

Bikesonoma



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promoting bicycling for transportation and recreation

Levi Leipheimer joins the SCBC and helps to get more racers involved



photo by Patrick Rocchi

A big thank you to U.S. cycling star Levi Leipheimer who spoke to members of local bike racing clubs about racing in the European peleton, training and bike

advocacy. The event was designed to rally support for the SCBC among the local racing community.

The evening began with a few words from SCBC's Executive Director Christine Culver about what the SCBC is and what we do for local cyclists. By the end of the evening everyone in attendance had signed up for the SCBC which put total enrollment for the coalition above 400 members.

Levi talked about the first time he rode in Sonoma County, how he fell in love with the

area and how important it is to work to make our roads safer for bicyclists. He showed a short video documenting his momentous third place finish in the 2001 Tour of Spain and then used the rest of the evening to field a variety of questions from the crowd of bike racers, triathletes and bicycle advocates. The SCBC is proud to have the support of such a talented and gracious athlete as Levi. And thanks to the Tridogs Triathlon Team for hosting the event. 🚲

Thursday, May 20, Bike-to-Work Day!

The Bay Area's 10th annual **Bike-to-Work Day** celebration is Thursday, May 20, and there are many ways to participate in this exciting event. Ride your bike to work, of course. Or ride to transit. And in the meantime, spread the word about Bike-to-Work Day at your workplace or organize a group ride to work with your colleagues. Volunteers are needed to staff more than 20 Energizer Stations in Sonoma County that will be set up at strategic locations. Volunteers will cheer on the participants and distribute food and giveaways. More Great Bike-To-Work Events During May:

Thursday, May 13, 6 p.m.
"Bike-in Movie"

The SCBC, the City of Santa Rosa and Rialto Cinemas will be hosting a free showing

of the Triplets of Belleville at 6 p.m. Folks who bike to the theater and park with the SCBC free Valet Bike Parking service get in **FREE!**

Rialto Cinemas Lakeside, 551 Summerfield Road, Santa Rosa. Please call SCBC for more information, (707) 545-0153.

Wednesday, May 19
"Shop by Bike!"

Free shopping baskets for bike riders! This is the first day of the Santa Rosa Downtown Market. The SCBC, the City of Santa Rosa, REI and the Santa Rosa Downtown Market are presenting **"Shop By Bike!"** Ride to the market and use the SCBC Bike Valet Parking service while you shop, and we will reward you by installing a free removable front shopping basket on your bike! These baskets fit



most bicycles with minimal installation, but there are a limited number so get there early! And a note of thanks to Agilent for sponsoring the valet bike parking at the downtown Market this season. Our booth will be near the intersection of 4th Street and Mendocino Avenue.

TO VOLUNTEER FOR BIKE TO WORK DAY please contact Melanie Lenat at mленат@onebox.com or (707) 535-0269. 🚲

SCBC CALENDAR

SCBC Board Meetings:

Wednesday April 21, SCBC Board Meeting room B Memorial Hospital at 6 p.m., 1165 Montgomery Drive in Santa Rosa

Tuesday May 18 SCBC Board Meeting, Environmental Center (time to be determined)

Wednesday June 16, SCBC Board Meeting, room B Memorial Hospital (time to be determined)

For information call:

(707) 545-0153

April 1- May 3

Win a Breezer bicycle! See insert

April 10, 11, 24 & 25 **Street Skills for Cyclists.** 8:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. See page 5 for more information!

Sunday April 18,

Earth Day on the Plaza. Downtown Sonoma Plaza from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free Valet Bicycle Parking will be available.

May is National Bike Month

May 1, Santa Rosa Cycling Club's **Wine Country Century** www.SRCC.com. Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets to win a Breezer Bicycle

Wednesday May 12,

Bicycles for Everyday Use Clinic at the Santa Rosa REI, from 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. call (707) 545-0153 for more information.

Thursday May 13, **Triplets of Belleville** Bike-in Movie. See column to the left for more information!

Saturday May 15, **Luther Burbank Rose Parade**, join us!!! Free Valet Bicycle Parking will be available.

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SCBC Calendar

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Sunday May 23,
SCBC Cultural Bike Ride.
11a.m.-noon. Start at the
Finley Center (2060 W.
College Ave. Santa Rosa)
and ride to downtown via the
Prince Memorial Greenway.
Helmets are mandatory and
bring water and snacks.
RSVP for rides at 545-0153.
Helmets can be provided for
children.

Saturday May 29,
**Bike For Breath/Two Rock
Ride**, www.bike4breath.org.

Sunday June 13,
SCBC Cultural Bike Ride.
11AM-noon, Santa Rosa
~ Montgomery Village to
Howarth Park. Riders must
wear a helmet and bring
water and snacks. RSVP for
rides at 545-0153. Helmets
can be provided for children.

Saturday June 19,
**SCBC Historic Sites of
Santa Rosa.** 10AM-noon,
ride starts at Santa Rosa
City Hall parking lot. We will
visit the Church of One Tree,
Carrillo Adobe, city parks and
much more! Riders must
wear a helmet and bring
water and snacks. RSVP for
rides at 545-0153. Helmets
can be provided for children.

For ongoing Repair and Skills
Clinics, please check the
SCBC Web site or call (707)
545-0153.

Building communities for living



From left to right: Former mayor of Bogota, Enrique Penalosa, Christine Culver, and Jim Keene at the National Bicycle Summit

It was a wonderful opportunity to go to the National Bicycle Summit this past March. By going to Capital Hill to meet with our Senators and Congressional Representatives and through the seminars hosted by the League of American Bicyclists I learned first hand how to push for important bicycle legislation. But the most inspiring event of the trip was the keynote speech from Enrique Penalosa, former mayor of Bogota.

This speech covered Mr. Penalosa's time as mayor of Bogota from 1998-2001. He discussed the major changes his administration made to improve the livability of his city.

He did this by creating better public spaces including parks, bicycle paths and restricting the use of private automobiles in the city. He talked about how the bicycle brings equity to people. "Bicycles integrate and cars segregate and isolate." Just look at current car commercials and you can see this to be true!

He told us that if we want livable, walkable, bikeable communities we have to take that first frightening step and start designing for us, the humans, and stop designing for cars. He explained that we need to start talking about how we want to live; how are we to be happy if we spend so much time locked up in cars? Happiness comes with space for us to move around safely, to breathe, to play, or to kiss, as Mr. Penalosa pointed out.

In Bogota 120 km of main streets inside the city center are closed every Sunday. This is a city of 7 million people and they get a million and a half people walking and riding bikes on this newly created public space.

Can you imagine this happening in Santa Rosa, Petaluma...Sebastopol? Can you imagine the business that would happen downtown if one out of seven residents came to enjoy such a day? 🚲

Christine Culver, Executive Director

News from the National Bike Summit

SCBC executive director Christine Culver and Bike Peddler/NorCal Bikesport owner Jim Keene joined over 350 bike advocates in Washington D.C. the first week of March for the National Bike Summit. The North Bay Area was well represented with the executive directors of the California, San Francisco, Marin and Sonoma bike coalitions along with the owners and employees of bike shops and bike industry representatives.

This was a three-day, intensive conference called

the National Bike Summit organized by the League of American Bicyclists and co-hosted by Bikes Belong, a bike trade advocacy group, and the U.S Department of Transportation. The League and the California Bicycle Coalition organized our meetings with our respective House representatives and U.S. senators by arranging meetings either directly or with congressional aides.

The main issue was the reauthorization of a bill called TEA-21. This important bill is where much of the

federal funding comes from for bicycle and pedestrian projects. We were there to ask for it to stay in the transportation package when the house of Representatives votes on the upcoming budget.

TEA-21 funds many projects such as the National Safe Routes to School Program. Safe Routes to School is an organized effort to reduce congestion and pollution in and around schools by creating a system where kids are able to walk or ride their bikes

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The Local Scene

Healdsburg is working on the Foss Creek Class 1 pathway which will parallel Foss Creek and the NWP railroad for several miles.

Petaluma will soon be constructing a new innovative bike/pedestrian crossing on Ely Road. The unique "corral" design will provide an island for bikes and pedestrians in the middle of the roadway to encourage safer crossings. Petaluma's Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee will again be participating in the Butter and Eggs Parade in Petaluma on April 24 Contact Bernie Album 766-7056 if you would like to join the fun! They will also be launching a Traffic Safety campaign during Bike-to- Work Day. Keep up the great work Petaluma!

Rohnert Park completed the construction of a new pathway along Commerce Blvd. between Hinebaugh Creek and Utility Court. They will soon be constructing a bike/pedestrian bridge over Hinebaugh Creek and continuing the pathway south to Rohnert Park Expressway.

The Pierson Reach in Santa Rosa is done! Now you can ride continuously from Fulton Road to Mendocino Avenue! Santa Rosa will be installing new bicycle-friendly entry gates along several sections of the Santa Rosa Creek pathway. The section of Joe Rodota Trail between Stony Point Road and Dutton Avenue is almost done!

The final design is underway for the bike lanes on Windsor River Road between Windsor Road and Starr Road. Construction should begin this summer.

News from the County Bicycle Pedestrian and Advisory Committee:

Bike lanes on Old Redwood Highway between Eastside Road and Healdsburg city limits should be in very soon.

Good News! Construction on the pathway along Highway 116 between Mill Station Road and Occidental Road will start soon. Also the Green Valley Road shoulders and bike lanes that will connect sections of the West County Trail in Graton.

Yeah! Funding has been secured for more "Share the Road" signs to be installed along county roads. And a big Hurrah! to Steven Schmitz at the county for securing funding to continue the "Share the Road" bicycle safety campaign this summer/fall.

National News From the League of American Bicyclist:

House Committee Approves Tea-21 Reauthorization Bill.

The House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure approved a \$275 billion six-year TEA-21 reauthorization bill on March 24. There is talk that the full House may consider this measure early April. The Senate passed its \$318 billion version on February 12. The federal six-year surface transportation legislation expired on September 30, 2003, but is currently operating under an extension through April 30.

Both bills contain elements of importance to the bicycling community. Currently, they protect the core programs such as Enhancements, Recreational Trails, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality but at varying levels. In addition, both bills contain a national Safe Routes to Schools program, also at different spending levels. The Senate bill contains language that increases bike/pedestrian safety funding. Right now, neither bill contains Bicycle Commuter Act or Complete Streets. 🚲



Thank you!!!

Agilent Technologies has awarded the SCBC a \$1,500 grant to sponsor our Valet Bicycle Parking program at the Santa Rosa Downtown Market. They have helped with Bike-to-Work Day in the past but this year they wanted to do something even better.

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instead of the disturbing trend these days of the mile-long SUV queue, where parents line up like chauffeurs to drop off or pick up the kids. It involves cooperation between parents, schools, advocacy groups and municipalities.

It also funds state set-aside funds that are earmarked for bike/pedestrian

enhancements. Currently, California uses only 4.8 percent of our safety set-aside money for bike and pedestrian safety despite the fact that 20.8 percent of all traffic-related deaths in our state last year involved the death of a bicyclist or pedestrian. Sadly, we are well above the national average for deaths at 13.2 percent

but well ahead of the national curve in spending at 1.9 percent. We were able to effectively communicate the above and other pressing concerns to our congressional leaders and our case was easy to make given the poor state of affairs as it relates to childhood obesity, congestion and quality of life issues. 🚲

\$200 Million Approved for New Bicycle and Pedestrian Program By Christine Culver and Deb Hubsmith



The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) approved \$200 million in funds for a new Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Program for the nine San Francisco Bay Area counties. This is a landmark decision that will provide new funding to build bicycle and pedestrian projects.

Petaluma city council member and MTC commissioner Pamela Torliatt championed this unprecedented bicycle and pedestrian set-aside to be included in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) 2030 process. She says "It is now time for MTC to allocate money to build the infrastructure outlined in the 2001 Regional Bicycle Plan. I believe MTC commissioners recognize the importance of bicycle and pedestrian projects that provide greater mobility,

improve health and clean the air. I am glad to be part of the leadership to fund these long awaited and necessary projects for the Bay Area."

Marin County Supervisor Steve Kinsey, the current MTC Chairman, also supported the dedication of these new funds. He says "In the world of transportation, there is never enough to go around. During one's term as chair of MTC, at best a few truly significant contributions can be made. Helping build the will of the Commission to, for the first time ever, set aside \$200 million dollars over the next quarter century toward building our regional bicycle and pedestrian system will stand out as one of those accomplishments."

Details as to how the Bicycle and Pedestrian funds will be distributed will be worked out over the next few months.

Securing the Funding

The process for securing these funds began in 1999 when Bay Area bicycle

advocates encouraged the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to develop a regional bicycle plan which would detail projects in local bicycle plans that were of regional significance (such as connections between counties, or providing "Safe Routes to Transit"). The Regional Bicycle Plan was adopted by MTC in 2001, but no funds were allocated as part of the 2001 RTP process.

In an effort to secure funds during this current RTP cycle, bicycle advocates from all nine Bay Area counties united under the Bay Area Bicycle Coalition (BABC) to make the case for a Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian set-aside program in the Transportation 2030 Plan.

The bike/pedestrian set-aside received support from the Transportation and Land Use Coalition, the Greenbelt Alliance, the Association of Bay Area Governments, and the San Francisco Bay Trail Project. 🚲

Drum Roll Please...

SCBC Membership Party Elects New Board

In late January we had our third annual membership meeting and party. Our amazing membership gathered to eat lots of pizza, elect our new board of directors and be amazed by key-note speaker Alice B. Toeclips herself, Jacquie Phelan. Thanks to Jacquie for her wonderfully meandering talk about bicycles and women's suffrage.

The ballots were tallied and these are the results: The new SCBC board retains Lou Salz, Ken Wells, Gary Wysocky, Mike Eunice, Steven Schmitz, Sean Walling and Warren Watkins and we welcome new members—Bernie Album, Gordon Burns, Janice Oakley, and Briant Smith. Outgoing board members are Barbara Denlis, Deborah Fudge, Jim Keene and Linda Picton. An extra large thanks to these incredible people who contributed so much to the shaping of this organization. We are very lucky that each of them will continue to be involved in SCBC projects and events.

Good bye to Bill McGee *By Craig Gaevert*

**Bill McGee 15 Feb 1925
– 29 Feb 2004**

SCBC member Bill McGee, my good friend and neighbor, and a good friend to many others, died this past February 29.

Bill was well known and loved in the community. Bill rode a lot and was known for always being

up for a ride. He retired in 1992 and spent these past years writing poetry, taking photos, traveling, baking bread, and riding his bike. When Bill turned 66 he received a disbursement for about \$600 from the Knights of Columbus for his casket – Bill used the money to buy a Nordic Track machine.

Of the many thousands of miles I rode with McGee, perhaps the most enjoyable was his 70th birthday, where as we rode, we joined him to tell us stories about his life, corresponding with whatever mileage we happened to be at. I regret I didn't have a tape recorder, though I am

sure there are some that are glad I didn't. Friday evenings were always made better sharing a few beers and a story or two with Bill. To paraphrase Father Jack O'Hare who officiated at Bill's Memorial, Bill has gone on to meet St. Peter at the Gates and St. Peter has met his replacement. 🚲

Seminars: Street Skills for Cyclists

Just FOUR HOURS will change the way you ride!



Attend SCBC's "Street Skills for Cyclists"

- * Road-cycling skills for Adults: 16 and up
- * Four dates - your choice
- * The only prerequisite: be bicycle-minded

Street Skills is based on the League of American Bicyclists (LAB) Road I Bicycle Education curriculum. Both experienced and novice bike riders will benefit.

We will concentrate on the key issues of sharing the road with motorists. The class is designed to take adults who already know how to ride a bike to the next level.

You already know how to RIDE a bike, now learn how to DRIVE one.

Riding a bicycle in traffic is seldom easy! Left turns, avoiding buses, getting through intersections, and sharing the road with hurried motorists can be a real challenge. This

seminar will teach you the techniques that research shows can make your trip to the store, or your commute to work, a simpler, safer, and more pleasant experience. Maximize your safety out on the street by joining us for this low-cost Street Skills Seminar: Adult Bicycle Driver Education.

Space is limited. Please honor your commitment to attend. A LAB League-Certified Instructor will

teach the course using proven methods. A bicycle is not required at the lecture.

Choose a Seminar Date:

Sat., April 10,
Sun., April 11
Sat., April 24
Sun., April 25

All classes are from 8:45 am-12:45pm

Location:

Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital
Conference Rm C
1165 Montgomery Drive
Santa Rosa

Fee:

\$20.00
\$10.00 for SCBC members
(Ask about special Seminar/membership offers)

Pre-registration Required:

Send e-mail to SCBC@att.net or call (707) 545-0153. Provide your name and telephone number, also the seminar date that you want to attend. We will get back to you by e-mail or telephone to confirm your place. ☺

Two Wheels North *A Book Review by Jacquie Phelan*

Evelyn McDaniel Gibb
Oregon State University
Press 2000

Every bibliophile biker has a favorite story that features a bicycle or the act of bicycling. There's Full Tilt, the first effort by the prolific Irish writer Dervla Murphy. There's My Bicycle and Other Friends by Henry Miller. There's even The Literary Bicyclist, a collection of short quotes by known and unknown cyclists.

My new favorite is a book that emerged from

a series of kitchen table conversations between an old man and his grown daughter, a century after he undertook a trail-blazing ride with his best friend.

Two Wheels North is the story of two boys who challenged themselves to go where no one had ever gone, or rather, in a manner no one had dared try.

In 1909, the way to get to Seattle from the sleepy railroad town of Santa Rosa was by train or by steamer. No carriage had

ever done this. Certainly no car had ventured overland on such an ambitious, dangerous route.

With the goal of making it to the great Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition in Seattle, the narrator Victor McDaniel and his buddy Ray Francisco rolled blithely into uncharted byways, disguising their knocking knees with teenage bravado. It is not an exaggeration to say they were among the first true mountain bike pioneers. ☺

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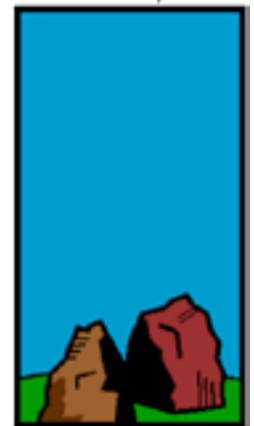
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Saturday, May 29, 2004

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of California
Redwood Empire Branch



BIKE FOR BREATH
The Two Rock Ride

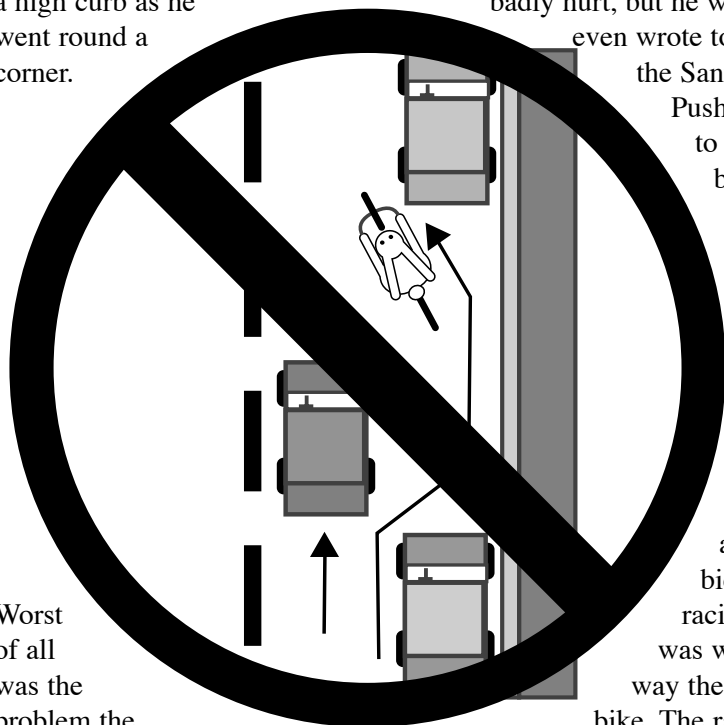
Register now for Bike for Breath-the Two Rock Ride at www.bike4breath.org.

BICYCLE WITH CONFIDENCE *by Martin Clinton*

The Gutter Bunny

Once upon a time in the woodland city of Santa Rodent there lived a rabbit that loved to ride his bicycle. But his friends called him the Gutter Bunny! Because he was afraid of cars and trucks, that's where he rode—as close to the curb as possible.

Riding in the gutter caused a lot of problems for the Bunny. He had a lot of punctures from the broken glass and other debris that collected at the edge of the road. And one day he fell off his bike when a wheel slipped on a wet grating, and another time he crashed when a pedal got caught on a high curb as he went round a corner.



Worst of all was the problem the Bunny had with parked cars! He tried to stay close to the car as he passed it, because of other traffic, but sometimes a car door would open and he would almost run into it. Every time the rabbit came to a parked car he would take a deep breath, give a hand signal (because he was a polite bicycle rider) and swoop round the car as quickly as possible. If there were gaps between parked vehicles, he would get back

to the curb as soon as he could and then pluck up courage for the next obstacle. The rabbit did not realize how this looked to passing drivers. They would see the rabbit disappear into the “hole” between parked cars, then pop out again with no warning.

One day the rabbit gave his usual signal, but didn't know that he was invisible behind a Ferret Express truck. When he pulled out he was hit by a SUV driven by a big Toad, and bunny went flying cottontail over floppy ears! Fortunately, and thanks to his helmet, Bunny was not badly hurt, but he was very cross. He

even wrote to the newspaper,

the Santa Rodent Push Republican to complain that bicycling rabbits got no respect, and asked motoring animals to share the road through the woods.

Soon after this, the Bunny met an experienced bicycle rider, a racing raccoon, who was worried about the way the rabbit used his bike. The raccoon persuaded Bunny to make just a few changes in how and where he rode:

First, stay at least two feet from the curb so there is space to maneuver and less debris.

Second, when riding past a parked vehicle, stay far enough away so you won't run into a door if it opens suddenly. That means riding more in the traffic lane, but that's safer than slamming into a door.

Third, DO NOT DISAPPEAR into the gap between parked vehicles. Ride as close to a straight line as you can, aiming for where you want to be when you get to the next obstacle. Passing car drivers can still see you, and they KNOW you need to pass the parked car you are approaching. If you want to give a bit more space to be overtaken on a narrow road move over, but no further than in line with the left-side tires of the next parked vehicle.

Bunny tried to ride the new way, but at first felt scared. However, he soon found that he had fewer problems with cars and trucks, he got fewer flat tires, and he didn't crash so much! In time he was able to concentrate on where he was going and worried less about traffic coming from behind. He was bicycling with confidence!

Footnote: Martin Clinton is certified by the League of American Bicyclists as a Bicycle Education Instructor.

Any comments or questions can be sent to mclinton@ingate.com.

Dont forget to buy your Wine Country Century raffle tickets! Grand Prize is a Breezer Citizen Town Bike. We have tickets at the SCBC office and would be glad to sell you a few!





Prince Memorial Bike Path Dedication

A rainy morning found lots of hardy souls who joined the “Ride Along the Prince Greenway” on Sunday, the first day in February. Before the ride,



Council member Steve Rabinowitsh spoke to the crowd of bicycle riders thanking everyone who made this project possible.

This great trail runs from Santa Rosa Avenue, across from city hall, to the Santa Rosa Creek trail and then you can hook onto the Joe Rodota Trail to Sebastopol, then to the West County



Trail all the way to Forestville. This is a great community resource for commuters, recreational riders and families. Not many communities can boast a bike trail that runs between communities! It is yet another great example of the commitment to bicycle friendly planning.

A huge thanks to the City of

to the following businesses for donating food and beverages at the Prince Greenway Dedication Ride:

Trader Joe's
on Santa Rosa Avenue

Starbucks
on D Street in Santa Rosa

And a big thanks to the volunteers:

Janice & Mike Eunice

Kathy Kellison

LaValle Linn

Dave Ruggles

Adrienne Shor

Doug Simon

Photos by Bruce Eisert

Santa Rosa, Santa Rosa Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition, Santa Rosa Cycling Club, Sierra Club - Sonoma Group, Sonoma County Tomorrow, Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation & Open Space District, and LandPaths for all their hard work to get the link between the Prince Greenway and the Santa Rosa Creek Path completed. 🚲

Good news For Street Smart Sebastopol!

Sebastopol is going out to bid for the Railroad Forest pathway and they have received approval from Caltrans for their “Street Smarts” projects which include traffic calming and new crosswalks at several locations in downtown Sebastopol.

The Railroad Forest Bike Path will provide the missing link from the County’s Joe Rodota Trail through a 10-acre open space parcel owned by the City, to the traffic signal at Sebastopol Avenue (Highway 12) and Morris Street. Trail users can then cross Highway 12 at the signal and continue North on Morris Street to the City’s Laguna Preserve and Community Center area, where another Class I trail will take them on to High School Road and the beginning of the West County Trail

heading for Forestville. This will allow users of the County trail system to get through Sebastopol without having to travel the State Highways downtown. Funding sources for this project include TDA Article 3, Transportation Fund for Clean Air, State Parks and Rec. Trails Grant Program, and local traffic impact fees.

For those whose destination IS the downtown, the Street Smart Sebastopol Phase I improvements include a new crosswalk with bulbouts, in-ground and overhead pedestrian warning lights, landscaping and other amenities at the Joe Rodota Trail head at Petaluma Avenue. This is a crossing improvement that has long been sought by the community, since the County trail was first constructed. It took a good deal of persistence,

and a great outpouring of support in the form of petitions and letters from City residents, trail users and other agencies in the County (including the SCBC) to get Caltrans to agree to allow this “mid-block” crossing at all, and the bulbouts and reduced lane widths in the project were also non-standard features which required design exceptions from the State. The Street Smart Project also includes similar crossings at three other locations in downtown Sebastopol and is funded by an MTC Transportation for Livable Communities Capital Grant.

Sebastopol will be putting both these projects out for bids in the near future and hopes to construct both later this year. A big thanks to Sue Kelley and the City of Sebastopol! 🚲



Got a Car?

Then Step up to the VLF Challenge!

Board member Warren Watkins challenges all of us who own



cars to donate their vehicle license fee (VLF) refund to the SCBC. He did and many of the SCBC board members and the executive director pledged to do the same, how about you?



The following bicycle stores offer SCBC members a discount on regular priced parts and accessories:
The Bike Peddler, Santa Rosa (707) 571-2428
NorCal Bike Sport, Santa Rosa (707) 573-0112
Sonoma Mountain Cyclery, Petaluma (707) 773-

SCBC MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Address: _____	
STREET/BOX#	

CITY/TOWN	STATE ZIP CODE
Phone: _____	
DAY	EVENING
e-mail: _____ for SCBC's e-updates	
<input type="checkbox"/> New	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal
Date: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Please send my newsletters electronically as Acrobat Reader files	<input type="checkbox"/> Do not share my name with other organizations

I want to Volunteer!

<input type="checkbox"/> Grant writing	<input type="checkbox"/> Safe Routes to School & Walk to School Day	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Marketing	<input type="checkbox"/> Staff an informational table	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Valet Bike Parking	<input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy in your town	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> July Membership Party	<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter distribution/mailings	_____

Membership Level

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