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COME ALONG FOR THE RIDE!

Letter from the President

Coming Together

I will not be able to write this President's column without revealing my politics, so I apologize in advance and just say to you, vote me out in a year and become president so you can have the all powerful bully pulpit of the President of the Colorado Springs Cycling Club. (If some of you are confused, I am trying to be facetious!) But this is no joke - we have just completed a grueling election that ended with a subtle theme emerging, one I have not heard for a long time. It is simply, that we start thinking collectively again and not just about ourselves - that we take care of each other.

You are now asking yourself, what does this have to do with CSCC, and I am going to tell you. That value of working together to take care of each other as cyclists is the very nature of CSCC. There are lots of groups and in Colorado Springs that ride bicycles, but none have organized themselves to support riders to the extent that we have. Stop and think about all that CSCC does. We have rides at all levels scheduled weekly throughout the year, yes, even in the winter. We surround that with many social events - Summer Picnic, Progressive Dinner Ride, Christmas Party and special holiday Sunday rides so riders can connect. We have the leadership to provide LAB bicycle education. We communicate with our members and the community regularly through our newsletter and website. Our members are advocates for cycling by serving on numerous committees and boards throughout the community. We provide financial support nationally, in our state and locally for nonprofit bicycling activities, events and good work.

And all of this is financially possible because we run the best century ride offered in the state, the

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Upcoming Events

Ready to chill (and I do mean *chill!*) on a Friday night? The December Full Moon Ride is the Cold Moon Ride. Try out your cold weather gear on Dec. 12 for a ride that is guaranteed to include at least one stop for a warm beverage. And don't forget the Frozen Water Bottle Ride on New Years Day. For more rides and events, check out the [calendar](#). Have a ride to submit? Click [here](#).

RIDE LOG AND COMMITTEE

Where has the year gone? We started some new rides this year with the help of the Westside Gang. We are thrilled that more people stepped up to lead established Club rides when the primary leaders were out of town. We need to keep sharing the leader role. Everyone is to be commended. This was a different year for many of us. I broke my wrist in Aug and only recently could type with both hands (I'm still waiting my doctors' permission to ride my bike in the street again). I have a big stack of ride sheets that I am entering into the Club Mileage Log every night. I share the same how - did - that - happen feeling as several ride leaders in that

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TOP 10 REASONS WHY NEW BELGIUM BREWING EMPLOYEES LOVE TO RIDE

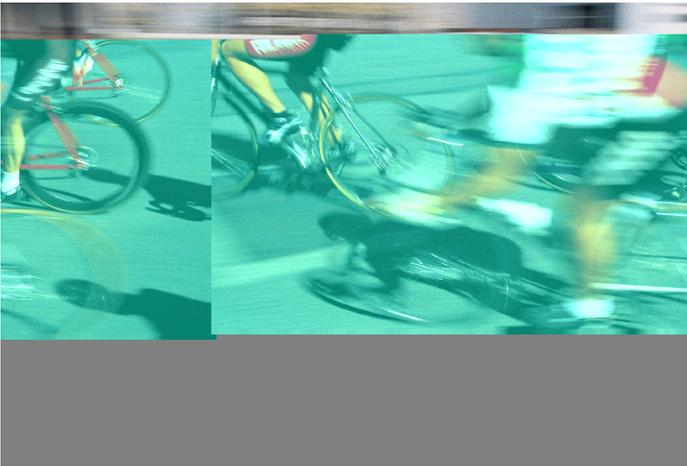
(Editor's note: Erik Keith from New Belgium Brewing sent these keen observations from New Belgium Brewing's recently published "Wonderblog" for members of their Team Wonderbike - check it out at

<http://www.teamwonderbike.com/whyride.php>

New Belgium Brewing, a huge bike proponent that brews beer on the side, has generously donated cool cruiser bikes for raffle prizes at past Buena Vista Bike Fests.)

10. Burn Fat, Not Oil. - Casey Kjolhede

9. Riding gives me a reason to show off my freshly shaven legs. - Michael Reynolds



8. I ride because it is like a movie I make by moving my legs. - Bill Hepp

7. Never pay to park. Never circle the block looking for a parking spot. The closest I ever get to a parking meter is with my bike lock. - Jared Hirsch



6. Riding helps my daughter know she too can save the Earth. -Tracey Callaghan

5. One time a mother goose flew after me while I rode bike down by the river in the springtime. Now that's fun! I've never been chased by a mother goose while driving a car. - Garth Bontrager

4. I ride because my troubles can't catch me when I'm on two wheels. - Jeremy Walker



3. Riding by bumper to bumper traffic will make any rider smile. - Nick Ampe



2. I ride because it takes just about as long to drive five miles through town and park. - Burny Finkle

1. Calves like these don't grow on trees - Tracey Callaghan

Hey, Colorado Springs Cycling Club – what are our top ten reasons to ride? Send me your reasons – I'll publish our very own, and sure to be unique, list in the next newsletter! Send your ideas to the newsletter editor at j9h@comcast.net

Advocacy – Just Do It!

(Editor's note: Al Brody sent this letter to our local newspaper in response to a complaint about the cost of the Rock Island "Trunnel" – a trail/tunnel - at Constitution and Circle. This project will soon provide miles and miles of safe and uninterrupted bicycling and pedestrian pathways. Check the batteries in your blinky lights and look for an inaugural ride when the project is complete, sometime this winter!)

"Trunnel" – Necessary and a Good Value

By Al Brody

Any municipal project takes years of vision, planning, advocating, and review. Most projects face opposition from people that resist any change. The trunnel at Circle and Constitution is no different. It has been on the chopping block several times as the total intersection improvement project costs inflated. Dedicated citizens and city employees stuck with the vision and are turning it into a reality. The trunnel's cost is approximately 10 per cent of the \$1.94 million project.

The Rock Island Trail is a Tier 1, multi use trail. In the hierarchy of trails, it is similar to an interstate highway. Grade separated intersections are standard and expected on limited access routes. Grade separated intersections make riding on the Denver Metro trail system dramatically more efficient than riding on the Colorado Springs trails. The Rock Island trail has the potential to be the most efficient east west route for non-motorized users. With the slight grade downwards towards the Shooks Run and Greenway Trails, the Rock Island is a superb route for commuters traveling to downtown, the I-25 corridor or the Garden of the Gods corridor. Heading eastward, the Rock Island trail will be a pleasant and efficient way for non-motorized travelers to get to Academy, Powers, Markscheffel and beyond. Tunnels (or bridges) not only benefit cyclists, they also make intersections safer and more efficient. Left turn lanes force a longer duration traffic light sequence that first prohibits pedestrian crossing and then allows it. For example, eastbound motorists wanting to turn

south onto Circle often conflict with bicyclists and pedestrians who have the right of way indicated by the illuminated pedestrian crossing symbol. With fewer pedestrian and cyclist crossings at grade, the intersection of Circle and Constitution will move traffic more efficiently and with less frustration. All road users benefit. The most cost effective time to construct a trail tunnel is in conjunction with an intersection project. For example, the trail tunnel under Markscheffel was completed as that road was improved. Combining road and trail projects and taking advantage of cost savings is what is happening at Circle and Constitution.

Many mode decisions are based on point "A" to point "B" transit time. If people can use a trail tunnel to get to a destination quicker by walking or cycling than they could by driving a motor vehicle, more people will opt to walk or bike.

As street intersections such as Union/Constitution are improved, trails will get tunnels. The more people choose not to drive, the less congestion there is for all road users.

For more info on this project, go to <http://www.springsgov.com/units/transedu/Constitution-Circle.htm>



Want to know more about bicycle happenings in the Pikes Peak region? Have something on your mind? Check out the newly upgraded and expanded Advocacy page on the CSCC website: <http://www.bikesprings.org/Advocacy.html>

You'll find information about events, organizations, resources for reporting road rage, and willing listeners and advocates who will get you answers. Remember - it's people like you that make the difference!

"Go the extra mile. It's never crowded."

Author Unknown

Black Forest Blues

By Dan Martin

(Editor's note: Most of us who have ridden in Black Forest have had a close call, or at least felt a bit uncomfortable. CSCC rides do occasionally go through parts of Black Forest, and while riding in groups doesn't guarantee safety, it may provide a deterrent for unfortunate incidents like this.)

A large, white van struck me Sunday, October 19th, as I was riding south on Black Forest Road between Burgess and Vollmer Roads. With a thud-thud, its passenger side rear view mirror struck the left side of my back and the upper segment of

my left arm. It happened about 11:30 a.m. under beautifully clear, sunny skies and in completely dry road conditions. Traffic was moderate, with a well spaced line of cars going about the speed limit in both directions.

The contacts were so quick; they didn't appear to affect my steering. I suppose the mirror was the folding type, or perhaps it gave way as the impacts knocked it out of adjustment. By the time I realized what happened and that I was alright, the van was too far down the road for me to make out its license plate. I saw no other identifying marks or logo on it. I remember it as a big, white blur.

This section of Black Forest Road consists of two lanes and has no shoulder. I was riding a few inches from the line marking the right edge of pavement. Guys in two separate cars had just passed me, each flipping me the bird through their back window. I was just asking myself what's up with these two independent incidents, and congratulating myself for not returning their salutes, when the van struck me. As I focused on that van, trying to determine what could have hit me without knocking me, literally, for a loop, I noticed that its path did not deviate at all, not a fraction of a degree as I watched it pull away from me. It was as though that driver had not seen me at all.

Astonished to have survived, I glanced over at the lady driving the car next to me, the car following that van. I should have gotten that van's license number first, but I felt an overwhelming desire to determine what was closest to me. I saw her looking straight ahead at that van, oblivious to what had just happened in front of her. How could I signal her, I thought as she pulled away, that a hit-and-run had just happened, that I needed her to catch that van and get its license number? Frustrated, amazed, and a bit off balance, I rode on to finish my personal century without further incident. I'm resolved, though, to: (1) Always have a rear light blinking red, no matter how bright and clear the weather, and (2) Stay off Black Forest Road on weekends.

Batteries for my rear light are nasty little chemical globs, environmentally, but hey - me as road kill would be a big, unpleasant mess. So, the tradeoff is favorable from my point of view, and Black Forest is no longer a concept compatible with the idea of a pleasant ride. Call me sensitive and impressionable, but I just haven't gotten good vibes from the people I've "met" there.

Welcome New Members!

John Davenport; Ghent Lummis; Debra Magee; Maarit Tanninen

Renewing members-Thanks!

Myra Brooks & Mark Olson; Steve Dass; John Everett; Robert Hansen; Carol Keenan; Marty Levine; Tim Lopez; Bud Reynolds; Carl Smith; Ron Toman; Terre & Jay Topp; Mark Rowe; Mike



CSCC members relaxing after salads at Carol Keenan's on the Progressive Dinner Ride, October 26, 2008. Photo - Bill Gast

Socially YOURS

Fall is nearly finished and winter is approaching, but that doesn't mean everybody is putting on their flannels and hoisting their bikes up in their garages. It is the most favorite time of the Year (sound familiar?) to ride, eat, drink, party and be SOCIAL! If you missed the Progressive Dinner Ride on October 26th, you missed a gastronomical extravaganza! We had over 50 hungry riders touring the city, noshing and enjoying the culinary efforts of the four teams at the stops. A HUGE THANKS go out to Alan and Pat Severn (appetizers), Carol Keenan (salads), Liz Ford and HER TEAM (Larry, Emma, Ann, Suzie) for the Fajita Spread (wow!). Mary Dolan, Sally Sheets, and Chris Davenport made sure we had enough chocolate, cookies, cake, coffee and cider to sweeten our sweet tooth and get us home. November's social activity was the Tour De Turkey and Bike Ride on Sunday, November 23rd. NO -YOU DON'T RIDE WITH THE Turkey! (Though someone suggested TOFU TURKEY?).... There was a drawing at the end of the ride, with cider and drinks. Our REALLY BIG EVENT is the December 14th

Holiday Party at the Clarion Hotel. Each member pays a very minimal amount to hold their reservation (details will be on the web site). Cocktails and cash bar will be 5:30-6:30, and the gourmet dinner buffet starts at 6:30. This is a DRESSY Affair, so leave your psychedelic tights at home! We'll have prizes, awards, swag and a lot more. We'll keep you posted. Check out the website for more details later this month. That's all for now! Your social maven,

Chris Conboy



Cyclists enjoying the sun, the food, and the company at the Severn's home - first stop on the Dinner Ride.

Photo – Janine Hegeman

Veteran's Day Parade, November 8, 2008

A small contingent of CSCC members honored the fact that "all gave some and some gave all" with an entry in the annual Veteran's Day Parade.

Photos – Dave Horne



Attention – Bicycle Commuters!

Did you know that you may soon be able to receive compensation for commuting costs from your employer?

This law was tacked onto and passed as part of the \$700 billion bailout of the financial industry. Strangely enough, the bike commuter bill's sponsor, Representative Earl Blumenauer from Oregon, opposed the bailout due to the overwhelming number of requests to do so received from his constituency. Mr. Blumenauer is the founder of the Congressional Bike Caucus, and has worked long and hard to gain equality for bicycle commuters. This certainly ranks as one of those bizarre, ironic political situations where victory is bittersweet.

The provision gives employers a tax break to pay bicycle commuters \$20 per month for commuting costs (repairs, improvements, storage, etc.). The law takes effect Jan. 1, 2009. The IRS is still figuring out program details. Bicycle Colorado will share more information as soon as it's available.

For more info, [click here](#)

THANK YOU to all who contacted your congressperson(s) about this law!



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this year we did close to the same number of rides, but fewer total miles ridden.

I know I only have half my normal Club miles this year and about a quarter of my total personal miles.

The Club Mileage Log totals through Nov will be presented at the Annual Holiday Party (12/14). I'll keep updating and posting the log

<http://www.bikesprings.org/docs/CSCC08-Miles.htm> through the rest of the year.

Let's keep riding as long as the weather lets us.

Charlie Czar ☺



Janine Hegeman on Lower Gold Camp Road, overlooking the fall colors of Bear Creek Park during the social ride on Oct 19, 2008.

Photo - Bill Gast

"LETTER" from page 1

Buena Vista Bicycle Festival. I am so proud of this all-volunteer organization and what it is able to accomplish. Because we manage and organize ourselves so well, our major problem is that everyone wants our help - a great problem to have! Unfortunately we cannot be everything to everyone so we must be strategic with our support. I would like to end this dialogue by challenging **all** CSCCers to heed the new chants of "yes we can" and continue our tradition by finding a way to share your enthusiasm for riding. Find your place with the club as a ride leader, sweep, or by posting. Join one of our committees to help our activities succeed. Volunteer to work at BVBF. Join the Board or heck, even become President. (Is it time to have a woman lead CSCC?) Don't think it is someone else's job. Remember we take care of ourselves collectively and there is a place for you to do that in the club. When asked to help, the right answer is yes, and if you want to get going right away, e-mail me: vanderwege@comcast.net

Dave VanDerWege
Your current President

BUENA VISTA BIKE FEST 2009 Volunteer Form May 16, 2009

See next page for complete volunteer position details

- All volunteers will receive a BVBF t-shirt and admission to Saturday's post ride party, including BBQ lunch, beer and soft drinks
- Full Day volunteers will also receive a "Volunteer Appreciation Gift".
- *If you volunteer to work early Saturday morning*, plan to stay in Buena Vista on Friday night so you can arrive at your work location in time for the start of your shift*
- Make a weekend of it and join other volunteers on Sunday for a ride to the Mount Princeton Hot Springs or (weather permitting) ride to the summit of Independence Pass.

I plan to volunteer for one the following tasks:

- **Friday Afternoon Park Set up** for Post-Ride Party (5:00 to 7:00 PM)_____
- **Packet Pickup**
 - *Friday 3:00-9:00 PM _____
 - *Saturday 6:30-9:30 AM _____
- **Rest Stop Volunteer #1 and #5**
 - *Full Day (7:00 AM to closing at – 5:00 PM)_____
 - *Half Day (7:00 AM to 12:00 PM _____
 - Half Day (12:00 to closing at – 5:00 PM)_____
- ***Rest Stop #2 and #4 Full Day** (8:00 AM to Closing – 4:00 PM)_____
- **Lunch Rest Stop Full Day** (9:00 AM to Closing – 2:00 PM)_____
- ***Sag Driver Full Day**_____
- **Pre-Ride Set Up** (6:00 to 9:00 AM_____ 9:00 to 11:00 AM_____
- **Post-Ride Party: Man Party Entry**_____ Pour beer_____
- 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM_____ 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM_____ 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM_____ 5:00 PM to 7:00_____

NAME: _____

PHONE OR EMAIL: _____ CELL PHONE _____

T-SHIRT SIZE (Small – XX large): _____ Short_____ or Long Sleeve: _____

Please contact Vic Villhard

Home: 719-282-7840

Email – Villhard_Victor@bah.com or DianeVTravel@msn.com**Or mail to:**

BVBF Volunteer

% Colorado Springs Cycling Club

PO Box 49602

Colorado Springs CO 80919-9602

Specific details will be given at the Volunteer Meeting held the week before the event.**REST STOP VOLUNTEERS:**

There will be a rest stop chairperson who will be in charge of the rest stop you have volunteered to man. A truck will arrive with your rest stop supplies. Before riders arrive, you and other volunteers will need to help set up canopies and tables, organize food, water, sports drink and start cutting up fruit and other food items. When riders arrive, you make sure there is enough food, water and sports drink available. This can be a long day depending on the hours the rest stop is open. There is an option for half day. If you volunteer to work early Saturday morning, plan to stay in Buena Vista on Friday night so you can arrive at your work location in time for the start of your shift. No experience is necessary for this position. Just have fun!

MECHANICAL SUPPORT DRIVERS:

Sag drivers patrol a section of the route to help riders who have mechanical or physical problems. No experience is necessary, but some basic bike maintenance is a plus. You will be provided with some supplies and will be expected to provide some basic equipment, such as a floor tire pump, but there will also be a professional bike mechanic at each rest stop in case of serious mechanical difficulties. You should also be prepared to take riders who are unable to make it to the next rest stop or who have minor injuries and their bike to the nearest rest stop. Plan to stay in Buena Vista on Friday night so you can arrive at your work location in time for the start of your shift. You will need to have seating for at least three other people in your car as well as a way to transport two or more bikes. You need to have a working 12 volt outlet in your vehicle to allow for a HAM radio operator to ride along with you. This is a full day commitment.

PACKET PICK UP:

FRIDAY EVENING: Held in the tent at McPhelemy Park. As riders come in to pick up their packet, you will mark them off the rider list, give them their packets, wrist band and bike rider number. You can volunteer on Friday evening even if you are registered and plan to ride the event on Saturday.

SATURDAY MORNING: Held in the tent at McPhelemy Park.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON PARK SETUP FOR POST RIDE PARTY: Set up party perimeter fencing, move tables to party area.

SATURDAY'S PRE PARTY SET UP:

Set up any additional fencing, help with beer, band and caterer setup. Volunteer for two hour increments. This is something a non rider can volunteer for. Please indicate the hours you can work.

SATURDAY'S POST RIDER PARTY AND MEAL

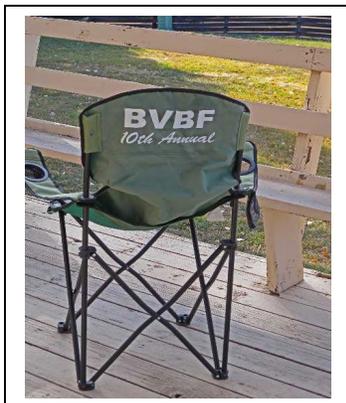
Party starts at 12:00 PM. Please commit to 2 hours and indicate those hours.

Duties:

Check riders as they come in to party and make sure they have their wrist band. Give them meal and drink tickets, beer glass and take entry fee for non-riders. Make sure no one leaves the enclosed area with an open beer container.

Pour beer.

Clean up after party



A volunteer gift – a really nice, (and easily identified folding chair) – from BVBF 2008. Sign up today!

“ADVOCACY” from page 3

At its meeting November 7, 2008 the Transportation Enhancement Subcommittee (TES) recommended funding five of seven projects that had been referred back to it for reconsideration. Fourteen Transportation Enhancement (TE) projects, at an aggregate cost of \$2,733K, are being considered this cycle by the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) Board of Directors. At its October 8, 2008 meeting, these Directors allocated \$923.8K for half of these projects and directed the other half be reconsidered relative to plans and procedures, and with a likely funding cap of approximately \$700K. TES provided its recommendation to the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). The PPACG Board of Directors will, then, consider input from both the TAC and the Community Advisory Committee (CAC), presumably at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

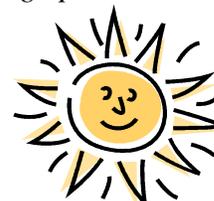
TE Projects Approved by PPACG Board of Directors October 8th	COST (\$K)
Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail along S. Academy Blvd., two projects connecting Fort Carson to Pikes Peak Community College and S. Academy Station	252.2
Park and Ride/Transfer Station Bicycle/Multi-Modal Improvements	88
East Bijou Street Bicycle Lanes	57.6
West Uintah Street Bicycle Lanes	110
Mountain Metro Transit, two projects, Route 5 and 25 Bus Stop Improvements	416
	923.8

TES Recommendations November 7th	COST (\$K)
Mountain Metro Transit, one project, Route 14 Bus Stop Improvement*	200
30th Street Bicycle Safety/Shoulder Improvements, Phase 1*	295
Gleneagle Pedestrian Improvements, partially fund to put in strong position for funding from other sources	32
Fairview Street Sidewalk Improvements in Woodland Park*	175
Bridge Repairs in Manitou Springs	0
West Street Sidewalk Improvements in Woodland Park	0
Falcon Area Park and Ride Stormwater BMP Demonstration Site *	0
	702

* In 2035 Regional Transportation Plan

The Transportation Enhancements (TE) program is a federal transportation funding program. It offers opportunities to help expand transportation choices and to enhance the transportation experience in 12 eligible categories. Within the PPACG, the Transportation Enhancement Subcommittee (TES) advises the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) about TE planning issues related to bicycle and pedestrian facilities. TAC, in turn, provides the PPACG Board of Directors with technical advice and recommendations regarding regional transportation plans and programs. Another committee providing input to the PPACG Board of Directors, roughly on a par with the TAC with regard to TE projects, is the Community Advisory Committee (CAC). This CAC serves as the formal mechanism for active participation of citizens in the planning, promotion, and evaluation of PPACG activities. The PPACG maintains an informative website at <http://www.ppacg.org/cms/index.php>

(Editor’s note: thanks to Dan Martin for his volunteer representation of CSCC on the TES and keeping up with the acronyms!)



Canyon Vistas - Journey on White Rim Trail, October 2008

By Sharon Boyd

Over the years, I've enjoyed great experiences mountain biking with friends over the slick rock trails of Moab, Utah. This past fall, I had the opportunity to join Janet and Aaron's fabulous White Rim Trail adventure covering 103 miles of spectacular arches, towers, buttes and views of the Colorado and Green Rivers. White Rim Trail, a multi-day party, is located in Canyonlands National Park, Island in the Sky District and offers over 4,000 vertical feet of climbing. I'm sure the count would've been higher, if I used a GPS. We had two support vehicles with food, water, coolers, camping gear, camp stoves, tables and bicycle parts. Our group of 15 was divided into "food" groups; each was responsible for everything related to a breakfast and dinner from menu to food purchase, set up and clean-up. Janet has this incredible kitchen box that contained everything we needed for preparing and enjoying our meals (plates, pots, pans, dishes, cups and utensils).



White Rim Trail, Canyon with LaSalle Mountains in Background

Photo – Sharon Boyd

The group started riding at the Visitors Center toward the Mineral Bottom Trail. Before too long, we dropped down tight switchbacks through incredible red rock formations and along the Green River. Our first campsite was in a remote desert location at the Green River. Before reaching camp the rocky trail transitioned to stretches of sand. I managed to swerve in sand and sit on a goat head bush—ouch! No flat tires, thanks to slime tubes. After we put up our tents, we walked down to the Green river. Next, I was surprised to sit down to a gourmet Mexican dinner and delicious icy margaritas. Yum!

The next morning, we took our tents down, packed our lunches and ate a delicious breakfast. We rode up (I pushed awhile) and over Hard Scrabble Hill, enjoying beautiful views of the Green River and countless sandstone buttes. It was amazing to watch our sag vehicles bump over this rugged, rocky terrain. At Potato Bottom I took my turn to drive Barry's SUV for 10 miles of fun 4-wheeling along the trail. This gave me time to enjoy his great music selections, and take lots of pictures of the surrounding vistas. When we stopped for lunch, I had to give up the car keys to the next driver. I jumped on my mountain bike once again. This red rock playground is also home to plenty of lizards, ground squirrels, and white tailed rabbits that dart across our paths.

After another fun day of mountain biking and frequent stops for pictures, we faced a long trail up Murphy Hogback (more pushing!). I have to admit that our Murphy Hogback campsite offered the most beautiful views of the trip. Nights were chilly, but days offered bright blue skies and warm sunshine. After a yummy breakfast of oatmeal with toppings, we packed our lunches and departed our camp to ride the White Rim Trail again.



Washer Woman Red Rock Formation



Sharon at Potato Bottom along the Green River

Photos – Sharon Boyd

The trail dropped down from Murphy Hogback and followed along the white-capped canyons. We took a detour off White Rim Trail, and rode 1.4 miles down a spur trail to White Crack for more fabulous views. The group scrambled over the rocks and tried to see the confluence of the Green River and Colorado River in the distance. Back on White Rim Trail, the road followed the Colorado River toward our Airport campsite. Could the lovely vistas get any better? Yes! We rode by Permian Period's Organ Rock formation, deep red shale with many layers of sandstone. As I traversed by the Washer Woman rock formation, I was amazed at how much those red rocks looked just like a woman washing clothes. By late afternoon, we set up our tents at the base of Airport, a red sandstone monument. Well, after a couple of "wet wipes" baths days, wearing bike helmets and ball caps--Janet's H₂O bag looked very inviting. So I used my biodegradable soap and washed my hair - very refreshing! After another gourmet meal with lovely red wine, we headed for our tents. BTW, this was the first campsite where we rode our bikes to the pit toilet.



Sharon at Airport Red Rock Formation
Photos – Sharon Boyd



Aaron and Sharon on the Musselman Arch

After camping at Airport, we enjoyed one more day riding through the beautiful red rock formations. The group stopped at Musselman Arch, where we walked across the void. It's hard to imagine riding a mountain bike over that narrow span.

Then, we rode down the trail to the Gooseneck Overlook. Everyone enjoyed taking in the great vistas of the Colorado River and LaSalle Mountains. We ate a light snack before heading toward the last challenge of the ride – the Schafer Switchbacks. I snagged a ride with Barry up the last 4 steep miles of switchbacks that led straight up to the Island in the Sky plateau. Schafer Trail is a former cattle trail that has been upgraded (???) to accommodate 4-wheel drive vehicles. Along the way, we saw more lovely red rock formations and a group of adorable mountain goats who posed for pictures. After reaching the top of the plateau, Barry headed to the cars, so we could unload all of the tents, sleeping bags, chairs, and duffels. By mid afternoon, everyone had gathered their belongings, and we departed for Colorado Springs. White Rim Trail is an incredible biking/camping experience. Thank you Aaron and Janet for a wonderful trip!

(Editor's note: Sharon has a slide show of this trip – look for it at an upcoming club meeting.)

Progressive Dinner Ride *Photos by Bill Gast and Janine Hegeman*



Salads at Carol's. Note the VERY cool Halloween ensembles.



Dave VanDerWege does a helmet check.



The bikes – alone, abandoned, forsaken, forgotten and basically just plain ditched - for the fajitas at Liz Ford's place..



Alan and Tamara Brody



Carl "Cookie Monster" Smith at Chris Davenport's - the dessert stop



Fajitas at Liz Ford's place.

“Tour de Turkey” *Photos by Dave Horne*

Always a good time to ride! A few dozen riders enjoyed the camaraderie and the weather Sunday, Nov 23, 2008. No turkeys were sighted, however; just lots of smiles. Come along for the ride!



Dave Horne

CSCC riders on the Tour de Turkey Ride.