

Hello BAC Members,

Welcome to the January 2022 BAC Monthly Update. On the first business day of each month we'll be sending you the latest BAC news.

2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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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. You will receive an email January 15, 2022 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, 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.

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JANUARY 2022 VIEW FROM THE CHAIR (Elizabeth Buckingham)

I’m optimistic that 2022 will see more BAC tours than we had in 2021 (18 tours in the U.S. occurred in comparison to four tours in 2020). There are currently 19 tours wholly in the U.S., five in whole or in part in Canada, and 26 in Europe, England and Ireland scheduled for 2022. A number of these tours still have space and are worth considering.

Kudos to our ride leaders who have shown considerable flexibility and adapted to the ever changing conditions during 2021. This flexibility and adaptability will undoubtedly continue during 2022. At this point it is impossible to know when the peak will be reached with the Omicron variant although a number of experts believe that there is a good possibility that we could move from a pandemic to an endemic with it.

In recognition of the evolving situation with respect to Covid-19, the Board approved in principle changes to our Covid-19 requirements in the Ride Leader Policies and Guidelines in December as described below to make it more likely that tours outside the U.S. can proceed.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE RIDE LEADER POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

Changes to the Covid-19 requirements in the Ride Leader Policies and Guidelines were approved in principle by the Board in late December 2021. The proposed changes are provided in the document entitled *RLPG 20211223 changes approved in principle.pdf* which is available under the Docs tab on the BAC website in the section entitled “For Ride Directors and Coordinators”.

Key changes include:

- Making the decision on whether a tour will proceed contingent on whether tourism will be allowed in the country(ies) (or specific regions) where your tour takes place and what

COVID precautions may be required rather than basing it on the State Department's most recent travel advisory.

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- All participants of tours outside the U.S. must be vaccinated. Further, they should receive their boosters as soon as they can after becoming eligible.

If you have any comments on these proposed changes, please send them to Marion Campbell (mwcampbell1@earthlink.net) by January 16, 2022.

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

Bob Hermanson and Ellen Duff, Chicago, IL
Dvora Ivankowski, Asheville, NC
Jean Gillon, Los Altos Hills, CA
Fran Williams, Saratoga, CA
Georgia Grimes, San Francisco, CA
Art and Anna Blumenkron, Sisters, OR
Jeffrey Clemons, University Place, WA
Cynthia Sutton, Gatineau, QC
Kim Weaver, Boulder, CO
Kaley Koblick, Portola valley, CA
Steve Stephansen, Los Altos, CA
Jim Schaefer, Ann Arbor, MI
Fun Ng, Huntington Woods, MI
Diana Trager, Vancouver, BC
Terri Bimes, Berkeley, CA
Denise and Robert Weaver, Hesperus, CO
Joe and Cheri Knopinski, Littleton, CO
Peter Mehl, Conway, AR
Louis Hoebel, Little Switzerland, NC
Anja Plowright, Berkeley, CA
Linda and Adam Dunn, Eaton Rapids, MI

TOURS

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Tour of the Moon and Beyond Sept 26-Oct 3, 2022. Ride Directors: Huey Hurst and Twain Berg. Start Location: Grand Junction, CO. Finish Location: Grand Junction, CO. Ride Rating: 3B!

Rides with Space Available

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NEW RIDE LEADERS

Patti & Steve Sundermann Ride the Fall Colors of Carbondale CO Sept. 2022.

We joined the Bicycle Adventure Club in 2010 and rode our first ride with Julie & Tom Leever through the Adirondacks. At the time, we still lived in Iowa, and owned a portrait photography studio. In 2012 we sold our business and retired and moved to Glenwood Springs, CO. Since then we have completed 7 rides with BAC.

We have 2 adult boys, one married, and one engaged, & twin grandsons who are 12 years now. All of them enjoy cycling.

Since moving to Colorado we have joined clubs in our town which emphasize outdoor activity all year around. We downhill & cross country ski, mountain bike, & road bike as much as possible. The Roaring Fork Valley is a mecca of outdoor activity! Our valley boasts many awesome road rides which we participate in often. Patti is the leader of the 100 club monthly rides in the Glenwood area. We are members of the Hot Springs Athletic Club in Glenwood where Patti teaches Mat pilates & Hatha/Vinyasa Yoga. We hope to participate in many more rides with BAC during our active retirement years!

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.

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The program will feature:

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Seminar participant responsibility

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

Participants will need to have:

- An up-to date computer with working camera and microphone. The BAC cannot provide tech support but will, as needed, provide links to tutorials on using Zoom before the seminar begins.
- Access to the internet
- A quiet environment to participate in the program – free of distractions (such as pets)

Registration will be in Zoom and information about how to register will be coming in a future newsletter.

MEMBERS CORNER

Emily Cletsoway long time BAC member, ride leader and Board Chairman from 1987-1990 passed away at age 93 March 20th 2021. A note from her obituary....Emily lived in San Luis Obispo, CA and was a nurse, pilot, mother, avid quilter, and international cyclist, Emily was always up to something interesting and adventurous and she had colorful stories to prove it.

Start 2022 off with a great tour in Spain - White Villages of Andalucia 2022. This excellent ride features the beautiful region of Andalucía in southern Spain, known for its Moorish architecture and history, white hilltop villages, flamenco, oranges, and olive groves. Interest has been picking up and we are getting close to our minimum number of participants. Don't miss your chance to enjoy this tour that has received very high ratings on each of the previous 5 editions (2011, 2012, 2015, 2016, 2018). After being cancelled in 2020 & 2021 due to COVID we will once again be running this tour with the outstanding IberoCycle tour company, for the 2022 version we incorporated an additional day allowing us to shorten one of the longer days and add a visit to the city of Jerez, famous for its sherry & wine. Spain has one of the highest vaccination rates (80+%) in the world and on my recent visit to Spain in September I found the mask compliance and general COVID safety to be very good. For more details about the tour please see the [trip description](#).

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 \$40 and free shipping. Contact Dianne Olsen if interested. 907-382-8774.
lawofficeofdianneolsen@gmail.com

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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SOLICITATION OF PROXIES FOR THE 2022 ELECTION

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 by the Board Chair at the Annual General Meeting.

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FEBRUARY 2022 VIEW FROM THE CHAIR (Elizabeth Buckingham)

Almost six years ago I joined the BAC Board of Directors as Treasurer and three years ago, I became the Board Chair. My last duty will be to chair the Annual General Meeting which will be conducted via Zoom on Sunday, February 27, 2022. As a Board member over the years in different organizations, I've strived to make a difference. BAC has been no exception. Major initiatives over the past six years in which I had a key role included:

- Moving BAC's accounting to the cloud from a desk based system better suited for personal finances.
- Writing the requirements that support the collection of ride payments from our members for tours. Special thanks to Stephen Kiel for pushing for information in real time for ride leaders. It resulted in a design that provided the necessary information for ride leaders and the BAC Treasurer to ensure that the funds associated with the tour were properly recorded.
- Membership surveys in 2018 and 2020. The results from both were extremely useful in guiding Board decision making.
- A policy framework detailing the Board's governance and operational processes. It serves as the up-to-date repository for Board decisions and eliminates the need to go back through the minutes to determine what decisions are still in effect.
- A revised framework for allowable expenses for ride leaders that permitted them to claim more for expenses incurred in planning and conducting a directed tour than they had in the past.
- Revamp of the Budget Worksheet and Final Accounting spreadsheet to add more detail and make it easier for ride leaders to handle currency conversions and exceptions to the

norm. Many thanks to Bridgette DeShields, Stephen Kiel and Jim Nystrom for their very helpful suggestions while I went through multiple iterations.

- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) that were added to the BAC website to address policy and procedural areas of potential interest to our members.
- Increasing the role of non-Board members in the ongoing activities of the Club. When I joined the Board, Board members handled the day-to-day accounting which became more significant with the move to credit card payments (a Club member is now assisting the Treasurer with this); worked with ride leaders to ensure tour descriptions meet policy requirements (experienced ride leaders are now handling this); and delivered training to prospective ride leaders (a committee that includes several individuals who had on the job experience delivering professional development is now handling this with assistance from experienced ride leaders). These changes have resulted in a significantly reduced time commitment from Board members. Like our members, we prefer to be out on our bikes rather than sitting in front of our computers!

There is no question that the past two years have been challenging. It has been encouraging to see how many of you have maintained your memberships over this period and are clearly ready to get back out on tours. As well, thankfully our reserves were sufficient to see us through and we were able to take advantage of the IRS Employee Retention Credit so that no staff layoffs were required. We also eliminated Board travel, cancelled insurance policies associated with tours outside the U.S., conducted training via Zoom rather than in-person, and limited website enhancements to save money. On a going forward basis, it is quite possible that at least the Annual General Meeting and some of the training will continue to be conducted via Zoom as it makes it easier for more of our members to participate.

I'd like to thank my fellow Board members for their contribution during my time on the Board, in particular to Marion Campbell who had to take on more when I landed in hospital for five weeks last spring. My doctor is very happy with my progress to date and hopefully I will get a clean bill of health in the fall when my next major test is scheduled. While I'm a little slower than I used to be, I've been back on the bike, in the pool, and out cross-country skiing. Several of you have suggested that an e-bike may be coming sooner rather than later. I don't think I'm ready to make that leap as yet.

I'd also like to recognize Brenda Cole who will be leaving the Board after four years at the Annual General Meeting. Brenda spent one year as the Vice Treasurer, one year as the Treasurer, and two years as the Secretary during her time on the Board. As a long-time BAC member (more than twenty years) and ride leader, Brenda has many BAC friends who would get in touch with her whenever the Board was dealing with something contentious from which we all benefited. I also appreciated her sage advice on actions I was contemplating. Her perspective often caused me to look at things differently.

Finally, I'd like to thank Nancy Bohnett, BAC's long-time Office Manager. Nancy has always been there, ready and willing to help me out in any way, with grace, calmness and good humor.

Policy Changes

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 Wayne Martin, Bishop, CA
 Guy Neenan, San Jose, CA
 Bruce Garguilo, Fremont, CA
 Ronald and Maureen Girard, Denver, CO
 Gina Day, Naples, FL
 Joseph Vojtech, Placitas, NM
 Robert and Fay DuBois, Sacramento, CA
 Wanda Walcavich, Spring, TX
 Pat Collins, Sonoma, CA
 Richard Waters, Davis, CA
 Daniel and Sidney Barcellos, Davis, CA
 Bernard Bogard, Poway, CA
 Brian Kaplan, Decatur, GA
 Len Nathe, San Diego, CA

Lesley Jensen, Lafayette, CA
Sandy Bacskai, El Cerrito, CA

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Last Chance to Register - 2022 On-line Ride Leader Seminar

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REGISTRATION: To submit a request to join this training event, go to

<https://www.bicyleadventureclub.org/html/rides/?action=ride&rideid=1570>

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 \$15 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. Eventually a link will be sent with instructions as to how to access the Seminar.

Participants who attend all four sessions of the training will be reimbursed the \$50 BAC registration fee.

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ARE YOU INTERESTED?

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For Sale, two new custom Co-Motion Americano Pinion belt drive, S & S coupling touring bikes, one small (46cm) and one med (54cm). New with only 300 total miles. Paid \$8500, asking \$7500. Contact Greg at "greglyall@gci.net" for full info, pics, build sheets, etc."

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

RIDE with GPS (RWGPS) club discount for BAC members extended! The 20% discount for BAC members on paid RWGPS memberships – **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. Here's how to take advantage of this offer:

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2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

BAC's 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 statements, election of new Directors, and an opportunity for Club members to ask questions and make comments. You must register for this event in advance by going to the following web address:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMtdOCqjgoHtdXr6dhk72AVTgF15EJzY0I>. 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. If two members from a household plan to participate and use the same connection, please only have one of the two register.

SOLICITATION OF PROXIES FOR THE 2022 ELECTION

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 by the Board Chair at the Annual General Meeting.

The Board has nominated Kate Roney Faulkner and Barbara Rudolph to three year terms. Biographical information is provided for each of them below.

Kate Roney Faulkner: I participated in my first BAC trip (a wonderful two weeks in the south of France led by 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.

FEBRUARY 2022 VIEW FROM THE CHAIR (Elizabeth Buckingham)

Almost six years ago I joined the BAC Board of Directors as Treasurer and three years ago, I became the Board Chair. My last duty will be to chair the Annual General Meeting which will be conducted via Zoom on Sunday, February 27, 2022. As a Board member over the years in different organizations, I've strived to make a difference. BAC has been no exception. Major initiatives over the past six years in which I had a key role included:

- Moving BAC's accounting to the cloud from a desk based system better suited for personal finances.
- Writing the requirements that support the collection of ride payments from our members for tours. Special thanks to Stephen Kiel for pushing for information in real time for ride leaders. It resulted in a design that provided the necessary information for ride leaders and the BAC Treasurer to ensure that the funds associated with the tour were properly recorded.
- Membership surveys in 2018 and 2020. The results from both were extremely useful in guiding Board decision making.
- A policy framework detailing the Board's governance and operational processes. It serves as the up-to-date repository for Board decisions and eliminates the need to go back through the minutes to determine what decisions are still in effect.
- A revised framework for allowable expenses for ride leaders that permitted them to claim more for expenses incurred in planning and conducting a directed tour than they had in the past.
- Revamp of the Budget Worksheet and Final Accounting spreadsheet to add more detail and make it easier for ride leaders to handle currency conversions and exceptions to the

norm. Many thanks to Bridgette DeShields, Stephen Kiel and Jim Nystrom for their very helpful suggestions while I went through multiple iterations.

- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) that were added to the BAC website to address policy and procedural areas of potential interest to our members.
- Increasing the role of non-Board members in the ongoing activities of the Club. When I joined the Board, Board members handled the day-to-day accounting which became more significant with the move to credit card payments (a Club member is now assisting the Treasurer with this); worked with ride leaders to ensure tour descriptions meet policy requirements (experienced ride leaders are now handling this); and delivered training to prospective ride leaders (a committee that includes several individuals who had on the job experience delivering professional development is now handling this with assistance from experienced ride leaders). These changes have resulted in a significantly reduced time commitment from Board members. Like our members, we prefer to be out on our bikes rather than sitting in front of our computers!

There is no question that the past two years have been challenging. It has been encouraging to see how many of you have maintained your memberships over this period and are clearly ready to get back out on tours. As well, thankfully our reserves were sufficient to see us through and we were able to take advantage of the IRS Employee Retention Credit so that no staff layoffs were required. We also eliminated Board travel, cancelled insurance policies associated with tours outside the U.S., conducted training via Zoom rather than in-person, and limited website enhancements to save money. On a going forward basis, it is quite possible that at least the Annual General Meeting and some of the training will continue to be conducted via Zoom as it makes it easier for more of our members to participate.

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Deadline to register is February 2nd.

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

The program will feature:

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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.

REGISTRATION: To submit a request to join this training event, go to <https://www.bicyleadventureclub.org/html/rides/?action=ride&rideid=1570>

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Jeff and Sharon Smith, Castle Rock, CO
Peter Magnusson, Chico, CA
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Catalonia - Pyrenees, Cava and Costa Brava May 29-June 12 2023. Ride Coordinator: Nelson Diaz in conjunction with Iberocycle. Start Location: Girona, Spain. Finish Location: Girona, Spain. Ride Rating: 2B!

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Looking for a fluent speaking Spanish co-leader to help design a self led ride in Spain for 2024. Please contact Warner Griswold at 775-843-3960 jwarner-griswold@att.net

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APRIL 2022 VIEW FROM THE CHAIR (Marion Campbell)

Ride Leader and tour reviewers have been hard at work putting together some outstanding rides that open this month. Please join me in saying thanks to them for the time and effort they put in to make BAC tours some of the most enjoyable and inexpensive available. A big thank you also goes to Glenn Rudolph who worked tirelessly on getting everyone together and being sure that these tours were professionally done! In addition to the new tours being posted there are still a number of other tours with spaces available as listed below.

Both domestic and international rides are starting this month! While COVID is still popping up in certain areas of the world, let's hope that we can do the rides currently booked without cancellations or rescheduling. One of the benefits that makes BAC tours so attractive is the insurance we carry both on domestic and international tours. We will be doing our first international tour since the pandemic started. Read on to find out more about the international insurance that has been reinstated for the upcoming tours.

Enjoy the spring weather and some great rides as we move into primetime for cycling!

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Wendy Amirault, Vancouver, BC
Pat Lambrose and Jim Cox, Park City, UT
Michael Roth, Piedmont, CA
Mladen Karcic, Kihei, HI
Gary Nelson, Aptos, CA
Robert Head and Dorothy Peterson, San Joes, CA
Pete Scott and Jacque Wedding-Scott, Broomfield, CO
Peyton and Henry Lester, Norwood, CO
Melissa Boyd, Redding, CA
Heather and Mike Martin, Solana Beach, CA
Paul Dick and Teresa Schrader, Phoenix, AZ
Scott Offord, Manitou Springs, CO
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LeMarche 2023 May 12-27, 2023. Ride Directors: Julie Leever & Sanborn Hodgkins. Start Location: Riccione, Italy. Finish Location: Riccione, Italy. Ride Rating: 3B!

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Dresden to Hamburg July 20-Aug 5, 2023. Ride Directors: Albert Balingit & Arleen Sakamoto. Start Location: Dresden, Germany. Finish Location: Hamburg, Germany. Ride Rating: 1A.

Copenhagen to Gothenburg Aug 11-26, 2023. Ride Directors: Albert Balingit & Sue Buntun. Start Location: Copenhagen Denmark. Finish Location: Gothenburg, Sweden. Ride Rating: 1B!

Best of Bend, Breweries & Bicycling in Central Oregon Sept 11-23, 2023. Ride Directors: Maria & Doug Nelson. Start Location: Redmond, OR. Finish Location: Redmond, OR. Ride Rating: 2B!

Ride Coordinator: in conjunction with Start Location: Finish Location: Ride Rating:

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NEW RIDE LEADER

Roxan Kraft - Ride Across Spain (Tarifa to Madrid & Madrid to San San Sebastián)

I joined BAC in 2018 when I did Sardinia-Medieval Towns. I loved the experience and way in which the BAC trips are run. Since then I've done another 5 rides, most of which have been international. Prior to riding with BAC, I've done 12 other international bike tours focused in France, Switzerland and Italy. I retired in 2019 and my passion is traveling on my bicycle, spending time with friends (new & old) and sampling food and wine from around the world. Ride Across Spain was last done in 2017 by Karen Hass. This trip is a repeat with a few slight modifications as a result of learnings from that trip and will utilize IberoCycles as the commercial support. Please join me!

PAYMENT PROCESSING FEE (Ernie Coose)

Payment Processing Fee increasing to 3.7%, effective April 15

Over the last few years credit card companies have been steadily increasing the interchange fees they charge us for processing your payments. One of the main drivers has been the popularity of cash back and rewards cards.

In 2021, we paid 3.7% on average. This is substantially more than the 3% Payment Processing fee we currently deduct from member payments. BAC has been absorbing the difference, but that amount has become significant enough to require a change.

Effective 4/15, we'll be increasing the payment processing fee to 3.7% to fully recover our costs.

For new rides, this rate will be included in estimated cost. The impact will be an extra \$7 in PP fee for each \$1,000 in ride cost.

For existing rides, the new rate will be applied to your final deposit if you pay after 4/15. Paying after 4/15 will not change the amount you pay. It will reduce the amount of your payment that's available to the ride leader to cover costs. This will affect the amount that the group as a whole is refunded post-tour. There will be no difference in refunds between participants on the same ride. We recommend that you pay your final deposit based on the ride leader's due date as you normally would.

SUMMARY OF BAC INSURANCE COVERAGE (Ernie Coose)

BAC maintains insurance that covers participants on foreign and domestic tours. Following is a summary. Insurance policies are posted on the BAC website under Docs/For Ride Directors and Coordinators/Insurance.

Before participating in any BAC tour, members should review their own medical coverage and assess whether to purchase additional travel insurance.

Please refer questions to BAC Treasurer Ernie Coose. Should you need to file a claim, contact Nancy Bohnett.

Foreign Accident Insurance (reinstated 4/21/2022)

- Covered Costs
 - Accident and Medical Emergency
 - Costs to treat accidental injuries as well as sudden and unexpected sickness
 - Accidental Death & Dismemberment
 - Evacuation
 - Repatriation of Remains
 - Emergency Family Reunion/Escort
- Coverage Period
 - Door-to-door from home
 - The tour itself plus up to 7 days before and after
 - No more than 90 days total (**This used to be limited to 45 days.**)
- Covered Persons
 - All tour participants, including citizens of the US and other countries
- Covid in Particular
 - Onset of Covid would be considered a sudden and expected sickness, so treatment costs would be covered.
 - Quarantine costs for a person who is infected or exposed would not be covered.

Domestic Accident Insurance

Domestic coverage is much narrower than foreign, under the assumption that participants will be able to rely on their personal insurance.

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 - Costs to treat accidental injury.
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Foreign Liability Insurance (reinstated 4/21/2022) and Domestic Liability Insurance

Both foreign and domestic policies cover damage caused by a participant, including:

- Bodily Injury and Property Damage
- Damage to Rented Premises
- Damage caused by Hired & Non-Owned Autos

Foreign insurance also covers:

- Medical and travel assistance from Travel Guard
- Kidnap & Ransom

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Gravel in Northern Vermont- Summer 2023 Ride Directors Jeff and Hilary Warner are testing the waters for interest in a tour. They are considering leading a mixed surface tour, predominantly on the quiet gravel/dirt roads of northern Vermont in late summer 2023. The scenery is spectacular in this area and the roads are usually hard packed and relatively smooth. The tour would start and end in Burlington VT which has a decent airport. The routes would take cyclists to local treasures such as the Hinterland Market, Fledermaus Teahouse, Hill Farmstead Brewery, the Brot Bakehouse, and the Museum of Every Day Life. There would be ~8 days of cycling, 4 of them mandatory. Rides would range from 30-45 miles, some using the soon to be completed Lamoille Valley Rail Trail, with options for longer rides. There would also be paved options on some days. Daily climbing would range from 1800 to 4000' depending on the ride selected- actual ride rating to be determined. The ideal bike for this tour would be a road/gravel or a hard tail mountain bike with gearing appropriate for hills and tires that are a minimum 35 mm. Fenders would be highly recommended in the event of rain. There may be a very limited number of rental bikes available. Jeff and Hilary hope to list the tour this summer. Please e-mail them if you are interested!

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30% discount to the posted charges on the Amsterdam to Brugge (Bike and Barge tour 4/30/22 to 5/14/22). Two spots. Contact Bill Reeves (wfrlaw@gmail.com) or Ride Coordinator Albert Balingit (Albalingit58@yahoo.com) for additional information.

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Policy Changes

At the April board of directors meeting two policy changes were approved in principle:

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Sara Huston and Gary Shaffer, Topsham, ME
Ellen Flaherty, Stonington, CT
Connie and Chris Hendy, North Garden, VA
Benee and Chris Curtis, Houston, TX
John Storey, Morristown, NJ
Mark and Betsy Gatehouse, Greensboro, NC
Patti Cary and Todd Stansbury, Charlottesville, VA
Sylvia Morin and Jeff Schunk, Salt Lake City, UT
Carolyn Allen, Everett, WA
Lynn and David Colvard, Raleigh, NC
Gary Miles, San Jose, CA
Michael Konzem, San Jose, CA
Sandra Strautman, Loomis, CA
Patrick Collins, San Francisco, CA
George and Cindy-Lea Niotta, Temecula, CA
Sally Goodspeed, Canberra,
Regina Falkner and David Reetz, Santa Cruz CA, CA
Dayle Iverson, Redmond, WA
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Brad and Teresa Jennings, Glenwood Springs, CO
Ellen Davis, Georgetown, TX
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Hello BAC Members,

Welcome to the June 2022 BAC Monthly Update. On the first business day of each month we'll be sending you the latest BAC news.

JUNE 2022 VIEW FROM THE CHAIR (Marion Campbell)

Over the past few months BAC has had several international tours going. On some of our tours there have been some participants that tested positive for COVID, which resulted in a delay in their return to the U.S. While all tours had COVID protocols in place, there were a few things that were learned that everyone should know concerning COVID and international travel.

Bridgette DeShields, our Health and Safety committee chair, and Barb Rudolph, board member in charge of member relations, have put together the following information:

If you are on an international trip and exhibit symptoms or have been exposed to COVID:

- Take a self-rapid test. If positive, immediately take another test where you can get "official" results - clinic/testing center/video proctored test. Then see a doctor. Take their recommendations on how to get the recovery certificate/letter in that country. You will need to supply the recovery certificate or a negative test result to your airline to return to the U.S.
- Then wait at least 5 days after symptoms start, take another rapid self-test. If you test negative, you don't need anything else. You should continue to test negative and should be able to use that to get back to the US. If not, you will need to wait until the doctor will issue something saying you have "recovered" - this varies by country.

The US is the only western country requiring testing for re-entry and under a LOT of pressure to drop it for vaccinated people. Hopefully this will happen soon.

For more information see: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/testing-international-air-travelers.html>

NEW MEMBERS

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

Angela and David Levinger, Santa Rosa, CA
Dean Dubbe and Helen Power, Felton, CA
Nancy Karnes, Sammamish, WA
Steven Friedman, San Rafael, CA
Maryann Boeger, Santa Cruz, CA
Brian Coxon, Lake Forest Park, WA
Gregory Pitts, Walnut Creek, CA
Sandra and Larry Agneberg, Vail, CO
Harry and Janette Thompson, Bedford, TX
Susan and Mike Mahoney, Fredericksburg, TX
Maryann and Jim Gleba, East Haddam, CT

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.

Paso Robles Ramble 2023 April 2-8, 2023. Ride Directors: Rich and Marianne Reinecke. Start Location: Paso Robles, CA. Finish Location: Paso Robles, CA. Ride Rating: 3B!

California Central Coast & Wine Country April 20-May 4, 2023. Ride Directors: Roy & Kristi Brubaker. Start Location: San Luis Obispo, CA. Finish Location: San Luis Obispo, CA. Ride Rating: 2B!

Rides with Space Available

- Camino del Cid 2022 Sep 2, 2022 - Sep 17, 2022 4C
- The Erie Canal Heritage Trail Sep 7, 2022 - Sep 17, 2022 1B
- Vineyards and Rail Trails in the Okanagan Valley Sep 12, 2022 - Sep 24, 2022 2B
- Historic Coastal Croatia 2022 Sep 16, 2022 - Oct 5, 2022 3B
- A Ride from Pittsburgh to DC-GAP and the C&O Oct 7, 2022 - Oct 20, 2022 1C
- Moab Bike Hike Oct 13, 2022 - Oct 21, 2022 2B
- Riding Through History - Virginia Capital to Capital Oct 22, 2022 - Oct 30, 2022 1B
- Grand Tour of Vietnam Jan 4, 2023 - Jan 20, 2023 2B
- Magical Sri Lanka Jan 25, 2023 - Feb 8, 2023 2B
- 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
- Ride Across Spain Part 1: Tarifa to Madrid Apr 21, 2023 - May 8, 2023 3B
- Umbria 2023 Apr 28, 2023 - May 11, 2023 2A
- Mallorca 2023 - A Cycling Gem May 6, 2023 - May 20, 2023 2B
- Ride Across Spain Part 2: Madrid to San Sebastián May 9, 2023 - May 26, 2023 3B
- Spring in Provence May 10, 2023 - May 25, 2023 1A
- Le Marche 2023 May 12, 2023 - May 27, 2023 3B
- Tuscany: From Sun to Sea May 15, 2023 - May 27, 2023 2B
- 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
- Salzburg to Innsbruck Bike & Hike Aug 29, 2023 - Sep 12, 2023 2B
- Green Spain and Picos de Europa 2023 Sep 2, 2023 - Sep 17, 2023 3B
- Best of Bend, Breweries & Bicycling in Central Oregon Sep 11, 2023 - Sep 23, 2023 2B
- Innsbruck to Venice Bike & Hike Sep 15, 2023 - Oct 1, 2023 2B

MEMBERS CORNER

Long time BAC member and Board member Bart Kinlein of Frederick, MD. passed away at age 84 on May 23, 2022. Bart and his wife Diane led rides for BAC back in 2003, including the Kentucky Bluegrass ride and Appalachian Fall ride.

Sept 12-24, 2022 Vineyards and Rail Trails in the Okanagan Valley has room for a single female willing to share and a single male willing to share on this stellar ride through Myra Canyon on the Kettle Valley Railway, alongside orchards and vineyards in the rural south Okanagan and more! Contact Margaret at margaret.slack@gmail.com for more information.

A Ride from Pittsburgh to DC-GAP and the C&O, October 7-20, 2022 : We have the following openings: 1. An opening for a single female to share a room with another single female. 2. An opening for two to share a room. If you are interested, please contact Albert Balingit at Albalingit58@yahoo.com

Dresden to Hamburg-July 20-August 5, 2023: We are looking for a single female to share a room with another single female. Please apply on the site or contact Albert Balingit @Albalingit58@yahoo.com if you are interested."

Portugal Wildflowers & Castles in the Spring May 30-June 11 2022. Space for a single female to share a room. If interested contact leader Alex Wagner alexwagner1136@gmail.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.

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