



Bike Expo a Big Success with Increased Membership

By Bill Herman

Michael Corn, Ben Rixe and Bob Snead planned a great booth for the Bike Expo earlier this month. The booth included a wall of digital photo frames, a tandem trainer simulator and most importantly a smiling group of enthusiastic volunteers. Thanks as well to Dee Dee Rixe, Cathy Tuttle, Nancy Snead, Spencer Beard and Sheila Hoffman for helping man the booth.

The goals for the club this year include increasing the number and variety of rides, energizing the membership, and getting members involved in running the club. Expanding the membership is a key part of fueling the future of the club. The Bike Expo committee offered half price memberships at the bike expo. Thanks to their efforts, the club has 23 new tandem teams joining us this month.

Kick Off Event

By Janet Sisson

ETC's annual Kick Off Event (K.O.E.) is scheduled for Saturday, April 23rd at REI's flagship store from 1:30-3:30. Weather permitting, enjoy a morning ride, grab lunch and then travel to REI to share tandem stories and travel plans while enjoying appetizers provided by your club. Tandem parking is available (check calendar prior to event to find out where to park). Here is a chance to connect with your tandem friends, share stories and information after a long, wet winter. Finally, come find out what ETC has to offer you in the coming months. Garage parking is free for the first hour.

Rides, Rides and more Rides

By Bill Herman

We have a good base for our ride calendar with a ride scheduled every weekend from now until STP. We'd love to have more rides competing for your interest on the calendar with different locations, pace, abilities. Please post a ride on the [calendar](#) by clicking [submit event](#)

Upcoming Rides		Plan Ahead	
4/3	Issaquah Brewery Ride	6/11-12	Port Townsend / Fort Flagler
4/10	Carnation Coffee Cruise	6/18	Tandem 101
4/17	Eastside Urban Loop	7/1-4	Tandem Rally
4/23	Annual Kick Off Event	7/8-9	Seattle to Portland
5/1	Snoqualmie Valley Ride	8/20	Ride, EAT....Ride EAT...Ride EAT!
5/7	Fort Dent toAlki Pt	9/10-11	Wine Ride

You can also use the calendar to coordinate a meetup saying hey I'm attending such and such if you want to meetup. Here's a list of events that you may be interested in.

April 10	Daffodil Classic	Tacoma
April 16	Tulip Pedal	Skagit County
May 1	Rhody Ride	Port Townsend

May 7	Skagit Spring Classic	Skagit County
May 22	Alefest Bike Ride	Leavenworth
May 30	7 Hills of Kirkland	Kirkland
June 4	Swan Century	Sedro Wooley
June 5	Fort2Fort Bike Ride	Port Townsend
June 11	Flying Wheels	Redmond
June 11	Gorge Ride	Dalles, OR
June 26	Two County Double Metric Century	Pierce Co.
Sep 25	Kitsap Color Classic	Kingston

Tandem 101

By Bob Snead

Our club's yearly [Tandem 101](#) event is an important way we can get others hooked on tandeming and the club. This year it will be on June 18th which is a bit later in the summer than before, and hopefully we'll have better weather and greater attendance.

You can support the activity in several ways. First, encourage your non-tandeming friends to attend. Secondly, we need tandems for the attendees to try out. We need all sizes and styles. We also need instructors. Share your love for this form of cycling by show others how it's done. Please contact Bob Snead (bob@twocranks.com) to volunteer or for more information.

Jersey order

By Bill Herman

If you don't have an Evergreen Tandem Club Jersey, here is your opportunity to buy one.

Every two years we have enough pent up demand to meet the minimum order quantity to get a custom Evergreen Tandem Club Jersey. You won't want to be at the Northwest [Tandem Rally](#) or the [Wine Ride](#) without one. For new members, the first day of these rides it is tradition to all wear our ETC jerseys and take a group picture. You don't want to be the one wearing a red jersey. I'll have a fit kit at the Kick Off Event if you want to try one on for size or see the [size chart](#).



It takes two months to turn around a custom order so please order by April 25. See my

makeshift [order page for details](#)

Ride library

By Bill Herman

I am working on a [ride library](#) to put on the website and I need your help. When you lead a ride or go on a club ride could you please send any information you may have. Please provide cue sheets, maps, where you stopped and especially GPX files of the route. Please forward any information to bill@summerhours.com

Renewals are Due

By Bill Herman

We are off to a great start towards increasing memberships by 10% this year, but we still need many members to renew. Do you know that the membership dues are for the calendar year and were due as of January 1? (I didn't). Please send in your renewal today by visiting the membership page on our [website](#).

Volunteer Corner

By Bill Herman

Opportunities abound for helping out the ETC.

- Help with mailing of jerseys
- eNews editor
- eNews distribution
- club photographer
- membership directory
- bike loaner program
- ride host / trainer for beginner tandem rides in conjunction with Bicycle Sundays
- wine ride help
- design a free membership certificate on Publisher or Word

contact bill@summerhours.com for questions or to express interest

Stoker Seeking Captain

Gary McCune living at Lake Tapps who is visually impaired is looking to link up with a tandem captain. Willing to do training and long rides (STP, etc).

Please contact: garymccune@hotmail.com.

Thanks.

Gary McCune

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Got something to say?

Have you got a story or some knowledge that you want to share? Maybe just a comment, a picture or an interesting link. Submit it to bill@summerhours.com

