

HI ALL from Henri --Please read-- lots going on and new stuff too (see near the bottom of minutes)!

MORCA MINUTES FOR MONDAY APRIL 7, 2008 at 6:30 PM at English Ale in Marina.

Minutes submitted by Henrietta Stern, Secretary, on 4/9/2008
Fifteen people attended including four officers + webmistress.

Our website is: www.morcamtb.org

2008 OFFICERS are:

President- Peter Sherrill

VP: Gary Courtright and Chris Mack

Secty: Henrietta Stern

Treasurer: Susan Brown

Though not an officer, our Webmistress, Shelley Potts, really provides a very valuable service. Thanks!!!

TREASURER'S REPORT -- Treasurer was not in attendance. Balance is close to \$1000. Group OK'd expenditure for drinks for recent BBQ and future events. We previously agreed we will hold off on becoming a tax-exempt 501-C-3 organization until after Sea Otter (where we are granted money in exchange for volunteering) as the 501-3-C fee is \$750. Susan will pursue that when directed to.

MEMBERSHIP -- Please pay your dues if you have not already. See website on how to join us!

ANNOUNCEMENTS, SHOUT-OUTS, etc

Newsletter Needed for Sea Otter -- see below for ideas etc-- we gotta do this now!

Alleycat Urban Ride-- Sat, Apr 19, 8 pm, Wharf 2 parking area, "Bring bike, bag, lights, Zombie Plan, respect, six \$1 bills"

Share the Road Solidarity Ride-- Wednesday May 14 at 6:30 PM, downtown Salinas-- courtesy of Mary. See calendar on website.

New Girls Only Weekly Ride-- Mondays at 6 PM (roll time) at 8th and Giggling -
- courtesy of Sue L; see calendar on website.

Weekly Rides-- New times and places for some; see below for details.

Chris V. rocks at Xterra-- he got 5th place in a tough age group. Did I hear correctly that **Anna Holden** also did quite well? And thanks for hosting a great poker ride and BBQ!

Horse Rockers -- Dave L and Henrietta got really cool horse/rock trophies made by Peter for the mtb time trial. Thanks Peter.

ESCA/ FORT ORD CLOSURES/INFORMATION KIOSK -

Henri attended ESCA meeting on March 25; see separate e-mail re: minutes. Importantly, trail closures will likely occur by mid-June. See also recent e-mail a map in progress showing the ESCA lands and the future of ESCA lands.

We volunteered to put two kiosks up with ESCA to pay for materials. This past week we are actively coordinating with ESCA about kiosk materials purchase, with likely construction in May-- depends on when ESCA gets the property where the kiosks are to be located. MORCA will maintain the kiosk at 8th and Giggling; runners will maintain the one at Intergarrison and Schoonover.

ESCA has asked us to write a letter of support for transfer process. The group OK'd a letter that will state that we obviously prefer to not lose any access to existing trails, but if closures are necessary as part of the cleanup, we support continued efforts by ESCA to communicate with and involve the public, maintain acceptable access to BLM public lands, and to perform the cleanup in the most environmentally responsible manner possible in order to minimize impacts to habitat. [Henri will develop a draft letter for Peter to review and finalize.](#)

SEA OTTER CLASSIC (SOC) 2008-- LITTLE KIDS BIKE RODEO VOLUNTEERS April 18-19-20

For little kids under 10, likely under 7-- Chris Mack and Anna Bixler are coordinating our efforts along with Peter; they have been meeting with SOC folks and details are beginning to emerge. **Volunteers who serve a 6-hour stint at the rodeo get a bracelet good for 4 days of SOC entry. Peter has 18 bracelets** as they allotted 6 volunteer slots for three days. **Check our website and sign up now**-- places still need to be filled.

Sea Otter contract will pay us \$540. We voted to accept. This is a major fundraiser so mark your calendars! The more people who help out the better, as we can easily take turns to give each other a break.

The website also has signup to staff the MORCA booth with our beer-drinkin' buddies from MBOSC! Same location as last year near the track and other fun action, and adjacent to the Kids Rodeo. We welcome your ideas to make our booth look cool.

We no longer are needed to be course marshalls for the IMBA ride on Saturday. Details:

SET-UP Wednesday afternoon 4/16 around 4 PM-- easy stunts and six skill stations.

FRI-SAT-SUN TIMELINE

9-10: set up

10-11: register kids

11-12: help kids learn each of 6 skills

12-1: race by age groups around the rodeo area

1-4: hang out and help kids have free time-- I assume all need to sign waivers

[Peter to check on whether parents must be present, or what our responsibilities are](#)

[Peter checking on possible second MORCA banner](#)

[Henri to provide a second Easy-Up for rodeo \(will need help setting it up\)](#)

[Ken providing canopy and table for the booth](#)

[The guys discussed possible trailer, bike rack, generator etc-- not sure of what you decided](#)

HELP US CREATE A MORCA NEWSLETTER IN TIME FOR SEA OTTER and also for bike shops etc. We envision a quarterly newsletter and **we solicit your travel stories, race reports, funny trail happenings, "Ask Antone", animal sitings, artwork, photos, cartoons and ???** And we need a name for this rag! "The De-Railer" was suggested at the meeting. We solicit your ideas. **For the special Sea Otter edition, the deadline for submissions is now-- April 10.** Susan Brown volunteered to put this together.

Submit stuff to Susan at: scbrownrides@comcast.net

At our 4/7 meeting the following folks committed to writing a short paragraph or two:

Anyone see Antone? -- Gary

The Prez Speaks-- Peter

Upcoming Calendar -- Peter

ESCA Update -- Henri

Horse/Rock and Poker Ride BBQ-- Chris

Trailwork -- Mary

This will be cheap and simple for now-- but a sponsor might be great in the future (maybe bike shops, other businesses who ride???)

MAY 3-4 is 24 HOURS OF ADRENALIN. We voted to commit to staffing an aid station at the bottom of Ewok in exchange for free corporate team (10 people). **That means two people for 24 hours in 4-hr shifts at our volunteer station.** I think Peter counted 8 riders at our meeting who expressed interest in riding. That leaves 2 more (plus alternates are always a good idea)-- and also who wants to help? As we get closer, Shelley will set up volunteer sign-up on web. Let Peter know if you are interested in being on the team and/or volunteering. Peter selected two nice camping spots in Can-Am area, just to the right of the main entrance kiosk. The group voted to fund potential extra payments of up to \$270 that may be required by 24 Hours folks.

SUNDAY MAY 18 is SPRING KIDS/FAMILY DAY AT TORO PARK, 10-1 in association with Monterey County Bike week. It is always fun to host Kids Day, and it should be beautiful. Stay tuned for details.

Speaking of kids-- **NorCal Highschool Mountain Bike League** has a race at CCCX East Garriosn area on April 13 and at Toro Park on May 4. Over 450 kids from all over NorCal, with 35 high schools involved. Very festive and fun to watch! Also fun to volunteer! Check out www.norcalmtb.org.

RIDES, RIDES, RIDES !!!!

NEW! SUE'S LADIES ONLY RIDE IS COMING MONDAY APRIL 14, 2008, rolling at 6 PM from 8th and Giggling-- and subsequent **Monday evenings** after work. Sue Lottridge + Shelley etc will lead a slow, easy ride to encourage gals to come out and ride, especially those who may feel rushed at other no drop rides ("oh, don't wait for me; I'm sorry I am so slow") and enjoy a

very mellow ride with no pressure, maybe work on some skills etc. No boys for now. Several guys at the meeting thought of female friends and loved ones who might really like this, so get their bikes tuned up!! See recent e-mails and web announcement -- spread the word!

NEW! CHRIS MACK'S SMACK TALKIN', MANLY-MAN, QUE ES MAS MACHO RIDE ON TUESDAYS (rolling at 6 PM from 8th and Giggling (ruff-n-tuff dirt gillz welcome too) -- Just teasing Chris! Seriously, this is a faster paced ride for those who want a good workout with minimal stops, longer distances and likely lots of hills. You should be an experienced rider who knows the trail system because this is a "we're not mean, but we might drop you if you can't keep up, so you better know your way home" kinda ride. **Chris-- I am not sure of your start date, or whether it is always an 8th and Giggling start-- please post on e-mail and website.**

CHANGES TO REGULAR RIDES--

Wednesdays 8th and Giggling will roll at 6:00 PM, not 5:30 now that daylight is longer. This is a mellower, coed no-drop ride.

After Sea Otter, the Saturday afternoon ride will leave from Creekside Terrace, not 8th and Giggling. I'm not sure if start time is now 3 PM, rather than 2:30 PM; check website or e-mail. Social pace, no one dropped, possible A and B groups, if needed.

SUMMER RIDING FUN IDEAS

Saturday June 7-- more fun with Chris V + BBQ-- stay tuned

Tahoe with Peter and possibly Bob-- June 28-July 3

Oregon-- July and August with Ken

Moab-- late Sept/early October with Chris M

UCSC, Demo, Coe-- watch the website or e-mails for spontaneous fun

A good idea from Bob-- perhaps team with REI for bike clinic, trail ride basics etc

OLD BUSINESS

TIME TRIAL was a success. We plan more fun events in the future.

We look forward to more events created by Chris V.

OTHER REMINDERS AND ON-GOING:

MORCA LOGO-WEAR: See our website; we have a Paypal account.

BLM COORDINATION re legal night riding and making certain trails

legal: We continue to strive to develop positive relationships and work toward these goals.

All-- carry MORCA cards with you to tell people about us-- or remember the website to tell new friends on the trail.

NEXT MEETING-- Next MORCA meeting is Mon May 5 at 6:30 PM at English Ales in Marina (223 Reindollar) -- all welcome.

That's all for now, folks! See you on the trails!