

General Club Meeting – Wednesday, October 17, 2007

The October meeting will be a \$1 Pizza Night at Cirivello's Restaurant & Sports Stop located at 4155 Viking Way, Long Beach, CA 90808 (<http://www.picsports.com/aboutus.asp>). As with the August meeting, each member pays \$1 for all the pizza, salad, and soft drinks that they can ingest. We'll start serving pizza at 7:00 pm. The formal meeting will start at 7:30 pm and we'll wrap everything up by 9:00 pm.

We hope to have a cycling presentation and we will have a computer on hand again so that you can show your cycling photos from 2007. If you want to share some photos, please put them on to a CD or memory stick.

Most important is we, as a club, need to decide how to improve a few things. I have asked what you, our members, want regarding some of these issues and I've received a few responses. Your Board of Directors has made some changes based on those responses but some larger questions still remain:

■ **Do we need a monthly General Meeting?**

I will be very direct on this question. It seems that unless there is some type of incentive, turnout at our traditional, monthly meeting is very low. Right now it looks like we might go with a quarterly, instead of monthly, General Meeting. We'll take a vote on this at the meeting to determine the future frequency of the General Meeting.

■ **What should we do to improve attendance on our Sunday ride?**

It seems like there is a stigma about this ride. There always seems to be a reasonable number of members who want to ride to Potty-Too-Far and if the scheduled ride is headed in that direction, we generally have a good-sized group. However, if the scheduled ride is headed inland, we end up with a very small group of riders. Let's have a constructive discussion to surface some ideas on how to get more members out on Sunday.

■ **What should the club be doing outside of riding as a group?**

Of course we conduct a race each year (more on that later in this newsletter) and we have never missed holding an annual Holiday Party (more on that later too), but we have had varying consistency with other events. This year we couldn't find anyone to organize our Beach Party, so we didn't have it. Other "traditions" such as our Charity Bicycle Rebuild haven't occurred for a few years. At our June General Meeting, I discussed the possibility of our club getting more involved in bicycle advocacy and many were in favor of it. Add this question to the category of constructive discussion.

■ **What kind of Lightning Velo "swag" do you want?**

OK, this isn't swag by its technical definition (i.e. it's not free), but besides clothing, what kind of stuff with the Lightning Velo name and logo do you want to buy? We have been talking about water bottles and socks. Let's make a decision at this meeting.

■ **How should we celebrate our club's 20th anniversary?**

Special events? Real swag? Stay the course?

Of course, I encourage everyone to send an email to me, any other Director, or through our Yahoo! Group to get some thoughts churning on any of the above questions. However, we'll use the October meeting to make some decisions so I hope you can make it and be a part of the decision process.

Fall San Diego Century on Saturday, October 27, 2007

As he has done many times in the past, **Garry Giem** is organizing and leading our Fall San Diego Century. The ride departs the Anaheim Amtrak station at 7:00 am sharp (no late arrivals, please). The cost for members and non-members is \$20 and we need a minimum of 20 riders to be able to make advance reservations with Amtrak.

A word about this ride, **it is not designed for first-time century riders**. Since the target arrival in San Diego is 2:00 pm, the group needs to complete the ride in 7 hours, including stops. Through the history of this century, both spring and fall editions, we have never missed a train, though we have been close.

Also, based on some concerns from the spring version of this ride, if you invite a non-member to come along, please make sure that you stay with that person. It helps all of the participants if you stay with those that you invite instead of having another club member shepherding non-members who may fall behind.

The ride is well supported by the club with a follow truck providing SAG, rest stop food, and transportation for your bike back to Anaheim. Bring your bike, a duffel (or similar) bag with a change of clothes, and an old blanket (to help protect your bike on the trip home). The club will handle the rest. **Mike Hayward** has already volunteered to drive the SAG truck and **George Both** will be supplying the truck (pending availability) from his business.

Please reserve a spot on this ride by contacting Garry at garrygiem@ca.rr.com by Saturday, September 29th, so that he can make the Amtrak reservation. We may have to cancel the ride if we do not reach the 20 rider mark.

Fall Clothing Order – 20th Anniversary Edition

James Quiett and **Marilyn Balint** have been working hard to make sure that the clothing you order this fall will be the same design as the clothing that you order next spring. Why is this important? Well, for the few racers in the club, it means that they can order new clothing for early season races knowing that will be good to use all year with the appropriate sponsor logos. For our non-racers, it means that you can buy with confidence this fall as the design won't change in the spring.

James has done a great job this year making sure that our sponsor lineup is solid for 2008 and Marilyn has also been doing what she has done so well for the past few years – making sure that we have a slot with Voler to get our clothing in a timely manner.

So that gets us to our 20th anniversary. **Allyson Vought** has been putting her artistic talent to work and has come up with some options for a tasteful 20th anniversary logo that will go onto jerseys, jackets, vests, etc. We will make every effort to put the logo design in front of you by email or the web so that we can get a vote on what everyone favors. The logo will ONLY appear on clothing we order this fall and next spring, so availability is definitely limited.

2007 Holiday Party

We still need a coordinator for our 2007 Holiday Party. This definitely is one of the more grueling coordinator jobs because of the size and scope of the party. However, past party organizers, such as Linda Both, Michele Harvey, and Claudia Horvath will be available to let you and anyone you can recruit how to get it done.

Linda Both has already reserved the room for Saturday, December 1(?), 2007, so that task is complete.

We need to identify a coordinator no later than Saturday, October 28th, so that we can make all of the appropriate arrangements. Please email me ASAP if you would like to coordinate this event. We will have to cancel the event if no one volunteers by the deadline and, unfortunately, we have had to cancel one event (Beach Party) so far this year.

El Tour de Tucson

We are bringing up this ride because our Ride Director, Ed Dignan, is also a Team in Training coach and this is the target ride for his team. The 25th El Tour de Tucson is on November 17, 2007, and you can find more information on the ride at <http://www.pbaa.com/!ETT/ETThome.html>. Go team!

2008 Winter Track Classic

Back, by popular demand, is our Winter Track Classic at the ADT Event Center in Carson. For those of you who are new to the club, the ADT Event Center is home to the premiere velodrome in the United States. Lightning Velo has organized a race at the velodrome the past two years and we have held a popular bicycle swap meet in conjunction with the race.

The race will be on Sunday, January 27, 2008, one week after the UCI Track Cycling World Cup Classic (January 18-20, 2008). I mention this because we will be asking for volunteer support for both events. Details on who, what, and where will be coming later this year.

Allyson Vought is our Race Director for the Winter Track Classic and Linda Both is our Volunteer Coordinator for the UCI Track Cycling World Cup Classic.

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