



Petaluma Wheelmen Cycling Club

PWCC Memorable Moments

*Highlights of a few of 2006 Centuries
PWCC members completed this year*

Charlie Rowell, Mary Ford and Karin Burger enjoyed the Grizzly Century last October in the southern Sierras. Spectacular granite views, a gentle 75-mile climb followed by 14 miles of rather chilly downhill, a nice turn around Bass Lake to spin out the kinks, and last but not least, homemade sushi at the rest stops (!) added up to a pretty awesome day.

Joe Conway raved about the “El Tour de Tucson,” saying its organization and support were the best. Next year, he plans to bring home a gold medal for under 6 hours.

Jim Garcia and Mike Casselli completed The Foxy Fall ride, sponsored by the Davis Bike Club. Since the weather report called for temperatures in the low to mid 60’s (they lied), the guys left their warm clothes behind, leading to various frozen body parts; yet they completed the ride in less than 6.5 hours.

Sue Cohen, Dave Mulford, Warren Watkins, Tom Mansell, Karin Burger and Joe and Arlene Morgan on their tandem completed the Wildflower Century in Chico this spring.

Joe Morgan, Dave Mulford and Karin Burger are planning on completing the Death Valley Double and Death Valley Century this coming March.

El presidente bids “Adieu”



*Rick Moeller, Retiring Club
President*

Out with the old and in with el nuevo presidente! Free to don my previous incarnation, Tricky Ricky, I wish to thank all the members for helping to create a club that is one of the highlights of my life. Your kindness, help and support have been a constant joy and grateful distraction. I will

treasure always the memories of the past two years. Thank You!

I’m excited about the future with 3 new club officers, Robin Weinzveg, Karin Burger and David Mulford, and our el nuevo presidente, Jim Janakes. Fresh ideas and new perspectives await us just around the corner or over the next hill with the caliber of talent now on our Board. Our returning poster boy, Dave Trumbo, has also stepped up by agreeing to be the “voice” of the club on queries to our website. We couldn’t ask for a more active or genial leader in Jim Janakes whose accomplishments are legendary.

Last words will be to thank all those who attended the Holiday Awards Party luncheon. Congratulations to all the Award recipients and apologies to those who weren’t awarded, lim-its are unavoidable, though many more of you were deserving of awards. The venue, Graffiti’s, proved an inspired choice with great food and location. A grand time was had by all.

Adieu, Tricky Ricky

Member Profile

Dave Trumbo, one of the founding members of PWCC, is also a ride leader with the Santa Rosa Cycling Club. Through this group, Dave met other Petaluma cyclists. Realizing that they shared the same passion, they began to ride regularly, and thus the beginning of PWCC.

Six years ago, a friend encouraged Dave to try cycling when Dave wanted to lose weight. His first ride was a struggle—6 miles—but now 40 to 100 miles in a day is not unusual for him. Within his first year of cycling he lost 70 pounds.

In August 2001 Dave joined the SRCC and really began to enjoy the beautiful backroads of Sonoma County on the group club rides, eventually leading rides himself. Through SRCC he met cyclists in the Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition, learning how to ride safely as a member of that club as well. He has assisted with the course marking for SRCC's Wine Country Century as well as the Two Rock and Roll Ride and the Buddhist Bicycle Pilgrimage.

Dave's first century ride was in February, 2002. Since then he has ridden a number of centuries and 200K rides. This past summer he rode in SRCC's 5 day Wild Rivers Tour through Northern California and So. Oregon, with 25,000 feet of climbing.

Dave retired in 2000 after 31 years as a Port of Oakland Teamster. He's not returning to work; riding is his job, at least 5 days a week! For the past 5 years he has logged over 10,000 miles per year on his various bikes.

Dave lives in Petaluma with his wife Shelley, their 2 dogs, Shadow and Lily, and his "stable" of bikes. He says, "I just like to ride."



Dave Trumbo at the Tomales Bakery.

Mark Your Calendar!

Check the website, www.petalumawheelmen.org for updates and further details on events. Instructions on how to join the email list (list-serve) are on the website. You can then send and receive announcements on any new rides and post changes to scheduled rides.

REGULAR RIDES

Tues/Thurs/Sun leaving The Applebox at 9:15 am. **Note a change for winter hours!**

EVERY THIRD SATURDAY

"Get outta town" rides. Here's your chance to experience great rides out of the Petaluma area. Check the email list for rides originating in other parts of the Bay Area. Any member can post a ride.

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF MONTH

7 pm—Jan. 3, Feb. 7, Mar. 7—General meetings (dinner between 6 and 7 pm) at the Applebox. Speakers present on a variety of bike related topics. Delicious, moderately priced dinners prepared by proprietors Kayvon and Zora Nikfar. Beer and wine available.

UPCOMING CENTURIES IN 2007:

Check out the Links page on our club's website to access ride calendars with information on these and other centuries:
<http://www.petalumawheelmen.org/Links.html>

Death Valley Century and Double Century, March 3, Furnace Creek, California.

Tour of the Unknown Valley, Sunday, March 4th
Willows - Maxwell - Stonyford - Elk Creek
65 or 106 miles. 106 mile starts in Willows; 65 mile starts in Maxwell, California.

Chico Velo Wildflower Century, Sunday, April 22nd
Wildflower 100 - Mildflower 65 - Childflower 20 - Flatflower 30/65
A Bicycling Magazine Top Ten Century. Starts in Chico, California.

Solvang Century and Half-Century, Saturday, March 10
Solvang, California.

Cinderella Classic, Saturday, March 31
Dublin, California.



Judy Shubin, editor-in-chief of the PWCC newsletter invites your comments and ideas. Contact her at lichau1@yahoo.com. She thanks Mike Borse and Rick Moeller for editorial support.

Judy on a cycling trip in Czech Republic