

# OUTSPOKEN

Newsletter of Santiam Spokes, Inc.

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PLEASE NOTE NEW WINTER START TIMES BEGIN IN NOVEMBER! 10:00 am - unless otherwise noted



Jefferson to Stayton Ride

Regroup along Shelburn Road - Mary Ellen, Steve, Dennis, Tom, Roger and May  
Photographs courtesy of Ron and Kari Kropf

## A note from the president

By Ron Kropf

I would like to thank everyone that served the club this year, we all helped make this past year a success. But I would especially like to thank those who served the club as officers.

In October we voted on the officers for next year; the results are in this newsletter. As always, it's difficult to find people to fill these positions. I appreciate your willingness to help in this capacity.

I hope that as a club, we will have another great year. We have a diverse group of people in our club, and it's that diversity that makes our club great. Also, I am asking everyone to be thinking about how they might serve as leaders next year.

Yes, serving the club in any leadership role takes time and effort, but the rewards are worth the effort. Please be patient with us as we learn how to serve in these leadership roles. We will do our best, and that's all anyone can ask.

Oh yeah, we still need a Strawberry Century Coordinator for this year. If anyone is interested, please let me know.

Also, I am still looking for nominees for the Jack Thomas Award.

Thank-you



**November General Meetingk**  
**Thursday, November 1 • 7 pm**  
**Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital**

## Touring in Thailand with Jerry and Carol Selberg

Bangkok to Chang Mai and beyond: Thailand remains a culture intact, yet with the convinces of modern life. Our bicycle side trips have included visiting mangrove forests, James Bond Island, and a Muslim fishing village with large fishnet tanks, and live sea food in all of them. We visited Khone Phaphong waterfalls. This falls has the biggest tonnage of water pouring over them of any waterfalls in the world... that's when the Mekong is in flood....double Niagara Falls. Exploring Thailand by bicycle allows you to go by train, boat, bus, and air for an incredible journey.



Lebanon to Brownsville  
Mary Ellen & Dennis

## A Note from your Ride Captains

We want to thank everyone for bringing us on as this years ride coordinators. We look forward to encouraging more members to be involved in the leadership of our weekly rides. If you are interested in leading a ride, you are welcome to come up with a ride yourself or, if you would like our assistance, we can help choose a ride for you to lead. Whichever way it works, we will need to make sure we get a full description and mileage for the rides submitted to Kari for the newsletter on time each month. Let's make this year a great year of riding and friendship!

### **Who wants to lead a ride?**

Thank you!

Brian and Christine Hubbard



## OFFICER'S SLATE 2012 - 2013

President  
**Ron Kropf**

Vice President  
**Lynn Trimpe**

Secretary  
**Christine Davies**

Treasurer  
**Dennis Murphy**

Membership  
**Wade and Debi Bloecher**

Newsletter  
**Kari Kropf**

Ride Captains  
**Brian and Christine Hubbard**

Starwberry Century  
**Position open**

Webmaster  
**Maurice Banning**

Publicity  
**Mark Burdell**

Historian  
**John Smith**



Emma, who is a member of Santiam Spokes bicycle club, had a bad bike accident on Shotgun Creek Road in late last summer. She went home on Saturday October 6th. Roger and May went to see Emma to deliver the picture that was taken at the last club meeting. To the right is a copy of the photo that Roger gave to her. She was delighted and says thanks to everyone for thinking of her.

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## Hospital Foundation receives a donation from Santiam Spokes

The Santiam Spokes Bicycle Club made a donation to the Lebanon Community Hospital Foundation recently, continuing a tradition of giving to hospital programs. The club has been a hospital partner since 1993. In that time, the club has donated more than \$29,000 for hospital equipment and programs. Since the foundation was established in 1998, it has raised money for large projects at the hospital like the Healing Garden and the Emehiser Infusion Center.



Santiam Spokes  
Meeting Minutes  
October 4, 2012

**Call to Order:** 7:08 pm

**Greetings and Introductions:**

**Group Picture for Emma:** (Roger Gaither) Emma is doing well, Roger asked to take a photo of us in attendance to send to her.

**Break for Potluck**

**Business Session:**

- Minutes of the September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012 (Ron Kropf)
  - Motion to Approve: Debi
  - Seconded: Julie
  - All in Favor
- Treasurers Report (John Hebda)
  - 10776.82 Money Market
  - Ron presented Hospital Foundation a check
- Membership (Wade and Debi)
  - 47 single
  - 97 family
  - 144 members
  - 36 renewals
  - \$17 in postage to mail renewals. Discussed attaching in email.
  - Roger – email is great, mistake to depend on it.
  - Brian – can we make checkbox for membership like the newsletter
  - Debi will put the option in her list for the future
- Ride Captain Report (Jo Johnson)
  - Tom and Barbi stepped up to lead the ride this weekend.
  - Appreciate all ride leaders.
  - Spinners are on phone chain (call Ken Fullen) still meeting on Monday's at fairgrounds.

**Old Business:**

- Changes made to membership application (Ron Kropf)
  - Discussed what new membership application will look like.
- Strawberry Century Storage Issue (Barbi Thompson)
  - Checked 4 different places in town
  - Range 5x10 to 10x20
  - Broken down to price
  - Best deal right now:

Airway Mini-Storage: will give us 20% off since we are non profit if we paid a year in advance.

- 7x10 \$.57sq ft
- 10x10 \$.48sq ft.
- Place is for sale though, so unsure of what changes may occur.
- Annual was \$60/mo with 20% off.

- Roger discussed buying a cargo trailer instead of doing storage unit. But we would need place to put it.
  - Figure out what space we need.
  - Brian will check it out and price them.
  - Added benefit to trailer, could use it for more events.
- Proposed Budget for 2012-2013 (John Hebda)
  - Anticipate \$20-21k/yr of spending
  - Admin is most well defined \$14-15k/yr with liability insurance and directors insurance.
  - Club events, special rides, tour runs \$1500-1700/yr.
  - Strawberry: Estimate \$12-18k/yr based on participates and payouts to Philanthropy.
  - Roger discussed maybe rewriting then philanthropy policy since we are not locked into many items.
  - Ron would like to see worst case scenario.
  - Reserve \$8-9k buffer is best.

**New Business:**

- Vote on Officers Slate for 2012-2013 (Wade and Debi Bloecher)
  - Motion to Accept slate as is – Roger Gaither
  - Seconded: Debi Bloecher
  - All in Favor
- Nominations for Jack Thomas Award (Ron Kropf)
  - It's in the newsletter. Please email Ron who you consider for it.

**Announcements:**

- Wade Bloecher – Dreamer Award for biggest adventure during the year. (Humor award)
- Christine Davies – 22yo female biker needs help and looking for biking training.
- Brian Hubbard– Lebanon Bicycle Board getting feedback on community to become better bike/ pedestrian place. Survey Monkey is \$24/mo. They are looking to do three months (\$72). Able to put the club info on flyer. Want to launch as soon as possible; possibly October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012.
  - Motion to approve: Roger Gaither
  - Seconded: Christine Davies
  - All in Favor
  - John Hebda will write a check to the Survey Monkey
  - Roger said to Brian to submit to Lebanon Express and ask for a donation.
- Roger had items left in his basement and would like to distribute them to the proper locations.
- Roger and May having open house club warming about their Europe Trip on December 9<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome and he will send out an invite.
- Roger is going to ride tomorrow morning if anyone else wants to ride.

Adjournment: Thanks for Coming

- 8:33pm



# Membership Application

## In Santiam Spokes, Inc.

### Release Waiver

I waive any and all claims against the Santiam Spokes, inc. and its sponsor Lebanon Community Hospital and any other group associated with them in their programs. I agree not to hold them responsible for any accidents or injuries that I may experience as a participant in any of their activities. Further, I agree not to hold them responsible for damage to any property or equipment while participating in any of their activities. I agree to release them from any and all liability of any kind or nature, and by so doing I am allowed to participate in Santiam Spokes, inc. activities and programs. I agree to wear an A.N.S.I. or Snell approved helmet while participating in any and all Santiam Spokes rides. I agree to practice safe and courteous riding procedures and techniques and will obey all traffic regulations while participating in any and all Santiam Spokes rides.

Individual-\$10/yr       Family-\$15/yr

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Name of 1st member

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Name of 2nd member

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Name of 3rd member

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Name of 4th member

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Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Zip

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Home Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Work or Cell Phone (if available)

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Email

### *Sign Liability Release To The Left*

..... Optional Information Below .....

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of 1st member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

[\_\_\_\_\_] Age of 1st member

[\_\_\_\_\_] Age of 2nd member

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Signature of 1st member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

[\_\_\_\_\_] Age of 3rd member

[\_\_\_\_\_] Age of 4th member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of 1st member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation of any Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of 1st member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Complete all sections of this form and mail it with your check to

Santiam Spokes, Inc.  
c/o Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital  
PO Box 739, Lebanon, Oregon 97355

I am a member of the League of American Bicyclists

I am a member of Adventure Cycling

I belong to other bicycling clubs as listed below:

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You're now a member. We'll send you membership materials, and you will begin to receive a copy of *Outspoken*, our club newsletter, via email. Printed copy available upon request. Come to the next meeting and take part in the rides. Get involved in all club activities. The Club is what we make it.

Ride Preferences:

Easy, 3-15 mi.

Sport, 20-50 mi.

Tour, 30-80 mi.

Competitive, 40-100 mi. fast

Off-road, i.e. mountain biking

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Club Information: Santiam Spokes is a recreational bicycling club for cyclists of all ages & abilities. The Willamette Valley offers wonderful roads through beautiful farmland with plenty of hills nearby. We ride weekly Saturday year-around plus other times during the dryer months. Club meetings are normally each month the first Thursday at 7:00 PM at the conference center of Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital. See *Outspoken* for specifics. The public is invited to the rides & meetings. 2012/2013 Club officers are: Membership > Wade & Debi Bloecher, 541-926-1639; President > Ron Kropf 541-401-7178; Vice President > Lynn Trimpe 503-580-2879; Ride Captains > Brian and Christine Hubbard 541-619-3006; Secretary > Christine Davies; Treasurer > Dennis Murphy 541-738-8600; Historian > John Smith 541-405-5397; Newsletter > Kari Kropf, 541-401-3349; Publicity > Mark Burdell 541-223-5331; WebMaster > Maurice Banning, 541-928-6311; Strawberry Century > Position open;

# NOVEMBER RIDES 2012

The Terrain Category will be identified on each route description in the newsletter and on each route sheet that is given at the start of the ride. Also on the route sheet areas that are known to be hazardous will be marked with the word "CAUTION". The overall average group speed for our regular club is 12 - 14 mph, and 8 - 12 mph for Santiam Spinner rides. Some bikers choose to ride faster and sprint ahead of the group and some bikers ride slower. Each person may set his/her own pace. The ride leader usually selects places along the route where the bikers re-group, usually at a turn in the route. In case of extreme weather conditions, please call the ride leader or Jo Johnson, 541-327-2813, to check on the possibility of the ride being cancelled.

## KEY FOR ROUTE DESCRIPTION

Cat I	Flat to rolling hills. Easy pedaling.
Cat II	More frequent rolling hills, possible several short, steep hills. A hearty workout.
Cat III	Moderate, longer hills, with a few steep climbs. Need to be experienced and in good biking condition.
Cat IV	Frequent hills, some long and steep climbs. These are tough rides that require endurance.

WINTER RIDES START AT 10:00 am - unless otherwise noted

## Wednesday Wanderers

**Every Wednesday • 10:00 am**

Start at the Linn County Fairgrounds parking lot. Call Jo and Ace Johnson at 541-327-2813 for more information.

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**Saturday, November 3, 2012 • 10:00 am**

### LOOP THE BUTTES

*A ride around two of the Buttes near Lebanon*

**20/40 mile options • Cat II**

**Start: Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital**

**Description:** The first loop will go out Oak St., around Peterson's Butte, returning via Rock Hill Rd. coming back into the south of Lebanon to the Crowfoot Grange. Crossing Hwy 20, Weirich Road leads to River Rd where the first loop returns to town. The second part of the ride will continue to Waterloo, along Bellinger Scale Rd., before returning on Mt. Hope Rd. Lunch will be at Big Town Hero.

**Leader: Wade Bloecher, 541-926-1639**

**Saturday, November 10, 2012 • 10:00 am**

### JEFFERSON TO STAYTON

**35 mi • Cat I**

**Start: Jefferson Middle School**

**Description:** Meet at Jefferson Middle School. Backroads to Stayton do lunch at the Subway and return. It's all scenic!

**Leader: Brian Hubbard, 541-619-3006**

**Saturday, November 17, 2012 • 10:00 am**

### Santiam Bluffs

**32 mi • Cat II**

**Start: South Albany High School swimming pool parking lot**

**Description:** We will head out of Albany on Waverly Drive and then onto Grand Prairie and local backroads to Knox Butte Road. We then ride west to Old Salem Road, on out to the Dever Conner area, and up to Santiam Bluffs. We'll return along Scrael Hill Rd., Kennel Rd., and Spicer Rd., We'll decide if and where we want to do lunch while we're riding. Some hills, but also some nice views.

**Leader: Bill Pintard, 541-967-3295**

**Saturday, November 24, 2012 • 10:00 am**

### Brownsville/Crawfordsville/Holley

**26 mi • Cat II**

**Start: Brownsville Post Office (park in back)**

**Description:** This is a reverse route of one of the nicest portions of the Strawberry Century route. Somewhat hilly, but great views. Short and sweet!

**Leader: to be determined**

## SANTIAM SPINNERS - November

The routes for Santiam Spinners are generally flat with occasional moderate hills, along low-traffic secondary roads. Average speed will be within 8 — 12 mph. The group will stay together and look out for each other. Length of route will be approximately 20 miles, plus or minus, and riders are welcome to return early for a shorter ride option.

Santiam Spinners will arrange rides through the use of a phone tree. If you are interested in participating in a Santiam Spinners ride contact Ken Fullen for information on any upcoming Spinner rides.

**Contact: Ken Fullen, 541-327-2084**



Lebanon to Brownsville  
Bill on the hills to Brownsville



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November 2012					Santiam Spokes	
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				<b>Club Meeting 1</b> 7:00 pm Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital 525 N. Santiam Hwy Lebanon	<b>10:00 am</b> <b>LOOP THE BUTTES 3</b> <b>Start:</b> Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital 20/40 miles / Cat II Leader: Wade Bloecher, 541-926-1639 <b>Santiam Spinners</b> Contact: Ken Fullen, 541-327-2084 for information on Spinner Rides	
4	5	6	Wed. Wanderers Start at Linn County Expo parking lot at 10 AM. Call Jo & Ace Johnson at 541-327-2813 for more information.	8	<b>10:00 am</b> <b>JEFFERSON TO STAYTON 10</b> <b>Start:</b> Jefferson Middle School 35 miles / Cat I Leader: Brian Hubbard, 541-619-3006 <b>Santiam Spinners</b> Contact: Ken Fullen, 541-327-2084 for information on Spinner Rides	
11	12 <b>Outspoken            Submissions            Due</b>	13	Wed. Wanderers Start at Linn County Expo parking lot at 10 AM. Call Jo & Ace Johnson at 541-327-2813 for more information.	14	15	<b>10:00 am</b> <b>SANTIAMS BLUFFS 17</b> <b>Start:</b> South Albany pool parking lot 32 miles / Cat II Leader: Bill Pintard, 541-967-3295 <b>Santiam Spinners</b> Contact: Ken Fullen, 541-327-2084 for information on Spinner Rides
18	19	20	Wed. Wanderers Start at Linn County Expo parking lot at 10 AM. Call Jo & Ace Johnson at 541-327-2813 for more information.	21	22 <b>Thanksgiving</b>	<b>10:00 am</b> <b>BROWNSVILLE/CRAWFORDSVILLE/HOLLEY 24</b> <b>Start:</b> Brownsville Post Office (park in back) 26 miles / Cat II Leader: to be determined <b>Santiam Spinners</b> Contact: Ken Fullen, 541-327-2084 for information on Spinner Rides
25	26	27	Wed. Wanderers Start at Linn County Expo parking lot at 10 AM. Call Jo & Ace Johnson at 541-327-2813 for more information.	28		See inside newsletter for more ride details, or visit our website at <a href="http://www.santiamspokes.org">www.santiamspokes.org</a> <b>Outspoken Submissions</b> Please submit material for Outspoken to Kari Kropf: <a href="mailto:bluekat78@comcast.net">bluekat78@comcast.net</a> PO Box 1183, Lebanon OR 97355



Visit our website for the latest information on rides: [www.santiamspokes.org](http://www.santiamspokes.org)