

OUTSPOKEN

Guest Speakers - Dan & Shawn Barrett

Sept. 1 - 7:00 PM

For our meeting, **Dan and Shawn** will be reviewing their 6-week, 1400 km bike trip in Europe they took last year. This was their first bike trip to Europe and the longest bike tour they have ever done. They traveled almost without an itinerary and found it was relatively easy and very safe. The majority of our trip was spent on EuroVelo 6 as it followed the Loire River valley through central France. They also spent time riding in Holland, Belgium, Switzerland and Germany and their presentation will touch briefly on those areas as well. Along with scenery and cultural highlights the topics they will cover will also include:

- What worked well and what didn't
- Their experience traveling by train, - to hoose or not to hoose (and if you don't know what a hoose is we will show you one)
- The EuroVelo system, specifically EuroVelo 1, EuroVelo 6 and EuroVelo 15
- Lodging options we used - Air B&B, hotels, camping, Gites
- Maps - paper vs. GPS
- Electronics - benefits and problems
- Towing a Bob vs. a Bike Friday suitcase trailer
- Emergency bike repairs
- Food options, the problems and the pleasures, the costs of various food and lodging options,
- How much French, German, Dutch, etc. language skills do you need to get by.

It sounds like a great program. Plan on being at the meeting!



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Sept 1st Board Meeting and General Meeting

Al Rimer has called for a board meeting at 6:00 PM prior to the General Meeting at 7:00 PM. We will be discussing our Options on the 2017 Strawberry Century. Also on the agenda is dispersing some money. As always, all members are welcome to attend the board meeting. In the general meeting after our presentation from the Barrett's, he will again open the discussion about the 2017 Strawberry Century. **Ken Bronson** is bringing the refreshments for this month's meeting.

Santiam Spokes Board Meeting - August 4th

President Al Rimer opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Present were Al, Trevor Spangle, Barbi Thomson, Mary Ellen Lind, Greg Stephens, Charles Taylor and Sandy Law.

STRAWBERRY CENTURY: Discussion followed on the topic, "The Strawberry – can the club survive without it?" After this year's event many people have said they're tired and don't want to do it anymore, etc. What are our options?

Trevor, as the Strawberry Coordinator the past two years, is at a crossroads right now since he no longer lives in Lebanon. Since moving to Portland he is really no longer involved in the club. He asked what the club was planning to do with the proceeds from the Strawberry?

Everyone gave their opinion on whether or not we should continue putting on the ride as well as can we survive without it. It seems that the main problem is getting (and keeping) volunteers. Al suggested getting more volunteers from other clubs and community organizations, give them the products to serve, and they would take over all the sag stops as their own fundraiser. The census is that we just can't keep doing it as we have in the past but it would be a shame to drop it after all these years.

Al asked Trevor what his fee would be if he were to be paid to completely take over the Strawberry (currently he is doing public relations and registration). He will let us know as there are issues that would have to be researched, i.e., one can't be a member of a club and be paid at a non-profit organization. He said he thought he had the experience to do everything involved with producing the ride.

Mary Ellen suggested maintaining a relationship with Build Lebanon Trails. It was also suggested that since we have volunteers from Sweet Home and Brownsville that we reach out to those communities to see if they have volunteer organizations who would work the Strawberry as a fundraiser.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sandy Law has taken over for Maurice Banning as our new Treasurer. She reported monies as follows:

\$4,003 – Strawberry Reserve Fund

\$3,200 – Money currently sitting in Paypal

\$15,010 – Strawberry Checking

\$7,878 – Spokes Checking

Essentially we have \$30,000 with about \$2,550 in Strawberry bills left to pay. Mary Ellen suggested we donate more to Sally Skaggs for the use of Santiam Place, and Trevor made a motion, which Charles seconded to increase it to \$500. Motion carried. Barbi suggested to Sandy that the money in the Paypal account be moved to the Strawberry reserve fund which would then give us the approximate amount we like to have on hand each year in that account.

Also, there was discussion about having a Strawberry volunteer appreciation party. Barbi motioned and Trevor seconded to have the club pay up to \$1,500 towards it; motion carried. Dates, times and places were discussed with it being decided that we'll have a catered party at Sally Skaggs' place, Thursday, September 22 at 6:00 p.m. Two to three people will check out catering places before that time.

Trevor said he will get proposals to us by August 25 as to what his fee would be if put in complete charge of planning next year's Strawberry Century. He suggested designating organizations each year as our philanthropic recipients and celebrating them at the Christmas party. This is to help us refocus on our mission and philanthropy, as well as to remember, It's All About The Rides!

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbi Thomson

Co-Secretary

September Rides

Sept 03 - Sunnyside Park to McDowell Creek Park - Start 09:00 AM from Sunnyside Park in Sweet Home - 35.3 Miles - C2 - 1531 Ft. Gain with the Option to go up Ridgeway to the top of Marks Ridge and down Berlin - 34.3 Miles - C3/C4 - 2005 Ft. Gain. All riders meet at the intersection of Berlin/McDowell Creek road and continue on to the Park.

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/15774320>

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/15978287>

Sept 10 - Peoria Road Loop - Start 09:00 AM from Harrison St. Bridge in Corvallis - 37.7 Miles - C1 - 425 Ft. Gain - Time for a Cinnamon Roll at the Peoria Road Bakery

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/16137785>

Sept 17 - Scale the Gap - Start 09:00 AM From SLCH in Lebanon - 38 Miles - C2 - 1109 Ft. Gain - A club favorite

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/11428167>

Sept 24 - Yellowbottom - Start 09:00 AM from Andrew Wiley Park in Foster - 53.8 Miles - C3 - 3103 Ft. Gain - This Ride is tentative depending on the road construction that is going on right now. Bring Food/ Water - Non Available

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/12229250>



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Be Conspicuous

Ride where people can see you and wear bright clothing. Use a front white light, red rear light and reflectors when visibility is poor. Make eye contact with others and don't ride on sidewalks.



Election of Officers for 2017

It is that time of year when we need to nominate new Officers for 2017. If you would like to step up and help the club by being an officer, please email **Al Rimer** at **AIRmr199@aol.com**. There will also be a **Ride Committee** for the coming year to make, map, and announce the weekly rides instead of one Ride Captain. To that end, we need 5 people who would like be involved in making, mapping (if need be), and deciding where we are riding every week. We would also like to have 12 people volunteer to lead one ride of their choice sometime during the year. If you have a favorite ride, step up and get involved. **The club is only as good as you make it.** Thanks!

Jack Thomas Award

The **Jack Thomas Award** is presented each year to a club member who has given years of leadership and service to our club, the **Santiam Spokes**, and to the greater community of bicycling. It recognizes their commitment to cycling as a fun and healthy way of life. The award is in memory of **Jack Thomas** who founded the Santiam (Slow) Spokes in 1991. As a leader in the Lebanon Community Hospital Foundation, he organized the Hospital's sponsorship of the club with the goal of promoting community health and relationships through exercise and organized bike events. Please feel free to email Al Rimer at **AIRmr199@aol.com** and tell him your choice for the recipient of this year's award. All club members are eligible to be nominated for this award.