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**MORCA MINUTES for Monday May 8, 2008** at 6:30 PM at English Ales, Marina.  
Minutes submitted by Henrietta Stern, Secretary, on 5/8/2008  
Eighteen people attended including all five officers + webmistress.

**Our website is:** [www.morcamtb.org](http://www.morcamtb.org)

**2008 OFFICERS are:**

President- Peter Sherrill

VP: Gary Courtright and Chris Mack

Secty: Henrietta Stern

Treasurer: Susan Brown

Webmistress: Shelley Potts

**TREASURER'S REPORT** -- Balance is close to \$1100. Group approved payment to Susan for toner for our Spring 08 newsletter. Importantly, group approved \$750 for fees and paperwork associated with becoming a tax-exempt 501-C-3 organization. Susan to pursue. Insurance is paid through mid-October.

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

**SEA OTTER RECAP** – We liked the Kid's Zone duty as compared to course marshalling. Ideas for next year include:

- insist our booth be next to IMBA
- have a MORCA banner at the Kid's Zone as well as the booth
- need prizes for kids arranged in advance
- longer races for older kids and better delineation of race course

**MAY 3-4 was 24 HOURS OF ADRENALIN** – We enjoyed swapping tales of that cold, foggy, windy weekend! Great job, Team MORCA!!

**SUNDAY MAY 18 is SPRING KIDS/FAMILY DAY AT TORO PARK, 10-2** in association with Monterey County Bike week. Kaki Chen from TAMC attended the meeting. TAMC will provide PR, first aid kits, and help with food, prizes, insurance, volunteers and a booth. MORCA will provide waivers and be responsible for the event. Peter has Henri's Easy-Up, which can be used.

**SET-UP MAY 17:** Gary is procuring 4 bundles of 4-ft stakes + bag of 1.5" screws (5 lb)—hopefully Murphy's to donate. Ken needs help loading his truck May 17 in Carmel Valley at his home roughly at noon (1 hr task), plus 45-min drive to Toro. Volunteers with a charged cordless drill and/or sledgehammer needed at Toro Park at 2 PM to construct stunts (4-5 hrs of work).

**TASKS ON MAY 18**—Peter will arrive about 8:30. Come early to help put up booth, banner, waivers etc. Kids events start at 10. Help spot kids, lead a ride for older kids etc, help with BBQ, raffle etc—lots to do!!

**TAKE DOWN**—help needed after 2 PM Sunday to take down stunts with cordless drills again.

## **ESCA/ FORT ORD CLOSURES--**

Henri attended ESCA meeting on April 24; see separate e-mail for minutes. Trail closures likely June-July.

We volunteered to put two kiosks up with ESCA to pay for materials. Stan Cook is coordinating with Chris Mack re purchase of materials.

## **SPECIAL RIDES--**

- **Alleycat Ride--** Sat, June 7, 8<sup>th</sup> and Giggling, time TBD. This should fun ride that Peter and Chris will lead, full of surprises. Check e-mail, website.
- **Tahoe Ride**—Peter will be up in SLTahoe June 29-July 5 leading great rides and opening his cabin to MORCANS! Bob has offered his home nearby to gals June 26-27 nights. See e-mails as time gets closer.

## **REGULAR RIDES--**

- **Ladies night out, Monday evenings, rolling at 6 PM from 8th and Giggling--** Sue L. + Shelley lead a slow, easy ride to encourage gals to come out and ride, especially those who may feel rushed at other coed rides. Gals only please. 1.5 hours max.
- **Chris' Quick-Step ride (coed) Tuesday evenings rolling at 6 PM from 8th and Giggling --** 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 you may be dropped if you can't keep up (or form a subgroup, if needed).
- **Wednesday eve "Carrot Ride" at 8th and Giggling, rolling at 6:00 PM.** This is a mellower, coed no-drop ride with tailgate socializing afterward.
- **Saturday afternoon ride will leave from Creekside Terrace, not 8th and Giggling. Roll time is now 3 PM;** check website or e-mail. Social pace, no one dropped, possible A and B groups, if needed.

## **SUMMER/FALL RIDING FUN IDEAS**

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

**POSSIBILITIES**—Henri to research potential for access to lands owned and/or managed by Big Sur Land Trust/CountyParks (Marks Ranch), and Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (Palo Corona). Key goal is that mountain biking be integrated into the management plans developed by these entities for lands slated for public recreational use, and that MORCA be recognized as a "stakeholder" group.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, SHOUT-OUTS, etc**

**Bike2WorkWeek**—all next week May 12-18. Our Family Day is part of this on May 18—see [www.bike2work.com](http://www.bike2work.com). Participate and be eligible for \$1000 prize.

**MORCANS Rock at SeaOtter**—great job to allracers and volunteers!

**Spring Newsletter** – Great job, Susan, for putting this together at the last minute. Peter and others had suggestions for next time. Peter handed out copies for members to take to bike shops.

**OTHER REMINDERS AND ON-GOING:**

**MORCA LOGO-WEAR:** See our website; we have a Paypal account. E-mail us if interested.

**BLM COORDINATION re legal night riding and trail legalization:** 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, June 2, 2008 at 6:30 PM at English Ales in Marina (Reindollar) -- all welcome.

That's all for now, folks! [See you on the trails!](#)