

VALLEY SPOKESMEN

Group Ride Schedule and Newsletter

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Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club P.O. Box 2630 • Dublin, CA 94568 • www.valleyspokesmen.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At the last Executive Board Meeting the Committee approved a new Member Sponsorship program for 2017. The program is intended to support members who are participating in Health Charity bike rides. We have a number of members that raise funds for Health Charities each year and the thought is to help members reach their fund raising goals. The club will sponsor a member for up to \$50 per membership. The total budget for this expense is \$2,000 and will be given out on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Charities must be approved in advanced by the Club Executive Board and the Club will enter its sponsorship directly into the charity's Website for the benefit of the club member. To be eligible, members must be in good standing as members of Valley Spokesmen Bike Club at the time of the request. Requests for funding will not be accepted more than 120 days prior to the beginning of the event.

Under this policy, only pre-approved charities shall be eligible for funding. To be eligible, the event must be a bike ride and the donation proceeds must benefit a registered 501(c)(3) Health Charity. Health Charities include: Disease & Disorder Charities, Medical Services & Treatment, Medical Research Charities and Patient and Family Support Charities.

Approved rides include:

- Waves to Wine (National Multiple Sclerosis Society)
- AIDS/LifeCycle
- Team in Training (Leukemia and Lymphoma Society)
- Arthritis Bike Classic (Arthritis Foundation)
- Tour de Cure (American Diabetes Association)
- The Boob Ride (Susan G. Komen)
- Cycle for Life (Cystic Fibrosis)
- JDRF Ride to Cure Diabetes (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation)
- Best Buddies Challenge (Best Buddies International)

The thought is for the club to support the charities that are important to members. Thanks to all of you who raise money to help address critical health needs.

Steve
President
Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Club

April 2017**STANDING RIDE OVERVIEW:**

MONDAY and WEDNESDAY morning ride from Heather Farms leave at 9:00 a.m.
 MONDAY and THURSDAY conditioning rides from Dublin (Livermore Cyclery) leave at 9:30 a.m.
 ODD FRIDAY morning ride from Central Park (San Ramon) at 10:00 a.m. Beginner Friendly.

SAT. 4/1/17 4 L/M-M up to 92 miles 8:00 a.m. Mines Road with the backside of Mt Hamilton out and back. Start: Old Nob Hill Shopping Center at South Livermore & Pacific Avenues. Do it all, or just do some of it. Water and limited food avail. only at the Observatory. Part of Wes and Emma's Davis Double training series.

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/18881149>

Emma Olenberger live2map@yahoo.com 707-479-2549

SAT. 4/1/17 2L/M ~25 miles 10:00 a.m. Feather Pedals Graduation Ride. Celebrate your achievement and another great conditioning season with fellow Feather Pedalers. Start: Blacksmith Square, 25 So. Livermore Ave., Livermore, CA
 Ride Host: Karin Ball 408-406-2286

SUN. 4/2/17 4M 67 miles 9:00 a.m. Belmont Canada Road, Tunitas Creek, & Half Moon Bay. 5,000' climbing. Begin at north end of Cañada road, at intersection with Hwy 92 in San Mateo county, over looking Crystal Springs reservoirs. Park approx. 300 yards south of Hwy 92. There is a trail head there that goes east over Hwy 280. This is a very popular place to start bike rides because Cañada road is closed to cars on Sundays, and there aren't many other unclogged roads on the peninsula. Look for VS jerseys. Lots of bike trails on this route - and one big climb - Tunitas Creek, 2,000' above the coast. Devil's Slide recreation trail is included, which is a big whale watching location. Ride Host- Rob Delfosse
<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/19301524>

MON. 4/3/17 9:00 a.m. 2-L/M 25-45 miles 9:00 a.m. Wendy Cosin will lead a group from Heather Farm every Mon. and Wed. morning. Monday rides will be shorter (25-35 miles) and more leisurely paced. Wednesday rides will be about 35-45 miles at a moderate pace. There will be a coffee or lunch stop on all rides. Meet at Heather Farm Park in Walnut Creek. Take I-680 to Ygnacio exit and go east; turn left at San Carlos Road into Heather Farm and park in the lot by the ball fields on the right. The route will be available at:
<http://ridewithgps.com/users/74695/routes> at least 48 hours before the ride. Be sure to check for the ride listed with the correct date. Ride Host: Wendy Cosin, 510-813-7061.

MON. 4/3/17 9:30 a.m. 2-M 20-25 miles Monday and Thursday morning conditioning ride starting at Livermore Cyclery in Dublin (in shopping center at the SW corner of San Ramon Rd. and Amador Valley Blvd.). Route will be determined by the participants. This is a good ride for someone getting back to riding after a lay off for any reason. Be sure to let me know so I can tailor the ride otherwise you should expect a 14-18 mph pace. This is a social ride involving a Peet's Coffee stop. Ride Host: Bob Heady 925-980-7989.

WED. 4/5/17 9:00 a.m. See Heather Farm Standing Ride details on MON. 4/3/17.

THURS. 4/6/17 9:30 a.m. See Mon./Thurs. Morning Standing Ride details on MON. 4/3/17.

FRI. 4/7/17 2 L/M 25-35 miles 10:00 a.m. This Odd FriDay series of rides will start at Central Park and be geared toward the riders who show. Central Park is located at the intersection of Bollinger and Alcosta Blvd., across from the Library. ALL riders are welcomed! We generally do a coffee shop stop near the end of the ride. (Beginner Friendly) If you are not on the vslist, please contact the ride host to confirm start time in case of "beat the heat" or other changes. Ride Host: Gail Blanco, gvblanco@aol.com, 925-872-1001.

SAT. 4/8/17 41st Cinderella Classic & Challenge and Expo!

MON. 4/10/17 9:00 a.m. See Heather Farm Standing Ride details on MON. 4/3/17.

MON. 4/10/17 9:30 a.m. See Mon./Thurs. Morning Standing Ride details on MON. 4/3/17.

WED. 4/12/17 9:00 a.m. See Heather Farm Standing Ride details on MON. 4/3/17.

THURS. 4/13/17 9:30 a.m. See Mon./Thurs. Morning Standing Ride details on MON. 4/3/17.

SAT. 4/15/17 2-L/M/B 63 or 127 miles 8:00 a.m. Martinez to Davis and Back. Riders can choose to take the train back, or complete the ride back on your bike. If you take the train, a Driver's License or other ID is needed to purchase a train ticket. Meet at the first parking lot on the left inside the Martinez Waterfront Park, off Joe DiMaggio Drive, across the railroad tracks, near the Martinez Amtrak Station. This is a "drop" ride, so please plan to ride with a buddy. Plenty of lunch options in Davis or Winters. This is part of Wes and Emma's Davis Double Training series. Ride hosts: Wes Eacret 925-872-8436, Emma Olenberger 707-479-2549
<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/18931082>

SAT. 4/15/17 1-L 10-15 miles 9:00 a.m. Bonnie's Pre-Beginner Ride. Vasco and Scenic parking lot. A social loop in Livermore for riders who are just getting back on the bike or would like a slow (10-12 mph), social ride. Starting near the Vasco Starbucks, park in the area North of Carl's Jr. where parking is ample. Ride Host- Bonnie Leys 408-656-4269

MON. 4/17/17 9:00 a.m. See Heather Farm Standing Ride details on MON. 4/3/17.

MON. 4/17/17 9:30 a.m. See Mon./Thurs. Morning Standing Ride details on MON. 4/3/17.

WED. 4/19/17 9:00 a.m. See Heather Farm Standing Ride details on MON. 4/3/17.

THURS. 4/20/17 9:30 a.m. See Mon./Thurs. Morning Standing Ride details on MON. 4/3/17.

FRI. 4/21/17 10:00 a.m. Odd FRIday Ride. See Odd FRI ride details on FRI. 4/7/17.

SAT. 4/22/17 1-L 9:00 a.m. Bonnie's Pre-Beginner Ride. A social loop in Livermore for riders who are just getting back on the bike or would like a slow (10-12 mph), social ride. Starting in the Springtown area with details TBD (check back). Ride Host: Bonnie Leys, 408-656-4269.

SAT. 4/22/17 9:00 a.m. Brahim's Ride (TBD) – see website for details as date approaches

SUN. 4/23/17 2-L/M 38 miles 9:30 a.m. Sunol Wildflower Ride. Start at Shannon Park in Dublin. Sunol Wildflower Ride. Join Erica Dedon for her tour of wildflower sites on her ride to Sunol and back. Ride Host: Erica Dedon (925) 487-6994 [Shannon to Sunol Regional Park.pdf](#)

MON. 4/24/17 9:00 a.m. See Heather Farm Standing Ride details on MON. 4/3/17.

MON. 4/24/17 9:30 a.m. See Mon./Thurs. Morning Standing Ride details on MON. 4/3/17.

WED. 4/26/17 9:00 a.m. See Heather Farm Standing Ride details on MON. 4/3/17.

THURS. 4/27/17 9:30 a.m. See Mon./Thurs. Morning Standing Ride details on MON. 4/3/17.

SAT. 4/29/17 Brahim Ride – see website for details as date approaches.

MON. 5/1/17 9:00 a.m. See Heather Farm Standing Ride details on MON. 4/3/17.

MON 5/1/17 9:30 a.m. See Mon./Thurs. Morning Standing Ride details on MON. 4/3/17.

WED. 5/3/17 9:00 a.m. See Heather Farm Standing Ride details on MON. 4/3/17.

THURS. 5/4/17 9:30 a.m. See Mon./Thurs. Morning Standing Ride details on MON. 4/3/17.

FRI. 5/5/17 10:00 a.m. Odd FRIday Ride. See Odd FRI ride details on FRI. 4/7/17.

PLEASE NOTE --- HERE ARE RIDE OPPORTUNITIES AND CLINICS IN ADDITION TO OUR REGULAR SCHEDULE

DAILY LUNCHTIME TRAINING RIDES: Join members of the Valley Spokesmen Racing Team and Lawrence Livermore Cyclotrons for daily training rides. Rides are 20-25 miles at a fast/brisk pace. Meet at 11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday, at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Visitors Center on Greenville Road. NOTE: The group tends to split into fast and slow packs, so there is an option for a less vigorous pace. (Take I-580 to Greenville Road exit, go south on Greenville for about 3 miles, parking lot for the Visitors Center is on the right, look for the flagpoles). For ride/course descriptions, contact Rocco Hollaway at 925-422-9701: hollaway1@lnl.gov

EVERY SUNDAY MORNING 3-B (hilly route and brisk pace) 35 miles (56 km) 8:00 a.m. Join the VS Race Team for a 3-B 35-mile ride with 2-B option (a little less hilly). We'll ride from the Bankhead Theater (North First St. @ S. Livermore) up Tesla, Cross Rd., Patterson Pass, South Flynn Rd. (or you can skip the Flynn climb and take Greenville), Altamont Pass Rd., residential streets to Dalton out to N. Livermore, Manning, Collier Canyon, Portola, and back to Livermore. Ride Leaders will vary. Contact Don Williams at 925-580-9395.

EVERY 1st SATURDAY MORNING each month. 4-S 45-60 miles (72-90 km) 9:00 a.m. Join the Wheels of Thunder and Valley Spokesmen Racing Team on a joint training ride. The ride starts in downtown Pleasanton from the parking lot on Neal Street between Main and First Streets (across from the drive-through milk store). The pace varies with re-grouping at the top of most long climbs. Most routes have turn-around points for those wanting shorter versions of the ride. All riders are welcome, but be warned that these are not entry-level rides. Each ride is a "no-drop" ride on rolling terrain that is close to 18 mph and is a good place for fit new riders to start. For information call Bob Fusco at 925-899-4027.

RIDE REVIEWS

March 4th - Today's Feather Pedals ride had 77 riders; 60 VS members; 17 non-members. We experienced diverse weather ie clouds, rain, sun, and wind. We were fortunate to have sun while riding in beautiful Livermore Valley wine country. Thanks everyone for your positive energy and always extending your thanks to the FP volunteers.

March 12th - Unfortunately, I was not able to make the ride yesterday but here are the stats: 67 riders enjoyed the beautiful day, 53 VS members and 14 non- members. Next week's ride will be 55 miles and Rebecca Wood will be the host. We have just a few more rides to get ready for Cinderella, so enjoy your training. A quick note: if you arrive late and miss the sign in, please email our Sag, Dean Ball dbdealic@yahoo.com so we can get our numbers and VS riders get the mileage counted. Recumbent Kathy

March 19th Kathy - Thank you very much for posting this ride. The five brave souls including some of my so-called friends (Bob Fujii, John Nordstrom, Eric Veit, Rob delfose and myself) have indeed finished the ride and all is well. The weather was nice and the Canyon was green but the flowers are not blooming yet. Brahim

March 26th We had a great ride yesterday -- chilly but beautiful weather thankfully! There were 71 riders who enjoyed the 57.5 mile ride -- 62 members and 9 non-members! Many thanks to our SAG, Dean Ball, (thanks so much for changing my flat, Dean!) and our sweep, Charles Parrish! These long rides take a lot of time and we appreciate their support! Rebecca

Newsletter mileage Query As of 3/26/2017			
Name	Total of Miles	Rides Led	Total Rides
Blanco, Gail	271	7	7
Cheng, Joe	303	0	9
Cushman, Francie	368	5	12
Dedon, Mark	234	0	6
Delfosse, Rob	235	3	5
DePasquale, Tammy	220	0	6
Duncan, Jim	236	3	8
Enriquez, Gilbert	248	0	4
Fusco, Bob	230	0	5
Hampton, Julie	228	0	6
Hernandez, Ken	436	0	11
Hernandez, Mary	320	0	10

Newsletter mileage Query As of 3/26/2017			
Name	Total of Miles	Rides Led	Total Rides
Kaiser, Karen	327	0	10
Koos, Kathy	236	2	4
Lanzas, Alberto	345	4	8
Mertz, Jacqueline	218	0	7
Nasstrom, John	279	0	6
Noori, Sina	233	0	5
Rasmussen, Ron	275	0	8
Reilly, T.J.	219	0	6
Satoutah, Brahim	302	1	6
Shannon, Geoff	221	4	7
Strain, Kathy	245	0	7
Sussman, David	381	2	12
Van De Vreugde, Jim	205	0	5
Whelan, Steve	696	1	19
Wood, Rebecca	203	2	6
Yantis, Marcheale	250	0	7

These totals represent miles ridden by club members who have covered more than 200 miles on club rides during 2017.

DON'T FORGET – Ride Hosts of club rides earn points towards FREE club clothing plus other benefits. The more rides you lead, the more clothing you receive.

Total miles ridden by club members so far this year is 23,792.

A big THANK YOU to all our bike hosts!



UPCOMING CYCLING EVENTS

- April
- 1 Tierra Bella Bicycle Tour, Gilroy, CA
 - 1 Pardee Party Bike Ride, Lone, CA
 - 1 California Classic Century Ride, Fresno, CA
 - 8 Cinderella Classic & Challenge, Pleasanton
 - 15 Sierra Century, Plymouth, CA
 - 15 Mr. Frog's Wild Ride, Murphys, CA
 - 22 Cycle for Sight, Napa, CA
 - 23 Primavera Century, Fremont, CA
 - 29 Devil Mountain Double Century, San Ramon
 - 29 Healdsburg Bicycle Tour, Healdsburg, CA
 - 29 Ride 4 a Reason, Oakland/Sacramento, CA
 - 30 Chico Velo Wildflower Century Chico, CA
- May
- 6 Rosarito-Ensenada Fun Bike Ride, Mexico
 - 6 3F Century Flat Fast & Fun, Colusa, CA
 - 6 Tour de Lincoln, Lincoln, CA
 - 6 Wine Country Century, Santa Rosa, CA
 - 6 Tour of Novato & Fun Fair, Novato, CA
 - 7 Delta Century, Lodi, CA
 - 7 Grizzly Peak Century, Moraga, CA
 - 7 Napa Valley Tour de Cure, Yountville, CA
 - 13 The Endue Classic, San Mateo, CA
 - 13 Tour of Long Beach, Long Beach, CA
 - 13 Ride 2 Recovery Honor Ride, Sacramento, CA
 - 13 Ride for Mom, Modesto, CA
 - 13 I-Care Classic So. Cty Century, Morgan Hill

- 13 Central Coast Double Century, Paso Robles
- 20 Sonoma County Backroad Challenge, Petaluma, CA
- 20 Tour of the Unknown Coast, Ferndale, CA
- 20 Davis Double Century, Davis, CA
- 20 Gold Country Challenge, Grass Valley, CA
- 20 Tour delle Vigne Lodi Sunrise Century, Lodi
- 21 Apple Blossom Bike Tour, Placerville, CA
- 21 Strawberry Fields Forever, Watsonville, CA
- 21 Mendocino Monster, Ukiah, CA
- 27 Art of Survival Century, Tulelake, CA
- 27-28 Great Western Bike Rally, Paso Robles, CA

UPCOMING VALLEY SPOKESMEN CYCLING EVENTS

VALLEY SPOKESMEN BICYCLE SWAP MEET

Sunday, April 9, 2017 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
 Wells Middle School – Multi-purpose Room
 6800 Penn Drive, Dublin, CA 94568
 Join us as you SWAP – Sell – or just plain look
 Contact: Bob or Bonnie Powers (925) 828-5299
 FREE!! FREE!! FREE!! FREE!! FREE!! FREE!!

UPCOMING TOUR PASO ROBLES 2016 – from Wednesday, May 24th to Friday, May 26th riding from Sunol to Paso Robles and the Great Western Bicycle Rally. There will be two nights of lodging in Hollister and King City. The total cost of the trip is anticipated to be \$250.00 or less. This includes lodging, truck rental, two lunches, snacks, drinks, etc. (community food). SAG will be provided, any volunteers? Unlimited number of riders. If interested please sign up with a \$200.00 deposit (made payable to Valley Spokesmen). For additional information you may contact Bonnie Powers at 925-828-5299 or b-powers@att.net.

NEW ENGLAND HERE WE COME

Come join us for a tour from Boston, MA through New Hampshire and onto Nova Scotia, New Brunswick then back to Maine before returning to Boston. The trip will run from July 13th until August 2rd. Note slight change in date. The estimated cost (based upon 20 riders) will be \$2800.00. This will cover all hotels, rental vehicles/insurance/gasoline, two ferry crossings for vehicles/people/bikes and incidentals. A deposit of \$200.00 will hold your spot, made payable to Bonnie Powers. Any questions, you may call me at 925-828-5299 – home; or 925-200-5299 – cell. Bonnie

VALLEY SPOKESMEN AFFILIATIONS

- Adventure Cycling – www.adventurecycling.org
- Bay Area Ridge Trail Council – www.ridgetrail.org
- Bike East Bay – www.bikeeastbay.org (formerly EBBC)
- Bicycle Trail Council of the East Bay - www.btceb.org/
- C.B.C. - California Bicycle Coalition - www.calbike.org
- California State Parks Foundation - www.parks.ca.gov
- East Bay Regional Parks - www.ebparks.org
- Greenbelt Alliance – www.greenbelt.org
- L.A.B. - League of American Bicyclists -www.bikeleague.org
- National Parks Conservation Association - www.npca.org
- Nature Conservancy – www.nature.org/
- Planning and Conservation League - www.pcl.org
- Rails to Trails – www.railstotrails.org
- Yosemite Conservancy

**VALLEY SPOKESMEN GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING
March 1, 2017
7:00pm – 7841 Amador Valley Rd., Dublin, CA**

Call to Order at 7:01 p.m. by Steve Whelan

Treasurer's Report—Don Carpenter reported nothing new since last Executive Board meeting.

Ride Report—Dianne reported that 65 rides were posted on the calendar with 29 cancelled due to weather. Feather pedals had 8 rides scheduled, 3 canceled, and 5 were completed. There are 34 rides posted on the March Calendar. Upcoming notable rides include: Feather Pedal training graduation party and ride is April 1, 2017. Please make your reservations for sandwiches by March 15, 2017. The Paso Robles Tour is coming up followed by the Great Western Bike Rally. Bonnie and Bob have planned a ride through New England. Peter Culshaw has planned a ride to San Diego the week before the Paso Robles trip. There are also lots of training rides posted on the calendar which include: Feather Pedals, Death Ride Training, and Double Century Training. Dianne mentioned the need for less strenuous rides. Dianne, Jane, and Julie offered to help mentor new ride hosts. In addition, Jane will be leading the Tuesday Night Mountain Bike rides as well as the Monday/Thursday rides.

Community Liaison's Report—Francie mentioned that Dublin is still working on Dougherty Road. The bike trail will be completed before the road so we will be able to use the bike trail. San Ramon Blvd. will be paved this summer between Dublin Blvd. and Alcosta Blvd.

Correspondence—Bonnie mentioned the bills have been paid and the permits filed

Cinderella—Jim reported that 1,000 women have signed up. He is looking for volunteers. He mentioned that volunteers will be entered into a drawing for nine different century registrations. Each volunteer position will provide one entry into the drawing. Bob Powers indicated there is a link up on the website to volunteer.

Paso Robles—Bonnie indicated sign ups have begun. To sign up for the event, Bonnie will need a \$200.00 deposit made payable to Valley Spokesmen. Please note this is a member's only ride.

New England—Bonnie has one availability for one more woman and one more man. The cost is \$2,800.00 per person and there is a waiting list.

RidewithGPS Training Module—Kathy provided an update on the RidewithGPS Training Module and hopes to be able to roll it out by March 27, 2017. She is currently working on securing a location that can provide internet services for all who attend.

Good of the Order—Jane Moorhead gave a discussion and brief history on the Mt. Diablo Challenge event. Valley Spokesmen will be spearheading the event this year and gearing it towards a more family friendly event. It will be a timed, but not sanctioned, event. The tentative date for the event is October 8, 2017.

Entertainment – Jane Moorhead provided a lovely presentation on her recent trip with Bob to Africa.

**VALLEY SPOKESMAN EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
March 8, 2017**

7:00pm – 6640 Spruce Ln., Dublin, CA

Present: Bonnie Powers, Rebecca Wood, Steve Whelan, Jim Duncan, Rob Delfosse, Kathy Koos, Don Carpenter, Gail Blanco

Absent: Ken Hernandez

Meeting called to order by President Steve Whelan at 7:02 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT—Don reported we are solvent and are awaiting the Race Team's information to prepare the tax return.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Ride Report – Gail reported that many rides were rained out.
- B. V.S. Website Jim mentioned the website has been updated. Jim will follow up on updating the website to include information about the Swap Meet.
- C. Master Plans -- Francie mentioned the weather is delaying much of the work in progress and approved in Dublin. Community Liaison Al Kalin is working with the City of Danville to form a Pedestrian and Cycling Task Force
- D. Correspondence – Bonnie has been paying for various club memberships with other affiliations.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Mountain Challenge 2017 – Steve provided an update on the event's progress. The permit from the State Park will be provided when commitments from various safety organizations have been secured. Staging and festivities will take place at Oakhill Park. Jane is in the process of developing the reservation plan for Oakhill. There was a discussion on price. There will be timers for the event, but the event will not be a sanctioned event.
- B. Cinderella Status Update – 1,029 participants have signed up. Jim will send out another blurb to past participants. Jim continues to need volunteers for Sag and registration.
- C. VS Sponsorship Policy -- Steve presented a draft policy on Valley Spokesmen sponsorship of events in which members participate. Bonnie made a motion to approve individual \$50.00 donations per member with a maximum annual total contribution of \$2,000.00. Jim seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Funding will be allocated on a first come first served basis limited to the Total Funding of \$2,000.00. Each member is limited to receiving one VS Sponsorship. Members must submit requests to the Board for approval. Pre-approved events include the following:
 - Waves to Wine (National Multiple Sclerosis Society)
 - AIDS/LifeCycle
 - Team in Training (Leukemia and Lymphoma Society)

- Arthritis Bike Classic (Arthritis Foundation)
 - Tour de Cure (American Diabetes Association)
 - The Boob Ride (Susan G. Komen)
 - Cycle for Life (Cystic Fibrosis)
 - JDRF Ride to Cure Diabetes (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation)
 - Best Buddies Challenge (Best Buddies International)
 - Napa Valley Ride to Defeat ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease).
- D. New England Trip Update - Bonnie has made the hotel reservations and will send out an email blast on the departure date.
- E. Communications Strategic Plan—Rebecca provided a plan on the Valley Spokesmen Newsletter. The monthly printed newsletter will be condensed and included with the quarterly newsletter beginning in July. Monthly newsletters will continue through the end of June, 2017. Afterwards, business information and ride information will be found on the website. Deb Daly will be taking over the quarterly newsletter. Look for information regarding this change in the April Monthly Newsletter. The recommendations as presented in Rebecca's plan were seconded by Jim and voted in favor. Bonnie objected. Kathy abstained.
- F. Mid-winter party debriefing—Kathy provided an update on the survey results and proposed budget compared to actual expenditures.
- G. Pearl Izumi Discount—Kathy reported she is in contact with the Pearl Izumi Factory Outlet in Vacaville to secure an ongoing 20% discount to Valley Spokesmen Members. She will send out an email blast.
- H. RidewithGPS Tutorial—Kathy provided an update on the RidewithGPS Tutorial. She has received feedback from Mary H. and Dianne on a test run. She is continuing to work on a location.
- I. Ride Report—The Calendar is filling up nicely with a few openings in March.

6. Check to Randick O'Dea Tooliastos, LLP for Cinderella Classic trademark.
7. Check to Bay Area Ridge Trail Council for annual membership.
8. Check to California State Parks Foundation for annual membership.
9. Check to Marc Duvoisin for member sponsorship program
10. Check to Minuteman Press for printing of Swap Meet flyers.
11. Check to Mary Engleton for first aid kit replenishing.
12. Check to Harburn Enterprises, Inc. for Cinderella patches.
13. Check for Swap Meet cash.
14. Check to Dublin Security Storage for 13 month's rent on storage locker.
15. Check to Amador Valley Industries for Cinderella dumpster.
16. Check to Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services LLC for postal meter lease.
17. Check to Brian Lipinski for award for Cinderella patch design,
18. Check to City of Pleasanton for police coverage on Cinderella day.

Correspondence received:

1. Thank you letters from Bay Area Trail Council and The Nature Conservancy for membership renewal.
2. Ride Sign-up sheets.
3. Advertisements for upcoming events and touring companies.
4. April copy of *Sunset* magazine.
5. Newsletters and magazines from various clubs, organizations and businesses.

☞ VALLEY SPOKESMEN CLUB GEAR ☞

Contact Jim Duncan for club gear:

hey-you@comcast.net or 925-209-1369

The following Valley Spokesmen clothing is available:

short sleeve jersey - club cut -	\$65.00
short sleeve jersey - women's cut -	\$65.00
long sleeve jersey - <i>(to be discontinued)</i>	\$70.00
sleeveless wind shell vest -	\$60.00
long sleeve jacket - <i>(to be discontinued)</i>	\$69.99
shorts - women / men -	\$58.00
bib shorts - <i>(to be discontinued)</i>	\$65.00
arm warmers	\$30.00
gloves - yellow, blue, black <i>(changing to blue & black only)</i>	\$27.00
socks - white, yellow, black <i>(changing to blue & black only)</i> -	\$7.00



GOOD of the ORDER:

- Jim inquired about the status of PANJO!
- Kathy mentioned starting a monthly Ladies Night Out event.
- Bonnie will need assistance unloading Cinderella supplies next week.

Adjourned @8:26 p.m. by Steve Whelan to the Executive Board Meeting on April 12, 2017 at 6640 Spruce Lane, Dublin, CA.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Koos, Recording Secretary

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Club Correspondence

Correspondence sent:

1. Check to League of American Bicyclists for annual membership.
2. Check to Simple Elegance for caterer at Mid-winter party.
3. Check to California Highway Patrol for Cinderella.
4. Check to Dublin Security Storage for rental of truck for Cinderella.
5. Check to Business Card (B of A) for charge account.

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2017 CLUB OFFICERS

President: Steve Whelan 925-964-7209
 Vice-President: Rob Delfosse 925-522-6270

Treasurer: Don Carpenter 510-406-3205
 Secretary: Kathy Koos 925-963-8506

Admin Services Director: Bonnie Powers 925-828-5299
 Cycling Director: Gail Blanco 925-872-1001
 Events Director: Jim Duncan 925-209-1369
 Communications Director: Rebecca Wood 925-577-3842
 Past President: Marcus vanRaalte 925-437-3253

Non Elected Positions:

Bike East Bay Rep.: Adele Madelo 510-773-0693
 Webmasters: Ken Hernandez 510-329-9481
 Steve Whelan 925-831-8258

Community Liaisons:

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 Danville Al Kallin alkalin@yahoo

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 Lafayette Open
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