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Greetings, Fellow ETCers!

As the incoming president I would first like to thank the outgoing board members for their service. Bill and Michele Herman did an excellent job leading the board and the club, and Bill deserves special thanks for keeping the eNews alive and looking good. Michael Corn did a wonderful job both as treasurer and secretary, as did long-time club member Louise Fugier in her role as membership chair and board "historian".

Incorporated in 2001, the club has matured and has benefited from the dedication of many hardworking leaders both on the board and on the road, and we've grown and prospered. As an established club, though, I think it's time for us to take a step back and assess where we are and where we would like to go. Toward that end the board will be sending out an email survey soon to get your thoughts along with any input, feedback and suggestions. We hope to use the data you provide to keep the club's momentum going and grow in ways that serve the current members and attract those folks who haven't checked us out yet. When you get it please take a few moments to fill it out.

Thanks!

Bob Snead

**Welcome New and Renewing Members in December/January**

Evergreen Tandem Club would like to welcome the following new members.  
Thank  
you for joining us in our efforts to promote tandeming in the Pacific Northwest.

### **New Members:**

Richard Burkhart and Mona Lee  
Ray and Debra Valpey

### **Membership Renewal**

As a reminder, membership renewals are due in January each year. Thanks to all those who have renewed already! For those wanting to renew, you can send a check for \$25 to:

**Evergreen Tandem Club**  
PO Box 512  
Woodinville WA 98072-0512

Or, you can pay on-line via credit card or PayPal by going our website:

[www.evergreentandemclub.org](http://www.evergreentandemclub.org)

Or, if you are unsure of your membership status, please contact **Sheila Furlong** at: [sheilafur@clearwire.net](mailto:sheilafur@clearwire.net).

### **Important Dates:**

February 16<sup>th</sup> ETC Board Meeting, 7:30 PM, Redmond Library  
February 26<sup>th</sup> Chilly Hilly on Bainbridge Island (CBC)  
March 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Seattle Bike Expo, Smith Cove Cruise Terminal  
March 22<sup>nd</sup> ETC Board Meeting, TBD  
May 1-31<sup>st</sup> Bike to Work Month (May 18<sup>th</sup> is Bike to Work Day)  
June 9<sup>th</sup> Flying Wheels Century, starting at Marymoor Park in Redmond  
June 28<sup>th</sup>-July 2<sup>nd</sup> Northwest Tandem Rally, Salem, OR  
July 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Seattle to Portland (STP via CBC)  
July 26<sup>th</sup> RAMROD (Redmond Cycling Club)  
August 4<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Ride Around Washington (RAW via CBC)  
August 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> Ride Seattle to Vancouver and Party (RSVP via CBC)

### **ETC Club Rides and Events for 2012**

As of today, we have ZERO rides on the calendar. What? Does the snow have everyone down in the dumps? All kidding aside, we usually have several key rides throughout the year. So, as soon as everyone can look at your calendars, ride hosts, please put down the dates for the key rides. Then, just start filling in with your local weekend rides, FUN PLACES, FUN IDEAS, FLAT ROADS and

GOOD SOCIAL FUN! And anyone can be a ride host; no experience is necessary! We are signed up again for a booth at the BIKE EXPO and it is helpful to have the dates for marketing and planning as well. The expo is March 10 – 11. Come and see what's new and renew your membership again for this year.

April	Ride Around Puget Sound
May	Port Townsend weekend
June	Tandem 101
July	Tandem Rally, CAMP FEST
August	Ride Eat, Ride Eat, Ride Eat ETC Picnic
September	Victoria Wine Ride
October	Chili, Chili, Chili

## News You Can Use...

### TOP 10 SAFETY TIPS FOR CYCLISTS

1. Stay Alert
2. Obey all traffic Laws – stop at stop signs
3. Make your own decisions in traffic
4. Ride as far to the right as practical
5. Signal and look before turning
6. Ride in a predictable manner
7. Ride no more than two abreast
8. Always wear a helmet
9. Wear bright clothing
10. Keep your bike in good repair

If you are a member of the Cascade Bicycle Club these probably look familiar. They come with your membership packet. Since we are at the beginning of the ride season I thought it would be a good reminder for us.

Ben Rixe  
Ride Chair  
425-260-7493

## Ride Report

Mike and Renda Murphy hosted the annual Santa Hat Ride in December. You can view the pictures on our website via this link: [2011 Santa Hat Ride December](#)

[10, 2011](#)



## **First Ride of 2012!**

Six tandem teams braved January weather to do the 1st club ride of the year. Weather was sunny from the start to the finish with the temperature making it into the 50's. Everyone was excited to see Henry's ride poster at the University of Washington Tunnel Station construction site. The route around Seattle included some new & old trails that several riders had not been on before. Everyone kept cheerful spirits despite some slowed down by cars downtown and a delay by a freight train. Everyone decided to stay for a post ride lunch buffet at the Jewel of India restaurant on the Ave. We were honored to have Rob and Karole Gorman join us on their 31st wedding anniversary. Thank you to everyone who joined us.

Thyce & Amy...your Winter ride leaders.



Attendance, left to right as shown in picture: Rennie Grossman, Rob Gorman, Janet Sisson, Karole Gorman, Steve Sisson, Carol Vecchio, Charlie Buchalter, Dennis Williams, Karen Johnson, Henry Cody, Amy Colyn. Thyce Colyn took photo.

## Ride Leader Appreciation

A big “thank you” goes out to everyone who led rides or walks in 2011. There were many of you and those of us who were able to enjoy one or more of them really appreciate the effort. And a super big thanks to Mike and Renda Murphy for leading the annual Santa Hat Ride in December. Fun was had by all who attended! Three cheers go out to Amy and Thyce Colyn for leading the first ride of 2012 and braving the elements! Another great outing and opportunity for healthy activity and socializing with other tandem enthusiasts☺

It’s never too soon to begin planning for this year’s rides. Has your tandem team considered leading a club ride but were uncertain how to do the planning and posting? We can help you with the details, just ask!

Send an email to [Rides@EvergreenTandemClub.org](mailto:Rides@EvergreenTandemClub.org) asking for ride-leading assistance and we will pair you up with a veteran team who has led many rides. Our experienced leaders will not only help with planning and posting but will ride along with you to ease the transition. Learning how to lead a ride is not so

challenging but for some, the act of doing something for the first time can be unnerving. Sharing a ride with others is quite an exhilarating experience; take advantage of partnering with our club's pros and lead some riders on your favorite routes!

### **New Board Positions**

The seven elected Board Members for 2012 are: **Mary Tedd Allen, Dave Caldwell, Sheila Furlong, Bob Loeliger, Ben Rixe, Janet Sisson, and Bob Sneed.** Their roles on the Board are:

President - Bob S  
VP/Events - Janet  
Treasurer - Dave  
Secretary - Bob L  
Rides - Ben  
Membership - Sheila  
eNews - Mary Tedd

Thank you all for stepping up and taking on a leadership role for the club!

### **Have something to say?**

Do you have a story or some knowledge that you want to share? Maybe just a comment, a picture or an interesting link. Submit it to [marytedd.allen@comcast.net](mailto:marytedd.allen@comcast.net)

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