders of the weekly group rides for their local club, Columbus Outdoor Pursuits. While both are known to ride single bikes, they prefer to ride a tandem as they have been doing for more than 22 years. Kris has recently retired, after working 40 years for the same company and Troy continues to work as a communications engineer. Kris is also an experienced yoga instructor who has been teaching for more than 20 years. She would love to offer classes to help us stretch during our tours if we are able to find a suitable space.

Rides with Space Available

- New Zealand East Coast South Island 2023 Jan 22, 2023 - Feb 5, 2023 2C [Opening for two participants \(one room\)](#)
- Rescheduled The Best of Tasmania 2023 Feb 2, 2023 - Feb 17, 2023 3B
- New Zealand S Island Off Road Highlights 2023 Feb 10, 2023 - Feb 25, 2023 2B [Possible opening for two participants \(one room\) or a single male roommate](#)
- 2023 On-line Ride Leader Seminar Feb 21, 2023 - Mar 2, 2023 1A
- Flowers In The Hills Apr 2, 2023 - Apr 9, 2023 2B [Single male and single female need roommates](#)
- St. John’s Loop, St. Augustine, FL Apr 17, 2023 - Apr 26, 2023 1B [Single male and single female need roommates.](#)
- California Central Coast & Wine Country Apr 20, 2023 - May 4, 2023 2B [Space for a single male](#)
- CA Coast: Santa Barbara to San Diego May 7, 2023 - May 16, 2023 2B
- Netherlands: Cycling the Green Heart and Hanseatic Towns May 17- May 29, 2023 1B [Space has opened up, act fast!](#)
- The Best of the New York Finger Lakes May 27, 2023 - Jun 9, 2023 2B
- Catalonia - Pyrenees, Cava and Costa Brava May 29, 2023 - Jun 12, 2023 2B
- Rescheduled West of England 2023 Jun 4, 2023 - Jun 17, 2023 2B
- Vineyards and Rail Trails in the Okanagan Valley Jun 8, 2023 - Jun 21, 2023 2B
- Dresden to Hamburg-A Classic Tour Along the Elbe Jul 20, 2023 - Aug 5, 2023 1A [Space for a single female](#)
- Green Spain and Picos de Europa 2023 Sep 2, 2023 - Sep 17, 2023 3B
- Coast of Maine 2023 Sep 5, 2023 - Sep 19, 2023 3B
- The Berkshires 2023 Sep 20, 2023 - Sep 30, 2023 2B
- Sicily 2023 Oct 18, 2023 - Oct 31, 2023 2B
- Islands of the Pacific Northwest Jun 22, 2024 - Jul 5, 2024 2B

2023 ON-LINE RIDE LEADER SEMINAR

The Ride Leader Training and Development Committee is making it easy to learn about being a ride leader. We're offering a Zoom based Ride Leader Seminar consisting of four 2.5 hour online sessions starting in February. This training is only offered every one to two years.

Below are details about the training and how to register.

Dates: Tuesdays and Thursdays 2/21, 2/23, 2/28 and 3/2

Time: 7:00 – 9:30 PM EST (4:00 – 6:30 PST) for each session.

The program will feature:

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

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

REGISTRATION: To submit a request to join this training event, go to <https://www.bicycleadventureclub.org/html/rides/?action=ride&rideid=1623>

Then use the "links" displayed above the Ride Description to request to register. When you are accepted, the Ride Leader will move you from the Waitlist to the Pending List. At that time you will receive an email notification to login to the BAC website to sign the release of liability form and pay the \$50 BAC ride registration fee and the initial tour deposit of \$20 by credit card. As soon as your payment has been processed, your name(s) will be added to the Participant List. To contact the Ride Leader, "click" the name at the top of the Ride Description. A link will be sent with instructions on how to access the Seminar prior to the first training session.

Participants who complete all four training sessions will have the ride registration fee reimbursed.

MEMBERS CORNER

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St. John's Loop, St. Augustine, FL Apr 17, 2023 - Apr 26, 2023 Single male and single female need roommates. Contact leader Robyn Saur Robynlee4@aol.com

California Central Coast & Wine Country Apr 20, 2023 - May 4, 2023 2B Space for a single male. Contact Roy Brubaker royrbru@gmail.com

Netherlands: Cycling the Green Heart and Hanseatic Towns May 17- May 29, 2023 1B Space has opened up, act fast! Contact Jan Gleason janisj1221@hotmail.com

Dresden to Hamburg-A Classic Tour Along the Elbe Jul 20, 2023 - Aug 5, 2023 1A Space for a single female. Contact Albert Balingit Albalingit58@yahoo.com

Rail Trails Tour Oct 5-15, 2023 We are currently searching for a van driver for this tour. Please contact the ride leader if you are interested, Troy Wilson twilson1088@gmail.com

For Sale: two Calfee Designs Tetra Pro coupled carbon frame road bikes. For the 50cm Calfee carbon travel bike (previously listed as 48, but carefully remeasured), here:

<https://sfbay.craigslist.org/eby/bik/d/lafayette-calfee-tetra-pro-ss-couplers/7532010500.html>

For the 62cm Calfee carbon travel bike, here:

<https://sfbay.craigslist.org/eby/bik/d/lafayette-calfee-tetra-pro-ss-couplers/7532013189.html>

Location is San Francisco Bay Area Contact allen.hardy@gmail.com

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

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 2022 – use discount code **bacrocks2022**. 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 enhanced features on all your rides.

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